

research plans in those countries.

It will take a long time to clear U.S. researchers in the eyes of foreign nationals, says Dr. Glazer. The new foundation could make an important contribution, "but it is essential that the foundation credentials be the mark of an independent researcher."

Dr. Glazer urged the subcommittee to change the section allowing agency contracts. This time the subcommittee took note.

"I have come increasingly to the view that the section has to be eliminated altogether or very strictly circumscribed in some manner" said Senator Fred R. Harris (D-Okla.), author of the legislation.

The original intent, he said, was to use contract money to provide temporary funding—a "halfway house"—for the foundation. Besides the Defense and State Departments, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, for instance, supports a good chunk of social science research domestically.

"But I am beginning to think we can't afford a halfway house," said Harris. "Direct Congressional appropriations would be far better."

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Students Still Deferred

Congressional debate over draft legislation has been long and heated. For a time it seemed that undergraduate and graduate students, as well as persons in "critical" occupations, would lose their exemptions.

Last March President Johnson spoke in favor of the position of his National Advisory Commission on Selective Service: the urgent need in draft reform for a "fair and equitable system," meaning no deferments.

Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz, whose department kept track of deferrable job categories, says there really is no such thing as a critical occupation in this country as far as the draft is concerned.

But Congress had different ideas. Each House passed draft legislation much less radical than the President's Commission envisioned. And, when a compromise bill emerged from a Senate-House conference, the new version was less radical still.

The new law requires the deferment of any student in college or trade school who is doing well enough not to be thrown out.

The bill says categorically that if you've had one deferment, you can't have another. But then it quickly modifies itself, saying no second deferments "except for graduate study, oc-

cupation or employment necessary to the national health, safety or interest."

This qualification covers a lot of territory, according to dissenting Representative William F. Ryan (D-N.Y.) who predicts scientists and science students will continue to be virtually draft-safe. It's his guess that physics or biology will be safer fields than history or literature.

However, supporters of the compromise legislation say questions of graduate and occupational deferments are meant to be "narrowly constructed and strictly applied" by all draft boards under guidelines set forth by the President.

Signs are that for all the cries for reform, the draft situation will be similar to today's and scientists who have been worrying about graduate students being yanked out of university labs can relax.

An Executive Order on the subject of deferments—an order that has been in the works for well over a month—is being reviewed in light of the new legislation. It is possible specific action on this question will be delayed until the middle of July.

At present, although most graduate students in science do win draft deferments, decisions as to who goes and who stays are solely in the hands of local boards. When the new regulations emerge from the White House, they will be uniform guidelines for all boards.

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In a competition reminiscent of the recent fight among U.S. cities for location of the proposed 200-billion-electron-volt particle accelerator, now planned for Weston, Ill., nine European nations are lined up as site candidates for the next jump in accelerator design: the 300 Bev being planned by CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research.

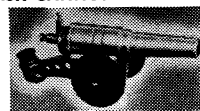
Proposals for the 300 Bev have been under consideration in Europe since 1964; U.S. physicists are already thinking beyond it, to a possible 600 to 1,000 Bev machine sometime in the next decade.

The Russians expect to have their new 70 Bev Serpukhov machine operational in November. CERN, made up of 28 nations, has welcomed an offered opportunity to cooperate with the Russians, and is about to sign an agreement. The Russians apparently do not plan any giant and may well count on using CERN's 300 Bev.

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