

TELLS HOW WAACS HELP

Col. Hobby Says Each One Lets a Father Stay With Family

WASHINGTON, July 4 (U.P.)—Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, director of the Waacs, to be known as the Wac or Women's Army Corps after Sept. 30, said tonight that every woman in uniform enabled one father to remain with his family and thereby helped preserve "the core of American civilization and culture."

Calling for new recruits in the khaki-clad brigade, now some 65,000 strong, she said those under her command could do little better than fill one-tenth of the Army's "urgent" need to replace 600,000 able-bodied soldiers for combat duty.

"There are many women who still are working in nonessential industries, or who are not working at all," she said. "There are also fathers of young children.

"Who shall fill the working quotas of our armed services? The eligible, mobile women—or the heads of families?

"For every woman who comes forward to do a military job, one more father will be enabled to remain at home with his family. Women as a group have always been the exponents, the proponents, of family life. They may now preserve and protect it."

The War Department said creation of the Wac through legislation signed last week by President Roosevelt would have no immediate effect on the present recruiting program of the Waac, the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.

It said the Waac would not be abolished until Sept. 30 and that voluntary enlistment would be accepted for the time being. On an undetermined date between now and Sept. 30, it said, all Waac personnel desiring transfer to the Wac would be permitted to do so with qualifications. Waac recruitments then will be halted and enlistments will be taken in the Wac.