

flict—but he is seeking new methods of conflict in which fewer of the innocent must suffer so terribly.

Nonviolence is experimental. Pacifism is an adventure in building a new society. The building of a society that is honest and decent and gentle does not begin with absolute answers and fanatic conviction. It begins with humility and a search for answers to the specific problems we confront today. One resists war in general by resisting this particular war now. God knows, the pacifist isn't a saint. At least not the ones in the War Resisters League. We aren't even, all of us, certain we are pacifists. We are certain we are engaged in an experiment. The experiment may fail—or we may fail the experiment. But we take that risk. We invite you to share that risk with us. We invite you into membership in the War Resisters League.

THE RISK IS YOURS

We will not urge or advise or counsel you to confront the draft—only to consider doing so. We do not hesitate because such direct counsel may be violating Federal law but be-

cause we are not going to cheer on someone else to take actions for which *they*—not we—may have to suffer. If you make a decision which lands you in jail, you will have to do your time yourself—we can't do it for you. Your decision about military service is one you are going to have to make by yourself. Which may sound obvious, but isn't. Because if you make no decision and "let yourself" be drafted, *that is a decision too*. A decision you are going to have to live with, just as you would have to live with the decision of becoming a C.O.

We aren't going to make it easier for you to take a C.O. position by saying that everybody is doing it. The number of war resisters and draft confronters is increasing but *most* men *aren't* fighting the draft. Most men are yielding to the draft or they are evading it. Only a handful—a few thousands—are confronting the draft. Confrontation is a rough scene. If you decide to confront the draft rather than evade it we would be honored to be associated with you.

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Men who are considering draft confrontation may find the following literature helpful:

Draft Packet. This includes "The Handbook for C.O.'s"—over a hundred pages of essential information; the draft pamphlet issued by Students for a Democratic Society; a copy of A. J. Muste's "Of Holy Disobedience"; and other leaflets and material on the Draft. \$1.

Quiet Battle, edited by Mulford Q. Sibley. Writings on the Theory and Practice of Nonviolent Resistance, brilliantly selected and edited. 390 pages, paperback, \$1.45.

Nonviolence in America: A Documentary History. Edited by Staughton Lynd. A new work, basing itself entirely on the American experience, from pre-Revolutionary times to the present. 535 pages, paperback, \$3.45.

An Autobiography, Mohandas K. Gandhi. Gandhi's famous and very personal story of his "experiments with truth." A book that has had a profound impact on the 20th century. 528 pages, paperback, \$2.75.

These items can be ordered from the War Resisters League. In addition, we have men trained in C.O. counseling in most major cities. If you want to discuss this problem, ask us for the name and address of the counsellor in your area.

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OBJECTION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO THE
DRAFT, PLEASE CONTACT THE STANFORD ANTI-
DRAFT UNION, BOX 2684, STANFORD, CALIF.

BETTER JAIL THAN DRAFT? PERHAPS, HERSHEY SAYS

NEW HAVEN, Oct. 3 (AP)—Lieut. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of the Selective Service, conceded tonight that he would "rather go to jail" than perform military service if he found it morally impossible to accept the nation's policies.

He made the statement in reply to a question from one of more than 500 persons in the Yale Law School auditorium here. He had spoken briefly on the draft system and his role as administrator.

The hypothetical question was: What would he do if he were of draft age and found he would be forced to perform military acts he "found morally impossible to support."

General Hershey responded that "in order to maintain your dignity, you'd have to go to the penitentiary."

He added that he felt sorry for anyone in such a position. "He is in a society he can't condone, but how is he going to return what he has gained from that society," he said.

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