

SO YOU DON'T WANT TO BE DRAFTED ?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO!

If you have decided that you don't want to fight or join the military machine, you should read this leaflet.

There are a number of ways you can be exempted from military servitude. This pamphlet includes only those which are, in our experience, important. Read it all.

I-Y OR IV-F

A I-Y deferment means you are qualified for military service only in time of declared war or national emergency. I-Y's are usually temporary (especially since war may be declared), but many are renewed yearly.

A IV-F means you are not qualified for any service--and can't be drafted.

I-Y's and IV-F's fall into four major areas: Physical, Mental, Psychological, and Political.

Physical Deferments--If you have a physical "defect" (even as small as chronic athlete's foot or allergies) notify your board, either on standard forms or by writing a letter. You are required by law to report anything which could result in a change of status. You must send letters from your doctor to your board verifying your problem. You may go to the local board medical adviser. He may lend credibility to your claim if you present it well.

Most deferments, however, are not granted until pre-induction physicals. Those declared delinquent can be ordered for induction without a pre-induction physical, although they must be given an equivalent physical at induction. You should take medical records to your physical and point out "defects" to the examining physicians. They often miss them. You should not let them think, however, that you are just trying to get out.

Information on unacceptable physical characteristics or defects is available.

Even if you pass your pre-induction physical, you can still get out at your brief physical at induction. But don't count on it. At induction they might not even examine you unless you request it.

Mental Deferments--To be "eligible" for induction you must pass a set of mental tests and literacy tests the day of your physical. For poorer white guys, black guys, and Mexican-Americans, this can be a way to get out. Boards are willing to believe that these groups are not very smart or have poor educational backgrounds. They may also believe that Mexican-American inductees don't speak English too well. Remember, though, they probably have your high school records.