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1. In the spring of 1952, the Czech Ministry of National Defense initiated a program to induce 18-year-old males to become officers in the Czech Army. Applicants first had to pass a thorough loyalty test and were then enlisted in the Army for a six-year period. The first two years were spent in OCS, and the last four years serving with border units or other units deemed important by the Ministry of National Defense.
2. In the spring of 1952, a drive was held at the Autorenova factory in Prague to induce ex-officers and NCOs to return to active duty. A number of ex-officers and NCOs, who responded to this call and passed a rigid political examination, were given ranks higher than those which they had previously held.

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Reserve Training

4. In March 1953, two reserve NCOs who worked [REDACTED] at the Autorenova factory were recalled to active duty. They were to take reserve training, from 9 to 30 March 1953, in the vicinity of Pilsen. During the time they were training, the factory was required to make up their pay differences. Since each received approximately 3,000 crowns per month at the factory and only 390 crowns per month while on active duty, the factory was required to pay each one 2,610 crowns during the period they were on active duty. The two corporals were from the class of 1924. [REDACTED]

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5. [REDACTED] persons discharged from the service did not have to take reserve training for two years after discharge. They were, however, required to take reserve training after that time. The reason given for this was that a person would not forget the training he had received in the army in two years, but after that time he was apt to forget many things the army had taught him.

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