

WHY REGISTER FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

IF YOUR SON OR BOYFRIEND
IS DUE TO REGISTER, PLEASE
PASS THIS ON TO HIM.



YOU HAVE A CHOICE . . . WHY REGISTER FOR NATIONAL SERVICE ?

IF YOU ARE OPPOSED TO :

- Australian's participation to the Vietnam war, on political and humanitarian grounds.
- The use of conscripts to fight that war, or any other war.
- The kind of selective conscription we have.
- The National Service Act and conscription for military purposes.
- Any kind of war, and hence a standing army.

IF YOU ARE FOR :

- Australia finding its own peaceful and constructive role in Asia and the world.
- The United Nations' Charter and Declaration of Human Rights.
- The right of each nation to choose its own way of life.
- The right of each individual to follow his own conscience.

THEN YOU HAVE THESE ALTERNATIVES

- You can compromise - forget your principles, take your chances, and accept military conscription . . .
- You can apply for exemption from combatant duties on the ground of a conscientious objection to killing. This seems better than the first alternative, BUT you should realize that non-combatants - cooks, medical orderlies, etc. - help the troops to kill more effectively and free others for combatant duty.
- You can apply for complete exemption from all forms of military services as a Conscientious Objector. Application forms for exemption are available at Commonwealth Employment Offices and can be obtained with your National Service Registration Form, or any time thereafter, before submitting your application, seek advice! (see addresses over).
- Some people cannot take advantage of this legal provision for exemption because their objection is not to ALL war, but only to a particular war, e.g. Vietnam. Such as objectors may challenge this by appeals to the higher courts, but so far the Government does not regard this kind of objection as sufficient grounds for exemption.

THE RIGHT TO DISSENT

Eleven young people go on trial today. Thirteen more await trial. All these people are charged under the Commonwealth Crimes Act. Their crime is simple. They have been charged with handing out a pamphlet. The pamphlet titled 'Why Register for National Service' can be found reproduced inside. For distributing this publication these people face a maximum penalty of 12 months imprisonment or a 200 dollar fine or both. The use of the Crimes Act to suppress dissent must be regarded as a serious development. Not content with the use of the City Council By-Laws, political dissent is now being gagged by the use of criminal prosecutions and the threat of gaol.

Students from Monash, Melbourne and La Trobe Universities, R.M.I.T. and many other sections of the community are registering their total opposition to this incursion upon the basic freedoms that we are supposed to hold. It is indeed a tragedy when the handing out of a political pamphlet can result in a year's gaol.

Some of the people handing out this pamphlet agree with the arguments expressed inside. Others do not. But what they are all agreed upon is that the arguments presented herein have the right to be heard. The person handing you this pamphlet may well be charged and arrested under City By-Law 418 prohibiting the distribution of leaflets in the city. He may even be charged under the Crimes Act himself. But such risks must be taken if the right to dissent is to be preserved.

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IF YOU ARE OPPOSED TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

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DISOBEDIENCE FOR CONSCIENCE

REFUSE TO REGISTER FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

The consequences:

- * A fine of 40-200 dollars for failing to register.
- * A fine of 40-200 dollars for refusing to attend a medical.
- * An additional fine of up to 200 dollars for failing to obey a call-up notice. (remitted if gaoled).
- * Imprisonment without probation for 2 years if you persist in refusing to obey.

What will you achieve?

You will ...

- * demonstrate your moral responsibility to mankind and maintain your own integrity.
- * increase pressure on the Government to repeal the National Service Act.
- * show your concern for the Vietnamese people by refusing to become an accomplice to the suffering and destruction being inflicted on them.
- * encourage others in the community to start thinking about the consequences of war and conscription.

ABSOLUTE NON-COOPERATION WITH UNJUST LAWS IS THE WAY THEY WILL
BE CHANGED

- * If you intend not to register, there are people and groups who will actively support you.

CENTRE FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION, 57 PALMERSTON ST., CARLTON, VICTORIA.
PHONE: 34-5734.
IAN McINTYRE, 63 HUNTLEY'S POINT RD., HUNTLEY'S POINT, N.S.W.
PHONE: 89-1312.

For advice and information on Conscientious Objection cases within the provisions of the National Service Act, contact the following Conscientious Objectors' Advisory Committees in Melbourne:

133 Orrong Road, Torrak 3142 24-3595
10a Mt Ida Ave., Hawthorn East 3123 82-1793

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The leaflet inside was authorized by 183 people. Twenty four of these people have been charged under the Crimes Act with the encouragement of the breaking of a Commonwealth law - the National Service Act.

Authorized by the Public Affairs Committee, Monash Association of Students.

The views expressed in this pamphlet are not necessarily those of all Monash students.

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