

# UPTIGHT WITH THE DRAFT?

## THE DRAFT IS ROUGH—BUT SO IS LIFE

The Draft is rough. The army is a hell of a place to spend two years of your life. When you get out, your girl friend may be married to someone else. Your job may be gone or your education may have been interrupted at a crucial point. You might even get killed in Vietnam. Yes, the draft is rough.

But so is life. You can screw up a marriage or lose a girl friend without any help from the draft. And you could get killed crossing the street. Because life is like that.

## THE REAL QUESTIONS

You may be inconvenienced or hurt by the draft but there are some questions that should bother every man of draft age more than the "inconvenience" of military service:

... Do you think the war in Vietnam is right?

... Do you think the United States should be there?

... Are you willing or even eager to do your part in the killing?

If so, you don't have to wait to be drafted. There are recruiting offices open in every city in the country. You can throw this pamphlet away or read it just for laughs.

But if you think this war is wrong, if you think *napalm* is dirtier and more obscene than the four letter words that got Lenny Bruce busted, then you have problems. We aren't going to argue the case against the U.S. in Vietnam. You've got eyes and ears. You've read the papers, seen the TV reports, and probably been to a Teach-In. You have had the facts and you have to make the decision. And if, after looking and listening and thinking, you feel you are *really* against the war, you have serious problems.

You have serious problems because the chances are that, sooner or later, you are going to get an induction notice. (Unless you are a top-ranking student—which is another problem we'll come to.) The question is what you do when you get that notice. Do you decide your opposition to killing Vietnamese is no deeper than a picket line, a bumper sticker, a hippy peace button? Or do you think that when the induction notice comes your answer to this war will still be NO? When you are up against it, will you make love or make war?

## ISN'T THERE AN EASY WAY OUT?

**WHAT ABOUT 2-S?**—So you have a 2-S and plan to beg or borrow the money to get your B.A., M.A., and Ph.D., hoping by then the war will have gone away. They are handing out deferments to students. Why shouldn't you take one?

We think 2-S deferments should be abolished because they make it possible for any rich kid to stay out of the army. Which means poor kids do the fighting, the killing—and the dying. If the government insists on a draft there should be no special privileges for any economic group. Don't think it is your brains that win you the 2-S. There are a lot of sharp guys being blown to bits in Vietnam because their parents didn't have the money or the cultural background to get their kids into college. (And even if the exemption were on the basis of brains alone why should the bright live and the dull die?) If you apply for a 2-S you have to face up to the fact you are taking a special privilege.

**WHAT ABOUT 4-F?**—If you are blind in both eyes or have lost a leg and an arm you have a 4-F and you've earned it—no sweat. But a lot of men wonder if they couldn't get out of the draft by playing "gay" with the examining psychiatrist or by finding a private psychiatrist who will give them a letter stating they will flip out if they are drafted.

If you are homosexual then, under the law, you have a right to be exempted. (We don't approve of this legal discrimination against people on the basis of their private sexual behavior—but that's the law.) But if you aren't homo-