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people who join the National Guard. The young man that I talked to was in a class that I had addressed on another subject at the university a few days ago and he was talking about this bill and explaining why he did not want any cuts. So I began to carry him through a discussion of why he was in the National Guard anyway. And I asked him, if this money not only were cut by 25 percent from 75 percent to 50 percent but entirely and the only thing he got from being in the guard was the wage and whatever they told him he would get, would he quit the guard? And he said no. I told him that he wasn't in a position to argue this point. He said he was not just speaking for himself but for others, that he felt there were others who would withdraw from the guard if, not only the program were not cut entirely but if just the 25 percent reduction occurred. That was when I lit into the aspect of the subject that I shared with you earlier about the real motivation that some people have for joining the National Guard. Many of them, if they thought they would have gone into Desert Storm, would not have been in the guard. They were not beating down doors anywhere insisting that the person on the other side who may have authority to send them to Desert Storm send them over there. If you read a column by Mike Royko this morning, he made some points that from time to time I have tried to discuss, but since he writes a nationally syndicated column far more people will see what he wrote. He talked about the 46,900 children more who died in Iraq after what happened during that Gulf War than could be expected to die ordinarily. It was a study funded by a children's fund. But a doctor from Harvard, specialists from various other countries, participated in the study and it was done independently of the Iraqi government. He was trying to show the tiny amount of coverage this startling, distressing statistic received in American papers. He said if, on the other hand, children were not dying from an inoperative sewage system and contaminated water but rather had all sat down in the stadium at Kominsky Park, and he named another one, and you threw a switch and killed all 46,900 of them at one time, that would make headlines. If this many people were in Disney World and a meteor fell on them and killed them all at once, it would have made headlines. But when you talk about the fact that Desert Storm killed these children as a result of the havoc it wreaked in that country, by bombing electrical plants, by crippling and disabling sewage systems, by doing the things that would make it impossible for a society to function, when that is the reason for it, then it gets a tiny little headline and a few inches of coverage. The military may be all right for people but it is