

DE-MOBILIZED SOLDIERS

CURT-IV Munich, August 27, Monit/Leason.... The Hungarian Communist newspaper SZABAD NEP has drawn attention "to the good experiences of last year" in the matter of dealing with de-mobilized soldiers.

The paper's Aug. 23rd issue said army officers, placed on the reserve list, were sometimes received "with unjustified antagonism and reluctance.... There were factories in which demobilized soldiers were neglected. They were employed reluctantly and did not receive jobs commensurate with their abilities..."

Leaders of farms, factories and institutions, the paper said, must do more than give priority in employment to returning soldiers. The soldiers should be given work in which they are ~~in~~ a position to do their best.

The Budapest regime has announced 15,000 men will be discharged from the Hungarian army this year. Twenty thousand were let go last year, according to the regime.

Those who were drafted into the army will have no special difficulties "since a decree stipulates that they will have to be re-employed in their former jobs," Szabad Nep said.

The employment of regular officers and non-commissioned officers who are now on the reserve list is a different matter. A government commission has been set up to work with the trade unions and the manpower reserves office. Arrangements will be made to provide training for those who did not acquire any professional training before they went into the army and for those who lost their specialty while in the army.

The Council of Ministers has issued instructions, Szabad Nep said, that factories, machine-tractor stations and agricultural farms will give priority of employment to discharged soldiers.

"The well-known faults of cadre work" have partially been responsible for the bad treatment accorded to some demobilized soldiers. And "in some cases" reports sent to their new employers were of such a nature as to hinder them from being drawn into ^{FULLY} productive life.

The paper said that "while we have every reason to count on their sense of responsibility and steadfastness, we must also state" that demobilized soldiers "can justly expect that the Party ... will continue to follow their life with attention".

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