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ANNANDALE-ON-HUDSON, N. Y.

Boynton Talks Finances To Senate; Lieberman Resigns

Glenn Boynton spoke to Senate last night on the matter of fund-raising and the prospects for the college. Later in the meeting, Bruce Lieberman announced his resignation from both the student Senate and his position as chairman of the Educational Policies Committee.

He emphasized his dissatisfaction and lack of sympathy with the attitudes of "egotism", "apathy", "irresponsibility" and "disinterest" present in the student body. Senate, although elected as an administrative body, should not undertake the work that the student body itself should assume. Elitistic and oligarchical governments contradict principles of "participatory democracy".

Lieberman questioned whether a Senate or any governing body should maintain itself without the active support of its constituents. Allan Batteau applauded the Senate for its idealistic discussion of statecraft, yet was wary of its practical implications of governmental self-liquidation. Lieberman acknowledged the need for practicality, but always within the spectrum of ideology and idealized thought.

College Money

Mr. Boynton, who is Vice-President and director of development for the College, described the forms in which the College can receive funds. The "annual effort" involves unrestricted giving to pay for faculty salaries, scholarship funds; "deferred giving," which is money given to the College in will; and the "most exciting in the general mind," the "capital fund effort," money usually given for large and specific purposes such as new buildings.

Goals for the future are one-and-a-half million dollars in the next three years and in the next 8 to 10 years, 7½ million dollars. Mr. Boynton also cited the difficulties private colleges encounter with regard to state universities. Those schools attract professors by offering better pay and are now matriculating generally better students than in the past.

"I can not emphasize too strongly," said Mr. Boynton, "that the impoverished condition of the College in the late forties and fifties has hindered serious efforts at fund-raising." It is only now and in the recent past, he said, that people can be made to see that this school is a cause worth significant contributions.



photo by H. Dratch

A climactic moment in "Serjeant Musgrave's Dance," a play by John Arden. It was presented last week in a production under the direction of David Crabbs. From left to right, Raymond Stato, Charles Kakatsakis, Charles Boyle, Phil Dunkelbaiger and John Adair. A review will be published next week.

Hershey Asks Boards To Induct Disrupters First

WASHINGTON (CPS)—Students who protest the war and the draft by disrupting army induction centers or keeping military recruiters from conducting interviews should be drafted first, according to Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey.

Hershey has sent a notice to all members of the Selective Service system which says deferments should be given only to individuals who are acting in the national interest. Students and others who interfere with the military process are not acting in the national interest, and therefore their deferment should be discontinued, Hershey says.

"There can be no question that an individual who is engaged in violating the very law that deferred him cannot very well be acting in the national interest," Hershey said in a telephone interview.

"A Growing Weariness"

Hershey admitted his letter to local draft boards is a reaction to the "disruptive and destructive" trend which protests have been taking. "There is a growing weariness on the part of the public, and Congressmen and a lot of others have been saying why in the devil don't you do something about these people," Hershey said.

However, the Selective Service director said his letter offers no new policies. "The law has been there all the time, and we are just encouraging that it be enforced."

Hershey said the directive is aimed only at those protesters who engage in "illegal activities and lawlessness. We are not trying to stop anybody from

thinking or doing anything else as long as they are within the law."

Will Aid Attorney General

Hershey's letter said local boards "may reopen the classification" of protesters who perform illegal acts. "If evidence of violation of the (Selective Service) Act and Regulations is established," the local board should "declare the registrant (Continued on Page Four)"

Yale Begins 5-Year Pass - Fail Grade Experiment

NEW HAVEN (CPS)—The Yale University faculty has voted to replace numerical grading with a system under which students will be given one of four designations for their work—fail, pass, high pass or honors.

The new system will begin next year and continue on an experimental basis for at least five years.

Yale's present system makes use of a grading scale from 40 to 100, with about 60 as the lowest passing grade. The university at present compiles cumulative averages for each student, but it will no longer do so when the new system goes into effect.

The change at Yale is largely the result of recommendations made by the faculty's Course of Study Committee, according to Strobe Talbott, chairman of the Yale Daily News.

