

In addition, the build-up of the regular forces to the approved establishment will, by 1953, involve the withdrawal of a further 42 per cent. of the total labour force. The overall percentage (including all regular and non-regular forces) at the end of 1953 is estimated at 2.13 of the total labour force.

ESTIMATED INDUSTRIAL DISTRIBUTION OF 9,000 EIGHTEEN-YEAR OLDS
(INCLUDING MAORIS)

Primary industry	..	..	..	..	..	3,050
Secondary industry	..	..	..	..	..	2,650
Transport and communication	..	..	..	..	..	660
Distribution and finance	..	..	..	..	..	1,320
Public administration and professional	..	..	..	..	..	440
Domestic and personal services	..	..	..	..	..	160
Full-time students	..	..	..	..	..	720
Total	..	..	..	..	..	9,000

FINANCE

The estimated annual cost of defence preparedness (including a system of compulsory military training) averaged over a period of the next five years is £17,250,000. At the present time expenditure is £9,441,000. The annual cost per head of population at the present time is, therefore, £5 4s. When a full scheme is in operation the cost is estimated at £(N.Z.)9 9s. per head of population. This compares with the estimated cost in the United Kingdom per head of population—viz., £(Stg.) 15 2s.

5. *Operation of the Compulsory Military Training Scheme.*—The following is an outline of the main features of the Compulsory Military Training Scheme to be adopted:—

REGISTRATION

(1) On reaching the age of 18 years all male British subjects ordinarily resident in New Zealand will register at the nearest District Office of the Department of Labour and Employment, either in person or by registered letter. Every person so registering will be enabled to indicate his preference as to the Service to which he would like to be posted for training.

As far as is compatible with the requirements of each Service, the recruit will be posted in accordance with the preference he has indicated. Owing, however, to the limited requirements of the Air Force and Navy, no assurance can be given that every man will be able to serve in the branch of the Services which he prefers.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND OTHER PRELIMINARIES

(2) Following registration, the Department of Labour and Employment will arrange for medical examination of the applicants. Those found fit for training will be served with an enlistment notice, and may then apply for postponement of service.

(3) The Department of Labour and Employment will then notify the appropriate service (Navy, Army, or Air) of the particulars of those who have not applied for postponement or who have been made available for service by determination of a Postponement Committee.