



COLONEL FRANCIS DRATH . . . says the draft will not take students until June, at least.

Draft Doesn't Take Mid-Term Students

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Students now enrolled in the University and carrying at least 12 hours satisfactorily can rest assured that no matter what their grades will be allowed to remain to continue school until June, according to Colonel Francis Drath, Deputy Director of the Nebraska Selective Service System.

Congressional law, according to Drath, demands that no student be inducted until the completion of the academic year.

Students who have been ordered to take their physical examinations will be reclassified I-S. (I-S is the regular student deferment.)

A I-S classification is an interim student deferment, Drath said. If a student can bring his grades to "satisfactory standard, he will be returned into the I-S category."

Drath pointed out that I-S status is given only once, however, meaning that if a student allows his grades to drop after he has been classified I-S and returned to II-S, he will inducted at the close of the academic year.

Drath defined "satisfactory" as the "upper half of the freshman class, the upper two-thirds of the sophomore class, and the upper three-fourths of the junior class," or a score of 70 or above on the draft test.

Only one-fifth of the students who take the test, according to Drath, failed to score 70 or above.

Frequently heard rumors that all students in a certain town are being drafted are incorrect, according to Drath, since local draft boards do not have to fill a "quota."

Local boards are governed by the "availability of the number of qualified men," Drath said. "Normally the number you call is in proportion to the size of your registration."

Concerning reports that application for conscientious objector can postpone

induction for up to two years (because of processing), Drath admitted that the average minimum time requirement is six months, the average maximum one year.

"Two years is an exaggeration," Drath said. But because the IO application must pass through the Justice Department, hearings, and the local board, it is inevitably a lengthy procedure.

Many students, notably at the University of Michigan, have reacted to university distribution of grades to the draft board.

"If we didn't have grades as a guideline," Drath observed, "we would have to go on the draft test alone."

NEWS OUTLOOK

Everyone who didn't take the test would probably be inducted."

The future of the Selective Service System is in doubt, according to Drath, not only in the number of men to be drafted, but a continuation of the deferment policy.

Secretary of Defense McNamara has announced that draft quotas in 1967 will probably be reduced from 35,000 men per month to 27 thousand.

At the same time, the system that allows college students to stay out of war while forcing the economically underprivileged to fight has come under heavy fire.

"There is no perfect system," Drath said. "I like the present system because it is flexible. You can adjust to a call for 1,000 men a month or 30 people a month."

. . . City, State, National, World Week In Review

Legislators Turn Down Tax Session

The Nebraska Legislature ended its two-day Legislative Council meeting Tuesday almost unanimously agreeing that the state's tax problems can be solved at the regular session that begins January 3.

By a 40-6 vote the Legislature turned down Sen. Terry Carpenter's proposal for a special session to pass sales and income tax laws.

Sen. Carpenter had persisted in his request after being rebuffed by Governor-elect Norbert Tiemann. The senator claimed that

Tiemann had given him authority to initiate the action for him.

Tiemann denied this after the senator had collected signatures of 10 legislators. The signatures authorized Secretary of State Frank Marsh to poll the Legislative Council by handing each a ballot inside an envelope.

At Tuesday's meeting Tiemann reiterated, in a statement read by Sen. William Hasebroock, that he had no wish to influence the judgment of the Legislature. He added,

however that if a special session were called he would make his tax legislation available.

The possibility of referendum drives, aimed at halting new tax laws and placing the issue on the November 1968 ballot was one of the prime reasons Sen. Carpenter sought a special session.

Senators who voted for the special session were George Gerdes, Fern Hubbard, Peter Claussen, Jerome Warner, Harold Stryker and Terry Carpenter. Omaha World-Herald

Leaders Applaud LBJ's Budget Cuts

(AP) Austin, Texas -- Both Republican and Democratic congressional leaders have applauded President Johnson's declaration that he plans to trim federal programs by more than \$3 billion next year.

After conferring with the leaders for several hours at his ranch Johnson held a news conference. The Senate and House leaders took part in the meeting with newsmen.

"Our goal is to have in excess of \$3 billion in program reductions," President Johnson said.

He said the cutback will be accomplished by setting aside programs "if we think they can be done better tomorrow than they can today in the light of the war situation and in the light of other demands being made in the government."

