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Guardsmen, Reservists honored

reception for brigadesmen

More than 2,000 Oahu Army National Guardsmen and Reservists of the 29th Brigade were welcomed back to civilian life yesterday at a reception at the Honolulu International Center.

The Hawaii National Guard sponsored the reception in honor of the National Guardsmen of the 29th Brigade and the Army Reservists of the 100th Battalion, 42nd Infantry, who were activated May 13, 1968, because of the Vietnam War. They were demobilized Dec. 6.

MAYOR FRANK F. FASI, cheered by the crowd, told the men and their guests:

"Nothing I can say — or others can say — is adequate to describe what you went through when you left loved ones, unless they've felt it before.

"We know the sacrifices you've made and we appreciate them. We here need your experiences to make the United States, the State and the City a better place to live."

Maj. Gen. Benjamin J. Webster, adjutant general for Hawaii, said:

"I hope this party will convey to you and your families our pride for



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Mayor, Mrs. Fasi talk with Maj. Gen. Sternberg at reception.

what you've done. Our pleasure is marred by remembrances of those killed or wounded and our regrets go to their families."

ROBERT L. STEVENSON, former adjutant general and present pres-

ident of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, asked the men to "continue to defend your country against the internal threat we will face in years to come."

Also attending was Maj. Gen. Ben Sternberg, commanding general,

U.S. Army, Hawaii, who commended "the very generous gesture on the part of the Honolulu community and concerned enterprisers," and said it "was certainly merited by the 29th."
Gov. John A. Burns was unable to attend.