

## EDUCATION AND NATIONAL STRENGTH

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COLONEL INGMIRE: In our study of resources we will consider this period a somewhat intangible, but nevertheless real asset: Education.

Our speaker on the subject is Dr. James E. Russell, Secretary of the Educational Policies Commission. This Commission, formed in 1935 as a 20-member deliberative body of educator-statesmen, functions under the auspices of the National Education Association and the American Association of School Administrators. Among the members of the Commission have been such well-known statesmen and educators as Dr. James B. Conant; Mr. Ralph Bunche; President Dwight D. Eisenhower--of Columbia University, that is; Dr. James D. Killian, and Dr. Benjamin C. Willis, General Superintendent of Schools, in Chicago.

Obviously, the statements of the policy of the Commission influence American education because of the contributions of the distinguished Americans who serve on the Commission.

The position of our speaker today, in a term clear to this audience, can be described as "Chief of Staff" to the Commission. Dr. Russell brought to my attention that while his biography says that this is his first lecture at the Industrial College, it is not his first lecture to the Industrial College. For many years, at Joint Sessions of the War College he spoke to both the National War College and the Industrial College.

Dr. Russell, we are indeed pleased to have you speak to the class on the subject of "Education and National Strength."

DR. RUSSELL: General Stoughton; Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen: It is a pleasure to be asked to appear here in John Millett's place. I am sorry he cannot be here, but I welcome the opportunity