

in two different communities; secondly, the concern that runs throughout the system that a large proportion of registrants dealt with by a board are not living in their community at all.

There is again a kind of almost inevitable discrimination, if you want to call it that, in the sense that a draft board will know about needs in its own community, but it is unequipped to assess community needs for all registrants who are nonresidents of the community of their board.

I am puzzled about the kind of situation that was contemplated by that very, very large loophole, and what otherwise seemed to me a progressive advance toward national uniformity.

Mr. HARRINGTON. So far as the universities are concerned, we are not asking for occupational deferments. We are not interested in having various parts of the university cut up, and some designated as those that should have deferments.

Mrs. GREEN. Did you want to comment on this, General Hershey?
General HERSHEY. I think not.

In the first place, of course, we are assuming, I believe, that because somebody got on the critical list that they got deferred, which isn't so.

We didn't want to see all the occupational deferments canceled. We are over that. I don't think it has happened.

I would not argue with a lawyer, which I am not, about the legal part of it, even though he was a great educator.

Mr. BREWSTER. My disguise as a lawyer is even more fraudulent.

Mrs. GREEN. One final point.

Mrs. Vetter, would you want to make any suggestions of an alternative procedure, and where we go from here, in the recommendation to this committee as to what we should be doing?

Mrs. VETTER. I believe there is an alternative plan to the one we will carry out, if we don't do anything to change it.

If the current situation in Vietnam is viewed as a part of a long-term commitment in which our Nation can be expected to be involved to a greater or lesser degree for many years to come, then we must include long-range manpower planning and utilization as an objective in this decision.

This means that we must continue the training of at least a substantial segment of our graduate school population until they reach their terminal degree. However, we must insure that the delay in their service will not provide them sideways exemption.

Congress already took care of this by providing that no man deferred as a student after June 1967, is permitted to be deferred for fatherhood. Additionally, his liability under the prime age group provision includes no magic line at age 26. Therefore, students completing their graduate degrees are still available for service.

The areas of graduate study for which deferment is needed must be fairly broad. This is because we are not smart enough to look ahead 5 years and know with certainty which special disciplines will be most needed at that time.

It is important, then, to continue advanced training for this small segment of our population capable of such training in a variety of disciplines.