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EYE ON GI RESISTANCE

Keeping GIs Safe

Cities Provide Safe Havens for Resisters

by Nikki Hatza

Currently, thousands of GIs resisting the U.S. occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan have deserted or gone AWOL. However, with federal warrants out for their arrest, they need a safe place to exercise their first amendment rights. A great way to help GI resisters refusing to fight is to provide them with a safe zone to live without fear of arrest, known as a sanctuary city.

WHAT IS A SANCTUARY CITY?

Sanctuary cities offer refuge to GIs who have refused to perpetuate unjust war and have deserted the military. GI resisters often face federal charges, and with no place to go, sanctuary cities protect them from arrest.

WHY DO WE NEED SANCTUARY CITIES?

Since the 2003 invasion of Iraq, the A.P. notes an 80% increase in Army desertion rates. Tens of thousands of GIs have resisted illegal war in many ways, such as going AWOL, seeking conscientious objector status and discharge, speaking out against injustice, and publicly refusing to fight. As civilians who truly wish to support the troops, we can do so by opening an alliance

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Cartoon by Matt Nelson

GI Resistance: Then and Now

by Jake Berzoff-Cohen

As the saying goes, "freedom is not free", especially for GI war resisters. Enlisting in the U.S. military ensures an instant forfeiture of some of one's constitutional rights under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, from freedom of speech and the right to gather peacefully to the right to a fair trial by an impartial tribunal. GI resisters take great risks to assert those freedoms through various forms of resistance, and their actions have led to significant changes in the state of human rights.

U.S. GI resistance peaked during the Vietnam War, when thousands of soldiers participated in acts along the spectrum of resistance (see page 8), from reading anti-war literature to staging "search and avoid" missions. Both enlisted and drafted soldiers went AWOL and attempted to organize from within the military through GI newspapers and coffeehouses, which served as discussion centers for GIs. In 1975, the Vietnam War ended, due in large part to mass GI refusal to continue fighting.

However, since then, the importance of the GI resistance

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- 1) EDUCATION: To produce educational events and materials, such as panels, trainings, film series' and our quarterly newspaper, the Washington Peace Letter;
- 2) RESOURCES: To facilitate and encourage cooperation among local peace and social justice groups and provide resources and structural support for all to work more effectively on their own campaigns and in collaboration with others;
- 3) ACTION: To provide assistance, leadership and training for public demonstrations and nonviolent direct action contributing to peace and justice.

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From the Coordinator

Hello Peace Letter readers!

I am proud to welcome you to the GI Resistance issue of the Washington Peace Letter! We are excited to be taking action in the local and national GI resistance movement and hope that this newspaper will be educational and inspirational to GIs and civilians alike. This work has long been a part of the Peace Center - in the 1960s and '70s, we were the central office for draft counseling in the area. Just last week I ran into someone who thanked me, saying the advice he got from the Peace Center in 1973 helped him get to Canada and avoid being drafted. He returned to D.C. months later, just in time for the March on the Pentagon.

I'm lucky enough to be on a career path (such as it is) where I get to work with this generation of war resisters, and they have been an inspirational and crucial part of my development as an anti-war activist. GI resisters (such as my rad co-worker, Chantelle Bateman) have given up a lot to speak out against an immoral and illegal war, from friends and community to benefits, careers and even their freedom. As a civilian ally, I believe that hearing the stories of these war resisters can move civilians to recognize their own power to make a difference and to question what they would give up to take a stand.

I hope that by learning more about the GI resistance movement - in this country and abroad, in the past and the present - you will feel moved to take a risk to stand up for what you believe, whether through helping war resisters with us or by getting involved in the broader peace and justice movement. Please check out the extensive GI Resistance page on our website - it has tons of great resources and more featured war resisters.

For over 45 years(!), the Washington Peace Center has been working to be a constructive force for peace and justice. Our GI Resistance campaign is a crucial piece of this work and creating the world in which we want to live.

I hope that you'll use the enclosed envelope to support the Peace Center and allow us to sustain this important work!

