

Christian Examiners Ex-Slave, Age 117

John Trammell, 117-year-old ex-slave from Guthrie, Oklahoma, is now undergoing examination at Spears Chiropractic Sanitarium and Hospital in Denver, Colorado, in connection with the Longevity Research Study being conducted by the institution. Spears researchers are especially interested in Trammell. He has been a life of violence, hardship and poverty—a combination usually associated with brief life spans. Trammell, however, survived the impact of a speeding automobile in 1948, suffering only a broken leg, which healed. This shock, say experts, was sufficient to have killed an average man 50 years Trammell's junior.

Trammell was a bare-knuckle pugilist who fought other slaves at command of his master. Training for these events, he developed a magnificent physique. When freed in 1863 at the age of 25, he joined the Jesse James outlaw and was wounded several times. Since 1822, when the James outfit dissolved, he worked as a laborer and did odd jobs. Trammell's diet was simple, consisting of corn, beans and chickens near Guthrie. Though Trammell is the oldest of four subjects thus far examined, Spears researchers believe there are many older persons to be found in the U. S. and abroad. They are continuing their search for "the 25 oldest people in the world." Free transportation for each candidate and a traveling companion is provided, plus cash bonuses for each older and money prizes will be awarded to those with the highest ratings in several categories.

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Adequate Defense Means 3 Choices For Young Men

By Gerald R. Ford, Jr., M.C.
A fully adequate defense program for the United States is highly essential in this critical period in world history. The big question is how much money should Uncle Sam spend each year for the Army, Navy and Air Force and how many citizens should be in uniform.

There are some who say the federal government should spend many more billions than we are now in order to build a "Maginot ring of steel" around the Nation and simultaneously cover the skies with aircraft. Such a policy would cost upwards of \$75 billion annually.

Other contend the U. S. should spend far less, stripping the Armed Services of sufficient personnel and letting the Army, Navy and Air Force fall behind in the development and production of new equipment. This pattern would follow the U. S. policy prior to World War II and before Korea. In both instances America was not alert to the imminence of danger and as a consequence serious and avoidable losses in manpower and material resulted. To determine the proper balance between the "extremists" on both sides would require the ultimate in wisdom. Of necessity certain calculated risks must be assumed. To prepare fully for a war tomorrow which didn't come for three years would find our Armed Forces without the most modern weapons. On the other hand, to assume a war may not come for five years and to build up strength slowly would be disastrous if a world-wide conflict were to break out next month.

This perplexing problem for the past two years has had the highest priority with President Eisenhower, his cabinet, our military leaders, and the Congress. While seeking a sound solution to national defense, like and his advisers have charted a course that has ended the Korean War and kept the nation out of any other conflict. Upon reaching the eligible age a young man would have three alternatives. Under the first, he

could volunteer, and the "volunteer" is important for six months of military training and select the month of his induction. Under a quota system the young man would be assigned to either the Army, Navy, or Air Force for basic training which would be both military and technical. After the 6-month volunteer military training period there would be 1 1/2 years of active reserve duty in a unit in the vicinity of his home town.

Another alternative would be induction under Selective Service with a 2-year period of active military service in one of the three branches of the Armed Forces. A youth who spent 2 years in active military service would have a shorter period of obligation to participate in a civilian reserve unit.

A third alternative would be enlistment in the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marines for a set term of military service. From this group the Department of Defense would seek to build up a "career service" with special inducements of adequate pay, good family housing plus recognition and prestige. By making the Armed Forces attractive and desirable as a career there would be less need for 6-month volunteers or 2-year inductees. A real military career group would be less expensive in peace time and more effective in a national emergency.

As stated before the President has not officially presented his new "blueprints" for a better national defense program but the above is an outline of what may be expected. The Congress when the program is submitted will hold extensive public hearings and fully debate the proposal pro and con. In the meantime!

would welcome individual or group expressions from home. The Small Business Administration is now providing a "one-stop" Procurement Information Center in its Washington, D. C. office for the small business man who is interested in obtaining Government contracts. This can be a big help to those who want to bid on government contracts. Anyone interested can get the address of this office by dropping me a line or contacting the Small Business Administration directly.

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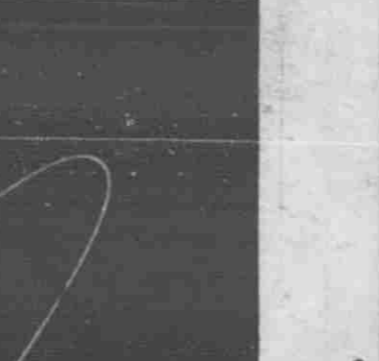
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