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Call-up to hurt firms, government agencies

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Hawaii businesses and government agencies began to check yesterday on how hard their ranks will be hit by the call-up of Island National Guardsmen and Army Reservists.

And the answer, in case after case, indicates the loss of experienced men will be sorely felt.

Police Chief Dan Liu said the call-up may involve up to 100 men on the force.

He said the department could suffer a severe setback if all the men affected by the call-up are ordered to

military duty. "We have 37 men in the 29th Brigade, many of them highly experienced police officers that we would find hard to replace," he said. He said he is awaiting offi-

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cial word by early next week, before beginning to "explore the possibility that some of our men may be deferred."

About 125 Honolulu police-

men are members of reserve components, according to the personnel department. But how many of those have been alerted for active duty is not yet known.

There are about 1,000 uniformed policemen in the department.

The State Department of Education was unable to provide specific figures, but an estimate was that anywhere from 50 to 150 teachers will be called to duty May 13, date of mobilization of the newly activated units at Schofield Barracks.

A DOE spokesman said there are "a little over 7,000 teachers" in the State public school system and that many schools may have to finish out this school year with under-strength faculties.

"We'll have substitutes in," the spokesman said, indicating that massive teacher recruiting campaigns this summer may help to take up the slack for the 1968-69 school year.

But for the time being and maybe longer than that, a teacher shortage here seems a certainty.

Punahou School faces loss of two top-ranking faculty members, Lt. Col. Francis A. I. Bowers Jr., commanding officer, 1st Battalion, 487th Artillery, and Capt. James E. Doole Jr., commanding officer, 29th Aviation Co.

Bowers is mathematics department chairman. Doole is dean of the senior class.

Bowers had planned to take sabbatical leave, and a replacement for him was available. Mrs. Martha Clifford, Punahou publicity director, said

But a replacement for Doole will be a "difficult

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problem," Mrs. Clifford said.

Both replacements will be temporary, she added.

Hawaiian Electric Co. faces an estimated depletion in employe ranks of about 35, out of a total employe force of just under 1,400.

City-County and State personnel directors sent inquiries to all departments yesterday to find out how many employes faced the call to active duty.

"It's a little too early yet to give out information, but we will have people affected by the order," a City-County spokesman said.

Mrs. Edna Taufasau, State director of personnel services, did not know who many State employes have been affected by the call-up, but she said many of them are National Guardsmen.

"Most departments have not planned for this kind of thing," she said.

National Guard officials said employes of all large Hawaii corporations are represented in Guard ranks and that Guardsmen called to active duty would have reemployment rights to their former jobs following their tour of active duty.

Hawaiian Telephone Co. has approximately 75 men

involved in the call-up, covering both management and non-management personnel, a spokesman said.

Gerald S. Payne, the firm's vice president - operations, said: "The military call-up of approximately 75 of our men will seriously impair our ability to complete our \$42 million expansion and improvement program and will result in considerable overtime for maintenance and operating forces.

"Because of the present tight labor market, we estimate it will take at least a year to hire and train replacements."

He said that an employe granted military leave will be reemployed on return, and will receive accrued seniority and wage increases as though he had been continuously employed in his job classification.

Eight rookie police affected by call-up

The Honolulu Police Department graduated the 33 recruit policemen yesterday—but a fourth of the class may not see police duty for two years.

Eight of the classmen, just hours before their noon graduation, had received word that their National Guard units had been called up for active military duty.

The eight were among about 100 Honolulu policemen who have been affected by the surprise call-up. Police officials are not yet certain how many or who from the police ranks will actually leave for military duties.

The new policemen who

graduated yesterday as members of the department's 41st recruit class have all joined the force in the past six months. They had just finished their 12-week schooling.

Four of the rookie policemen are bachelors; one is the father of one child, and three of the others' wives are expecting children.

The rookies who will leave the department for military duty, many before they ever pound a police beat, are: Eldon Anderson, Clay Cockett, Jonathan Dela Vega, Lawrence Dorothy, Jon Haneberg, Bogart Kealoha, Paul Meyer, and Joseph Ortiz.