Still undecided is the question of whether the new system (Continued on Page Four)

Gellman Links Drinking To Social Causes

by Hatti Heiman and Allen Batteau

Most studies of alcoholism emphasize only the pathological aspects of drinking. Professor Irving Gellman of NYU, speaking last Tuesday night before the Sociology-Anthropology Club, spoke primarily of the social factors involved in drinking: The hidden alcoholic, the problem drinker, the social drinker, and the social pressures producing the institution of drinking.

Although there is no complete consensus as to the distinctions of types of drinker, a pathological drinker, according to Prof. Gellman, is one whose drinking disrupts his normal functions in everyday life.

A problem drinker, on the other hand, is one whose drinking exceeds a level compatible with normal behavior. A social drinker is one whose alcoholic consumption is public. The hidden alcoholic is distinguished by his asocial drinking tendencies. The social pressures, leading to deviant consumption, can best be understood when studied together with individual vulnerability.

"Contrast the conditions under which people drink in this country, with that of rural America, the English Pub, the German Brauhaus, or the Russian Garrison. They drank when they came together, and now we come together to drink." (continued on page three)

Old Bard Library Files Sex As Pornography

Editor's Note: The following story was first published in the Observer on June 15, 1962. The author is presently serving as assistant counsel to the Senate Subcommittee on Antitrust and Monopoly.

By Jack A. Blum

Sex is taboo—for the Bard College Library at least.

That was the finding of a study of library holdings on the subject of sex. Most of the books on the subject of sex on the shelves of the science library we found to be outdated, unused, and donated by clergymen.

While the survey was being conducted, however, reports of a more complete, albeit secretly held collection, were being circulated. The reports indicated that a group of modern marriage manuals is included in the college pornography collection, and students are permitted to scan the books under the watchful eye of a librarian. It was further indicated that the reader seeking such marriage manuals must make a special request to see them.

The survey was undertaken, when a freshman girl in serious quest of knowledge went to the science library in search of sex information. When she failed to find the book on the shelves, she asked the librarian, who then informed her that it was in the x office of the main library, and that she would have to read it with a librarian watching. When she asked why the presence of a librarian was required, she was informed "that it was to avoid mutilation."

Typical of the books to be found in the science library on

the subject of sex is a book called "The Conquest of Life" by Dr. Serge Voronoff, M. D. Facing the title page is a sinister looking picture of the good doctor. The title page indicates that the book was published in 1928. Equally striking the the chapter headings for the first three chapters. Chapter One is headed, "The cause of old age and death." Chapter Two, "The role of the internal secretion glands," and Chapter Three, "The role of the genital glands."

The book is on the subject of the grafting of monkey glands to restore sexual potency. The introductory chapters explain the role hormones play in sex while the closing ones explain how the sex glands of a monkey may be grafted to a human to restore his potency. A typical comment in the book reads, "I should not advise women, however, the grafting of a man's interstitial gland. This would probably endow them with fresh vigor, but what they would gain in strength they would lose in gracefulness and feminine sentimentality."

Other books on the shelves are equally outdated and useless. At least two of the volumes are books designated to describe facts of life to young children. One of them goes into a long explanation of the birds and the bees and how eggs work.

Needless to say, much of the material concerns itself in part (Continued on Page Three)

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This newspaper notes with regret the dual resignation of Bruce Lieberman, from both Senate and E.P.C. Without doubt, his association with E.P.C. was a most valuable one: he virtually resurrected the committee last semester and achieved moderate success with the faculty evaluation sheets for the first time in years. At Senate meetings in the past semester, his contributions have been more significant than those of most of his colleagues.

As Lieberman said, he preferred to say that he had quit, not resigned. Remarks he made during the evening point up several aspects of "quitting" or "resigning," an action which has been increasingly prevalent this semester. "Senate must find within the community a reason to exist," commented Lieberman. "Apathy and anarchy will find Senate's legitimate beginning; it will have a need to exist."

"Does Senate have a right to maintain its own existence without the support from its constituents?" questioned Lieberman.

"It's very good to work within a real situation, providing you're approaching the ideal. We were once, but we're not anymore."

"Quitting" this semester includes numerous resignations from Senate, resignations from the posts of Treasurer and Secretary, and two resignations from E.P.C. With the exception of Lieberman, these resignations have not resulted from serious moral convictions. Instead, they've all been various forms of coping out. Which is to say, those people had committed themselves, only to withdraw when the going got a bit rough—or a bit too challenging.

