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THE TIME HAS COME

THE SPECTACLE of the United States—with its jet bombers, helicopters, fragmentation and napalm bombs and disabling gas—carrying on an endless war against the hungry, scantily armed Vietnamese guerrillas and civilians . . . this spectacle will go down in history alongside the unforgivable atrocities of Italy in Ethiopia.

THE SPECTACLE of the United States invasion of the Dominican Republic—again pitting our terrifying weaponry mainly against civilians armed with rifles . . . this spectacle will go down in history alongside Russia's criminal intervention in Hungary.

BUT THE SPECTACLE of the indifference of so many Americans to the crimes being committed in their names, by their brothers, and with their tax money . . . this spectacle reminds us more and more of the indifference of the majority of the German people to the killing of six million Jews.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT has not reacted constructively to legitimate criticisms, protests and appeals:

- by world leaders including the Pope, U Thant and President De Gaulle—
- by United States leaders including Senators Morse, Gruening, Church, Fulbright, Robert Kennedy, Eugene McCarthy and Stephen Young—
- by hundreds of thousands of citizens including 2500 clergymen and countless professors who placed protest advertisements in leading newspapers—
- by innumerable students, many tens of thousands of whom have taken their protests to Washington on several occasions by celebrated individuals such as the Rev. Martin Luther King, Robert Lowell, Arthur Miller and Dr. Benjamin Spock—and by leading newspapers, including The New York Times.

We believe that the ordinary channels of protest have been exhausted and that the time has come for Americans of conscience to take more radical action in the hope of averting nuclear war.

Therefore, the undersigned hereby declare that at least as long as U.S. Forces are clearly being used in violation of the U.S. Constitution, International Law and the United Nations Charter. . .

WE WILL REFUSE TO PAY OUR FEDERAL INCOME TAXES VOLUNTARILY

Some of us will leave the money we owe the government in our bank accounts, where the Internal Revenue Service may seize it if they wish. Others will contribute the money to CARE, UNICEF or similar organizations. Some of us will continue to pay that percentage of our taxes which is not used for military purposes.

We recognize the gravity of this step. However, we prefer to risk violating the Internal Revenue Code, rather than to participate, by voluntarily paying our taxes, in the serious crimes against Humanity being committed by our government.

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