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EDITORIAL

The first year class at the Law School has been dealt a blow that many of them feel is grossly unfair. Because of a recent selective service ruling roughly one-half of the class faces induction into the Army at the end of the present semester.

Initially the reaction was one of disbelief and cries of "why me" were not uncommon. The general consensus of opinion among the men affected was that drafting them and others similarly situated served no useful purpose. If the nation was to maintain its educational standards and attempt to maintain the efficiency of its judicial processes, in these very turbulent times, the men in this nation's graduate schools would be sorely needed. The draft would in effect be creating an intellectual dust bowl that the country would spend years recovering from. Rarely was there a kind word to be heard concerning the Johnson Administration.

This country has since the end of W. W. II, faced a continuing threat from international communism that has manifested itself in many parts of the world. We have, with a modicum of success, met these thrusts and have managed to maintain a position that is reasonably acceptable to us as a nation.

In doing so, however, our government has failed to prepare the people for three facts of life that must be ultimately faced. First, the prime concern of our government is, as it must be, the success and perpetuation of our way of life. We want peace, but what do we mean by peace? Would we accept a peace that required surrender of some of our freedoms? Would we accept a peace that required territorial concessions to a foreign power? I think the majority of us would admit that there is some point beyond which we will not negotiate. And that point is where the sovereignty of this nation is so threatened that peace no longer becomes an acceptable course.

Second, the people of the United States have been inadequately prepared to meet the realities of "International Policies." One might liken the nations of the world to a group of three year olds in a controversy over a bag of candy. All with marginally developed consciences, unaware of nature of the damage to be caused by their blows and firmly convinced that it should all be theirs.

History has shown us that man is a most pugnacious animal, who has shown himself totally unable to live in peace with his fellowmen. He has and will stoop to anything, and it is not only inappropriate but suicide to fail to react. We must never hide our faces in shame when we have been forced to respond in kind to an adversary who knows no rules.

Third, we must steel ourselves to the inevitability of a continuing conflict through the end of this century and perhaps beyond. Any serious student of communism will verify this fact. We must be prepared to defend our way of life wherever it is threatened or face the loss of it. If the communists really wanted peace why would they start national wars of liberation? Perhaps because they want peace on their terms!

Perhaps there is some grand strategy that can be concocted to end them. But for now the lawfully elected government of this nation has committed us to this war. As Americans we have a duty and an obligation to serve. We cannot take all of sweetness of American life and then turn our heads from the bitterness.

This country's intellectual community has successfully withstood the draft calls of two World Wars and a "Police Action" without the creation of and "intellectual dustbowl." (It might be added parenthetically that in light of our current crop of hippie malcontents one could argue with equal facility that perhaps a dustbowl has indeed been created). It seems most likely that the graduate schools will again rise to the challenge and carry on with the intellectual talent available. It is hoped that if called the students of this Law School will give an admirable accounting of themselves; for there is something inherently disgusting in the idea that someone is too bright to be asked to defend his Nation.

E. T. H.

CALENDAR

Friday, March 29—SBA Meeting—10:00 a.m.
 Wednesday, April 10—PDP Inflation and Dinner—Justice Albertico Harrison. Evening
 Friday, April 12—F. B. I. talk to Seniors—10:00 a.m.
 Friday, April 19—SBA Meeting—10:00 a.m.
 Friday, April 26—FBA Panel
 Saturday, April 27—LAW DAY
 Barrieter's Ball—Virginia Room 9:00-1:00 a.m.
 Formal