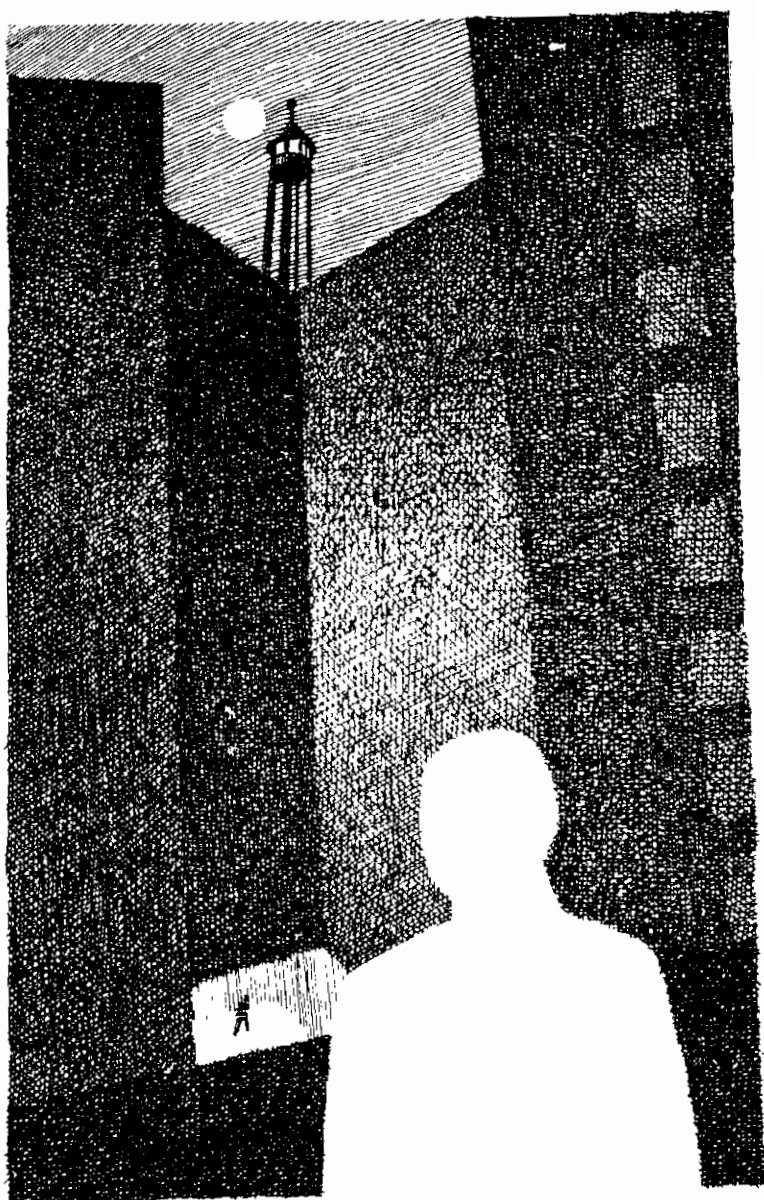


STUDENT —



— will *you* be in prison
during the next 5 years?

Most students would answer, "I hope not!" But it is probable that some who, in choosing to live according to conscience, will experience prison within the next half decade. The few among you who seek the root cause of oppression and injustice may discover that you are "conscientious radicals."

He will work for the liberation of all men. ● ● ●

The radical owes his primary loyalty to his conscience. He knows that for him to kill another is to kill his brother. Having the courage of his convictions, he must stand up against all systems of domination and brutality. He will make non-cooperation with evil laws as much a duty as cooperation with what is just. He will not be intimidated by fear or force. He will let truth be his guide.

Thus he will say "NO!" to the military draft. If possible he will resist regimentation by refusing to register for the draft. He will never submit to induction or training in the Armed Forces.

He will be unalterably opposed to all war. ● ● ●

Today's young radical knows that as long as others are not free, he is not free. To give birth to a new world of free men, existing institutions must be changed radically. It is up to the conscientious radical to make these changes. Therefore, he will study revolution and independence movements, giving particular attention to the weaknesses of governments. Knowing that the aim of revolution is universal human dignity, both the oppressed and the oppressors must begin a new life. True revolution is not an exchange in ruling classes, but a transformation of people and power that sets no man above another.

Revolution begins with a declaration of "NO!" The conscious act of non-cooperation brings forth awareness. And from awareness come the hope and energy that make change possible. Constructive program is essential to show what can be done now. The struggle must fulfill the needs of people directly.

WHY REFUSE THE DRAFT?