"Why join the Senate circus" is the general attitude. Resignations fly to the tune of nothings happening and "who cares anyway?" Where's the action going to come from? What is apathy but the slammed doors of resignation? Should the Senate disband and wait for a student uprising? Yes, that's one way but the Senate can certainly act first and is on its way to doing just that. Instead of "quitting," let's stick to it. The Senate can work.

"I defy you - - -"

A Commitment for the Left

by Hatti Heiman

"It is by the goodness of God that in our country we have those unspeakably precious things: freedom of conscience, freedom of speech, and the prudence never to practice either of them," commented Mark Twain in his pithy assessment of the libertarian provisions enumerated specifically in the First, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Amendments to the Constitution.

Subpoenas, arrests, hearings and convictions for charges of Conspiracy and Sedition are not solely enacted for actual unlawful projects. Rather, governmental and judicial agents determine the amount of serious intent present in select individuals or groups.

Political accusations, veiled under labels of "political estimations," appear usually after or during the time of United States dishonor or foreign setback. The establishment of the Comintern, plus the beginning of the Socialist state in Russia, set off a wave of hysteria beginning in 1919.

Second Red Scare

At this time, Attorney General Palmer, undertook to purge the country. Alone, he obtained warrants for the arrest of three thousand aliens and members of the Communist and Communist Labor Parties. The American people convulsed with fear of Communist infiltration of their institutions when the North Koreans entered the South. This triggered the second major "Red Scare."

To most individuals, the McCarthy period is regarded as deviant from the present liberal tenor of the American populous. Historians, however, compile a more blighted history. America's past, not only strewn with McCarthy and other like aberrations, appears tainted.

Lapses in the native consciousness, usually founded on ethnic and racial biases, appeared in: the establishment of Detention Centers for United States residents of Japanese and Oriental origin; the execution of the two martyred Italians, Sacco and Vanzetti; and the riots against the Communist conclave of Paul Robeson at Peekskill.

Reorientation Centers?

Could a prolongation of the Vietnam conflict or its termination under conditions unfavorable to the United States, spur a political tightening domestically? Would this country per-

mit the establishment of "Political Reorientation Centers?" Perhaps skepticism of the population and concern for political prosecution is not as unwarranted as it might appear. Specific legislation for the curtailment of political dissenters or minority groups and the precedents established by court cases, eliminated the need for "Red or Yellow Scares." Legalized McCarthyism was realized by such laws as "The No-Knock Laws," "The Stop-and-Frisk Law," "The Internal Securities Act," "H.U.A.C.," "The Smith Act," and others.

The Smith Act of 1940 authorized the government to check movements deemed dangerous to our Constitutional system. Provisions of the Statute include prohibitions against the conscious or stated membership in any group which advocates the forcible overthrow of the government. Irving Scates, after a sequence of convictions and appeals, was convicted and imprisoned in October, 1961 for professed membership in the Communist Party. Scates, as petitioner, was tried without the citation of any concrete act.

The Left is posed precariously within a country that exercises discrete, yet extensive control upon those who differ with it politically. "We, therefore, not only have something to say," as Linda Boldt stated in her recent Observer column, "we must actualize the content of our words."

The "activist" must realize the seriousness of any commitment or action taken which is in opposition to the established position. For in this country now, the Left is faced with the peculiar problem of its prosecution and subjugations outnumbering its actual successes.

As the Left emerged from the debacles of the fifties, the absence of politically Left individuals between the ages of 28-40 became evident. Where are the children of the Leftists of twenty years ago—the group whose children are of college and working age now?

Leftist Squelched

Phrased differently, where are the un intimidated or unconvicted members of the preceding generation? They were squelched because indictments of the period were extensive and thorough. Yet, more destructive than the magnitude of the accusations, was the strength

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Poems of War

George Starbuck

by Stephen Kessler

George Starbuck, American poet and teacher at the University of Iowa, read from his work last Wednesday evening in Proctor Art Center. Beginning with a series of "animal poems," he moved into a number of more grisly explorations of the various insanities of war (WW II, Korea, the "cold" war and, inevitably, Vietnam), a few translations, two elegies, some love poems, and finally a long, elaborate and at times incantatory poem-address to the congressman who passed the anti-draft-card-burning law.

