

"THIS COUNTRY HAS GONE MAD"

Dear Internal Revenue Service:

To explain that I shall again refuse to pay that 60% of my income tax which goes for armaments:

"The rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there."

And the United States flag waves in the international winds as pompously and blindly and stupidly as Governor Wallace's Confederate flag waves in the storm winds over the Alabama State Capitol.

And most of the people of this country sit and watch it all on TV--all about the war in Vietnam, and they say either, "Tsch, tsch, isn't it frightening?" or "Let's bomb the hell out of them." THEM is a person, a man or a woman or a small child or a dog or a cat or a pet bird.

He chokes on our gas.

He is burned to death by our napalm.

He is shot in the head with our guns.

We compete with the Communists in methods of torture.

We talk about democracy and Christianity--and we try out a new fire bomb.

We talk about peace and we move thousands more men and nuclear weapons into Vietnam.

This country has gone mad.

But I will not go mad with it.

I will not pay for organized murder.

I will not pay for the war in Vietnam.

--Joan C. Baez

Bombs Kill Viet Village Innocents

By John T. Wheeler

BAGIA, South Viet-Nam,
July 18 (AP)—The wailing of
women and the stench of
burned bodies greeted the
column of troops as they
marched wearily into Bagia.

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Bagia, with a high percentage of Catholics, was considered a pro-government village. It was hit three days running with bombs, rockets and cannon fire from American and Vietnamese fighter bombers.

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In explaining the bombing a U.S. Air Force officer said: "When we are in a blind like we were at Bagia we unload on the whole area to try to save the situation. We usually kill more women and kids than we do Viet Cong but the government troops just aren't available to clean out the villages so this is the only answer."



"We've got a larger than usual police force," Mayor Allen Thomson of Jackson explains. "It's twice as big as any city our size." The force was built up to control voter registration and other civil rights workers. "We're going to be ready for them," he explains, "they won't have a chance."

