

Conflicting Advice for Ford on Amnesty Issue

Washington

President Ford is expected to receive conflicting advice today over whether "an act of contrition" should be required of draft evaders and military deserters as a condition for limited amnesty.

Mr. Ford will meet with Attorney General William B. Saxbe and Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger on the issue.

Saxbe has publicly called for an admission of wrongdoing in exchange for leniency, but he is expected to relay to the President the strong views of others that such a requirement would reopen rather than heal the wounds of the Vietnam war.

This is the position taken

by Senator Robert Taft Jr. (Rep-Ohio), an important Republican spokesman on amnesty in the Senate.

Taft's proposed executive clemency legislation has served as a model for administration teams working on proposals for the President.

The Pentagon acknowledged that several military installations had been "surveyed" as possible reception centers for returning amnesty candidates.

Petitions bearing 52,000 signatures asking "universal and unconditional amnesty" for deserters and draft evaders were delivered yesterday to Theodore Marks, a special assistant to the President. They had been collect-

ed by Clergy and Laity Concerned, a national interfaith organization that opposed the war.

The President faces key decisions as to whether clemency candidates must perform alternate service similar to that required of some conscientious objectors, whether to act on a case-by-case basis and, if so, what kind of tribunal should be used or created to do the job.

Advocates of total amnesty have protested the case-by-case concept, saying the young defectors, many of whom felt unjustly treated by draft boards, would not trust an administrative tribunal.

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