"Translations" of Blake

Like most poets, Mr. Starbuck is infatuated with language, especially with the contemporary American vernacular, and manipulates it in such a way that his words move with a kind of rugged agility through the often-formal refinement of his work and come out on the other side of intricate rhythms and rhymes sounding like everyday speech—the kind one might hear in a service station in Kentucky, an insurance office in Chicago, a bank in Manhattan, or a lunch counter in Red Hook.

His "translations from the English" of Blake, Browning and Hopkins illustrate dramatically his ability to put old themes in new clothes: it is a long and amusing leap from "Little Lamb, who made thee?" to "Lamb, what makes you tick?"—and the statements, whether the irony be serious or not, displays a shift in thought as well as speech, the thought being that of a fellow probably more familiar with the mysteries of modern sparkplugs than with those of hill and dale. Even in his most serious poems, he wrings the idiom for all it may be worth, shaping his verse in sound and rhythm into an accurate, precise and sometimes brutal description of, say, the assorted mechanisms of modern combat.

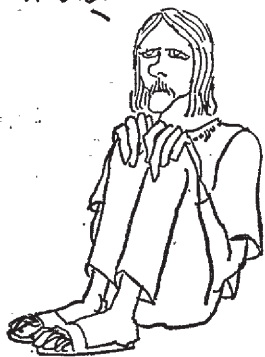
Style And Craft

Thus the hurting power of those poems which strike home lies usually not so much in "beat-your-listener-over-the-head-till-he-falls-down" imagery, as in the sort of image which, like cut glass, is just sharp enough to draw blood, painful and exquisite at the same time. The craftsmanship involved—especially in the war poems, a genre which is always difficult to render artful as well as powerful—makes Mr. Starbuck's work especially interesting, not because it is particularly "traditional" or "academic" (which it is not), but because it suggests the broad possibilities of ordinary language moving within the confines and restrictions of poetic devices as old and—according to many moderns—as overworked as rhyme.

By turning fundamental techniques to our own idiom, and thereby rendering them new, Mr. Starbuck presents us with poetry which comes on as urgent as the war in Vietnam, as familiar as a college classroom (the setting of one of his love poems), as painfully immediate as shrapnel, and as downright American as the Midwest.

His work is by no means revolutionary, but it does make direct communication with the modern American ear, and usually deeper.

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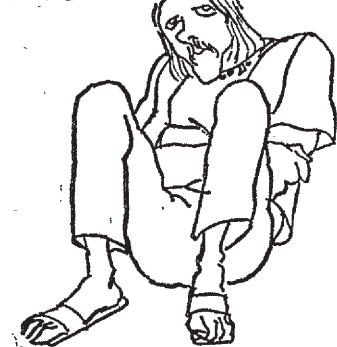
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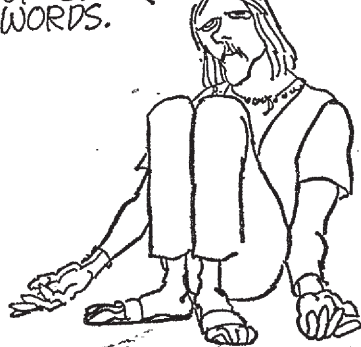
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BOOKS ARE MADE UP OF WORDS.



SO I QUIT KNOWING WORDS.



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A Commitment for the Left

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given them by the American public. Had instructors, administrators and students, for instance, withheld implicating information and had supported each other, the "Red Scare" could not have liquidated an entire political group.

Policing The Dissidents

The threat of the Eastlands, the Hersheys, the Hicks or the Wallaces, must be recognized by each individual undertaking

political work. Reliance upon the liberal policy of the United States, a Supreme Court acquittal, Congressional or State rulings, defense by a free press, or divine entreaty, is not a sound prophylactic against political subordination.

Contemporary political activities, draft resistance, counseling and organizing, public anti-war demonstrations, sit-ins and other types of maneuvers designed to halt centers critical to the war effort, professional and artistic expression countering the government stand, sometimes seem to be countered by the formulae present in the Dark Ages—"the government determined what behavior was dangerous and then policed the dissident for tell-tale signs of advocacy." Our only answer to this, to quote Rap Brown, must be, "I defy you to arrest me."

