Actions of the Committee during 1956-57.

1. Two cases of conscientious objectors were processed. Both were sent to the Provost with recommendations of exemption.

2. The following change in procedure was passed:

"Since Army regulations 115-350 prohibit the enrollment of conscientious objectors in the senior division of the ROTC and the UW-M units are in the senior division, it becomes automatic that a conscientious objector be exempted upon presentation of evidence that he is one. The Committee's recommendations for exemptions have followed the practice of draft boards and of the military in recognizing that membership in certain religious sects or churches constitutes status as a conscientious objector."

"The Committee has found that the evidence usually consists of certifying letters from officials of the sect or church. This could be processed without a full committee meeting. It is, therefore, our recommendation that conscientious objectors because of religious belief be processed by ROTC in a manner similar to other standard exemptions. Any applicant denied exemption could still request further adjudication from the Committee."

Recommendations for Permanent Provisions to Govern the Committee:

1. To continue the present charge to the Committee: "to make recommendations to the administration concerning requests for exemption from ROTC."

2. To add a second charge. Since ROTC policies and functions will be of interest to both the Faculty and the administration, it is suggested that the Committee also function as a policy committee to recommend and advise on matters that concern ROTC and UW-M.

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