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## Nonpayment of War Taxes and Nonfiling of Returns

In response to requests, we are listing courses which pacifists have taken in nonpayment of Federal income taxes, and in nonfiling of returns:

### I. Nonpayment

A. Earn a nontaxable income (one too low to be taxed).

1. File to show no taxes are owed.
2. Don't file a return (law requires a return be filed when more than \$600 has been earned during the year).

B. Earn a taxable income, but avoid having taxes withheld. Some ways are: work in part time jobs, work for yourself, work in partnership, contract your special service, work as a minister of the gospel.

1. File a tax return and refuse to pay a military part (80% for past, present, and pending wars; or 54% for "major military security"; or some other portion).
2. File and refuse to pay total tax.
3. Don't file and don't pay.

### II. Nonpayment of some taxes not withheld (where some have been withheld).

A. Refuse to pay taxes that are yet owed (if some taxes are still due after some have been withheld).

B. Refuse to pay taxes yet owed, and don't file return (giving no record of total income, or the part not paid).

### III. Nonreporting, where taxes have already been paid through withholding.

A. Even though total taxes have

been paid through withholding, don't file a return.

B. Even though taxes have been overpaid through withholding, don't file for a refund.

Emphasis in the Peacemaker Movement has been on **nonpayment**, one of the stated aims of a nonpayment movement being an actual stoppage of war supplies. The Peacemaker statement reads that in order to break the link which connects each individual's labor with the tremendous build-up for war, it is necessary "to withdraw from the whole system of taxing incomes federally." To do this, one "does not work in jobs where taxes are withheld and turned over to the government, and one does not withhold and turn over to the government the taxes of workers in his employ." The two ways which the Peacemaker statement lists to break this link that connects each individual's labor with the tremendous build-up for war are in **No. I**. Some Peacemakers have followed **No. II**—still making some form of nonpayment.

**No. III** suggests ways some pacifists have found to confront the government with an act of civil disobedience even though their taxes for the year past have already been paid, or overpaid.

## Unity with Sis Robinson In Three Cities

Chicago, Washington, and New York City have become centers of support for Sis Robinson and her steadfastness in nonpayment for war. People living near these cities should consider going to the Internal Revenue headquarters at the times when supporters are there, to add their own weight to the support. In Chicago, contact Ken Calkins at 5504 Woodlawn Ave. Those who can go to D. C. should write ahead of time to Al Uhrie, Box A, Glen Gardner, N. J. Folks around New York City should get in touch with Ralph DiGia at the WRL office, 5 Beekman St.

At present, Chicago folks are demonstrating from 5 to 6 p.m. daily at the IRS—Dearborn between Jackson and Adams Sts. In New York City the demonstrations have been every Thursday from 12 to 2 p.m. at the IRS—Lexington Ave., between 46th and 47th Sts. In Washington the vigil-picketing will commence on March 14 when Wally Nelson will be on hand there for a week, followed by Al Uhrie the next week. The Washington vigil is at the national headquarters of IRS, hence has a special significance, perhaps. The Peacemaker Executive Committee has hoped this vigil could go on throughout the imprisonment of Sis

Robinson. If it can, and if it gathers strength, there is apt to be a good build-up for the "Tax Strike" of April 15, when it is hoped that a sizable group will be on hand. They will have the dual purpose of protesting the collection of money for war and the identification of Sis who at the moment exemplifies that witness best.

It is hoped that individuals, wherever they are, will take it upon themselves to produce their own literature on Sis Robinson, or secure some already in print, and circulate it in their own localities, preferably by means of a vigil before the local offices of IRS. Letters to dailies, weeklies and monthlies are also important.

## A Fortright Challenge

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this will be a new and simple venture into direct action against war laws. I do not think we have before this gone out into the streets to advocate so explicitly the violation of Federal law. The reasons for this radical offering, as I see, are four: solidarity, militant pacifism, incarnation, and prayer."

## Literature on Sis Robinson

Order from **The Peacemaker**:

1. "Taxes for War" reprint. Tells of Sis Robinson's arrest and indefinite commitment in county jail. Has wheelchair photos. 75 for \$1; 400 or \$3, postpaid.

2. "Refuses to Pay War Taxes" reprint (enclosed). Tells of year-and-day sentence, taken from jail to hospital, force-feeding commenced. Has photo on stretcher. 75 for \$1; 400 for \$3, postpaid.

## Militant Unity With the Best

We have not known deeply enough our responsibility to one another, as we have not known deeply enough our responsibility for creating the reality of peace. We have measured our offering for peace by what we formerly contributed to war, or by what others contributed to war; and we have rested. If we measure our offering for peace by the goal set before us, we find our efforts always inadequate. Our pacifism has not been militant in the marketplace. We have lived in a society becoming criminal beyond all measure of crime man has ever known.