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Sex Filed Under Pornography In Old Bard Library

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with a lecture on morals. One book, "Sex," by Geddes and Thompson, donated to the St. Stephen's Library by the Rev. J. G. H. Barry, D. D. included a chapter called the ethics of sex, which argued for a single standard of abstinence on the ground of evolution. None of the books include any information about the sex act, birth control or abortion.

One student commented, "Banning books on sex from open circulation is the stupidest thing I have run into in all my time at Bard." Others compared the removal of modern marriage manuals from the shelves with the activities of the extreme right wing Birchers

who run from school library to school library taking books out of circulation because of their alleged pro-communist leanings. Comments such as "Let's keep the book burners off campus, by George!", were common.

A psychology major pointed out that many of the professional psychology journals carry articles on sex in all its manifestations including items on homosexuality, masterbation, masochism, and others. He suggested that if marriage manuals were to be kept under guard the psychology journals should also be guarded.

Another student suggested that there was a link between the library attitude on the marriage manuals, and the policy of keeping the library bathroom closed to students. He refused to elaborate however.

The library policies at Bard have been under fire from students for most of the year. At one point E. P. C. stole 100 books from the library in 44 hours to demonstrate the ineffectiveness of the checkout system. Seniors have strenuously protested the policy of not permitting inter-library loan books to leave the library even on overnight signout.

Further difficulties arose when the president announced his plan to add a floor to the library. Certain employees were said to have spread the word among students that the building would collapse when the new floor is loaded with books. Dr. Kline said that he based his decision on a competent engineering study. Library officials were said to have quoted other surveys in past years.

Bard College Calendar

ACTIVITY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

House Presidents' Committee
Music Club presents John Powell, baritone
Forum presents a film: "The City" made in 1939 with music by Copland, as part of their program on urban affairs.

PLACE

TIME

Albee 6:30 p.m.
Bard Hall 8:30 p.m.
Sottery 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Faculty Meeting
Literature Club reading, Kenward Elmslie

Sottery 4:00 p.m.
Red Balloon 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Movies: "Lola," by Jacques Demy, filmed by Coutard, music by Michel Legrand, starring Anouk Aimee; and "Siegfried", a version of the Siegfried legend made by Fritz Lang in 1923 with musical score added by the Nazis.

Sottery 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Movies: "Lola" and "Siegfried"

Sottery 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

The COLLEGE SERVICE
The New Action Committee presents Bob Moore, from Selma, Alabama, Project Director of SNCC. Topic: Black Power and White Students.

Chapel 11:00 a.m.
Albee 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

STUDENT SENATE
The Faculty Committee Against The War in Vietnam holds a memorial service with poem by Prof. Kelly. Musical program directed by Prof. Sleeper, Benediction by President Kline.

Albee 7:00 p.m.
Bard Hall 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

House Presidents' Committee
Forum presents Prof. Jules Cohn from N.Y.U. Topic: The Urban Crisis.

Albee 6:30 p.m.
Bard Hall 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Thanksgiving Recess begins as 5:50 p.m.

Field Period Files and letters of introduction.

Dean's Office

Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00

Wednesday evening 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Daily: Morning Prayer
Evening Prayer

Chapel 8:30 a.m.
Chapel 6:30 p.m.

Gellman —

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The nature of drinking has shifted from the rural family-community oriented drinking to the anomic drinking of the urbanized individual. In this sophisticated urban milieu, drinking facilitates "personal interaction"—by serving as a "chemical treatment" allowing for physical and psychological relaxation. Functioning as an escape, drinking is often for the purpose of merely getting drunk.

It is possible for a hidden drinker to exist only in this urban society. In segments of the society, such as business executives' clubs, drinking is the norm. For others, drinking is institutionalized, with a prescribed setting and time. A var-

iant of this pattern is the anomic or alienated individual, whose urban culture forces him to seek drink alone.

Throughout the lecture Professor Gellman was light hearted and jovial, inserting occasional quips, and referring often to Durkheim's toxonomies.

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Draft Disrupters Not Acting In National Interest

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to be a delinquent and to process him accordingly." Individuals who are declared delinquent are placed first in the order of call.

