

We Refuse to Serve

In the past few months, in many parts of the country, a resistance has been forming... A resistance of young men - joined together in their commitment against the war...

We will renounce all deferments and refuse to cooperate with the draft in any manner, at any level. We have taken this stand for varied reasons:

opposition to conscription

opposition only to the Viet Nam war

opposition to all wars and to all American military adventures.

em w/ We all agree on one point: the War in Viet Nam is criminal and we must act together, at great individual risk, to stop it. Those involved must lead the American people, by their example, to understand the enormity of what their government is doing..... that the government cannot be allowed to continue with its daily crimes....
for these men w/ the possibilities they have?

There are many ways to avoid the draft, to stay clear of this war. Most of us now have deferments... but all these individual outs can have no effect on the draft, the war or the consciousness of this country. To cooperate with conscription is to perpetuate its existence, (without which, the government could not wage war.* We have chosen to openly defy the draft and confront the government and its war directly.

*if you refuse service if there is no possibility of deferment, you don't cooperate by going to Canada, foreign, etc. *Especially this important if there is this concern w/ draft.*

This is no small decision in a person's life. Each one realizes that refusing to cooperate with Selective Service may mean prison. Again we agree that to do anything but this is to effectively abet the war. The government will not be permitted to use us on its way to greater crimes and destruction. We prefer to resist.

The organization is an action committee, composed of those who make this commitment. We stand all-for-one, one-for-all. We are prepared to act together to support anyone singled out for arrest by every means possible, including civil disobedience and unified, public violations of the Selective Service Act. As the resistance grows, the government will either have to allow the draft non-cooperators to go free and thereby swell our ranks or fill the jails.

I think it best to indicate that there are other effective means of achieving what they want, so that people will not give up if this more direct path fails to accomplish what is hoped of it.

We are now in the process of stating our intentions and establishing a network of individuals and groups throughout the country. Our action is aimed for the fall. On May 14 there will be a conference at the Walden School in Berkeley. We will at that time explain the position of non-cooperation and the plans for the coming months.

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