

MAY 2 1968

Isle reserve call-up stands

By Frank Hewlett

Star-Bulletin Bureau

was contended this amount
ed to 45 times Hawaii's pro-
portionate share.

WASHINGTON — The military today politely but firmly refused to reconsider its recent proportionately heavy call-up of National Guardsmen and Reservists from the 50th State.

In a second reply to the protests of Sen. Hiram L. Fong, Lt. Gen. C. W. G. Rich, chief of the office of Reserve components, said he has re-evaluated the situation "but I feel the current mobilization plan is in the best interest of the nation as a whole."

He said the call-up 29th brigade, of which Hawaii's 100th Battalion is a key unit, "is uniquely qualified to fulfill the requirements for an additional brigade at Schofield Barracks, readily usable for contingencies in the Pacific area."

The general then pointed out that "mobilization of another brigade to be stationed in Hawaii would involve an overseas movement en route to mobilization station and might well be erroneously construed as a reflection on the quality of the units from Hawaii."

The letter concluded by saying "I respectfully solicit your understanding and support of this plan."

Fong's earlier letters had noted that the 4,070 being called up from Hawaii represented 17 per cent of the national total of 24,500 reserve troops to be pressed into active service this month. It