

this system which General Hershey outlined as a possibility were asked for by the Secretary of Defense.

In answering the question, I should say that Congressman Steiger is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, and we are as proud of him as he is of us.

Mr. STEIGER. Thank you, sir.

General Hershey, would you have any comment at all, or any counsel you can give to the committee, on the announcement I saw last night by the president of the National Student Association that they were going to recommend to their affiliated student body organizations throughout the country that all students whose classifications are changed take whatever action is necessary, and use all legal steps that are available, to appeal local selective service board rulings as to deferments or classifications?

General HERSHEY. In the first place, I would like to feel that every one of those things were available to every registrant.

I have so much faith in a great many registrants that do not belong to the top level of this particular organization that there are a lot of people who will not take them unless they feel they are justified.

I still have great faith in our youth. I have to spend most of my time with a very, very small percentage of individuals. I would not have any quarrel with anybody taking an appeal that has a right to take an appeal.

On the other hand, obviously, I could not support, I would not want to be found with individuals who say one of the ways we can have a great, constructive democracy is to keep our feet in the aisles always, so that people will be falling over them, and therefore we can that way slow up the march of progress. I don't believe in that, either.

Mr. STEIGER. What would your best guesstimate be as to what the impact would be on local boards, and State appeal boards, and on the Presidential Appeal Board, if action were taken by thousands of college students who might take the action urged by the National Student Association?

General HERSHEY. It will increase the load a great deal, and perhaps I may have to be over for more money.

Some of those things will have some effect. Personally, I do not believe that the individuals who for the last several months have been advising people to do everything in the world have had much effect. It has had little.

By and large, the youth of this country are a lot better than sometimes we admit. I am pretty strong for the kids of this country. They don't buy all this stuff.

Mr. STEIGER. What is the availability of administrative action to implement the recommendations that both President Harrington and President Brewster made this morning, on the question of allowing graduate students to finish their year of study, thus not having their studies disrupted by being drafted?

General HERSHEY. I am hopeful that next Monday we may have a fruitful meeting. I am going to meet with representatives of 12 of these different organizations.

I am not so sure what the practical things are. We cannot have a fellow run in and register the last day before we are going to induct