

Draft card bounces back

WASHINGTON (AP) — The draft card is back.

Burned by the thousands in anti-Vietnam War protests, the cards are being reintroduced after an absence of eight years from the American scene.

The new draft cards are printed at the bottom of registration letters sent to young men who sign up with Selective Service. They can be clipped out and carried in a wallet.

Unlike the earlier cards, the new ones do not have to be carried at all times.

Draft cards had been issued until 1975, when registration was discontinued.

The requirement that draft-eligible men carry the cards

helped focus attention on the cards during the Vietnam protest movement, and many young men sought to show their defiance by burning the cards.

When registration was resumed in 1980, officials decided not to issue cards in the hope of avoiding similar protests. Instead, letters were sent acknowledging that men had signed up.

Selective Service spokesman Wil Ebel said Tuesday that a decision to offer the cards as a convenience was made last summer. Now, about 5,000 of the cards are being sent out daily.

Now that youths have to prove they are registered with the Selective Service to be eligible under the law for federal student aid and

some jobs programs, Ebel said, the wallet-size cards will prove more convenient than the larger acknowledgement letters.

He said 10,888,000 young men, 96.5 percent of those eligible, are registered with the Selective Service. There is no draft under way, but men are required to sign up within 30 days of their 18th birthday or risk a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Registration has spurred in recent weeks, Ebel said, but he was uncertain why. Students applying for college loans might be part of the reason, he said, as well as the new registration requirement for the jobs program and reaction to the Soviet shooting down of a Korean airliner.

Computers used in bullion theft

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The chairman of Bullion Reserve of North America, who committed suicide two weeks ago, used computers to cover up the disappearance of up to \$60 million of investors' funds, a newspaper reported today.

The Los Angeles Times quoted "knowledgeable sources" as saying Alan David Saxon altered a computerized inventory of precious metal deposits in an apparent effort to conceal the missing funds.

Saxon, 39, was found dead in his Marina Del Rey condominium on Sept. 28. The coroner's office said he committed suicide by carbon monoxide poisoning.

Bullion Reserve, a company that bought gold, silver and other precious metals for investors, was under investigation by New York State Attorney General Robert Abrams at the time of Saxon's death.

Since then, the Los Angeles District Attorney's office has begun an investigation into possible theft involving Bullion Reserve.

The day after Saxon died, the company's computer staffers told a staff meeting that there should have been \$57 million worth of metals stored for up to 35,000 Bullion Reserve customers at Perpetual Storage Inc. in Utah, a source who attended the meeting

told the Times.

But less than \$1 million worth of bullion was in the vault, attorneys for Bullion Reserve have said.

The Times reported earlier that Saxon may have lost the missing money by speculating on international precious metals markets.

The Times' sources said Saxon in late July had his staff run an altered inventory of customer deliveries to the Utah vault, apparently to soothe members of the financial community who were becoming suspicious.

The inventory indicated only \$3 million in bullion was needed to cover all the company accounts, the Times' sources said.

15 charged with embezzlement

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Fifteen men, including several reputed organized crime bosses, were charged in an indictment unsealed in federal court Tuesday with skimming nearly \$2 million from Las Vegas casinos.

Justice Department officials said the indictment was one of the most far-reaching ever returned linking groups in numerous cities to hidden ownership of Las Vegas casinos. One federal law enforcement source said it reads like a "who's who of organized crime in the Midwest."

The indictment, originally returned Sept. 30, concludes a five-year FBI investigation code-named "Strawman." The probe included extensive telephone wiretaps in several cities, and already has resulted in the conviction of five men on charges they skimmed gambling revenue from the Tropicana Hotel.

Skimming is the practice of taking casino gambling proceeds before it is counted for state

and federal tax purposes.

Several of the defendants had been arrested, said FBI Director William H. Webster.

The indictment alleged that the defendants conspired the past nine years to establish and maintain hidden interest in gambling operations in Las Vegas casinos owned by the Argent Corp., a Nevada holding company headed by Allen Glick of LaJolla, Calif. Argent has controlled at various times the Stardust and Fremont hotel-casinos, and the Hacienda and Marina casinos.

Glick was not indicted and a spokesman for him, John Scanlin of LaJolla, said Glick was not a willing partner with the defendants.

The government said that the hidden interest violated Nevada state law requiring casino owners and operators to be licensed or found suitable for licensing and that only one of the defendants — Carl Thomas — had obtained a license from the Nevada Gaming Commission.

Supreme Court permits appeal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals will consider the appeal of the dismissal of indictments against American Indian Movement leader Dennis Banks and three others.

The Supreme Court Tuesday refused to prohibit the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals from considering the appeal.

Banks, his wife, KaMook, Kenneth Moses Loud Hawk and Russ James Redner were charged with il-

legal possession of firearms and dynamite under the indictments. They were stopped in Eastern Oregon in November 1975 and weapons and dynamite were found when police searched the vehicles in Banks and the three others were riding.

The case has gone back and forth between the U.S. District Court in Portland and the 9th Circuit court of Appeals in San Francisco three times, but has never gone to trial.

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