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## Stopping the Draft Before It Starts

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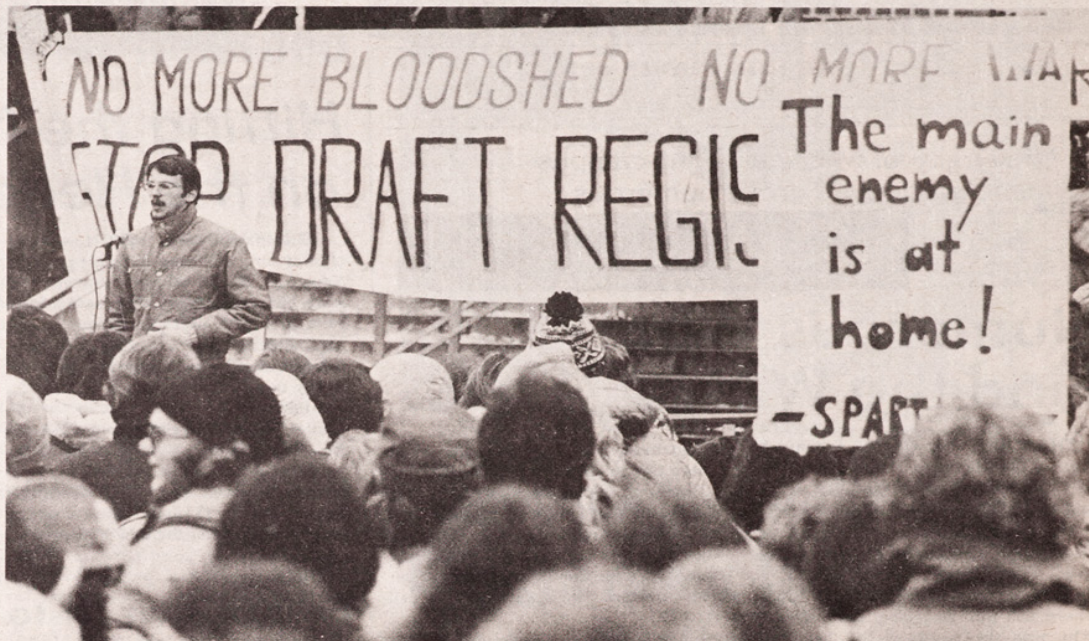
"Forcing people to serve in the country's army is the worst form of oppression."  
—Thomas Jefferson

The draft is back.

Unbelievable as that seems, after years of work to rid the Selective Service system from the lives of our young people, Congress and the President are once again preparing to reinstate the draft for young men, and possibly women, between 18 and 26 years of age.

President Carter has asked Congress to appropriate \$10 million to register all young people—including veterans and

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Over 1000 people attended this anti-draft rally in Ann Arbor on January 30, the largest demonstration there since 1970



Dale Kildee



Don Riegle

## Where Are They Now?

Senator Donald Riegle and Representative Dale Kildee were candidates for peace in the late 60's.

But today, things are different. Riegle supports the draft and Kildee isn't sure.

What has happened to the anti-war politicians of Flint?

In 1966, when Donald Riegle first ran for Congress as a Republican, he was a strong supporter of the war in Vietnam. As the years went on he grew more distrustful of what the Pentagon was saying. He also grew more philosophical about the morality of war and soon became one of the strongest doves and harshest critics of the Vietnam War.

In 1972, he was the only Congressman to support Rep. Paul McCloskey in a challenge against Richard Nixon at the Republican convention. Throughout his own campaign for re-election, he

spoke passionately against the war and voted time after time against the military.

Privately, he admitted to friends that he voted for George McGovern for president.

In 1973 he joined the Democratic Party and in 1976 he defeated superhawk Robert Griffin for the Senate.

Today, though, Riegle is no dove. He supports the reinstatement of draft registration. He supports the \$20 billion increase in the military budget. Often, he votes for what the Pentagon wants.

He also wants to get re-elected in 1982 and perhaps this is why he's chosen the safe route.

Riegle refused to speak to the *Voice* despite numerous attempts to talk with him at his Washington office.

Rep. Dale Kildee, like Riegle, was an

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## Here's How They'll Vote:

If the Michigan delegation to the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives is any indication of which way the wind is blowing regarding the draft, then things don't look good for those who are between 18 and 26. In a survey conducted by the Flint Voice and the Public Interest Research Group in Michigan, only 2 Congresspersons said they were definitely opposed to the draft with 3 others leaning against it. 9 were in favor of the draft or leaning that way, while 4 were undecided or had no comment.

Of our two Senators, one was in favor and the other wasn't sure.

One thing that was sure among all of the representatives was their terrible uneasiness with this issue; they don't look forward to having to vote on this one. So, if you want to put the heat on them, now is the time. Here's how:

SENATE	PHONE
Don Riegle: in favor of draft registration	(202) 224-4822
Carl Levin: undecided, probably for the draft	(202) 224-6221

AREA	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	PHONE
Flint	Kildee: undecided	(202) 225-3611
Tri-Cities	Traxler: in favor of the draft	(202) 225-2806
Central Mich.	Albosta: leaning in favor	(202) 225-3561
Detroit	Conyers: strongly opposed to the draft	(202) 225-5126
S.W. Mich.	Stockman: no comment	(202) 225-3761
Ann Arbor	Pursell: leaning against the draft	(202) 225-4401
Lansing	Carr: strongly opposed to any draft	(202) 225-4872
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U.P.	Davis: leaning in favor	(202) 225-4735
Kalamazoo	Wolpe: leaning against	(202) 225-5011
Macomb Co.	Bonoir: for the draft	(202) 225-2106
Detroit	Diggs: no comment	(202) 225-2261
Detroit	Nedzi: voting for the draft	(202) 225-6276
Detroit	Ford: possibly leaning against	(202) 225-6261
Detroit	Dingell: strongly for the draft	(202) 225-4071
Oakland Co.	Broadhead: undecided	(202) 225-4961
Oakland Co.	Blanchard: in favor of the draft	(202) 225-2101
Oakland Co.	Broomfield: voting for the draft	(202) 225-6135

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