

War Resisters Shun Ford's Plan

Toronto

U.S. war resisters yesterday planned an international conference to lay down strategy for a continued fight for amnesty and a boycott of President Ford's "earned re-entry" proposal.

Amex-Canada, the largest of the draft evader groups in Canada, said the conference will be held this weekend on the campus of the University of Toronto. It said in a statement that representatives of U.S. exile groups from Sweden, England and France also will attend.

The conference and the call for a boycott came in quick response to Mr. Ford's announcement Monday of

conditional clemency for Vietnam-era draft evaders and military deserters.

The President's plan calls for men returning to the United States to spend up to 24 months in public service jobs and reaffirm their allegiance to the United States.

Amex members met Monday night, after Mr. Ford's news conference, deciding to hold the conference and broadcast the boycott.

An Amex spokesman, Charles Stimac, a 25-year-old draft evader from Detroit, said that at the meeting "we decided that counsellors in Toronto cannot tell people to go back under the conditions that Ford

has announced."

He said "The Ford plan, as presented in the media, is basic suicide. We have reached a very strong unity on the question of the boycott."

There are an estimated 28,000 men affected by the Ford plan, most of whom are in Canada and Sweden.

A Canadian government spokesman indicated that the Ford plan's provision for a renewed pledge of allegiance endangered the status of exiles who have become Canadian citizens. The situation for those with landed immigrant status was unclear.

The Immigration Depart-

ment spokesman in Ottawa said the government had no objection to U.S. landed immigrants in Canada or those who have become Canadian citizens availing themselves of Mr. Ford's plan.

"It just depends on how he goes about it," the spokesman said. "If he is a Canadian citizen and goes down there and if he has to renounce his allegiance to the queen, an oath he took on becoming a Canadian citizen, then he automatically would have forfeited his right to re-enter Canada as a Canadian citizen and he would have to apply to re-immigrate all over again."

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