

Draft Call Decreases For A Change

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara today ordered the hiring of civilians to replace military personnel in non-combat jobs. He estimated it would reduce draft requirements by about 75,000 men.

This disclosure by McNamara was the highlight of a news conference today in which he asserted also that he is cautiously optimistic over progress of the war in Viet Nam.

Specifically, he said he is "very clear in my own mind" that the buildup in U. S. and South Vietnamese forces blunted the monsoon season offensive which the Viet Cong

rebels had hoped would cut South Viet Nam in two.

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Averaged out, the hirings would mean a decrease of a little more than 4,000 a month from the 35,000 draft-call figure set up as a rough requirement to meet the increased manpower needs stemming from the greater military effort in South Viet Nam.

McNamara said that a side dividend of the civilian hiring will be to reduce the number of servicemen whose overseas tours of duty must be extended involuntarily because of the Viet Nam crisis.

In a wide-ranging review, McNamara also:

— Said communist assertions that civilians are the chief victims of U. S. air attacks in Viet Nam are "an absolute distortion of the facts."

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demonstration by SPU, said chairman Schunior, was "to serve as a witness against this symbol of American militarism. We are trying to get people to speak out."

"We feel we're speaking for millions," he said. However, the enthusiasm of the many student onlookers was not, perhaps, as uncontrolled as he had expected. Most of them watched for a few minutes, giggled, and then walked away.

Captain Richard Bucher of the Air Force Science Department said that he was pleased at the large number of recruits for the AFROTC.

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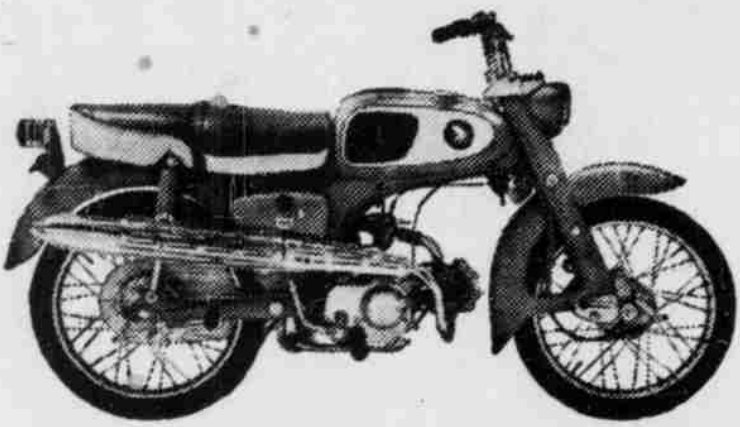
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