

CAAM 106 Ward St.

525-1147

AFSC So. Quaker La. (W. Htfd) 232-9521 242-8943

Last Monday, December 1, 1969, the draft system was revised to include lottery selection of draft-ees. This latest manifestation of the impersonalization of the Amerthe impersonalization of the Amer-ican citizen received a general welcome from the liberal popula-tion who were yearning for some type of reform.

It is clear that this action was

designed to head off any real at-tempts to revise the draft system in a meaningful manner. What we

tempts to revise the draft system in a meaningful manner. What we tend to forget in our jubilation over the "fairer" lottery is that military conscription is nothing more than involuntary servitude, which cannot be described as fair in any sense of the word.

We might be led to believe that this is a step in the right direction, and that it is but the first in a series of steps. This overlooks one of the most basic facts of our legislative system; nothing ever gets done without broad-based support, which must of necessity include the middle-of-the-roaders.

This middle support was anxious to quiet the youth of the nation with some draft reforms, They have now been satisfied, and are no longer interested in going forward with meaningful reforms. Hence, we might have been better off waiting until national irritation with the draft reached the point at which abolition would be a viable political alternative. In "reforming" the draft, the Congress has added just enough artificial legitimacy to forestall abolition of a basically unconstitutional (Thirteenth involuntary servitude) system. Amendment forbids involuntary

unconstitutional (Thirteenth Amendment forbids involuntary servitude) system.

The population of America has degenerated to a position where all of its activities are merely the artificial playing out of preconceived roles. The entire process of living has regressed to a point where lifte is merely a game in which the players never allow their true feelings and indentity to interfere with the role which they are playing. Now the stakes of this game have been increased and we are playing for our very lives. At 8:30 on Monday night \$50,000 men between the ages of 19 and 26 felt terror strike their hearts as they waited to hear if the very accident of their birth date had predestined them to an untimely grave. The co-opted members of the Youth Advisory founds. date had predestined them to an untimely grave. The co-opted members of the Youth Advisory Board of the Selective Service System relegated their own fellow draftables to death or life without the slightest pangs of gulf or remorse. This pseudo-legitimate drawing by the victims' very peer group was a feeble attempt to add a legitimate touch to this system of filling raves with stinking bodgroup was a feeble attempt to add a legitimate touch to this system of filling graves with stinking bodies. Tuesday morning life went on and number three greeted number 345 with a pale smile. Numbers, numbers, numbers, numbers, numbers, numbers, numbers but nowhere is there any reference made to the human lives which these numbers represent.

Those looking for consolation should remember the old adage which says that it is better to have played and lost than never a living being?

Will YOU play the Reaper's grim game?