

Dialogue Debater Urges Conscientious Objection

A leading spokesman for the peace movement urged a male student audience Tuesday to consider claiming conscientious objection in the face of mounting draft calls.

Arlo Tatum, executive secretary of the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors, found a sympathetic audience at the Y-Dialogue, entitled "Moral Decisions—To Fight or Not Fight." The other Dialogue participant, Captain Charles Dittmar, a retired Navy chaplain, disagreed with Tatum's pacifistic views.

Tatum called the church "an instrument of the state." He said that to make war is "to break the fundamental tenants of all the great religions." The church has always made an exception to its moral rules in the case of war "out of necessity," he added.

Dittmar Not Typical

Tatum said Dittmar was an example of the church's thinking, but allowed that Dittmar had not stayed safely in his pulpit as most ministers do.

"When Congress established the draft, it took care of the two strongest institutions that could oppose it by exempting Congressmen and ministers," he said.

Tatum called war "intensely, viscerally impractical." He said he didn't believe he could justify any war as "good," adding "there is no better example of a bad war than Viet Nam."

Dittmar said that force must be used by a nation to preserve itself, just as a father may be called on to kill in order to protect his family.

Tatum urged young men in the audience to claim they are conscientious objectors (CO's) if they object to and take non-combatant duty to war on moral grounds.

Dittmar asked how a young man who enjoys all the benefits of our society can, in good conscience, refuse to defend it.

Conscience Versus Morality

In no other area does his conscience make such great demands upon the CO, said Dittmar, "and where else does the CO honor such sweeping moral claims?"

A student asked Tatum how a chaplain and member of the clergy (Dittmar) could urge men to take up arms to kill. He replied, "Religion is a deep and abiding faith in the government; to kill is not wrong if you accept everything the government tells you to do as right."

Tatum said it's "quite easy" to get a CO classification from most draft boards "if you are sincere."

"There is another alternative which is harder to get, but still possible," he said, which allows a draftee to work in hospitals or do other non-military work.

Tatum said that there should be no religious test. He said another religious test is being made to remove the religious test requiring belief in some supreme being or spiritual concept. He said very few sincere CO's don't get registered.

Prison Valuable

Tatum, who spent two terms in prison for failing to register for the draft, said the years were not

wasted. "I haven't done so much reading since, and I've never been more useful." He said that military prisons are being filled by men who want to get out any way they can, adding that many deliberately go AWOL in order to be imprisoned. He claims there is a peace movement within the armed services.

Growth of Committee

He said requests for assistance to his committee on CO's have grown in number ten times since the Viet Nam buildup. He said he was working to overcome common misconceptions that CO's can get reclassified or that they must be saints to qualify for a CO classification.

Tatum said the minimum motivation one must have to consider claiming CO is that "war is an anachronism and a menace to mankind."

He said he favored a change in draft regulations to allow CO classification for those who object to "unjust wars" along the same lines that orthodox religions follow in considering whether a war is religious or not.

Klonoski to Give Browsing Lecture

The police and individual rights will be discussed in the Browsing Room lecture at 7:30 p.m. today in the Student Union.

The speaker, James R. Klonoski, associate professor of political science, has long been concerned with constitutional law. "The Allocation of Justice," which he co-edited with Robert Mendelsohn, instructor of political science at Oregon from 1960 to 1965, will soon be released by Little, Brown and Company.

A member of the Oregon faculty since 1961, Klonoski has also taught political science at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota (1956-59). He was a Congressional Fellow of the American Political Science Association during 1959-60 and a research associate of the Brookings Institute in Washington, D.C. the following year.

The Oregon political scientist served on the research staff of then Senator Hubert H. Humphrey in 1960.

Klonoski holds a bachelor of science and master of arts degrees in history from the University of Minnesota, and a doctor of philosophy degree in political science from the University of Michigan.

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Foreign Students To Be Welcomed

Foreign students at the University will be welcomed to the campus and the community at a reception today at 7:30 p.m. in the SU ballroom.

This reception is given by the Foreign Student Friendship Foundation, sponsors of the Friendship Family program, according to Sioma Kagan, chairman of the Steering Committee of the Foundation.

Mr. Kagan will be master of ceremonies for the program. Brief welcoming addresses will be given by Lee Bollinger, first vice-president of ASUO; Subhash Jain, Cosmopolitan Club president; Professor Harry Alpert, dean of faculties of the University; Mr. Hale Thompson, president of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce; and Mr. David Scofield, mayor of Springfield. All

new foreign students will be introduced by Dr. Kenneth Ghent, foreign student adviser.

Panel to Discuss Pass-Fail Option

A panel discussion on the Pass-No Pass option will be presented on PL-3 tonight at 9 p.m. Participants will be Dave McCloskey, Robert Holmes, Jack Wilkinson, head of the Fine Arts Department, and Herman Cohen, director of the Honors College.

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Inter-Co-op Council Debates Draft System

The Inter Co-op Council discussed anthropology professor David Aberle's draft proposal Tuesday night but came to no conclusions. The general consensus was that the present Selective Service system is inadequate.

Gordon Leonard (Philadelphia House) felt that the Selective Service System should cover more than just the GPA. He quoted instances of students who enroll in difficult courses, work hard, and yet are below the class average.

Also, Gordon brought forth instances where students enrolled in easy night courses and do not work hard while still maintaining a high GPA. In such cases, the hard-working students are eligible for the draft and the "coast-alongs" are not.

What Alternatives

Howard Harrison (Campbell Club) asked "What would the Selective Service work from if they did not receive the student's class standing?" Harrison also asked if Aberle's proposal would mean the students would have to have their transcripts sent to

their respective boards in order to remain ineligible for the draft.

Wiladean Huling (Laurel House) said that the girls at her house felt that the men ought to have the right to have their grades sent out if the men filled out an affirmative request form.

Avenues Open to Draft Board

Dennis Allison, I.C.C. President, (Campbell Club) brought forth three alternatives open to the draft board. They were:

- To continue choosing their college draftees as they have, on the students' grades and class standing, or the Selective Service College Qualification Test.
- To analyze each student separately on the basis of grades, class standing, activities, major, etc.
- To choose the students at random.

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