Asked whether he and Republican House leader Gerald R. Ford were "now generally happy with the effort the President is making to cut nonessential spending," Senate GOP leader Everett Dirksen replied:

"Any effort in that direction, and particularly when it is substantial, ought

to make everybody who embraces a reasonable or moderate or conservative view quite happy . . . moving in that direction certainly does make us happy. It will have a definite impact on the inflationary picture that obtains to some extent in the country."

Ford said "it seems to me we are moving exactly in the right direction." Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield also promptly endorsed Johnson's efforts to reduce expenditures.

Johnson told the news conference that Budget Director Charles L. Schultze would meet with Cabinet members shortly to make further recommendations for cutting back government programs. He said he would take prompt action on them.

Johnson told newsmen that military operations in Viet Nam continue to be successful. He said between \$5 and \$15 billion would be requested to meet war costs between next January and July 1.

Johnson said that the possibility of an income-tax increase was discussed. The Christian Science Monitor

West German Coalition Elects Ex-Nazi

Bonn -- West Germans got a premature Christmas present Thursday -- a new government with some prospect that it can function.

The first act in a whirlwind of parliamentary activity was the election Thursday morning of Kurt Georg Kiesinger, a 2 year-old lawyer-politician and ex-Nazi from Stuttgart as West Germany's third post-war chancellor and successor to the luckless Ludwig Erhard.

Kiesinger, minister president of Baden Wuerttemberg for the last eight years, won 340 of the fully valid votes of the Bundestag (parliament) members plus 1 of the 22 Berliners whose voting privileges are restricted at Allied insistence.

One hundred nine full members plus three Berliners voted against Kiesinger and the grand coalition. Twenty-three plus three Berliners cast blank ballots. Altogether about 80 members of the two major parties voted against or declined to support their new partnership.

Kiesinger's cabinet will be installed Thursday. It includes in addition to Kiesinger, 10 men from the previously ruling Christian Democrats and their Bavarian sister party, the Christian Socialists and eight men and a woman from the Social Democrats, until now in opposition.

For the Socialists under Mayor Willy Brandt of Berlin, who became vice-chancellor and foreign minister it is the end of a long dry spell.

They have not shared responsibility on the federal level since West Germany was established as such in 1949 and before that not since 1930 in Berlin.

They naturally would have preferred to run the whole show with the small Free Democratic Party as partners but the majority was too thin and the risks too great.

Against the will of the Christian Democrats the Socialists apparently have managed to take over the government with the Free Democrats in the populous and troubled Ruhr region which includes one-third of West Germany's people.

Erhard first became chancellor in October 1963 upon the retirement of Konrad Adenauer and had served since 1949 as minister of economics.

Choking down the bitterness of the recent weeks in which the one-time public idol has been deserted by friend and foe alike, Erhard said a dignified farewell with apparent relief in a 12-minute TV and radio speech.

In many ways if it actually can tackle the awesome problems of economic stability and changing foreign policy a new government may be one of the reconciliations.

The two major parties have fought each other to a standstill in the past. Now they must cooperate to survive in programs of reform that represent compromises for both of them.

Lincoln Evening Journal

Spangler: Philosophic Object Lacks Selective Service Status

"The draft is undemocratic and oppressive," according to Al Spangler, campus president of Students for a Democratic Society. Spangler said that he is opposed to conscription of any kind, but that he realized "the tremendous problem that would occur if the draft were abolished."

Spangler said that his main objection to the draft was the lack of a deferment for those people who are not categorically opposed to war, but who, for moral or philosophical reasons, are opposed to the war in Viet Nam.

"These people are not conscientious objectors," Spangler observed, "but they feel that they couldn't fight in this war. There's no out."

"I think this kind of person ought to have some kind of alternative. Perhaps they could go to Viet Nam, not to fight, but in a capacity similar to the Peace Corps."

The national SDS organization has passed a resolution opposing the draft, "no matter what form it takes, because of its undemocratic and coercive nature."

The draft is undemocratic, according to Spangler,

because "people are drafted who can't vote and who have no voice in the policies they're helping to carry out. Also the draft hurts the person who can't afford to go to college."

"If not enough people

volunteer to fight in Viet Nam, then perhaps we should re-examine what we're doing over there. A number of revolutionary movements have been carried out with just volunteers," Spangler added.



Spangler

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