

PROTESTING 'WAR TAXES'

Pacifists Camp At Prison Gate

ALDERSON — Pacifists Chief of Police O. H. Zimmercamped out overnight near the federal reformatory for women and continued their picketing Sunday against "war taxes."

There are about eight of them, roughly half white and half Negro. They have come in from out of state to protest the imprisonment of one of their fellow believers, as well as military spending.

This woman, Erosanno Robinson, 35, of Chicago, was sent to the reformatory early in the year to serve a one-year sentence for contempt of court. She had refused to produce records, as ordered, when the government was trying to get her to pay her income tax.

The pickets turned up at the reformatory again Saturday. They had made their first appearance, which lasted only a few hours, two weeks earlier.

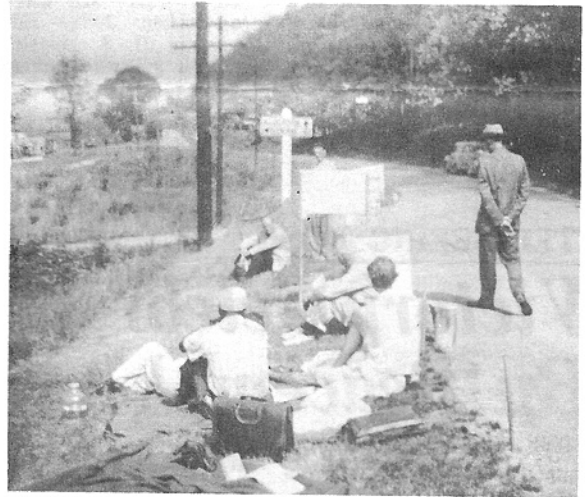
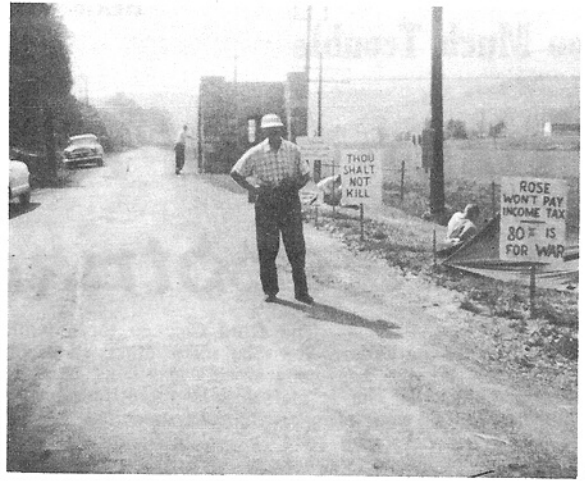
Chief of Police O. H. Zimmerman said the group spent the night near the main gate, sleeping in their station wagon and two tents. The wagon bears a Pennsylvania license, but those in it gave addresses in several states.

ZIMMERMAN SAID he had heard the pacifists intended to stay quite a while this time. Sunday, those at the gate were sleeping in the sun by their signs.

These carry such slogans as "No Tax for War" and "Peace Is the Only Defense."

The pickets are both men and women. They have talked freely with the people of this small town where they come in to take their meals.

There has been no trouble. Since they have kept off the reformatory grounds, it has had nothing to do with them.



WE AT THE GATE TO ALDERSON PRISON SPEAK

To The Residents Of Alderson And Nearby Areas

We are visitors in your community, having come to identify ourselves with Rose Robinson, a prisoner at the Federal Reformatory, and to show our support for her. Most of us are fasting while we are here, taking only water.

Since being brought here March 11, she has had no visitors, and has continued refusing to eat, as she has since her arrest on January 26. She has been forced by prison authorities for over 90 days. A track star who worked with underprivileged children at a settlement house in Chicago, Miss Robinson was arrested for refusal to pay Federal income taxes, 80 percent of which are for war purposes. She subsequently received a sentence of a year and a day.

She refuses to pay for manufacture of war weapons, or testing or stockpiling them, believing that the only way to deal with aggressors is with understanding and love, and that the only effective defense today for any nation is peace.

We believe as she does, and believe that her noncooperation with this build-up for death and destruction does not constitute a "crime". We support individuals in exercising freedom of conscience. All of us refuse to pay our federal income taxes.

It is time for each individual to take personal responsibility for the future of mankind so that our children and all children may have a world to grow up in—so that the human race is not annihilated, intentionally or by mistake, through the use of weapons of mass destruction.

We are camped at the gate of the Federal Reformatory. We would like to talk with you, either there or in your homes. Or you can write to us in care of Peacemakers, 10208 Sylvan Avenue, Cincinnati 41, Ohio.

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