

U.S. RECALLS G.I.'S TO BE POLICEMEN

Orders Early Discharge for
Any Who Will Take Part

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 21— Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara directed today that military personnel who wish to enter civilian police work be given early discharges as part of an effort to strengthen police forces in the major cities.

A Defense Department announcement said Mr. McNamara was issuing the directive, in a memorandum today to the Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force, at the request of President Johnson.

The move follows strong comments by the President on Nov. 3 reflecting his impatience with lawlessness and crime. "The time has come," he said at ceremonies marking the inauguration of a new government for the District of Columbia. "In my judgment, when the American people are going to rise up and revolt against the lawbreaker in this country. We are going to have to obey the law."

Mr. McNamara hopes, the announcement said, that as a result of the action "it will be possible within the next several months to fill a sizable number of the 15,000 nationwide police vacancies."

Approximately 20 major police departments throughout the country will be allowed to participate in the program, the announcement said. Officials said that so far the Washington Police Department was the only one they could identify and that the remaining 19 had not yet been decided upon.

City Probably Included

The New York Police Department is presumably included among them, however.

Mr. McNamara's memorandum told the service secretaries that early discharges, up to 90 days from the originally scheduled date of separation, were to be granted to military personnel "who have a written offer of specific law enforcement employment or recruit training from a civilian governmental police agency and who request early release in order to take up such employment."

Mr. McNamara designated the Army as the "executive agency" for the program.

He ordered the Army to draw up a priority list giving the order in which the police departments involved would be allowed to send representatives to military bases to recruit men for police work.

The Washington department will be the first to be permitted to recruit men, the announcement said, and recruiters from the department will visit eight military installations between now and Dec. 11.

Washington has vacancies for 381 policemen, and it is understood that Mayor Walter E. Washington had asked the White House for help in obtaining police recruits from the armed forces.

The Washington recruiters will visit two bases from each of the four services. They are the Army bases at Fort Bragg N. C. and Fort Knox, Ky., the Philadelphia Naval Station and the Norfolk, Va., Naval Station, the Marine Corps bases at Camp Lejeune, N. C. and Quantico, Va., McGuire Air Force Base, N. J., and Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

Mr. McNamara also told the Army to take charge of coordinating the visits from police recruiters among the four services, to develop a personnel reporting system aimed at determining on a continuing basis how many servicemen are interested in civilian police work, and to publicize the recruitment effort at military bases.