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Local Students Hold Mixed Views On Draft Protests

By JOSEPH E. COYNE
Staff Reporter

Just as in other parts of the nation, there are youths in the Portland area who oppose the draft and the United States' part in the Viet Nam war, and those who favor both.

In a student-in-the-corridor interview Monday the issues of war and peace and conscience versus conscription were faced squarely by Portland High School and University of Maine in Portland students.

The views were as mixed as were the emotions in the cross-section of opinion:

"We have to put a stop to communism some place and I think Viet Nam is the place," declared Richard Briggs, 18, of

39 East Kidder St., a high school senior.

"I'd readily defend my country if I thought the cause was worth defending," commented Scott Cummings, 21, of 433 Forest Ave., a senior at U.M.P.

CUMMINGS said he believes the U.S. nuclear deterrent is such a vital force that "neither communism nor any other form of government represents a threat to the United States."

Generally the high school students took a dim view of protests or demonstrations against the U.S. policy in Viet Nam and the draft, while those college students who they spoke for liberty of conscience said they represented about 12

per cent of the government majors at U.M.P.

Edward Gorham, 21, of 20 Arlington St., a U.M.P. senior, said he is opposed to the idea of national conscription, but said he would not destroy his draft card, as did David J. Miller of Syracuse, N.Y.

"I THINK OF THAT as a futile act of course," Gorham remarked. "But I think it's silly to have to carry a card around."

Eugene McLaughlin, 18, of 47 St. Lawrence St., a PHS sophomore, supports the policy of President Johnson and believes the U. S. is thoroughly committed in Viet Nam.

"If they pulled out of there now they'd have to fight the

Communists some place else later," McLaughlin said.

In a poll taken last week at U.M.P. 58 per cent of the students taking government subjects said they are in favor of the U. S. policy in Viet Nam.

REPRESENTATIVE of students in that group is James C. Maloney Jr., of 136 Mitchell Road, Cape Elizabeth:

"The question is not one of morals," Maloney said.

"We must accept the reality that we are in Viet Nam and work from there. If we are to accept the fact that Johnson and his Congress were nearly unanimously elected then we should accept this policy."

In the U.M.P. poll 12 per cent of the students who voted

thought the U. S. should pull out of the Viet Nam war; 20 per cent represented varying degrees of thought from U.N. arbitration to escalation; and 58 per cent were for the government policy.

ROBERT HIRSHON, 17, of 58 Deerfield Road, a high school senior, said he thinks the draft should be accepted as a reality of life.

"We're in there Viet Nam as we have to stay there," he said, but claimed that the U. S. is supporting a dictatorship in South Viet Nam.

Hirshon thinks protesters should be allowed to demonstrate. "Through demonstrations they may be able to change the law," he declared.

LARRY WINGER, 14, a sophomore, of 694 Alder Ave., favors a draft.

"I think everyone should do his part," he added. "It would be a lot of boys good to be drafted and see military service."

PETER THOMAS, 17, of 121 Dartmouth St., a PHS senior, said being subject to the draft is "part of your duty as an American citizen."

He said if the U. S. retreated in Viet Nam it would be a sign of weakness to the Communists.

Robert Rush, 23, of 73 Spruce St., said the draft "conflicts with the ideas of a democratic country."

He said it is an "infringement of individual rights."

He said he advocates a small professional U. S. Army, as has been proposed by some.

But Rush said if he were faced with the prospect of being drafted it "would be hard to make a decision."

"I wouldn't want to go. I hope it won't come to that," he said.

MALONEY said he doesn't think it's wrong "to peacefully demonstrate."

"However, are these people marching because of moral and religious feelings or are they banding together to make 'rotten' a virtue?" He said the U. S. is in Viet Nam "to a capacity of containment," but added that "if peace comes about through arbitration I will be pleased."



Rep. James S. Erwin

Erwin Seeks GOP Governorship Bid

By DONALD C. HANSEN
State House Reporter

State Rep. James S. Erwin, R-York, announced Monday he'll seek the Republican primary nomination for governor.

"The time has come for a change—a change of pace and a change of voice," he said in making the announcement.

Erwin, a 41-year-old attorney and former state senator, doubtless will be opposed by incumbent Gov. John H. Reed, who is leaning strongly toward seeking a second four-year term.

Erwin told the Portland Club he is letting them in on what he called "the poorest kept secret in Maine politics." He has indicated privately for months that he would seek the nomination.

Erwin also said, "I cannot say that I have been sought out by my friends of both political faiths, all urging that I

offer myself to this contest for the good of mankind. It just isn't so."

Erwin said he hoped to gather around him "men and women who will agree with me that we have waited long enough for effortless leadership to provide our badly needed leadership to give us a voice, rising enthusiastically and articulately, to state the issues."

SAID ERWIN: "I hope that there will come with me a band of Republicans who are sick to death of our defensive attitudes and platitudes; who are no longer patient and willing to abide the spectacle of the Democratic party creeping into positions of responsibility which we have abandoned."

Erwin, who promised a full-scale campaign for the nomination, enters the race as an underdog to Reed who is currently completing his seventh year as governor. This will mark the first time in three elections Reed has had primary opposition.

Erwin's first Republican to announce his candidacy House Speaker Dana W. Childs, D-Portland, has already said he'll seek the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

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LBJ, Solons Rap Antidraft Protests, Claim Action Could Prolong War

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson, federal officials and a dozen senators voiced concern Monday that antiwar and antidraft demonstrations across the country may undermine peace efforts in Southeast Asia.