Conscription is the most outrageous aspect of militarism in the United States. It affects every male on his 18th birthday. The Selective Service System exists to procure manpower for the Armed Forces and to channel the lives of young men by granting deferments and exemptions. Currently the draft is used by the U. S. in its military effort to put down foreign struggles of national liberation.

CONSCRIPTION IS TOTALITARIAN

Many early pioneers came to America to escape the tyranny of European conscription. For over a century Americans had cherished the tradition of being "a democracy without conscription."

Democracy is based on respect for the dignity and worth of each human being, and within a democracy people must be free -- free to hear all sides, to disagree, debate, and dissent. Under Selective Service, draftees are sent to camps where outside opinions and influences are kept out, discussion and debate are curtailed, and independent decision-making is discouraged. Draftees are told what to do and expected to conform.

Conscription invades the life of a young man when he is preparing for a career, separating him from his family, friends and work. In the hands of the army he is no longer a free man. Such compulsory, involuntary servitude is a form of slavery.

Those who submit to conscription find their lives regimented day and night. Drills and commands produce the habit of group obedience. In time, the conscript ceases to be a free, self-determining being who can think for himself and act on his own -- who is, therefore, responsible for his actions.

The totalitarian set-up into which the draftee is put begins to work methodically to destroy whatever independent will the youth may have, and replaces this with unquestioning loyalty to the authoritarian system. Two years of military indoctrination may not be discarded as easily as the uniform.

Conscription suspends the inalienable rights on which this nation was founded: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. For democracy to continue we must end compulsory military service.

CONSCRIPTION IS IMMORAL

Through the Selective Service System, the U.S. Government teaches young men how to be brutal, how to shoot and kill, how to burn and demolish cities, how to commit other crimes. Young men are required to become a part of the violence, suffering, and sadness of war.

Conscription sets the dictates of the State above those of conscience; the individual is not free to choose his duties and responsibilities. Duties are designated by "superior" officers. For example, Eichmann said, "I was only obeying orders." Blind obedience does make it possible for men to abdicate responsibility -- to overcome or set aside their normal, natural reluctance to kill. Group obedience helps make war possible.

Conscription makes an absolute of the State and a pawn of the individual. This is the immorality of conscription, for the ethical basis of moral action is that the individual is responsible for his actions and cannot delegate or excuse this responsibility away.

To end war, conscription must also be ended. We must recognize the immoral and totalitarian nature of the Selective Service System and refuse to cooperate with it.

**END THE
DRAFT NOW**

And what about that prison sentence? In a society made up mostly of liberals and conservatives, the radical is not only persecuted but often prosecuted for remaining true to his conscience and to mankind. But he knows that history has not been made by self-satisfied majorities. The course of history has been shaped by creative, visionary individuals and by dissatisfied minorities dedicated to social change. If persecution or prosecution be in the offing, the radical willingly joins the ranks of Socrates, Jesus, Thoreau, Gandhi, and a long line of others who have led the struggle for human liberation.

SOME NON-COOPERATORS IMPRISONED

Federal Prison Camp, Allenwood, Pa.

Gregory Beardall	3 years
Stanley Garland	3 years
David Mitchell	5 years
Charles Muse	3 years
John Phillips	3 years
Michael Schreiber	2 years
David Thompson	4 years
Philip Wallash	2 years
David Wood	3 years
Omar Zimmerman	3 years

Federal Youth Institution, Ashland, Ky.

Charles Alexander	5 years
Gerald Simms	3 years
Timothy Zimmer	3 years

Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Conn.

William Lowless	1 year
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Federal Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa.

Gory Hicks	3 years
Arthur Schrock	3 years
Ronald J. Smith	4 years

Federal Reformatory, Lompoc, Calif.

Malcolm Dundas	18 months
Larry Pratt	1 year

Federal Correctional Institution, McNeil Island, Wash.

Larry Sherry	18 months
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Federal Correctional Institution, Milan, Mich.

Robert Hill	3 years
Peter Irons	3 years
Odis Johnson	5 years

Federal Prison Camp, Montgomery, Ala.

Marion Flowers 4 years
Eugene Jessup 2 years

Federal Reformatory, Petersburg, Va.

David Benson 2 years
Richard Cool Zip 6 (YCA)
David Reed 3 years

Federal Correctional Institution, Sandstone, Minn.

Barry Bandhus 1½ years
Robert Gilliam 2 years
Glen Van Omum 2 years
Michael Smith 4 years
Harold Storsve 5 years

Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Mo.

Francis Galt 4 years

I was released from Allenwood Federal Prison Camp after doing 17 months and 10 days on a two-year bit. Since then my wife and I have been speaking against the draft and encouraging non-cooperation.

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