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"If a thousand people were not to pay their tax bill this year, that would not be as violent and bloody a measure as it would be to pay them and enable the State to commit violence and shed innocent blood."

-- Thoreau

The history of systematic resistance to war taxing in North America is no late bloomer - it reaches back to the "colonial" era, with Quaker and Mennonite militants refusing as early as 1755 to cooperate with their British rulers in waging the French and Indian War.

In the "United States," Thoreau, the notorious anti-authoritarian crank, went to jail in the 1840's for refusing to help fin-

ance the Mexican War. During the Vietnam era, more than 20,000 people refused to pay all or part of their income taxes and 200,000 stopped paying their federal telephone tax to protest the 60 per cent of the U.S. federal budget that goes to the military.

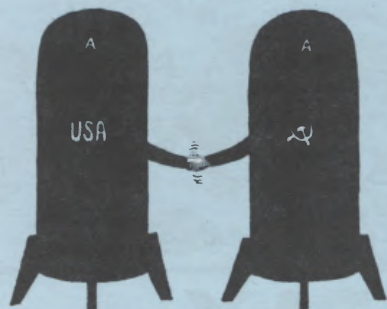
American war tax resisters have been dunned by the government, and in many cases have had their assets seized. But not always; many have managed to get away with it. As a tax official admitted: "If the taxpayers of this country ever discover that Internal Revenue operates on 90 per cent bluff, the entire system will collapse." (Quoted in "War Tax Resistance," in War Resisters League Organizer's Manual, avail- →

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able at Spartacus Books.)

In Canada, where 10.5 per cent of the federal budget goes to arms, a Victoria-based group of pacifists has set up a Peace Tax Fund to divert their war taxes to "human needs." (You can build 36 three-room apartments for one medium tank, and five hospitals for one MX missile.)

As the April 30 tax deadline approaches, they are locked in legal and moral battle with Revenue Canada for withholding their taxes. Find out how they're doing at a Taxes For Peace free workshop, Thurs., March 31, at 7:30 pm, at 2150 Maple (pre-register: 734-1126). Or write Peace Tax Fund Committee, 1831 Fern, Victoria, B.C.



SPRING BRAKE

If you're planning on attending the disarmament march/spectacle April 23, keep an eye out for the anti-authoritarian (aka the autonomous or grass-roots) contingent. The workshop program has been killed by the parade honchos, and the focus of the day has been narrowed to virtually exclude everything but pleas to the State to act nice, so the A-A contingent is one of the few places where

broad-based education on a wide range of related topics (like Protect The Earth) will go on.

And if you want to do some reading beforehand, why not check out Civil Disobedience Campaign Handbook, a 40-page guide to such subjects as the Cruise Missile, affinity groups, consensus decision-making, non-violence and overcoming male oppression. It's available for \$2 at MacLeod's Books, 164 W. Hastings, or from the Alliance for Non-Violent Action, 730 Bathurst St., Toronto, Ont. M5S 2R4.

In a different medium, Headlines Theatre's new anti-war play, *Under The Gun*, is now touring the Lower Mainland, including Total Ed School (March 25), Rio Hall (March 26), Robson Square and Vancouver Youth Hostel (both March 27), SFU (March 29), VCC (March 31) and Kits House (April 2). Then, Vancouver Island, April 5-10. Info: 254-9578.

NEWS FROM NOWHERE

Dip your toe (hamstrings and lower back, too) into Iyengar Yoga at a beginners' weekend workshop April 9-10. Info at 731-7874 (you can also ask about the spring and summer courses at all levels)...Women Artists of the Atlantic Provinces are on show through April 9 at Women In Focus Gall., 456 W. B'way; 872-2250

...If you missed the Emma Goldman series recently on CBC radio, you can send for a transcript for \$3.50 from CBC Transcripts, Box 500, Station A, Toronto, Ont....Komrade Korky's Kwick Kritique: all the dope on how and why they switch us from fresh red spheres to stale white crystals; in Wm. Duffy engrossing bestseller Sugar Blues.

THE FIVE (CONT'D)

The five Vancouverites charged with the Cheekye-Dunsmuir and Red Hot Video bombings will have their preliminary hearing May 2 in Vancouver provincial court. The hearing should last about a month, and by the end the outlines of what the the Crown hopes to throw at them in their trial later this year should be more clear.

But before the hearing, there's still a lot happening:

- * Support rally at Robson Square on April 30.

- * Bail appeal. Letters of reference for any of the five still required.

- * Compilation of a videotape documenting the "Trial By Media," available for showing to community groups.

- * New statements from the five in the April issue of Kinesis women's paper (\$1 from 400A W. 5th, Vancouver), and in the defence group's newsletter #2.

- * Planning for fund-raising gigs and outreach to peace, native, women's, labour and eco groups to explain why Protect The Earth is not just a slogan.

To help out with any of the above, contact Free The Five Defence Group, Box 48296, Bentall Station, Vancouver, B.C.

By the way, whoever is phoning in those bogus bomb threats to Oakalla, please quit it. They are resulting in tightened security, and they are giving the authorities the excuse to put the squeeze on the five's visits with their lawyers, each other and their friends.

Anyone wishing to contact any of the five directly can write her/him individually: Julie Belmas, Gerry Hannah, Ann Hansen, Doug Stewart or Brent Taylor, at Lower Mainland Regional Correctional Centre, Drawer O, Burnaby, B.C. (Warning: all prison mail is screened).

WHAT'S ON

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Sat., April 2

Wen-Do women's self-defence course; weekend, 10 am - 5 pm (Sat. and Sun.), Carnegie Centre, Main & Hastings, 876-6390.

Dinner/meeting to commemorate Easter Rising of 1916 in Ireland; 6:30 pm, 805 E. Pender. Irish POW Committee: 291-0396.

Mon., April 4

British political folkie Roy Bailey, 8 pm, VECC, 1895 Venables (\$8).

Weds., April 6

Anarchism In America: film on Emma Goldman, Kropotkin, Murray Bookchin, Wobblies and other headliners in U.S.A.; 7:30 & 9:30 pm, NFB Theatre, 1155 W. Georgia. Benefit for Spartacus Books (688-6138).

Fri., April 8

On The Line: unemployment film; 1 pm, 138 E. Cordova (688-9001).

Concerned Citizens For Choice on Abortion benefit dance; Hillcrest Hall, 4360 Main (876-9920).