At the Capitol, Sen. Thomas H. Kochel, assistant Republican

leader from California, declared that protesters who burn draft cards and fake illnesses to escape military service are "sowing the seeds of treason."

President Johnson, recuperating at Bethesda Naval Hospital, expressed concern that recent demonstrations in a score of American cities might cause

Peking and Hanoi to misjudge

the situation and determine to

And Undersecretary of State

George W. Ball said Communists

planned to demonstrate in New York for another mass

American public's support of U.S. policies in Viet Nam and

this might lead "to a prolongation

of the war."

Even as the criticism poured

forth with virtually no dissent,

plans were announced here and

protest march in the capital

city, and the FBI made its first

arrest under a new law prohibiting

the destruction of draft

cards.

White House press secretary

Bill D. Moyers told newsmen at

Bethesda hospital the President

endorsed a Justice Department

investigation of whether Communist

agents are involved in the parades

and picketing.

The President was described

as "concerned that the actions

of a few would be interpreted as

the opinion of the many by our

adversaries abroad."

Li Gen, Lewis B. Hershey,

national Selective Service

director, described young men

who burn their draft cards as

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President Takes Stroll

May Be In Hospital 2 Or Three More Days

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson, moving with obvious effort, took a half-hour walk Monday. His press secretary later predicted Johnson's recuperation will stretch out longer than anyone thought.

Johnson, after walking slowly, sometimes gingerly, for about a quarter mile around the grounds of the Bethesda Naval Hospital, was quoted by press secretary Bill D. Moyers as saying: "It takes something to take those steps."

Earlier in the day, Moyers had told newsmen that Johnson had expressed concern over weakened antiwar demonstrations which they cause Communist

China and North Viet Nam to miscalculate American unity and determination.

Moyers, who said the chief executive probably will remain in the hospital for at least two or three more days, told newsmen: "I think it will take longer

for the President to recuperate than anyone thought."

The President was reported to have spent a restless night and to be experiencing continued postoperative abdominal pain.

Johnson's doctors had said the average patient recovering from gall bladder surgery would feel below par for about six weeks. "The President's gall bladder and a kidney stone were removed Oct. 8."

Reporters were summoned by Moyers shortly after 4 p.m. to witness Johnson's outdoor stroll — his second in as many days and the longest yet, inside or out.

Mrs. Johnson was standing with her husband on the second green of the hospital golf course when newsmen caught up with them.

Asked how he was feeling, the President replied, "Pretty

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Associated Press Wirephoto

Taking A Stroll

President Johnson, accompanied by the First Lady, takes a stroll around the grounds of the Bethesda Naval Hospital Monday.

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Alabama Judge Rules Against Voting Law

SELMA, Ala. (AP) — An Alabama circuit judge ruled Monday that the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 is unconstitutional.

Circuit Judge James Hare, ruling on an injunction request by the State of Alabama, held that the new federal voting law violated the provision of the U.S. Constitution allowing the states to set up their own voting requirements, as long as there is no discrimination and also violated the "equal footing of states" doctrine of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Hare said the ruling in granting an injunction requested by the State of Alabama through Gov. George C. Wallace, the injunction asked that

the court enjoin the probate judge of Dallas County from certifying as voters lists of persons approved by federal voting examiners.

The injunction referred to examiners in Selma.

The circuit judge held that the federal act, under which voting rights examiners have been sent to seven Alabama counties, violated the doctrine that all states have politically equal footing since the law applies only to those states where less than 50 per cent of the voting-age population was registered or voted in 1964.

The "equal footing" doctrine Hare said, was applied actively

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Senate Panel Approves 11-4 Sugar Quota Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Finance Committee Monday approved a bill to set a sugar quota bill that may be the biggest test of whether the session ends this week.

The committee's version is far closer to President Johnson's recommendations for foreign growers than that voted by the House — and that's the big point of dispute. Both versions would increase the domestic quota by 300,000 tons to help

sen. Kenneth B. Ladd, D-La., chief sponsor of the administration bill predicted the Senate would approve the bill without too much difficulty. The bill

question seems to be whether House votes led by Chairman Harold C. Cooper, D-N.C., of the Agriculture Committee will go along with the Senate foreign quota.

One other controversy that might have blocked hoped-for early adjournment, the bank merger legislation, apparently was shelved until next year, when the House Banking Committee failed to muster a quorum Monday to act on it.

It was a tactical victory for the committee chairman, Rep. Wright Patman, D-Tex., who

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Four Michigan Convicts Free Hostages, Surrender

JACKSON, Mich. (AP) — Four rebellious convicts held for a dozen hostages for several hours at Southern Michigan Prison on Monday, commanded during the tense 3½ hours of the disturbance.

It had not been determined what caused the outbreak.

The Detroit rebellion was the first major incident at the prison described as the world's largest walled penal institution since 1932 when one convict was

held, 100 convicts and four state troopers were injured and more than \$2 million in property destroyed during a four-day riot.

During Monday's disturbance, 100 convicts were injured and more than \$2 million in property destroyed during a four-day riot.

Prayer For Today

Almighty and merciful God, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, may Thy special favor rest upon all institutions of learning where the mind is without fear, where knowledge is free, where reason has not lost its way, and where striving for righteousness is never dulled. Bless those who teach and are taught. Give them a steadfastness so that no unworthy purpose shall tempt aside. Deliver them from arrogance, and pride. Endure them with the brightness of life. May they live by the truth that makes men free. Thy name be praised. Amen.

— Joseph R. Allen, Washington, D.C., professor of religion and director of University Chapel, George Washington University.