SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

On Monday, May 2, the T. C. A. is sponsoring a discussion on the vital question of compulsory military training. In planning the discussion, and in securing the services of President Compton and Professor Greene, the T. C. A. is taking a most commendable step toward making Technology students familiar with the pros and cons of a proposal which may have a profound effect on their lives and careers.

As yet, the Congress has failed to take any definite action on the proposed bill for compulsory military training, possibly because pressure from various groups has prevented any such action. The May Bill, introduced in the House of Representatives in January, provides that "every male citizen of the United States and every male alien resident therein shall, upon attaining the age of eighteen years, or within four years thereafter, be subject to military or naval training, and shall be inducted into the Army or Navy of the United States for this purpose alone, for a period of one year."

There is much to be said both for and against the bill, and it is certainly fortunate that we will have the privilege of being exposed to the mature, well-considered opinions of the two distinguished speakers. Every undergraduate who possibly can should make a point of attending what should prove to be an extremely interesting and valuable discussion.

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Armed with, as President Truman stated, "a revival of an old faith in the everlasting moral force of justice," a faith which obscures the memory of a long line of past failures, the diplomats of the United Nations have gathered in San Francisco in an effort to rid the world of the plagues of hate and bloodshed.

We must view the conference in a spirit of sober realism, with our minds clouded by neither cynicism nor lofty idealism,