

**WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE DRAFT AND
WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT THE DRAFT**

We, as members of the Stanford Anti-Draft Union, are opposed to the system of military conscription which coerces America's young men to fight in a war which is not in their interest, not in the interest of most Americans, and not in the interest of the underdeveloped and struggling peoples of the world.

You cannot fight the draft alone. The selective service system is itself designed to divide us from one another through a system of discriminatory deferments. Our interests lie in banding together with movements in other schools, with our brothers trapped in American ghettos, and with working class youth to end this coercive and undemocratic system. Don't be fooled by arguments about the "national interest" and "stopping Communism." The "national interest" means the interest of the corporate elite. Do you really want to die for General Dynamics and Lockheed? "Stopping Communism" means risking your life to protect the property of the corporate minority at the expense of the poor and working peoples.

The draft can be successfully resisted if we join together. There are now some 30 or more local draft unions around the country and the number is rapidly increasing. The number of draft resisters has never been so great. Since the youth of America must fight this unjust war, we must take the initiative and lead the opposition against it and build a movement that will successfully resist the draft. People can resist in all sorts of ways: and if we all contribute to the movement in some way, we can make the draft virtually ineffective. So here are just some of the things you can do.

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE PROPER CLASSIFICATION

1. 4-F. "Not qualified for any service." If there is any reason, physical or mental, why you should not serve in the military, make sure your draft board knows about this. Have your doctor write your local board explaining your condition. Then take piles of letters and medical records with you when called for your pre-induction physical. The physical is a real joke and you have to prove your condition is bad. Never assume that the army will find anything wrong with you.
2. I-O. "Conscientious objector to participation in war." If you are opposed to war on moral and "religious" grounds, you are a conscientious objector, and there is a chance you may qualify for exemption. We have a free counseling service and will be glad to help anyone in filing the required forms.
2. I-Y. "Qualified for military or alternative service only in time of war (declared) or national emergency." I-Y's are usually given to those with small physical defects which would hinder them from being effective combat soldiers. However, in the Bay Area, I-Y's are also sometimes given to those who appear undesirable because of strong, expressed opposition to the war. Some draftees have circulated petitions and leaflets at the time of their pre-induction physical or induction. Those who express their opposition in a militant manner are often given I-Y deferments. The Army is afraid to draft anyone who might be expected to continue his anti-war activities in the service thus destroying military "morale." If you do pass out materials or make speeches, you will be ordered to stop by induction officials who may threaten you with almost anything. If you continue to pass out things, you will be asked to leave or be arrested on a misdemeanor, such as Disorderly Conduct or Disturbing the Peace. If this happens contact us and we will get legal help for you. You cannot be inducted while your case is being tried, and such actions often lead to a I-Y status. A I-Y is not usually a permanent classification however, so don't be too sure of yourself. If you continue your opposition to the draft and war, it is possible that they will never want you.

If you witness anyone being arrested for leafleting or "disturbing the peace," please contact the Stanford Anti-Draft Union as you may be able to help us defend these individuals in court.

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