

In an attempt to silence and suppress Ernest and Marion Bromley, and the Peacemaker Movement, who offer allegiance to the welfare of the whole human community, not to the U.S. government, the IRS chose to make a fraudulent assessment, a false claim of "taxes owed"; the Bromley family home was seized and sold, Peacemakers is threatened. Tho this kind of repression must be resisted, the basic issue is, and always has been, that of war resistance--including the non-payment of taxes for war. This is our continuing, determined commitment.....we will not be moved.



Thoreau emphasized, "What I have to do is to see that I do not lend myself to the wrong I condemn."

He cut through the tax fog cleanly by making an outright refusal of the state tax, saying, "I do not care to trace the course of my dollar until it buys a man or a musket to shoot with. The dollar is innocent. I am concerned to trace the effects of my allegiance." And so he traced the effects of that allegiance and found that he must "withdraw from his co-partnership."

The imperative today is to get off the dead-center conformity pattern of paying taxes to the federal government. We must cut through the fog as cleanly as Thoreau did. The truth is that there are few things today that can be done to stop a little of war's supplies, or to put one's allegiance where it needs to be. Refusal of taxes to the federal government is one of these few, and is perhaps the strongest. It is certainly the most basic, and with a single gesture puts the policies of state outside one's allegiance.

The most practical and meaningful action today for those opposed to a soaring military budget, continued U.S. skullduggery in Southeast Asia, and likely outbreak of U.S.-sponsored violence in some new place, is the simple refusal to pay dollars into the United States Treasury. These dollars have no business in the treasury. Humanity has need of them.

Ernest Bromley

"Again this year I have refused to pay federal income taxes because I will not voluntarily contribute to the mass annihilation provided by the weapons these taxes buy.

"I do not want anyone killed in my name. The State has chosen an enemy, but I have no enemy. I do not accept the notion that the state can choose an enemy for me and force me to help annihilate the state's enemy.

"For I was born not of the state, but of woman, sired not by the state, but by a natural man. And I have not been conveyed to the state, neither body nor soul. Therefore I must decide the degree of allegiance I choose to offer the state.

"I offer no cooperation with the state's assumption of its right to kill. I hope the state will relinquish this evil death-power."

Marion Bromley

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