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NEW DIMENSIONS IN EXTENSION

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . the Naval War College Correspondence Course in Counterinsurgency provides an insight to understanding the threat of communism and why we must take our stand in Vietnam? The president of a college in New York, a Naval Reserve officer, recently had this to say concerning this correspondence course.

Forced study in concentrated fashion of some of the most important ideas and techniques of communism has served as a foundation for interpreting much current news which would be otherwise unintelligible. As an unexpected side effect, I believe I am gaining some insight into characteristic tactics of student activists of the kind who operated in the University of California at Berkeley, and who are all too likely to appear on other college campuses. As a new College President, I have more than passing interest in understanding, anticipating, and countering activities and techniques and tactics of this kind.

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . a Professor of History at a university in Illinois, a Naval Reserve aviator, had this to say about the Naval War College Correspondence Course, International Relations?

The systematic study required for answering the questions has clarified and sharpened my previous knowledge and will be of professional benefit in my teaching.

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . just as the Naval War College was the first service college in this country, so also was the first correspondence course for officer advanced professional education instituted by the Naval War College? A correspondence course in Strategy and Tactics was started in 1914 by Lieutenant William S. Pye, who as Vice Admiral later became President of the Naval War College.

Although continuously updated, and recently subdivided into several shorter course segments to facilitate student utilization, the same educational philosophy used then has been carefully preserved in the current War College correspondence courses in the field of strategy and tactics. A description of courses offered and the procedure for enrollment can be found in the current BUPERS Instruction 1500.49A, the Naval War College Brochure of Courses, and this issue of the *Review*.

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . CDR Charles M. Itte, USN has recently completed the Correspondence Course of Naval Command and Staff and has been awarded a diploma for this achievement? This package plan consists of the following four courses (or their equivalent): National and International Security Organization, Military Planning, Naval Operations, and Command Logistics. Completion of these four courses closely parallels a command and staff level of education.