

Brothers, Sisters:

The anti-draft movement has moved rapidly to the front of the anti-war movement in the last few months. The recent disclosures of the Selective Service System and the Department of Defense concerning increased demands for manpower for the war in Vietnam have increased the necessity for the anti-draft movement to reach more people. It is now especially critical to reach college seniors and graduate students, many of whom will be facing induction this summer, as well as high school students and drop-outs. For all these people, we must provide education about the war and the draft and ask basic questions about the society that has produced these problems, and we must make information available about the many different alternative approaches to the draft.

Several weeks ago, people from the Washington area who had been working on the draft got together to form the Washington Draft Resistance Union -- a grouping of several Washington draft resistance and information projects (the Resistance, SDS, campus groups, counselors, etc.). We are all attempting to make our collective resistance to the draft a more unified, collective effort. If you are also concerned about the draft, we need your participation and assistance.

The WDRU must build ... building requires organizers. Organizers have to eat, have to have a place to sleep, have to have supplies to work with. The WDRU currently has five full-time organizers who have been receiving slightly less than subsistence pay. There is a lot of work to do, and before the summer the WDRU would like to expand its staff to about 20 full-time organizers in D.C., Va., and Md., in addition to the many part-time workers. Presently, the five are just scraping by -- looking quite lean and trying to keep up on bills.

If our resistance effort is to grow and become increasingly effective, it must be a community effort. We are asking you to make a monthly pledge to the WDRU so we can have some steady income to support our work and our expansion. Please return the enclosed card with whatever you can afford toward our subsistence and work supplies, let us know how you would like to participate in our draft programs.

In peace,

Washington Draft Resistance Union

Please make checks payable to the Washington Draft Resistance Union.