

# Exemptions from call-up will be difficult to get

Very few exemptions and delays will be granted to persons affected by yesterday's call-up of guardsmen and reservists because of the tough rules governing the matter.

"I don't expect too many exemptions because the rules are pretty harsh," Maj. Gen. Benjamin J. Webster, State adjutant general, told the Star-Bulletin today.

Webster said grounds for exemptions or delay in entering service fall in two general areas: extreme hardship to the person being called and to the community.

Just about the same grounds are used for Army reservists.

In addition, high school students may obtain delay, and deferments may be given to those reservists who are scheduled to be discharged by Dec. 12 and those who have fulfilled their active duty obligation.

The rules for financial hardship are so stiff that even a person who feels his family will suffer because he is the sole breadwinner may not be exempted, Webster said.

If there is illness in the family, a doctor must be able to say that the sick person is near death, or that the presence of the person seeking deferment is vital to the health of the patient.

A person who feels his departure will cause extreme hardship to the community must prove that he cannot be

replaced at his job by another person.

Webster said persons seeking exemptions or delays must make written requests to his office.

Applications will be screened by a three-man board which Webster is about to appoint.

The board will study the requests and recommend to

Webster whether they should be granted or not.

Webster has the authority to grant delays up to 60 days, but anything longer must be approved by National Guard headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Appeals from Webster's decisions may be made to the Washington headquarters.

## Inouye says Guard likely to stay here

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U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye doesn't think Hawaii's National Guard and reserve units called to active duty will go to Vietnam or elsewhere.

"I am led to believe that they will be serving here in Hawaii," said Inouye. He is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"But I don't know for sure yet," he added. The Defense Department announced yesterday that more than 4,000 men of the 29th Brigade (National Guard) and the 100th Battalion of the 442nd Infantry, a reserve unit, have been called to active duty.

This represents more than 17 per cent of the 24,500 total call-up of guardsmen and reservists in the nation.

Inouye explained that quite some time ago, "Many of our units here were declared in top shape."

Hawaii's call-up was determined on the readiness of the troops, he said.

However, he said, "I would hope that there would be a better distribution of men throughout the states."

"I don't know all of the facts yet," he said. "But I will look into this further with the Defense Department."

### Fong criticizes move

Sen. Hiram L. Fong said the undue burden placed on Hawaii by the big call-up is "manifestly unjust."

"Hawaii has contributed far more than her share of men in the Vietnam conflict and also the Korean War," he said.

"I will try to verify this figure, and if I find it to be correct, I will ask the President to reconsider the call-up of so many men from such a small state."

Rep. Patsy T. Mink, commenting on the same subject, said, "I can say, qualifiedly, it seems unfair to Hawaii."

But she also understands that the men may stay in Hawaii on active duty.

"In that case, it's part of their commitment," she said.

Both senators said they would object to sending Hawaii's activated troops to the Mainland for riot control duty.

### Cautiously optimistic

On peace moves, Inouye said he expects American and Hanoi representatives to hold their initial meeting within 10 days.

He views the current

peace feelers with cautious optimism, however.

He recalled the U.S. was confronted with a similar situation during the Korean War and the Laotian crisis.

The Panmunjom meeting brought a cease fire in Korea, he said but the "situation there today is still tense."

Inouye said in the case of Laos—to neutralize the kingdom and form a constitutional government—the U.S. withdrew its troops. The North Vietnamese have increased the number of men there, he said.

He said the Americans suffered more casualties after the Korean peace talks began than before such talks.

Fong thinks the peace moves are moving rather slowly but hopes full-scale peace negotiations can take place.

### Fears bigger war

"We are going to be in for a bigger shooting war if the peace offensive fails," he predicted. "The President then will have no alternative but to step up the offensive to win a military victory in Vietnam."

"I do hope that the North Vietnamese will make a determined effort to come to the peace table," he said.

Mrs. Mink said she is very hopeful that the negotiations will result in peace.

"The President has made his position clear. He said he will meet anywhere," she said.

The two senators said Congress has launched a multiple program to fight the war against poverty, particularly in the areas of education, housing and summer employment.

"I think it would be desirable if we could spend a little more money on our domestic program," said Inouye.

Fong said, "We are moving in the right direction" to help the poor in the ghettos.

### Riots may prove setback

Mrs. Mink said the riots in Washington may have hurt the civil rights cause.

The open housing bill would have passed anyway, she said, although she feels there is the impression that it passed only because of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s death.

Mrs. Mink observed that "because of the riots, we lost some support in Congress."

The Hawaii Congressional delegation, except Rep. Spark M. Matsunaga, arrived yesterday to participate in the Eighth Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Conference here.