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Selective Service Policies Revised

Glenna L. Ray, Executive Secretary of Yancey County Local Board No. 101, announced today that Selective Service policies have been revised to allow a registrant classified in II-S, I-S (C), I-S (H), II-A, III-A (Hardship), or III-A (Fatherhood) to drop his deferment in favor of a I-A classification, provided the registrant requests in writing that his current deferment be cancelled.

This change in policy should be of particular interest, Miss Ray said, to selective service registrants who hold 1970 lottery numbers higher than the highest number reached by the board. As of November 1, 1970, Miss Ray stated that the highest lottery number reached by this local board is 171.

"It is not anticipated," Miss Ray added, "that this local board will exceed number 171 as a high for this calendar year; therefore, it will probably be to the advantage for a registrant who holds a 1970 lottery number, and who is currently deferred in II-S, I-S(H), I-S(C) II-A, III-A(Hardship), or III-A (Fatherhood), to request the board to cancel his deferment if he has a lottery number that is higher than 171."

Miss Ray further pointed out that if such a request is received by the board from such a registrant, he will be reclassified in I-A. This action will permit the registrant to be placed in a lower draft priority during 1971.

"It is, however, most im-

portant," Miss Ray Added, "that any registrant who desires to make such a request to do so immediately. This will assure the registrant that the board will have an opportunity to act on his request in either November or Dec."

While recognizing that young men holding lottery numbers over their local board "high" could effectively limit their vulnerability to the draft by being classified into I-A by the year's end, Miss Ray stated that "the law allows young men to elect whether they will apply for a deferment and, therefore, those young men who are granted deferments should be able to drop them if they desire."

"Our purpose," she added, "is to achieve fairness to all registrants in determining their priority status on January 1 of the New Year, and to limit whenever possible the uncertainty and anxieties that young men with high lottery numbers may have."

Miss Ray further stated that if any registrant of this local board has a question concerning the best procedure for him to follow, he should visit the local board office for information.

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Motorola Has Contract

The Northwest Planning Council for Crime Deterrence has awarded a \$500,000.00 contract to Motorola Electronics to provide a Law Enforcement Communications System for nine Northwest North Carolina Counties. These nine counties are: Watauga, Ashe, Allegheny, Wilkes, Surry, Yadkin, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey.

Approximately seventy representatives from these nine counties attended the meeting to award the contract to Motorola. The meeting was held Friday evening, November 20, at Appalachian State Univ.

County Control Centers will be installed in the counties of Watauga, Ashe, Surry, Yadkin, and Wilkes. These centers will allow all law enforcement communications to be centrally received and dispatched. Tape recorders will record all incoming calls to the center, providing an accurate record of the telephone calls. The awarding of this contract is the result of almost two years of planning. Funds for the Communications System have been awarded through the federal "Omnibus Crime and Safe Street Act" passed in 1968.

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