In Solidarity,

Sonia Silbert

Coordinator

Don't lose your head! The Washington Peace Center has the resources to help! Cheap copies, sound equipment, stages, bullhorns and even a list of places for your activist friends to stay. Forward Visit www.washingtonpeacecenter.org/resources

Our GI Resistance Campaign!

In 2009, the Washington Peace Center started a new GI resistance and support campaign with our allies in Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW) and another civilian ally group, DCOI (Directly Confronting the Occupation of Iraq).

In the face of an illegal war, we are working towards a critical mass of resistance from within the military. We are a coalition of GIs, veterans, and civilians committed to ending the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. We intend do our part to end the wars by:

- withdrawing military support for the wars
- developing a strong support network for war resisters
- building an alliance between active duty service members, veterans, and civilians

The campaign mobilizes veterans, educates and organizes civilian allies and engages with active duty service members.

We give returning troops an outlet for their frustration and a safe and supportive space to share their stories. We inspire civilians to take risks - like these soldiers - to stand up for what they believe in and strengthen the peace and justice movement as a whole.

Please contact us if you'd like us to bring our GI Resistance Training to your school, community, church, etc. It is a great way for civilians to learn about how to get involved in this inspirational movement!

For more info, e-mail us at: info@washingtonpeacecenter.org



WPC staff, Sonia & Chantelle, jumping for joy outside their new home at St. Stephen's.

Afghanistan Update:

Surge Peaceful Alternatives, not Troops!

Compiled by Sonia Silbert

October 2009 marks the start of the ninth year of war and occupation in Afghanistan, and the U.S. and its allies have failed to bring stability to the country. But not because of a lack of troops; in fact, we have never really worked toward peace. U.S. policy has fueled violence and corruption, and misplaced hope in military solutions has pushed peaceful strategies to the back burner.

After eight years of U.S.-led war, Afghans still lack jobs, clean water, food, electricity, health care, and schools. Where is the infrastructure promised by the U.S.?

COSTS OF THE OCCUPATION:

- U.S. taxpayers have spent \$172.9 billion on the Afghanistan war since 2001 [Congressional Research Service, Oct 2008].
- The additional 21,000 troops recently ordered to Afghanistan will cost at least another \$16 billion per year—since each American soldier in Iraq or Afghanistan costs taxpayers an incredible \$775,000 per year [Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, Dec 2008].
- At least 18,000 Afghans have been killed since the U.S. invasion and tens of thousands of innocent people have been injured.
- Nearly 1,100 U.S. and “coalition” troops have been killed in Afghanistan since the 2001 invasion.

SOLUTIONS:

- Surge development aid with Afghans in leadership positions. While pouring \$100 million a day into military operations, the U.S. has delivered only half of its pledged \$10.4 billion in humanitarian and development aid. Most of this money has been wasted on ill-conceived projects, costly consultants, and crony contractors.
- Congress must change the law requiring USAID to give most contracts to US companies.
- Fund small-scale cooperative efforts defined by communities for education, jobs, new skills, and self-sufficiency.
- De-escalate troop levels in Afghanistan by:

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with GI resisters who are risking everything to reject this destructive system and provide them with a safe haven.

HOW DO SANCTUARY CITIES WORK?

AWOL soldiers are most often turned in to military police during routine traffic stops for minor infractions. When local police run a soldier's license and find a federal AWOL order, they have the option to detain the soldier and turn them over to the military. However, in sanctuary cities, the city council has issued an ordinance encouraging city police not to turn over GIs seeking refuge. In this way, a sanctuary city provides a measure of security to GI resisters.

WHAT CITIES IN THE U.S. HAVE DECLARED SANCTUARY CITY STATUS?

Currently, Berkeley, CA and Ithaca, NY are the only cities that have officially declared sanctuary city status. However, Ithaca, NY protects the first amendment rights of soldiers to speak publicly about the war and is working toward full sanctuary city status. In addition, Portland, OR and Bellingham, WA are both in the process of considering declaration of sanctuary city status. Both cities have spoken out against the war in Iraq and both cities house movements hoping to initiate sanctuary status.

HOW CAN I TURN MY CITY INTO A SANCTUARY CITY?

The first steps are forming a group of concerned citizens and petitioning your city council. For more information, visit www.sanctuary-city.org to read about the movement to turn Bellingham, WA into a sanctuary city.

