

Milton Mayer Kept in I-A

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CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Milton S. Mayer, author of an anti-Semitic article in the *Saturday Evening Post*, who says he would rather sit the war out in a penitentiary than fight, has been notified by Draft Board No. 9 that his I-A classification stands.

Mayer, who describes himself as a "half-baked publicity man" for the University of Chicago, said he is sticking to his decision in 1939, when he wrote an anti-war article for the *Post* called *I Think I'll Sit This One Out*.

Under Selective Service regulations, Mayer now has 10 days to appeal the decision, and the Justice Dept. then will investigate. At the conclusion of the investigation, Mayer will be given an opportunity to appear before the Department's Hearing Commission, which will then make a recommendation to the Appeals Board. The Board is not bound by the recommendation, however.

Officials said this process probably will not mean any delay in Mayer's case, for he has a relatively high order number. Mayer has not based his plea to be considered a conscientious objector on religious grounds, but on personal convictions that this war is wrong.

Mayer is also a "roving reporter" for the University's weekly round table radio program and a part-time employe of the Index Department of the Encyclopedia Britannica.