# Draft threat is political

It is not at all clear whether the international crisis is so great that we must institute a peacetime draft registration or draft. The proposal is more obviously a pollitical move in response to the invasion of Afghanistan. Unfortunately, few are questioning a law which will fundamentally alter the nature of our American society.

Within recent months, Milton Friedman has spoken out in opposition to draft registration and a draft. The source of our millitary weakness, he states, is not a shortage of men under arms but the "failure to build new weapons" and a failure to increase the pay for first-time enlistees since 1973.

Friedman calls the dreaft plan a symbolic act designed to reassure the American public. It diverts attention from more basic issues. He believes draft registration and the draft are neither necessary nor desirable. It is "completely in conflict with the basic values of a free society."

I OPPOSE a military draft and registration in peacetime for oth moral and religious reasons.

In 1917, Congressman Clark from Missouri said "there is pre-cious little difference between a conscript and being a convict." The draft drives men by fear and coercion. When there is any question of its necessity it is contrary to the democratic spirit.

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In any emergency there is no shortage of men who will volunteer to defend their country. Every national emergency has shown this to be true. A peacetime draft or registration coerces people to do what given sufficient cause they will willingly do. The greatest apprehensions and fears which the founders of our nation had when they opposed conscription, even in a time of war, was that the military establishment would be turned against its own people. The fear was that a standing army would be used to repress the freedom of the people. Around the world today we find this to be true in many countries. Oppression is enforced by a combined secret police and a large standing army.

A more fundamental concern is the effect upon our religious foundations of a peacetime military draft. Conscientions objectors are allowed alternate service under the law. This is good, yet there is a pervasive attitude that the worse change that can be brought against a person is that they are disloyal.



moral perspectives

Rev. David Strong

THE NATIONAL state becomes ever more supreme in importance. People look increasingly to the national state for assurrance and for fulfillment of their needs. The national state becomes a kind of god who is allowed more and more power over the lives of its citizens.

When there is conflict in belief between a religious faith and the state, many act as though the state has a higher claim.

In the face of such pressures it is hard to see how young men will have the freedom to decide between the principles of their religious training and the demand of the state. Their religious training states that they shall not kill. They shall love their enemy. We live in a world which is increasingly interdependent. We are all neighbors.

Without a recognized emergency the military will have to both coerce and propagandize to hate and fear the enemy. Be-liefs which are the foundation of our religious understanding will have to be destroyed in order to get forced compliance to

Draft registration and a peacetime draft are repressive and hurtful both to the people of our nation and to our moral and religious foundations. I call upon citizens to oppose this serious error before it divides, altenates and destroys fundamental be-

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