

the schools today are poorly trained, in many instances only having had an opportunity to play on some varsity team and having no sound philosophy of physical education to guide them.

This move for improvement of our National Physical Fitness, if properly administered should raise the physical fitness status of the people of the country as a whole and should also develop a sound appreciation of the necessity for physical fitness, not only as a war time defense mechanism but for the improvement of all phases of general living. Such a program is necessary today as the present health examination figures of high schools and colleges show a physical condition which is not in any respect an improvement of the figures given by Love and Davenport concerning the draft for the last war. Here it should be emphasized that the authentic figures of the last draft reveal the fact that over 50% were rejected for full-time army service and the figures of 33-1/3% are for those who were so unfit that they were practically useless for any form of any activity.

It occurs to me that representatives from the American Medical Association; the Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation; the Surgeon General; the U. S. Navy and the U. S. Public Health Services could devise a procedure for raising our national physical fitness and should be invited to confer on the above proposal.

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