

Enlistment Quotas Filling Despite Draft Reduction

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The armed services surprisingly are filling their enlistment quotas— and then some — despite President Nixon's moves to reduce the impact of the draft.

Enlistment figures from the Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force show they have had no trouble reaching their volunteer objectives.

This comes as a surprise to some Pentagon manpower officials. They anticipated a drop in enlistments after Nixon more than a month ago canceled November-December draft calls and said he would order Selective Service reforms about Jan. 1.

The draft long has been considered a stimulus to enlistments with many youths preferring to sign up for the service and sometimes the assignment of their choice rather than being hauled and put where the Army needs men.

Officials said they don't know

how to explain what's been happening. But they are particularly pleased because enlistments haven't slackened amid rising public ferment over the war in Vietnam.

The Army recruiting command reported it signed up 20,525 young men during September — 114.7 per cent of the objective of 17,900.

Nixon made his announcement Sept. 19, which left more than a third of the month in which a downturn in enlistments could have taken hold.

October Army enlistments ran ahead of schedule for the first 12 days of the month, the latest period for which figures are available. A total of 6,027 men volunteered, nearly 38 per cent of the month's goal.

The Marine Corps said its September enlistment quota of 6,100 was exceeded by 68 men and its October quota of 6,200 was more than half filled as of Oct. 11.

The Navy reported it planned for 8,000 volunteers in September, and 8,046 signed on.

The Navy's October objective of 7,482 enlistments also was more than half subscribed as of mid-October.

The Air Force asked for 7,342 volunteers in September but fell 9 men short. No Air Force figures are available as yet for October enrollments.

Although the bulk of draftees go into the Army, the presence of the Selective Service has an impact on the availability of volunteers for the other services.

Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird canceled the November-December draft calls totaling 50,000 and ordered that the October draft call of 29,000 be spread over the three-month period.

He has forecast a January draft call of 35,000 men, but has said that this will be reviewed during December.

If enlistments remain up, the January call need not be increased and possibly could be decreased.

For 30th Anniversary Saturday National Football Champs Here

A&M's 1939 national football team will mark its 30th anniversary reunion here this weekend during the Aggie-Baylor football game.

Forty of the 51 living players and coaches are expected to attend the three-day reunion, according to the Association of Former Students.

A Saturday noon luncheon at Briarcrest Country Club will honor A. G. (Bert) Pfaff, Tyler industrialist and "father" to the team. Pfaff was a member of the late Coach Homer Norton's coaching staff when the Aggies won No. 1 rating with its 11-0-0 record in 1939.

More than 140 persons are expected for the luncheon, with Houston Chronicle columnist Morris Frank serving as master of ceremonies.

H. B. (Mac) McElroy, A&M

sports publicity director during that era, will receive the Helms Foundation Athletic Hall of Fame Award during the luncheon, with A&M President Earl Rudder making the presentation to the College Station resident.

This is the first year sports information directors have been included in the honored group.

Six members of the 1939 team named to Halls of Fame also will be honored. They include the late Coach Norton, the late Bill (Jitterbug) Henderson, the late Coach W. N. (Uncle Bill) James, John Kimbrough, the Rev. Joe Boyd and Coach-Trainer Lil Dimmitt.

J. Howard Shelton, President of the Gateway National Bank in Fort Worth, is president of the 1939 National Champions Team. Registration starts at 3 p.m. Friday in the reunion headquarters.

College Station's Sands Motel. A poolside buffet will start at 8 p.m. with continuous showing of the 1939 game films held from 7-10 p.m. Friday and 2-4 p.m. Saturday.

The group will attend the 7:30 p.m. A&M-Baylor football game at Kyle Field, a hospitality room will be open after the game and a brunch buffet-business meeting is planned for 10 a.m. Sunday.

The undefeated, untied 1939 team set a national defense record that has stood the test of time. The national record still stands today.

A&M allowed its opponents just 76.3 yards per game rushing and passing. This figured out to 1.71 yards per offensive play and they limited the 11 teams to a total of 54 first downs that season.

Of 175 passes attempted

against the 1939 Aggies, 48 were completed and 28 were intercepted for a .274 completion percentage. Twelve of 16 opponent fumbles were recovered by A&M.

Three of the team members won All-American honors with fullback John Kimbrough making the teams in 1939 and 1940; tackle Joe Boyd in 1939, and the late Marshall Robnett, a guard, on the 1940 team. Including those three, the team also produced 10 All-Southwest Conference players.

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Off The Record by Gary McDonald

BARABAJAGAL — Donovan

As a long-time Donovan fan, I am a bit disappointed in this album. It is not bad mind you, but it is by no means outstanding. The content is just too weak and shallow.

It just seems to be an album of ditties. "I Love My Shirt" is simply too cute. At first it seems like a nice enough thought, but that reason is there for listening to it more than once. The lack of having an extended sing along fade-out in a song which is effectively used in "Atlantis," is exorbitantly overworked on particular album. This kind of lag-l remedial guide is effective only once or twice on an album. However, his 12 months worth of "Barabajagal," "Atlantis," "To Susan on the West Coast Waiting" as well as a couple of other tunes, do justify the existence of this album.

This record is not offensive to anyone's taste; if nothing else Donovan is always pleasant. It is an entertaining album, though terribly lightweight. Word has it that he will put out an extra special Christmas album, so maybe there is hope for us hard-core Donovan fans.

ON TIME

Grand Funk Railroad

Though it is obvious this is not a very creative album, and the musicians are not technically

proficient to any great degree, it is a likeable album. They are not the kind of group that will make any significant impact on the music scene, but they will be enjoyed by many people for dancing and having a good time. Then, after an album or two, they will probably break up or just fade into the oblivion of similar rock groups.

Grand Funk Railroad makes a self-conscious effort at playing hard and heavy rock. This album gives both the rewards and shortcomings of that kind of effort. Among the assets of this style

are energetic blues numbers like "Time Machine" and hard rockers like "High On A Horse". The deficiencies include the heavy grooves almost mandatory heavy handed drum solo and the monotonous and sluggish, a la Vanilla Fudge, "Heartbreaker".

If the lesser groups like Grand Funk Railroad can continue to produce music like this, the rock scene should remain healthy. "On Time" is really likeable if you do not think about what you are listening to, but do not be surprised if you tire of it quickly.

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