

# DRAFT-AGE YOUTH WILLING TO SERVE

Two-Thirds of Young Men Under 24 Say They Have No Objection and Many Welcome It for Its Disciplining and Physical Training.

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PRINCETON, N. J., Aug. 30.—With the Burke-Wadsworth draft bill headed toward a final vote in Congress, a question of vital importance is how the young men of draft age will take to the idea of spending a year in the Army or Navy if the bill is finally adopted.

Will they look forward to the new experience with misgiving, or will they enter into it willingly?

To find the answer to this interesting—and human—question, the Institute has interviewed a nation-wide cross-section of young men from whose ranks the draft would presumably draw most heavily.

It finds that an overwhelming number say they would have no objection to spending a year in the armed forces, in fact, many of them say they would actually welcome the physical training and discipline.

The study covered two groups—men between the ages of 21 through 24 who, because fewer are married or have permanent jobs, would probably be among the first drafted, and men between 16 and 20 who will mature to draft age if the war emergency lasts long enough. To all of them it put the question:

#### Youngest Most Willing

"If the draft law is passed, will you, personally, have any objection to spending a year in some branch of military service?"

The vote is:

Would Have No Objection	Would Have An Objection
Men 21-24 ..... 68%	32%
Men 16-21 ..... 81	19

The results clearly show that the younger the men, the more the willingness to serve. As a matter of fact, a similar variation is found in attitude toward the principle of the peacetime draft.

Young men through 24 are for the draft by a vote of 63 per cent, while those 16 through 20 are for it by the higher vote of 67 per cent.

The reasons given by the young men for having no objection to spending a year in the armed forces are many and varied. One of the chief ones is that given by a 19-year-old clerk in Maryland: "It would build me up physically and put me on my own for a while." A 17-year-old drug store clerk adds: "Sounds like good training. A year in the army would do me some good."

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#### Regard It as 'Duty'

Some regard it as their simple duty to their country, while others say: "It might give me a chance to learn a trade. Still others take the attitude expressed by a 21-year-old Iowa farm boy:

"If I have to fight, I want to know how."

Those who have some objection to serving mention, in order of frequency, obligations to support their families, and the belief that a year spent in the armed forces would hinder them in their training for careers.

The public as a whole, all age groups and both sexes included, has been polled successively in recent weeks by the Institute on the principle of the peacetime draft, and

each time has supported the draft by more than two to one.

"Do you favor increasing the size of our Army and Navy now by drafting men between the ages of 21 and 31 to serve in the armed forces for one year?" The results were:

#### MONTANA—LATEST SURVEY

Yes	62%
No	38

Approximately one voter in every nine (11 per cent) was undecided or without an opinion.

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Those with opinions voted:

Yes	71%
No	29

Only one voter in 20 (5 per cent) was undecided or had no opinion.

#### PAIR INDICTED IN EBELING'S SLAYING

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Aug. 30 (U.P.)—First degree murder indictments were on file today in St. Joseph Circuit Court against Richard Klowetter, 24, of Niles, Mich., and Mervin Cagle, 21, of Palmyra, Ill., held in connection with the robbery-slaying of Walter Ebeling, 31-year-old New York theater manager who disappeared last month.

The indictments, each containing two counts, were returned by a special session of the Grand Jury called by Prosecutor Arthur F. Scheer. The youths could be sentenced to death if found guilty on either count.

One charge was murder in the perpetration of a felony.

Both youths are to be arraigned Tuesday before Judge Dan Pyle in Circuit Court.

Klowetter and Cagle were arrested Sunday in Noblesville, Ind., and the former made an oral statement admitting the killing. Later he signed a confession here. Cagle refused to make a statement but he was implicated by Klowetter.

Decision to move the stranded crew, a spokesman said, was prompted by complaints that it had abused shore privileges to engage in trojan horse and propaganda activities. It was emphasized, however, that the seamen are not prisoners. They are waiting for a ship to Russia or Germany.

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