

## Writers Vow Tax Revolt Over War

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NEW YORK, Jan. 30—More than 400 writers and editors said today they would refuse to pay Federal income taxes that contribute to the war in Vietnam.

The group announced its intention in a full-page advertisement in today's editions of the New York Post. Similar ads were placed in Ramparts magazine and the New York Review of Books.

The signers—448 in all—stated they would not voluntarily pay the proposed 10 per cent tax surcharge should it be approved by Congress "or any war-designated tax increase."

At least one-third pledged to withhold 25 per cent of current taxes, according to leaders of the Writers and Editors War Tax Protest. This is the estimated portion of tax revenue being used in Vietnam.

The signers included several well known names, among them Nelson Algren, William Styron, James Baldwin, Eric Bentley, Jane Jacobs, Leslie Fiedler, Susan Sontag, Terry Southern and Norman Mailer.

Those who refuse to pay taxes put themselves in jeopardy of prosecution for violating the Internal Revenue code, an offense punishable by a maximum of \$10,000 and/or a year in prison. Generally, however, the Government has chosen merely to attach wages or bank accounts in such cases.

The group also announced that eight newspapers, including the New York Times and The Washington Post, had

refused to print the ad. The Times, Walker said, rejected the ad twice, the second time after some of the wording had been altered to meet objections.

The Washington Post said today it rejected the ad on the grounds that it was an implicit exhortation to violate the law.

Walker said the Times gave as its reason the possibility that the paper would be subjected to the charge of advocating an illegal act.