

# Selective Service Standby Status

The State Director of Selective Service recently returned from a conference in Baltimore where plans were formulated for the Selective Service System in a Standby Status.

Because of the earlier transition to an all-volunteer military service, there is no longer a requirement to process men for induction and the Selective Service can now cut its operations.

This "cut back" involves both a decrease in numbers of people employed and numbers of local board sites that will be operated.

States will be reorganizing by colocating and consolidating local board sites from a total of

2782 to 925, and will decrease the number of employees from 7403 to 4342, of which 480 will be halftime employees.

Alaska will retain its four sites which will continue to be located in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, and Nome. It will decrease by a total of four (4) employees by December 1973.

While the Selective Service System will not be inducting men, it must be emphasized that young men reaching age 18 must register for the draft.

The Selective Service will continue this function along with classifying, and an annual lottery will continue to be conducted each year.