

limited to recommending graduate deferment only for men in the physical sciences, math, engineering, and some health-related fields.

It is my understanding that these were not the recommendations. I wonder if you will tell us what they were since Selective Service is represented on the Interagency Committee?

General HERSHEY. We are on the interagency committee all right, and we did participate in a recommendation that the physical sciences be excluded and that went to the National Security Council.

Now, if my information is correct, we only made one recommendation from this Interagency Council. If there are other recommendations I have either forgotten or don't know about it, and I don't believe there were.

We were subject to whatever criticism was leveled at us by saying that we were selective in the disciplines, if we want to call it that, and going back to Dr. Tryten's committee, over the years we struggled between 1948 and 1952, we found that it was very, very difficult to arrive at any place where you could begin to separate disciplines.

We only found it was possible for us to get agreement by including, we thought, the quality students in all disciplines under the assumption in our broad growth we needed a great variety of people.

Now it is true, I believe, that the public, maybe in a scientific age, but I don't have to agree with the public, but I think the public is more likely to defer an engineer than they would, for instance, a political economist or something of that kind.

I think there was quite a disposition on the part of about everybody to not want to split the fields. The results was that perhaps the Council, although I know nothing about the deliberation of the Council, I had no part in it and know nothing about it, but I suspect they were driven almost to the place of either taking everybody or nobody.

I have often thought that was unfortunate. But the people do not like our system that we had a couple or 3 years ago of racking them up on examinations and class standings under the assumption that if a person did pretty well in college they would do better in college than somebody that didn't do well in college.

That wasn't a very profound decision but that is what we based it on. I do not know that I have answered your question but I don't have too much knowledge of some of these details.

Mrs. GREEN. If I understand you correctly, the Interagency Council recommended the deferment only for the physical sciences.

General HERSHEY. Yes; this is broadly so. The chemist, the physicist, and the engineers. That is essentially a true statement. There was discussion about teachers but I am not so sure that the teachers got on.

However, there is a difference of opinion on this, I am sure, but since 1958, I have not found that it is too difficult to sell teachers in most places. There are exceptions but there can be appeals taken in those.

Mrs. GREEN. In this directive the local draft boards can defer to meet community needs; would teaching be one of those?

General HERSHEY. Yes. That is one of the things. Now, maybe I am merely behind but I am a little surprised, I probably never thought the essential activity list or the critical skills were as important, perhaps, as some people think.