2. Committing to negotiated diplomatic talks involving all major regional players, including major international peace-keeping bodies; and,
3. Addressing the real needs of Afghans, which include health care, clean water, education, and security.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Call President Obama and your Congressman today. Tell them to stop the military buildup, stop bombing Pakistan, and completely withdraw U.S. troops from Afghanistan.

Congressional Switchboard:

202-224-3121

White House Comments:

202-456-1111

Switchboard: 202-456-1414


JOIN US to mark the eighth anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan on October 7, 2009. We will be organizing actions during the day and a teach-in in the evening. Other DC events include direct actions on Mon., Oct 5, and an installation of Eyes Wide Open.

Check www.washingtonpeacecenter.org for details and updates.

Compiled from United for Peace and Justice, Peace Action Education Fund and the Friends Committee on National Legislation.



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VOICES OF RESISTANCE: SOLDIERS SP

Israeli Teenagers Say "No" to War

by Nikki Hatza

2001 Shministim letter

To: Prime Minister Ariel Sharon

We, the undersigned, youths who grew up and were brought up in Israel, are about to be called to serve in the IDF.

We protest before you against the aggressive and racist policy pursued by the Israeli government and its army, and to inform you that we do not intend to take part in the execution of this policy.

We strongly resist Israel's pounding of human rights. Land expropriation, arrests, executions without a trial, house demolition, closure, torture, and the prevention of health care are only some of the crimes the state of Israel carries out, in blunt violation of international conventions it has ratified. These actions are not only illegitimate; they do not even achieve their stated goal - increasing the citizens' personal safety. Such safety will be achieved only through a just peace agreement between the Israeli government and the Palestinian people.

Therefore we will obey our conscience and refuse to take part in acts of oppression against the Palestinian people, acts that should properly be called terrorist actions. We call upon persons our age, conscripts, soldiers in the standing army, and reserve service soldiers to do the same.

*Signed,
Members of the Shministim Letter 2001*

While the GI resistance movement in the U.S. has increased exponentially since the occupation of Iraq, GI resistance is not solely a domestic issue. Israeli war resisters, referred to as Israeli Refuseniks (a term originally used for Jews from Eastern Europe whose applications for immigration were refused by Soviet authorities) have long been actively refusing to fight, particularly in the occupied territories, despite conscription laws. What makes the Israeli war resistance movement unique is that, while various groups including pilots and combat officers have also refused to serve, much of the front line of resisters is made up of high school seniors about to be drafted into the Israeli Defense Force.

On April 28, 1970 the first group of high school senior resisters signed and sent a letter of refusal to then Prime Minister Golda Meir, expressing their disapproval of the military occupation the Palestinian territories. The Israeli youth resister movement has fluctuated since then, but it is currently gaining more attention than ever before.

In 2001, a group of 62 high school seniors blew a new breath of life into the movement by following in the footsteps of their predecessors and sending the above letter of refusal to then Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. The group dubbed themselves Shministim, literally "twelfth graders", and have since gained over 3,000 members actively opposing the violent IDF occupations by refusing to fight. Each year since 2001 the letter has been rewritten and re-signed by new 12th graders; the 2008 Shministim letter stated: "We cannot hurt in the name of defense or imprison in the name of freedom; therefore we cannot be moral and serve the occupation."

Support Our Troops An Open Letter

To Whom It May Concern (I certainly hope that

Ask any GI what the second best thing about d mentioned. Care packages are the best kind of f from complete strangers- folks at home driving slapped on the back who don't know two legitim

Don't get me wrong - these are not bad people. rallied to provide U.S. troops with much needed offer aid out of the kindness of their hearts and are also misinformed people. And these oblivio candy and homemade cards all in the name of f

But what does it really mean to support our tro enough? Or are these things just enough to so tucked in between the Oreos and toothpaste, s ultimately, their complacency.

Organizations like Support Our Troops® state s troops and their families, SOT closely interacts police or criticize them." I say to SOT and other cannot claim to support the same individuals y future will ask us why we sent care packages to to the leaders who determine the missions. Th of making cookies, why did we not make our el are doing with OUR troops!?

