



—Peter Simon

Today but in the dirty reign of Johnson, here at our black flag solemn students are igniting draft cards at a rusty can of fire and one young man lifts up a sign "Twenty Years Unregistered." Black flag! O vivid shadow At the spring rally at the Sheep Meadow.

And if the merry day shall come this black flag is again my country's spirit lovingly my wife will take it home and cut it up to make a useful shirt.

—Paul Goodman
—from Hawkweed

Hughes was then taken into the room where the formal induction ceremony would take place. There were nearly 40 inductees present to take the oath. An officer told the assemblage that the induction oath was binding and irrevocable. When his name was called to take the step forward to receive the oath, Hughes stepped back. His name was called again, and again he refused to step forward. His name was saved for last, so as not to influence the other inductees.

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RICHARD HUGHES
I deeply believe this war is wrong. I deeply believe the present draft law is wrong. After what I consider to be sincere and painful self-investigation, I see no other choice. I cannot, regretfully, reconcile this war and the draft law to my deepest desires; freedom to choose, human survival and service to principle. I have searched for alternatives. I have found none. There are none.

Thus it seems evident to me that all of us, as a nation, must face the inevitable question, "Throughout history, and perhaps even now, have not the greatest crimes against humanity, happened through silence?"

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Teaching Fellow Refuses Induction

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Richard Hughes, an SFAA Teaching Fellow, refused induction into the Army early Monday morning. At least 250 demonstrators supported Hughes' decision outside the gates of the Boston Army Base.

Along with Andover-Newton Theological Seminarian Jim Oestereich, Hughes entered the Base at 8 am, having already made public to the press and the military that they were planning to refuse induction. The pair were accompanied by Rev. Joseph Williamson, of the Andover-Newton faculty, who issued the following statement: "I have chosen publically to stand with James Oestereich. I do so from a sense of responsibility to him.

I do so as a way of stating my resistance to the war which he resists."

Oestereich, however, was informed that his induction would be delayed, and was asked to leave the Base. He and Williamson went instead to another part of the induction center to pass out anti-draft leaflets.

Hughes then presented the Commanding Officer of the Base with a letter stating he was reporting

to the induction center as legally ordered, but was going to refuse induction. The letter also said that Hughes would not in any way try to obstruct the induction of others.

After the pre-induction procedures, he was led into a room where about 40 men were filling out medical forms. Hughes asked the attending sergeant "if I refuse induction, do I fill out the entire form?" The reaction of the other inductees, according to Hughes, was "quizzical, but for the most part, respectful."

He was then taken to his physical examination. He said that all the military personnel had been notified as to who he was and what he was doing, and he was carefully watched to make sure that no trouble was initiated.

After the physical, Hughes was taken to another room and told to fill out the required security and personal history forms. Although he signed the security

Mungo's restaurant

Former NEWS editor Ray Mungo (CLA '67), presently director of Liberation News Service in Washington, is scheduled to be inducted into the US Army at 8:30 am March 6 at the Boston Army Base.

He won't be, though. "I'm going to burn my induction papers right there," Mungo told the NEWS Monday.

The expected huge demonstration at the Army Base will include music by Jim Kweskin and his jug band. After Mungo lights his torch of freedom, all present will be invited to a free blueberry pancake breakfast.

A splendid time is guaranteed for all.



—Peter Simon