

The Things They Should Be Teaching

CARS (Concord Area Resistance Summer) has objected rather strenuously to a recent editorial in the "Beacon" which associates treason and anarchy with draft counselling. We do not retreat from our firm belief that those who counsel young people to "search their consciences" do so in an attempt to influence their attitude towards the draft. Long ago, William Shakespeare noted that the "conscience doth make cowards of us all," In so doing, they undermine the war effort, and also undermine law and order in this country, which in effect, is either suggesting anarchy or the step which lies just beyond, revolution.

This is implied in a letter to the editor this week which states that our new country was established because "men refused to let laws . . . govern their lives when the laws were contrary to their consciences." It must be remembered that these laws were objected to, since the people called upon to obey them had no voice in their formulation. Secondly, since they could get no satisfaction through peaceful means, they decided on force. The present draft laws have been established through due legislative process by those people chosen by the electorate to represent them. If these laws are to be changed, they must be changed through changing the representatives. The alternative is through revolutionary change, which can only

be brought about through a decision by a sufficient number of citizens to disobey the country's laws. This change, it must again be submitted, can only come after the anarchy which is the halfway station of revolution.

In past wars, there has never been a "draft counselling" effort of such magnitude. It is a reflection of the frustration which has been the natural aftermath of US involvement in a war whose direction has been patently bungled through a "kid glove" approach that has announced well in advance our intention not to win, only a decision of not to lose. This has put the enemy

in a position where he has been able to control the escalation of a war while the US has assumed the blame.

It is also a reflection of a new generation whose sense of values has been tuned into a different pitch, many of whose members are prone to ridicule, poke fun at patriotism, and to abdicate personal responsibility . . . all in the name of human dignity and human rights. It must be remembered that the rights we have as free human beings exist only as long as we are prepared to live within the purview of established law, and that true peace in these treacherous times can only be bought by preparedness and sacrifice.

These are the things that the "draft counsellors" should be teaching!



"A lot of things are like a hang nail—they don't bother you until you discover they exist." —A. J. Hudson, The Okla. (Okla.) Chieftain.

help us spend their money." —Fred W. Grown, The Bergen (N. J.) Citizen.
 "Some people's finances are in such a mess you'd think they were getting advice from the government." —Duane C. Griggs, The New London (Iowa) Journal.

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Oilmen drilled 5,260 new field wildcat wells in the United States in 1967, of which 89 per cent were dry holes, according to figures published by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

