

Navy Will Keep Present Strength Until War on Japan Is Finished

The Navy does not have a "point system" and does not intend to demobilize until the last Jap is beaten, Vice Adm. Randall Jacobs, USN, Chief of the Bureau of Naval Personnel, said as he inspected naval facilities in the Los Angeles area.

"It is erroneous to refer to the Navy's plan of releasing older enlisted men from service as a 'point system,'" he emphasized. "The correct title," he added, "is the plan of adjusted service age."

The 60-year-old, three-star admiral with thinning gray hair and bushy black eyebrows, explained that the "adjusted service age" pithworks in this manner: One year credit is given for each year of natural age; while the man is entitled to an additional year's credit for each four months in service since Sept. 1, 1939.

Minimum "score" for discharge is 53, and qualified men are now being released from service, he said.

"The purpose of such a plan," Admiral Jacobs added, "is to get younger men into the Navy, replacing older men. The new men will be obtained through the Selective Service system."

He said, too, that the Navy is discharging enlisted men of 42 years of age, and others not qualified for duty physically. He estimated that more than 30,000 men would be released from the Navy and Coast Guard through all plans of discharging by Jan. 1, 1946. Such methods of release do not apply to the Marine Corps, he added.

Admiral Jacobs said the Navy "will have to keep its present strength of 3,389,000 officers and men until the war with Japan is finished." Then, looking ahead to the post war Navy, he said that the size of the Navy will depend entirely on the numbers of men authorized by Congress and monies allowed. A plan has been submitted, he said, wherein 500,000 enlisted men and 52,000 officers would complement the peacetime Navy.

He personally approved a postwar Universal Military Training Program, but said such a program would be set up with the provision that men taken for the training would not be used for operational purposes. The Navy in peacetime will again be staffed by voluntary enlistment, he said. The term will be four years.

The admiral, too, after praising the work of the 85,000 Waves in service, said his "personal opinion is that women should be employed in the post-war Navy." However, he added, whether Waves will have a place in the Navy of the future has not been decided.

He pointed out the current need for women in the Navy—a need for 20,000 additional Waves, approximately half of whom will be assigned to duty with the Navy's hospital corps.

Another point of interest the admiral brought up was the contemplated change in enlisted men's uniforms. The uniform will be changed after the war, but now it is impossible because of the unavailability of textiles, Admiral Jacobs said.



ON LEAVE . . . Joan Ramskill Obidine, a specialist X, Wave, will be accompanied by Miss Rema Barritt of Wilmington for a two weeks' vacation at Yosemite National Park. Mrs. Obidine is stationed at San Diego, where she serves with the Navy Air Control.

Free Skillets to Be Given Away By Local Firms

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Morris De Jong of Torrance Hardware, and Frank Dominguez of El Prado Furniture Co. said they would soon start giving away egg-frying skillets made of extra heavy steel. All Mrs. Homemaker has to do is fill out a questionnaire, obtainable by mail, telling what improvements she desires in her postwar gas stove and the skillet is hers.

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OBITUARY

VODREY HENRY

Vodrey Henry, 66, veteran of the Spanish American War and World War I, with 32 years of Army service, died this week at Sawtelle. His widow, Elvina G. Henry, and a daughter, Renetta, both of Los Angeles, survive. The body is at Stone & Myers mortuary and services will be held at Sawtelle Veterans home at 2 p.m. Friday.

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