

# THE RESISTANCE

"What would happen if all young men of draft age took the same position ( as Muhammed Ali? ). What, indeed, would happen if only, say 100,000 young men flatly refused to serve in the armed forces, regardless of their legal position, regardless of the consequences?

A hundred thousand Muhammed Ali's of course, could be jailed. But if the Johnson administration has to prosecute 100,000 Americans in order to maintain its authority, its real power to pursue the Vietnames war or any other policy would be crippled if not destroyed. It would then be faced, not with dissent, but with civil disobedience on a scale amounting to revolt"

--- Tom Wicker, New York Times, May 2, 1967

The Resistance is a nation-wide movement organized to encourage resistance to disruption of, and non-cooperation with the war making machinery of the United States

ON OCTOBER 16, 1967, WE WILL PUBLICLY AND COLLECTIVELY RETURN OUR DRAFT CARDS TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN MAJOR CITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

This is not intended to be a mere symbolic act of protest, but the beginning of a vigorous and conscientious movement to confront the militaristic trust of our nation. After the October 16 action, the local organizations of the Resistance will return to their campuses and communities to organize a continuation in December, and subsequent waves of non-cooperation. Between these major actions we will support and initiate additional forms of anti-draft activity.

There are many ways to avoid the draft. Many of us now have deferments, but all these individual acts can have no effect on the draft, the war, and the consciousness of this country. We REFUSE TO COOPERATE WITH THE DRAFT AND URGE ALL OTHER AMERICAN MEN TO JOIN US. We are convinced that there are enough men seriously opposed to the war, so that a significant political effect will result when we all stand up together and refuse to cooperate with a system that daily perpetrates genocide in our name.

We know that draft resistance is illegal, that as long as our efforts remain sporadic and inconsequential we will be left alone but as soon as we become politically effective we run the risk of being jailed. Our goal is political effect. Our risk is jail. If we did not recognize the risk, we would be fooling ourselves. If we did not take the risk, we could not be considered a serious movement.

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