

War Resister

To the Editor:

Having spent five years in exile in Sweden after going AWOL from the U. S. Army Security Agency in protest against our Government's military intervention in Vietnam, I have long had a keen interest and involvement in the issue of amnesty. I surrendered publicly to Federal agents in New York City last Christmas in the hopes of bringing greater attention to that issue and am presently being held in the Fort Dix Stockade to go before a general court-martial on March 18.

This week the Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties and the Administration of Justice of the House Committee on the Judiciary begins its hearings on amnesty in Washington. A wide range of amnesty advocates and opponents will be called on to present their views regarding proposed amnesty legislation. This will include spokesmen for the American Civil Liberties Union, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Catholic Conference of Bishops, the Defense Department, the Selective Service Administration, etc. While holding strong views on the question of amnesty, none of these spokesmen will be affected directly by the proposed amnesty legislation being considered by the subcommittee.

In response to many letters and petitions sent to the subcommittee on my behalf, I was invited to testify at

In that event the U.S. gold stock should suffice to subsidize oil imports to this country over a ten-year period to the tune of \$5 billion per year. By the end of that period, we should be on the way to self-sufficiency in energy production.

However, any combination of concerted Western actions is possible, should Europe be interested. The unloading of gold on the private market can be distributed among the participating countries in preassigned proportions, depending on their oil imports and gold reserves. Such action has ample precedence in operation of the London Gold Pool, except that in the present case we are talking strictly of selling gold. To the extent that the Persian Gulf sheiks are interested in accumulating their wealth in gold, the yellow metal will find its way indirectly to their hands and will relieve the world of the need to find adequate investment outlets for the accumulated funds.

Finally, the proposal would yield another important benefit: With official gold stocks completely unloaded, it would rid the international currency system of the cross of gold.

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