

- for procuring such trainee supplies.
- (2) In those instances where the school receives the items procured for the trainees and issues them initially for the commandant, due to his inadequate personnel, an allowance of 5 percent of the net cost (list prices less educational and case discounts) of the purchases, plus transportation charges thereon, is the maximum charge permitted. An administrative charge of 3 percent is not allowable in addition to the 5 percent mentioned above.

2. A statement will be included in the Working Data Forms supporting training unit contracts to the effect that educational discounts have or have not been deducted from the prices of the textbooks, instruments, slide rules, or other trainee supplies listed therein.

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II--Conversion from crude to the synthetic rubbers.--Quoted below is text in full of memorandum from the Under Secretary of War on the above subject. Such action as is necessary will be taken immediately to place this policy in full effect.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY SERVICE FORCES.
THE COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES.

Subject: Conversion from Crude to the Synthetic Rubbers.

1. Great progress has been made on the program of conversion from crude to the synthetic rubbers. Much has been done - much remains to be done. The stockpile of crude rubber and latex is rapidly dwindling. The replenishment of this stockpile is extremely problematical, both as to time periods and amounts.

2. There is and will be an ample supply of synthetic rubbers to satisfy all military needs.

3. The Rubber Director, War Production Board, has properly ordered industry to convert to the use of the synthetic rubbers and has implemented this order by reducing crude and increasing synthetic rubber allotments to the individual rubber manufacturers. In subsequent quarterly allotments, the ratio will be changed until only nominal amounts of crude will be permitted.

4. The War Department has concurred in this policy. The Army Air Forces and the Army Service Forces have the following operational responsibilities under this policy:

a. To compel all manufacturers to discontinue the use of crude wherever possible and to expedite the conversion to synthetic rubbers.