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JANE HART

Vietnam war protest

SFChronicle Senator's Wife Won't Pay Taxes

Grand Rapids, Mich.

The wife of Senator Philip A. Hart (Dem-Mich.) says she will make no more payments on her income tax as a means of protesting the war in Vietnam, Booth Newspapers said yesterday.

The eight Michigan newspapers reported that Jane Hart wrote the Internal Revenue Service on May 10 saying she is refusing to make any more payment.

Mrs. Hart, heir to a Detroit manufacturing fortune, said she did not include a check for \$6200 in estimated tax payments when she made her quarterly filing on her estimated taxes.

In writing the IRS, Mrs. Hart said she is "ready to accept any sanctions that apply."

She said she put the money in a special bank account instead of paying it to the IRS.

"I cannot contribute one more dollar toward the purchase of more bombs and bullets," she wrote. "As a citizen, I feel the kind of desperation that decent Germans must have felt in the '30s. I can't be a party to any more of this and still feel like an honest person."

Hart said he and his wife are in "total agreement" on the war. But he said he opposes nonpayment of taxes as a means of protest.

IRS Commissioner Johnnie M. Walters declined comment on how the agency will react.

Mrs. Hart said she made her decision May 8, the night President Nixon announced his decision to mine North Vietnamese harbors.

Mrs. Hart long has been active in the anti-war movement. She was among 185 persons arrested at a 1969 peace service in the Pentagon, but those convictions were overturned by a federal appellate court.

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