

Chicagoans Support Sis Robinson

"I am sending you here a copy of a leaflet I am going to distribute today outside the Court and Internal Revenue Service office," wrote Karl Meyer to Judge Robson on March 10. "It asks a share in the judgment against Rose Robinson for myself and others who have taken a common stand with her. I cannot agree with your feeling that the issue in her case is obedience to the process of the Court, because that crucial order of the Court which

which said the following: "Recently I stopped working for the employer who withheld taxes, and I started to work at odd jobs where taxes are not withheld. Next year I hope to be able to say that no taxes were paid on my income. . . . In 1959 I declined to file tax returns covering my income during 1958. Early this year a tax man, Mr. Moriwaki, visited me to ask about this. I declined to give him any information that would aid in the filing of a return or the collection of taxes, and I told him that I do not intend to file a return for 1959. . . . I am sending you a leaflet and a copy of a letter I have just written Judge Robson regarding the recent imprisonment of Rose Robinson."

Romain Zahm, in reporting the 5-6 p.m. daily picketing at the same spot, says: "Our signs are oil cloth or canvas, stand the rain and snow well, and are easy to roll up and carry away. Some of them are: **We Support Rose Robinson's Opposition to War, No Taxes for Destruction, 'Render To Caesar What Is Caesar's, But Thy Conscience Is Not Caesar's'—John Milton.** Usually there are a few people who stop and talk, sometimes sympathetic though their attitude is often 'What can you do?' Unless you have a strong conviction of the evil of war, that seems to be the attitude. But at least people can see that there is someone who opposes war taxes." The leaflet being distributed at this picketing is called "Rose Robinson—Challenge to Your Conscience."

A Negro group from the South Side, a committee of the Washington Park Forum have signified a willingness to act in support of Rose. They are preparing a leaflet for distribution. Ken Calkins and Karl Meyer are scheduled to talk to the Forum about Rose and tax refusal on April 10. "This group has considered the possibility," writes Karl, "of organizing a public meeting to coincide with the end of the ninety day period after which Rose may be brought back for review of her sentence on the basis of psychiatric and medical reports."

LATE BULLETIN—Karl Meyer is serving a three-day sentence in Chicago for continuing to stay inside the Federal building on Dearborn (between Jackson and Adams) after being told to leave. He was in the Internal Revenue section handing Rose Robinson leaflets to people standing in line. The arrest, trial and sentence occurred on Wednesday, March 23.

she refused to obey is the same as the summons of Internal Revenue Service. I think that the issue is payment of taxes that would go for military purposes, because for her to comply with the IRS summons or the Court order would inevitably have made it possible for IRS to calculate the tax and to put into operation its processes for collecting taxes."

At noontime on the 10th Karl was where he said he would be, passing out his leaflet which stated "The integrity of justice asks either that Rose Robinson be released, or that all who share her stand be imprisoned with her." The third person who held out his hand for a leaflet was none other than Judge Robson himself. Narrating this, Karl reported: "Early this week I gave a leaflet to the deputy U. S. Marshal who arrested me in Omaha; and who is now assigned to the Marshal's office here." Each day from 12-1 Karl passes out these leaflets, now reporting that he is considering going into the building and handing them out to persons waiting in the lineup at the IRS information office.

To the Internal Revenue Service itself Karl wrote a letter on the 10th

Ideas for Action

1. Write to Judge Edwin A. Robson, Federal District Court, Chicago, Ill., regarding Eroseanna Robinson's witness.

2. Pledge yourself for a few days, a week, or more for the Washington picketing-vigil in front of the Internal Revenue Service (to begin March 14 and to continue until Rose is released.)

3. Join the picket line in Chicago, MONDAY through FRIDAY from five to six p.m. in front of the Federal Court Building (Old Post Office) on Dearborn Street between Jackson and Adams (to continue until Rose is released).

4. Join the picket line in New York City every THURSDAY from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in front of the Internal Revenue Service branch on Lexington Avenue between 46th and 47th Streets (to continue to April 14).

5. Start a vigil line with literature in your own community.

6. Come to Washington Easter Week to participate in the TAX STRIKE AGAINST WAR.

7. Stop paying your income taxes.