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The following members of the Committee on Civil Service disagree with the majority views of the Committee concerning the Wasp and their proposed militarization. We believe that the majority report is not consistent with the facts developed before the Committee. It is beyond dispute that:

1. The Commanding General of the Army Air Forces not only believes that the Wasp have justified themselves by results to date but so much so that he wishes their number enlarged to approximately double the present size.
2. That the Commanding General of the Army Air Forces and the Secretary of War have both stated that for purposes of the Army Air Forces militarization of the Wasp is desired.
3. That the Commanding General of the Army Air Forces and the Secretary of War have both stated that neither the existence nor militarization of the Wasp will keep from service a single civilian instructor or partially trained civilian flying student who can meet the standards of the Army Air Forces.
4. That the Military Affairs Committee of the House to which the bill to militarize the Wasp (H.B. \_\_\_\_\_) was referred, unanimously reported back such bill with approval.
5. That women are desired by the Army Services to do work that women can do in order to release men to do work that women cannot do such as combat work; and that in all other branches of such organized service by women with the Armed Forces the organization has been recognized by law and militarized as witnessed by the Wac and the Nurses Corps already working with the Army Air Forces.
6. That the Wasp do manifold routine flying duties as effectively and as regularly as the men and with as favorable an accident record; that the women have had a lower elimination rate during training than the flying cadets and the unit cost of training each graduate Wasp is less than the unit cost of training graduate flying cadets.



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The use of qualified women as pilots to do routine flying duties releases  
a similar number of already trained pilots for higher grades of duty  
including combat. The training of women to do flying work that they are  
capable of doing saves the taking for air training from the overall manpower  
pool of a like number of men who can be employed with the Armed Services or  
in industry to do things that a woman can't do. <sup>This</sup> It is true conservation of  
manpower. The perfection now of an organization of Wasp, with their scope of  
service usefulness ascertained and their limitations determined, which can  
serve as a nucleus for rapid, smooth expansion should future war requirements  
necessitate is preparedness of the kind that deserves commendation. The  
holding of these Wasp on Civil Service status thus denying them the insurance,  
hospitalization and other benefits available to the male pilots doing similar  
duty is not fair to the individual Wasps involved. It has not been fair to  
the 19 Wasp who have already given their lives. The retention of Civil Service  
status for Wasp denies to the Army Air Forces the full measure of disciplinary  
control and assurance of length of service <sup>and results</sup> that such Air Forces need and ask  
for. The discontinuance of training of Wasp at the one field being maintained  
for this purpose as recommended by the majority members of the Committee is  
pure substitution of judgment of the Committee on Civil Service for the judg-  
ment of the Army Air Forces as to what they need and in a matter involving no  
great policy, <sup>no great amount of</sup> equipment, otherwise usable, <sup>and not</sup> or disproportionately high expense.  
We recognise that a temporary situation has arisen due to termination of certain  
civilian pilot training programs just at the time the proposal to militarize  
the Wasp is being considered <sup>which has developed</sup> and the fear on the part of the pilots involved  
that they will have to join the walking army while women are being trained to  
fly. We sympathize with the problem of these civilian instructors and par-  
tially trained civilian pilots but it should not allow ourselves or others to

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be confused concerning the Wasp and their militarization. The Secretary of War and the Commanding General of the Army Air Forces have cleared this confusion by stating there is no relationship between the two situations and that the Wasp will not keep out of service a single qualified instructor or civilian pilot. The Army Air Forces are inducting new cadets for flying training every month which should be the clearest evidence that the disposition made of these civilian instructors and partially trained civilian pilots does not depend on the disposition made of the Wasp. It is as logical to say that no more cadets should be taken for flying training because there are some civilian instructors with flying time who are losing their civilian jobs as it is to say that for similar reason no more Wasp should be trained. There is a place for the already trained <sup>military</sup> pilot, the Wasp, the civilian instructor, and the flying cadet. And if not another woman were to be taken for Army Air Forces flying training there would still be need for militarization of the approximately 1200 Wasp already at work or in training.

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