

Draft Protesters First

AAUP

Defies Hershey

WASHINGTON (CPS) — The American Association of University Professors has strongly protested a directive by Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey that a person involved in disruptive antiwar protest should be drafted first.

AAUP president Clark Byse, a professor at the Harvard University Law School, and Dr. Bertram H. Davis, AAUP's general secretary, sent a telegram to Hershey protesting the directive as it may affect college and University teachers and students.

Hershey's statement regarding the protestors was made in a letter sent to all members of the Selective Service System. The letter referred to persons who protest the war and the draft by disrupting army induction centers or keeping military recruiters from conducting interviews.

The AAUP said Hershey has set forth a standard which would permit local boards to induct persons exercising their constitutionally

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guaranteed freedoms of speech and assembly. "The mere existence of this undefined power to use the draft as a punitive instrument must therefore have a chilling effect upon academic freedom and free speech and assembly as guaranteed by the First Amendment."

The telegram also said the conduct of some members of the academic community may be punishable under existing legal or institutional procedures and that the further use of the Selective Service as a punishment violates traditional American due process guarantees and is inimical to the national interest.

"We do not believe that your letter serves the national interest and we urge that it be promptly rescinded," the telegram said.