Card Burners Included

Hershey said that his letter also refers to the persons who either burn or refuse to carry their draft cards. However, he said "about 75 percent of the pieces of paper which have been thrown around as draft cards probably are not."

Hershey also encouraged local boards to provide evidence of any efforts by non-registrants "to prevent induction or in any way interfere illegally" with the Selective Service Act to the national headquarters so that it may be made available to U. S. attorneys.

Yale Experiment

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tion whether or not the university's two academic honor lists—the dean's list and the rank-

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ing scholar designation—are to be continued. Talbott is hopeful they will be abolished, but indicated that the new grading system will have important consequences for students regardless of what is done about the honor lists.

When students apply to graduate school in the future, according to Talbott, "recommendations are going to be much more important than they have been. Graduate schools are going to have to look much more closely at what faculty members say about a student's work."

'National Service' In Place of Draft is backed Privately

WASHINGTON (CPS) — A small-scale "national service" program could be initiated within the next few years, if support comes from the right quarters. Such a program would give young people the opportunity to serve their country in non-military endeavors and would meet educational and manpower needs.

The concept of universal national service has been widely discussed in recent years. But, although the idea has been supported by Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, it has never received wide-spread support, primarily because of the conflict with the draft.

But now, a non-profit organization called the National Service Secretariat is seeking support for a national service program which would be as far removed from the Selective Service System as possible. The secretariat is supported by private funds, not by the government.

Computerized System

Donald Eberly, executive director of the secretariat, said his organization is attempting to set up a network of service opportunities which would work somewhat like a computer dating system. For instance, young persons interested in working for about two years in some service agency would feed information about themselves into a computer. The computer, in turn, would match each individ-

ual with the service activity best suited for him.

Eberly sees the program supplying young people to work in such fields as education, conservation, health, community service, and overseas assistance.

Eberly will be sending out a proposal explaining the program and seeking support within the near future. The proposal, which came out of a conference on national service last spring, will be sent to both government and private agencies.

Although the secretariat wants to disassociate the program with the draft, Eberly admits this is almost impossible. "As long as the draft exists, it will affect the number of people interested in the program," he said.

After the program gets off the ground, Eberly would like to see legislation passed which would defer volunteers while they are in the non-military service. He proposes that draft boards place former national service volunteers later in the order of call, so that in effect, they would only be drafted in an emergency.

Eberly does not think young people would use the program as an escape from the draft, however. "In the first place, the period of commitment in the national service program could extend over a longer period of time than in the military service, perhaps two and a half years or three years." And volunteers would still stand the chance of being drafted, he said.

In addition to recognition by the Selective Service System, the secretariat is recommending that volunteers be given academic and financial recognition for their service, to be applied against their further education.

CIRCUMVENTING HERSHEY

The obvious intent of Selective Service director Louis Hershey's letter to the local boards—urging them to induct first those registrants who attempt to physically interfere with either the induction or recruitment process was the outright intimidation of the most militant protesters.

His position, however, as a bureaucrat of the federal government is entirely understandable, especially in light of his Chief Executive's attitude towards resistance to the Vietnam war effort. Hershey, in fact, made it quite clear that as soon as word came down, his policy will change.

But Hershey's threats need not intimidate nor hinder the effectiveness or vociferousness of anti-war protests. Trapping recruiters in their cars, or bleeding into draft board files, will hardly slow the movements of "Hershey's Insurmountable System".

The need now is not for number but imagination. For all its militancy the anti-war groups have yet to come up with arresting propaganda drives. The mimeographed leaflets are too easy to throw away; massive photographs of Vietnamese misery would be much harder to ignore.

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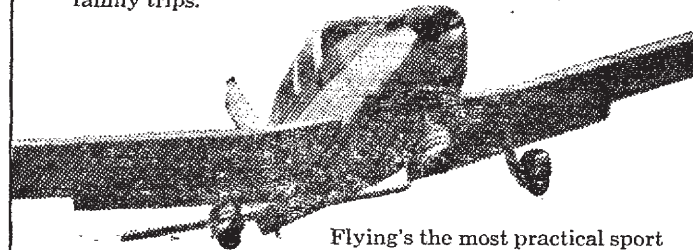
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