

Candidate Porter Speaks, Blasts Present Draft Laws

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Charles Porter, Democratic candidate for the Fourth District Congress seat, spoke Thursday night on the draft question.

Porter based his talk on the premise "that draft laws are unfair; they are constructed on the idea of a large army and compulsory service."

The Democratic hopeful said that the need for this type of military is now outmoded and proposed several changes that would update the draft system.

His first reform would be to do away with the draft altogether except in time of national emergency.

Porter stressed that "a person should fight for his country, but that active military service for many is needless unless the country is involved in a national emergency."

"A smaller, more elite armed force would benefit the U.S." is another proposal of Porter's. He suggested more pay and better means of compensation to attract the better-qualified.

Porter also suggested a change in military academy appointments in order that a higher caliber of students would attend such institutions.

Porter stated that a federally set-up, state-supervised military

system would be most efficient. It would provide a decentralized and more organized means for defense.

"The program would include one or two years of training and then up to six years reserve serv-

ice for each individual. The training, which would be geared to each individual's talent, would be done on a part-time basis." The reserve system would fulfill the U.S.'s need for more civil defense, Porter indicated.



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CHARLES PORTER
Discusses Selective Service

YAF Proposal

Hatfield, Duncan Invited to Debate

Young Americans for Freedom have invited Governor Mark Hatfield and Congressman Robert Duncan to debate at the University in the final stretch of their drive for the U.S. Senate.

YAF sent telegrams to the candidates Monday, and at last report Duncan returned a telegram accepting the invitation. Date of the debate is yet to be arranged.

The campus organization held its first meeting of the term Wednesday and members decided their program for the coming year. Ronald Reagan, California gubernatorial candidate, heads the list of possible speakers.

Already arranged for speaking engagements are Fulton Lewis III, a leading spokesman of conservative youth, and Edward Butler, executive vice president of the Information Council of the Americas.

Lewis is slated to speak in December, and Butler, who once debated Lee Harvey Oswald, will talk October 26 on "Revolution on the Campus."

YAF also decided after a spirited discussion to continue a policy of "responsible demonstrations." A plan to give civic and campus groups and living organizations the opportunity to hear YAF views was adopted.

YAF will put out a bi-weekly paper of opinion. The paper, which will cost students nothing, will have as its editor Jim Castlerline, a junior in history.

A special election for treasurer of the group resulted in the election of Steve Lamb, a sophomore in liberal arts.

The membership was polled on their expectations for the Republican candidate for 1968. Sixty per cent of the membership expect Nixon to be nominated by the Republicans but only 20 per cent want him to be. Thirty per cent expect Romney to be nominated and only 10 per cent want him nominated. Only 10 per cent expect Reagan to be nominated but he is the choice of 50 per cent of the membership. There is also a desire to see Buckley or Goldwater nominated.

Randy Gragg, YAF chairman, commented, "This should be a great year for YAF; we have lots of new members and lots of projects."

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