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IN A SERIES OF HISTORIC DECISIONS RECENTLY HANDED DOWN, THE SUPREME COURT AND LOWER FEDERAL COURTS HAVE RULED THE PROCEDURES WHICH GENERAL HERSHEY HAS USED SINCE 1967 TO PUNISH "MISGUIDED" DRAFT REGISTRANTS WHO EXPRESSED THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE WAR, "BASICALLY LAWLESS," THEREBY PROTECTING THE RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH FROM ONE MORE ENCROACHMENT.

We, who gave our names to the Oestereich, Breen and Murray cases are finally free from the threats of induction and imprisonment. One of our number, David Earl Gutknecht, is not so lucky. The Supreme Court would not uphold his punitive induction or 4-year jail sentence, but Gutknecht is not off the hook. His draft board refuses to classify him as a conscientious objector, and, like other young men currently labeled "delinquent," he is back where he started: 1A.

Hundreds of men whose illegal reclassifications were not appealed are in the army against their wills and their consciences. Many more are in prison, some for trying to avoid the draft, some for speaking too loudly against the war in Vietnam while in uniform.

The American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, which fought our cases in the courts, has set out to see that the government release those not freed by the courts. If the government will not set free those it has drafted or imprisoned through its illegal acts, the Foundation is prepared to file habeas corpus proceedings.

These efforts, as well as our own cases, upcoming cases testing the constitutionality of the draft and alternative service, cases defining the rights of a conscientious objector to refuse to serve in a specific war, and cases in defense of the rights to due process for inductees -- all of these are financed with funds from the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, Inc. Each case, on an average, will cost \$5,000.00 to see through the courts.

The more money the Foundation receives, the surer we can be that citizens in and out of uniform will have an opportunity for redress.

Your donation will be tax-deductible. But, more important, it will be used to safeguard rights that money cannot buy.

Yours in freedom,

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