Ignorance and Pollyanna politics have resulted day that is not spent supporting the immediate we spend trying to recruit the last troop to die i conscience urges you to do something to help o nal district of a service member. Call their Cong you support that troop and how you'll be conta troop's safe return.

The moment you're considering buying another your senator a call and let them know that thei ing - without any of it going to support the VA - voting for them again. If ever you find yourself bat care packages, STOP immediately, and reac ing in combat and why so many have sacrificed

After all, if you ask a GI what the #1 best part o be "going home."

Sincerely,

Chantelle W. Bateman, Board member, Washing
Corporal, United States Marine Corps

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War Troops? from a Marine

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deployment is and "receiving mail" will surely be mail, and most of those care packages come gas-guzzling cars with yellow ribbon magnets mate facts about this war.

Organizations, churches, and families have d items. They are giving, selfless people who their sense of civic, patriotic duty. But they us strangers send American GIs baby wipes, supporting our troops.

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in the deaths of American soldiers. Every and safe return of all troops is another day n Afghanistan and Iraq. The next time your ur troops, find out the name and Congressio- gressperson and yours to tell them how much cting them regularly until he/she ensures that

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Things YOU Can Do to Help a Resister

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| 01 | Sign our petition on Facebook and www.washingtonpeacecenter.org . |
| 02 | Join our Activist Alert email list to be informed of upcoming actions and trainings. |
| 03 | Get informed! Check out the GI Resistance page on our website for lots of great resources. |
| 04 | Bring our GI Resistance Training to your, school, center or place of worship. |
| 05 | Write a letter to the editor or op-ed in your local newspaper. |
| 06 | Join our campaign action team and help with canvassing, postering, and actions. |
| 07 | Donate today to ensure this important work continues! |



YOU ARE NOT MY
ENEMY
by Drew Cameron

You are not my Enemy
my brother my sister
but I have done something
wrong
and perhaps I am now yours.
I went to your home
I went inside
soiled your rug and
bullied your children.
You are not my enemy
my father my mother.
I drove on you
threw garbage into your win-
dow
burned your garden
and spoiled your water.

You are not my enemy
my grandmother my grandfather.
I built walls between us.
Rubble made sound
sand scattered plastic bags all around
rifles and checkpoints
bright lights into your eyes.
No, you are not my enemy
my partner my friend.
We were betrayed.
You are not my enemy
my child my self.
Our blood is the same.
You are not my enemy
my memories and rage.
Re-making sense now together.
You are not my enemy
you never were.
You are a part of me
as I am with you.
You are not my enemy
we will stay true.

Drew Cameron was enlisted in the U.S.
Army and is a member of IVAW and the
founder of the Combat Paper Project
www.combatpaperproject.org

No More Toy Soldiers! Eye On Counter Recruitment

by Jake Berzoff-Cohen

Military recruiters lie. They manipulate, threaten, and cajole students into joining the military. But for anyone who imagined that their children were safe from recruiters as long as they avoided recruitment offices, they could not be more wrong. Recruiters have incredible, and, at times, illegal access to students across the country from within their own schools. It is against this unjust reality that local activists like Pat Elder and John Judge devote their time and energy: to stem the flow of students lured into the military by false promises and a perceived lack of options.

Elder and Judge confront the issue from two sides of the counter-recruitment coin, aiming to create the largest possible ripple in the military's recruiting pool. Elder focuses primarily on the legislative side of counter-recruitment; he works to enforce preexisting laws and inform students and families of their rights. Judge works directly with the community, exposing the false promises made by recruiters and informing students and their parents of the harsh realities of military life. "You don't learn job skills in the military that can transfer to the civilian world," said Judge. "You learn obedience. You would be much better off going to a trade school, and marketing that skill."

Counter-recruitment is an often-misunderstood movement, marred by images of protesters and picketers working toward vague goals. "I don't believe it is effective to hold a sign outside of a recruiter's office," said Judge. "What I mean is that we have to get to centers of influence: parents, teachers, guidance counselors, and get them on our side." Both he and Elder have moved beyond traditional forms of protest in the counter-recruitment movement. Unlike many protests, which generally focus on ending what Elder refers to as "the *war de jour*," the counter-recruitment movement has a larger aspiration. "We've realized that an effective way to fight the military impulse is to deprive the machine of its input," said Elder.

