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NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20, 8 P.M., WILLIAM PENN HOUSE, 515 E. Capitol St., D.C.
We will discuss our plans through April 15. This will also be our first opportunity to make specific decisions about allocation of Alternate Fund monies. See you there!

ALTERNATE FUND ESTABLISHED. We agreed at the last meeting on the principles of operation of the Alternate Fund. It is now in operation and has money in it. The enclosed leaflet describes it. We are now trying to circulate the leaflet to area peace people through mailings of other groups, etc. If you can help, please call.

TELEPHONE TAX EXTENDED. The 10% federal telephone excise tax has been extended. It was to be reduced to 5% on January 1, 1971. Under the new Act, it will remain at 10% until January 1, 1973, after which it will be reduced by 1% each year.

WARNING ON TELEPHONE TAX. Some tax resisters are paying the telephone tax without realizing it. The confusion occurs because the C & P Telephone Co. usually bills resisters twice for the tax. After you first refuse to pay the tax for a given month, it usually appears on the next month's bill as a "Balance Unpaid from Previous Month." This item is NOT identified on the bill as a tax. Watch for this item on your bills.

INFORMATION ABOUT BANKS NEEDED. In order to adequately counsel people, we need information on what has been happening to tax resisters. One area in which we lack information is the policies of banking institutions on attempted seizures by IRS. We need to know 1) what each institution charges the resister when IRS seizes money from his/her account and 2) the policies of each institution on attempted seizures from joint accounts. We know Twin Pine Savings and Loan (Greenbelt, Md.) charges resisters 15¢ for each seizure. We also know that Riggs National Bank (D.C.) will not accept seizures on joint accounts (if the money is only "owed" by one), but will freeze the amount requested by IRS. That's all we know! Please call or write us with information if IRS has ever attempted to seize money from a savings or checking account of yours. Thanks!

GOVERNMENT CRACKDOWN ON W-4 METHOD. The government has recently been cracking down on persons who escape withholding by claiming more exemptions on their W-4 Withholding Exemption Certificate than IRS regulations permit. Jim Shea of the Washington area was sentenced to one year for this. Sally Buckley from Minnesota has also been convicted on this charge. Several others around the country have been indicted.

URGENT FUND APPEAL - Washington War Tax Resistance is in debt. We urgently need money for postage, printing, etc. The national office of War Tax Resistance (339 Lafayette St., New York, N.Y. 10012) is also in debt and urgently needs money to pay salaries, rent, phone bills, postage, etc. Both Washington and national WTR's subsist on voluntary contributions from our supporters. Please help us continue this important work.

____ I enclose \$____, of which \$____ is for the national office.

____ I pledge \$____, of which \$____ is for national, ____ each month/____ by ____.

(NOTES: Make checks payable to Washington War Tax Resistance. Operating funds are kept separate from Alternate Fund monies.)

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

____ telephone tax refuser ____ income tax refuser

THANKS!