

Why No Arrests?

WASHINGTON — Eleventh District Rep. Roy A. Taylor has challenged Attorney General Ramsey Clark to explain why no arrests followed the highly publicized flag and draft card burnings in New York recently.

"Why were there no arrests of those violations of the law," Taylor demanded in a letter to the nation's chief legal officer.

He wrote the attorney general: "I was disturbed last Sunday to pick up the newspaper and to see the American flag being burned in New York's Central Park and to the draft cards burned before television cameras by a crowd of unpatriotic halfwits who call themselves American Citizens.

"As a member of Congress, I voted for legislation making it a violation of federal criminal law for a person to burn or destroy willfully a draft card. Why is this law not being enforced?

"Many of these violators are well known agitators promoting Communism and Civil Rights and must be known to the Jus-

tice Department. News films is available showing individuals participating in acts of treason and law violation.

"The American people are demanding that those who openly and defiantly violated laws be apprehended and brought to trial. Acts of this type, if unpunished, breed disrespect for law and order throughout America," Rep. Taylor said.

He reminded the attorney general of growing evidence that anti-Vietnam demonstrations are serving to prolong the war and complicate the prospects for peace negotiations.

"How can we win and retain the respect of people in other nations when such treasonable, unpatriotic and unlawful conduct goes unpunished?" the Congressman demanded.

He urged the Justice Department to use its full force and the FBI to secure indictments and convictions for what he termed "these flagrant law violators."

"Loyal Americans are certainly entitled to this action," Taylor said.

Social Security News

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Q. They say that a person must have so many points under Social Security to be eligible for retirement benefits. Is there a simple way to tell, or to figure, how many points we'll need?

A. Yes, there is. In general the number of points or work credits (called "quarters of coverage") that each of you will need to be "insured" for retirement benefits depends on your date of birth.

This is the general rule: You need 1 "quarter of coverage" for every year after 1950 or after the year in which you became 21 (if later) and up to the year you reach "retirement age" — 65 if you're a man, 62 if a woman. To get the year you'll reach retirement age just add 65 or 62, as applicable, to your year of birth.

Then simply subtract 1951 (or the year you were 22, if later) from the year you'll be 65 (or 62). And that's your answer — except that if the number is greater than 40, reduce it to 40. That's because of another eligibility rule for retirement bene-

fits: If you have 40 or more quarters of coverage you're "insured for life."

Q. We keep reading and hearing that a person should sign up for Medicare in one of the 3 months before the month he reaches 65. But we've also heard or read that he has a 7-month period in which to sign up. Please explain.

A. It's true that technically one has 7 months in which to sign up or enroll for the full Medicare protection. That 1-month period consists of the 3 months before he is 65, the month of becoming 65 and the 3 months after that month. But unless he enrolls in one of the three months before the month of his 65th birthday, he will not have this protection on beginning with that month.

If he waits until the month he reaches 65, or one of the three following months, to apply — the protection will be delayed for 1 to 3 months. And should he delay filing until after the 7-month period he would have lost the chance to enroll for this protection, at least until the next "general enrollment period" — which might mean a wait of up to 2 years.

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