

They gave many examples of this. I will certainly give you one. For example, in environmental health or transportation planning and problems.

There is a long list of these, so that the recommendations of the Inter-Agency Committee to the National Security Council, which were the result of great study in depth, had by a good many people who knew what they were doing, were not indeed limited to deferment for men only in science and engineering and math.

Mrs. GREEN. I would like to ask President Brewster and President Harrington, either one or both, to comment on this in terms of occupational deferment.

As I understand, the policy would go into effect on July 1, unless there were changes, that we will no longer have a national policy on this in terms of a study based on the national needs, our own national self-interest, but we will indeed, apparently have occupational deferment on a community basis.

Would you care to comment on the desirability of one or the other?

Mr. BREWSTER. My reading is not entirely the same as yours, Madam Chairman.

I am not an expert, obviously, on national manpower needs and strategy; but I take this to be the considered judgment on the part of the task force which reported to the National Security Council that as a matter of national manpower need at the present level, the present force levels, and draft calls, it is not necessary to have deferments or exemptions on an occupational basis.

I am very puzzled, frankly, by the wording of the telegram which General Hershey is reported to have sent to all State directors, which, if I may quote from the New York Times, and I sympathize sometimes with General Hershey's concern about representation in the newspapers, but in this case I think it was a textural reprint, saying:

Under advice received today from National Security Council with respect to occupational deferment, the lists of essential activities and critical occupations are suspended, leaving each local board with discretion to grant in individual cases occupational deferments based on a showing of essential community need.

With respect to graduate school deferments, the National Security Council advises that it is not essential for the maintenance of the national health, safety and interest to provide student deferments for graduate study in fields other than medicine, dentistry and allied medical specialties, except that this recommendation does not affect existing regulations governing deferment for graduate students who entered their second or subsequent year of graduate study in the fall of 1967.

It does affect students graduating from college this year as well as those who entered the first year of graduate school last fall.

The sequence of selection in filling calls will remain unchanged. A change in the order of call is not justified at this time. Fairness and equity to all men in the eligible age groups as well as the interest of the nation require that this longstanding practice be maintained.

Full text of the memorandum of advice from the National Security Council will be forwarded to you promptly.

I concur in the recommendations made by the Council.

Leaving each local board discretion to grant occupational deferments based on showing of essential community need—this I think raises very serious doubts which perhaps are not the special province of an educator, but I think are the reasonable province of a lawyer, or anyone who cares about even handedness of the application of the law.

The worry is two kinds: one is quite different standards which apply to people whose claims are equally meritorious, just because they live