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Copersville Speech

1. Armed forces.

school teacher - plants
book-keeper - think down.

In last year
personnel has been
the problem.

70 group air force - 6,867 planes. { 55 group
air force.
5 to 6 thousand
planes.

Montgomery

1600 men	-	36 planes
N. Division	-	30
Gunning Dept.	-	350
Engineering "	-	350
Air "	-	400
Communications "	-	60
Supply "	-	100
1st Lt's "	-	200
		<u>1490</u>

Rep. Engle sample

Not a convenient way to vote for preparedness
without approving U.M.T. or the draft.

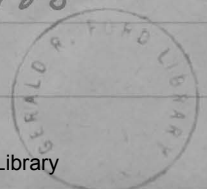
For a large Air Base - 3 men for the
Army + Navy for every Air Corps man.

May 1948 - military strength 85% of that authorized
by Congress in 1947.

Army - 127,000 short
Air force - 37,000 "
Navy - 155,000 "
Marines - 27,000 "

330,000 short { Actual military strength - 1,384,500
Authorized " " - 1,732,000

→ 17,000 enlistments a month short



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4) Tax revision

a). Sale of home sample

5) Social Security

a). Expanded coverage - Dems say "all" workers.

a). Sole proprietor & partnership

b). Not to be expanded where cost of administration + administrative problems beyond reason.

b). Increased payments - "a realistic level" based on a cost-of-living index.

c). Fund protection

1). Based on sound insurance company practices. (actualy sound)

6) Foreign Policy -

An aggressive foreign policy, one that is positive & dynamic, one that is capable of extension to the east so that the Soviet pool will "dry inwardly at the edge."

Pl a 4.00 in
getting only 50¢
back.



