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"Much has been said and written of late concerning the role of reserved officers training Corps or ROTC on our campuses. Student protestors call for the elimination of academic credit or even abolition of the ROTC programs altogether.

They build their case on the premise that the war is immoral and therefore a program which trains men to lead others into battle is also immoral. But what these students do not grasp is that today more than two-thirds of the colleges in the United States who have advanced ROTC programs offer their programs on a voluntary basis. This year 25,000 young officers will graduate from our colleges and universities having completed their chosen course of study in the various ROTC programs.

Ironically, one of the fundamental principles on which many students protest is their desire for "Academic Freedom" to study what they wish. By advocating abolition of ROTC programs or withdrawal of academic credit, they are attempting to deny ROTC cadets and midshipmen of this very same right to study what they wish."