

Those Indicted, Being Probed

ACLU Gets Crucial Draft List

Washington

The American Civil Liberties Union and the United Church of Christ said yesterday they obtained from the Justice Department a complete list of the 5755 men under indictment or investigation for draft violations.

"This list is crucial in preventing thousands of American war resisters from being shanghaied into the punitive clemency program," said Henry Schwarzschild, director of the ACLU's clemency

campaign.

The church group and the ACLU said it took them five weeks to obtain the list of indictments. They said they now will attempt to obtain a list of the 190,000 other names of those cited as draft violators by selective service, but who were not prosecuted.

During the Vietnam war era, about 200,000 men were cited by the Selective Service System for draft violations and their cases were

turned over to the Justice Department for prosecution. Although over 90 per cent of them were never indicted, Schwarzschild said the U.S. never told these men.

"Many of these men went underground or into exile for fear of arrest and prosecution," he said. "Now that we have the list, war resisters no longer have to call the Justice Department to find out whether they are in legal jeopardy. They can call the amnesty movement."

The ACLU said the U.S. number to call collect is (317) 635-8259. In Canada, resisters should make toll-free calls to (800) 665-8885, the spokesmen said.

Under the prosecutive guidelines provided by Attorney General William B. Saxbe, a resister who walks into a U.S. attorney's office and admits a violation could be prosecuted even though the Justice Department had decided years ago not to prosecute.

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