

# *Intolerable solution seen to intolerable condition*

While it is highly doubtful the Draft will end with the expiration of the current Selective Service Law on June 20 it is probable that the President will move in the direction of an all-volunteer Army.

The transition will demand billions in increased pay and improved living conditions and will end on the winding down of the Indo-China war to the point whereby conscription will end in 1973. On this he is supported by such opposing senators as William Hathfield and Barry Goldwater. Since a professional army seems inevitable it might well be to speculate as to some of the consequences on American

the same dangers to democracy that its counterparts in Latin America do? Won't a professional army be in an even better position to effect ever increasing military spending? Why have a highly competent army unless you are prepared to use it in

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Who will volunteer for such an army? Will it be the middle-class, the educated, the rich? Or will it be the poor, the black, the uneducated, the social misfits, the rural? Will it reach a point where a poor people are fighting a rich man's war? Would a professional army posit the

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future wars?

The point is: the present Draft is intolerable, but much of that embodied in the volunteer army is of far worse consequence.

Both the right and the left make a good case of the unconstitutionality of the present system and both point up the basic need in a democratic society to be able to have a free choice. But what has not been done is the extension of the democratic process to the point where every citizen is confronted with the opportunity to serve his country. The government would demand it as a basic duty but leave the actual choice as to how up to the individual not to soem old men on the local draft board. How can we fight for democracy in Vietnam if it does not exist here? This may be one of the most democratic nations in the world but that does not say it is democratic. What the volunteer army represents is a repackaging of the same old tired concept and it just does not hold up.

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