## Peacetime draft attempt sure to be resisted

By DAVID STRONG

I fear that the current efforts to re-sume a peacetime millitary draft will, if enacted, produce a great deal of re-sistance and harm to the nation. A draft would at the same time encour-age the growth of the peace movement.

Many are not aware that a peace-time or even a wartime military draft is contrary to the principles and most of the history of this nation. During the of the instory of this nation. During the first 151 years of our history there were only four years of a military draft. What many now unquestionly ac-cept has been unacceptable during the longest period of our nation's history.

George Washington asked for a draft three times during the War for Inde-pendence. He was refused by Congress because conscription was considered the strongest form of oppression which a government could bring upon its peo-ple. Thomas Jefferson and other found-ing fathers argued that this was the very form of European tyranny that many had fled by coming to the new world.

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years when a military draft was in force. It was hardly compulsory, how-ever, because draftees could legally provide a substitute or purchase an exemption.

After 150 years of opposition to any military draft the trend almost completely reversed. A draft imposed in 1940 continued almost without interruption until 1971, a period of more than 30 years. The major moral and religious opposition to the draft developed during the last few years of the Vietnam War.

Although the focus was on the draft, larger issues of militarism, racism and the use of power with regard to nations in the third world were raised. The very legitimacy of the state waging war without a clear national consensus was questioned. Were the draft to be instituted again these questions would be raised.

many RELIGIOUS and moral leaders in our nation devoted themselves to these issues during the last years of the Vietnam War. In a way they expressed the intention of the second amendment of the Constitution, of the right of people to defend themselves against a military establishment in their own country. MANY RELIGIOUS and moral lea

A resumption of the draft would bring about the rebirth of this opposi-tion. A draft would also further under-mine the legitimacy of the national government. Many would disbelieve the stated reasons for a draft and would resist its demands.

As opposition to the draft developed the authorities would again be tempted to suppress its expression. A military draft would create the kind of division that can destroy the very basis of the freely chosen government it is supposed to defend.

.We do not need a resumed military draft and all of the consequences it would bring.



# New book tells story of Ruth

By MARGARET MILLER

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Take one of the most tension-prone of human relationships — the one between mother-in-law and daughter-in-law. Set it in a far-back time frame, and paint into the background the sun-baked lands of the Mideast.

Then bring the whole thing up to date, translating the story into present times and suburbia.

What you have, roughly, is a new book written by local churchwoman Margaret Hess. The 143-page volume tells the story of Ruth and Naomi from the biblical book of Ruth, and its title is "Love Knows No Barriers."

The author, wife of Dr. Bartlett L. Hess, pastor of Ward United Presbyterian Church of Livonia and herself a noted teacher of Bible study classes, tells the story of Ruth, the gleaner, in its Biblical setting, but she emphasizes throughout the narrative that its parallels in modern living can't be missed. "The story deals with the challenge of making the most of relationships." Mrs. Hess said.

HER PURPOSE was to tell in detail one of the few love stories to be found in the Bible. First recounted in the Old Testament book, it is the story of a woman, Naomi, who went from her native Israel to live in the neighboring country of Moab with her husband and two sons.

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The husband and sons died and Ruth, one of her two daughters-in-law, elected to return to Israel with her mother-in-law rather than staying in her own country.

In Israel, she gleaned grain from the fields of the wealthy farmer Boaz and eventually married him. Their union began the linage of David and later Jesus.

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Weaving a narrative on that outline, Mrs. Hess found that the story brought to the fore many practical questions.
"Some of them," she said, "are when do you move and how do you decide? How do you find rest in your life? What do you do when life caves in on you? How do you find rest in your flor of a terrible situation? What are legitimate ways of getting attention? When should you take advice?"

MRS. HESS began writing her book last summer during a vacation on Harser's Island. She had spoken on a number of occasions before groups on the story of the biblical woman, and two books on churchmanthis, 'How to Have a Giving Church' and 'The Power of a Loving Church.'

"But even with the familiarity I had with the story. I found I needed two months of additional research, working four hours a day' she said.

Mrs. Hess next will work on a book telling the story of Esther, another woman in the Old Testament.

"LOVE KNOWS No Barriers" is a publications of Victor Books, a division of SP Publications, Inc. It costs \$2.25 and is available in Christian book stores in the area.
"Several store have been sold out, I am told, but they are reording and soon should have the books in stock,"the author said."

### Farmington priest to receive award

A Farmington pastor and a Grosse Pointe couple will receive the highest accolades when the Catholic Youth Organization holds its 12th annual Volunteer Awards Banquet at the Raleigh House in Southfield on Sunday, April 1. In addition, a near-record class of 166 volunteers will be honored for exceptional efforts in CVO parish projects. A new Community Service Award will be presented to a neighborhood organization for significant contributions toward solving community problems.

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Fr. Kean Cronin, pastor of Our Lady
of Sorrows parish, has been named for

teen and young adult clubs for at least given to a priest who has served youth. Cronin has devoted two decades of service to the youth ministry.

G. Sam and Bernice Zilly, who have worked on many church and community projects, have been chosen for the Joe Glaser Award which is conferred on CYO board members for unusual accomplishments. Mr. and Mrs. Zilly are the first husband and wife to service them to the board.

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