Both Elder and Judge recognize that inherent in the counter-recruitment movement must be a discussion on privilege. "The notion that we have a volunteer force is ridiculous," said Elder. "The military has infiltrated our schools, and the war now starts in our cafeterias." The students and schools most likely to be targeted are in economically marginalized communities; what Judge calls "the poverty draft". When Judge enters schools or talks to groups at community events, he highlights the options available outside of enlisting. "There is \$6 billion in scholarships that goes unclaimed each year, there are apprenticeships, community service opportunities, and one can always enter the activist community!" exclaimed Judge.

The counter-recruitment movement has had success recently; Elder, working to

raise awareness about the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test (which, according to Elder, is used as a recruiting tool at almost 12,000 high schools across the country) has succeeded in informing school districts and parents of their right to refuse that the military receive their students' test results. Maryland, Montgomery, Prince George's, Frederick and Howard counties have taken steps to protect the privacy of all students who take the ASVAB by requiring that parents *give consent* for the military to access their children's test results. Montgomery also requires students to have a signed parental permission form to take the test.

To learn more about your rights and the actions that you can take to fight recruiters in your community, visit www.notyoursoldier.org or www.nnomy.org. John Judge has been visiting schools since 1985 and is the head of CHOICES, a counter-recruitment advocacy group. Pat Elder joined the counter recruitment movement in 2004 and is on the NNOMY (National Network Opposing Militarization of Youth) steering committee.

SPECIAL PREVIEW OF OUR DECEMBER ISSUE!

BEDOUINS VS. THE STATE OF ISRAEL:

From Freedom to Fear

By Bette Hoover - Full Article Available next issue!

The once proud indigenous people of the desert known as the Bedouins are now the poorest of Israeli citizens and struggle for survival. Although they number almost 200,000, they are invisible both to the Israeli society and to those working to bring peace to the region. Tens of thousands live in what are called "unrecognized villages" that don't appear on the map. These communities don't get any services such as water and electricity and don't receive the benefits other Israeli citizens take for granted - such as health care, education and paved roads. The Bedouins, the minority of the Arab minority, are citizens of the State of Israel and many serve in the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF). Juxtaposed between a romanticized past and an uncertain future are people living in desperate circumstances.

On May 2, 2009 protesters marched against the opening of the Army Experience Center at Franklin Mills Mall in Philadelphia, PA. The AEC is a recruitment tool designed to lure teens with video games designed to provide a virtual combat experience. Army recruiters stationed at the center use the data collected to pursue potential enlistees.



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movement in ending the war has been, if not buried, severely distorted. GIs that resisted Vietnam are stereotyped as drug addicts and the true story of their mass refusal is largely untold. But GI resistance has resurfaced in response to the current U.S. occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan, led by groups like Iraq Veterans Against the War and Courage to Resist.

In 2005, while serving in Iraq, local activist Geoff Millard became fed up with "the ineptitude of his leaders" and decided to google the phrase "Iraq veterans against the war." He located the IVAW website and, when he left Iraq, Millard immediately contacted and joined the growing organization. Soon after, Millard began speaking publicly about his decision to resist while recruiting for IVAW, and in 2007, co-founded the D.C. chapter of IVAW.

Other forms of current resistance include the reappearance of GI coffeehouses, which offer soldiers a safe place to relax, connect, and safely question their orders and experiences. "The military spends so much of its time convincing you that it's a huge sin to think for yourself," Millard explained. "But the first thing a GI should do is begin questioning things."

As the occupation in Iraq winds down, Millard is sure that the resistance movement will continue, as the focus shifts to Afghanistan. "There are more troops deployed than at any other time since 9/11, and nothing makes [the war in] Afghanistan any more legal than [the war in] Iraq," said Millard. "Once Americans realize that this war is not making us any safer and is not healing the wounds of 9/11, you will start to see more large-scale resistance against the war." *To learn more visit www.ivaw.org*

Activist Horoscopes- by madam reva lushon

Libra Sep 23 - Oct 23

You, Libra, take yourself too seriously. Take a risk, let go, and bask in the carefree weeks ahead.

Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 21

Damn, Scorpio. It's a messy and emotional, but trust yourself when you feel the decisions you're making are taking you in the right direction. Love's the best reason for chaos.

Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21

You might find yourself in the midst of some unwelcome spiritual advice soon. At the risk of contributing similarly, Madam Reva Lushon thinks you're doing just find on your own.

Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

Fall is looking good for educational adventures- in the form of classes, new mentors, or autodidacticism. You'll lay the groundwork for upcoming major life shifts.

Aquarius Jan 20 - Feb 18

Your right brain misses you! Your heady, intellectual work is all well and good, but you would benefit from some artsy, non-verbal lov'n these days.

Pisces Feb 19 - Mar 20

Folks are looking out for you, Pisces. Take time to appreciate and thank them. The future is bright! Share it!

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 19

Late summer is the right opportunity for finding new projects or recommitting to neglected ones. Take advantage of recently discovered free time to reconsider how you spend your unpaid activist life...

Taurus Apr 20 - May 20

Sometimes you feel like you're out of the loop. Ask most anyone and realize that you're not the only one! Don't stress out so much about your social life- you are loved!

Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Things are starting to come together, aren't they? Conflict breeds passion. Run with it - you're on more solid ground than you realize.

Cancer Jun 22 - Jul 22

The minutia is taking over. Step back and----- consider the big picture. Visuals help- you need a better articulated vision to avoid listless burnout later.

Leo Jul 23 - Aug 2

Roar! It feels so good to let it all out! You might feel like you're trampling someone else's daisies, but you're doing everyone a favor by being a little more gritty and honest the rest of summer.

Virgo Aug 23 - Sep 22

Quit being so stubborn, Virgo! You can't go it alone. You have people around you. Want to help? Find out what that what community is all about?

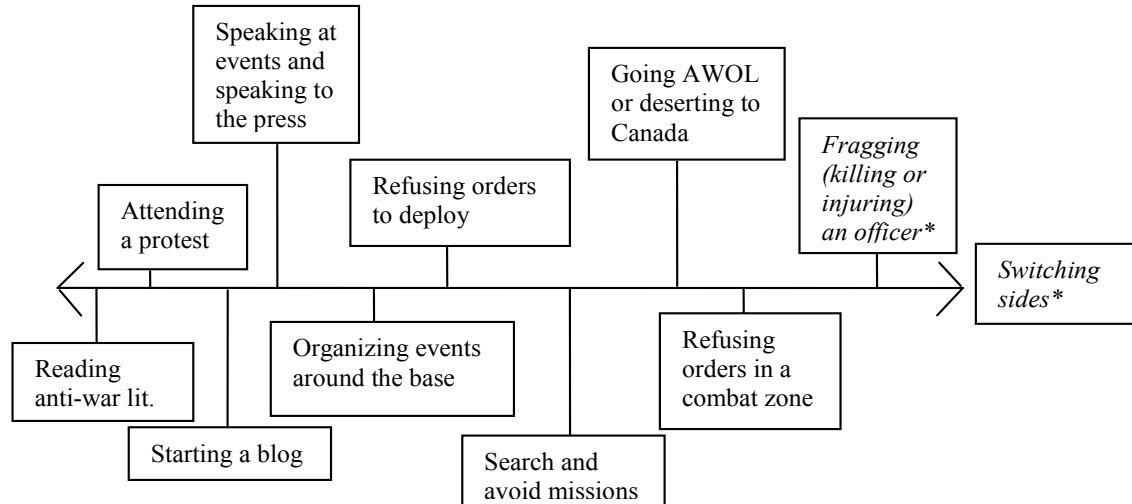


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The GI Resistance Issue

The Spectrum of Resistance - GI resis-
tance take many forms ranging from internally questioning war and its mo-
tives to refusing combat orders and beyond. Where would you fit in?



**While the Peace Center does not condone violence, both of these tactics have been used in order to resist.*



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see website for complete articles, our complete listing of resources, more on the GI Outreach Campaign, and a special preview article from our next issue!



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