

NAVAL ROTC BILL SIGNED

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52 Colleges Will Train Officers At \$24,500,000 Annual Cost

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (U.P.) – President Truman signed a measure today establishing a \$24,500,000-a-year naval reserve officer training program. It is designed to assure an adequate number of officers for this country's peacetime Navy.

Under the law, the Government takes over the financial end of NROTC programs in fifty-two colleges and universities.

Officers trained under the program, which is limited to 14,000, will be eligible for commissions and will be required to serve for a specified period in the Navy.

Youths not interested in a naval career will be permitted to enlist in the training program, but will not receive Government financial aid.

Regular candidates will receive pay while in training at the same rate as Naval Academy midshipmen. A program of flight training will also be provided.

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