

the oldest men from the combined age group 19 through 25 shall be called first.

Occupational deferment:

General Hershey's wire to State directors left with each local board the discretion to grant, in individual cases, occupational deferments based on a showing of essential community need. Community need was not defined.

It seems apparent that some boards will begin at once to reclassify registrants who are in class II-A. If they have neither a critical occupation nor are working in an essential activity, as defined by the now suspended list, apparently their II-A deferments, based on community need, will be continued.

If they are on one or both of the lists, their cases undoubtedly will be reviewed and new decisions made.

About half the approximately 325,000 men classified II-A are said to be on neither list, and therefore presumably are eligible for retention in II-A on the basis of community need.

We believe that there are between 70,000 and 100,000 men under 26 deferred in II-A whose skills are the result of college training. These include engineers at the baccalaureate level or higher, scientists and mathematicians who have attained at least a master's degree, high school teachers of science and math, engineering and scientific programmers, college teachers, and structural linguists.

Since these men are college graduates of previous years, those reclassified to I-A will generally be among the first to be called since they will be in the upper brackets of age liability.

Graduate students:

Under the rules formulated in the President's directive of last June, graduate students now in their second or subsequent years of post-graduate work may be allowed (at the option of their local boards) to continue their graduate study until they complete the next degree.

For many of this year's second-year graduate students, a master's degree acquired in June or August will be declared terminal, and these men will be subject to induction.

Those men already past the master's level or in a program in which the Ph. D. was the earlier declared objective will generally be allowed a total of 5 years past the baccalaureate to complete the Ph. D.

The new ruling makes no distinction between first-year graduate students this year who are in a 1-year master's program and those in a 2-year program. Presumably, no student now in his first year of graduate study may be deferred next year as a student.

Additionally, no student completing a baccalaureate program and intending to enter graduate school may receive a deferment in class II-S.

Exceptions to these rules are the medical and dental fields, and students of divinity, who are exempt from service by law.

Men completing a Ph. D. this year who might otherwise have entered occupational deferment will be subject to the draft if they are under 26 years of age, and will, of course, be the first to go under the oldest first rule.

Approximately 7,500 June, August, and January 1969 Ph. D.'s are expected to be subject to induction under these rules after their degree is obtained.