

Woman, 77, Clings To Tax-Strike Vow

A 77-year-old former Latin teacher has taken a stand in which many of her neighbors would like to join her today, although for more personal reasons. Mary McDowell of 555 Ocean Ave. has refused to pay her income tax.

Member of the Tax Refusal Committee of Peacemakers—a group of individuals scattered over the nation who withhold that part of their tax which they believe will be used for armaments—Miss McDowell this year held back 70 percent.

Each year the tally grows. In 1952, the elderly teacher said, she deducted only 60 percent from her return. The year before it was 45 percent. It is her custom to contribute the deducted amounts to the American Friends Service Committee.

The Quaker lady has been fighting a war against war nearly all her life. She started teaching in Brooklyn in 1900 but was suspended from the school system from 1918 to 1923 because of her pacifist activities during World War I.

Her defiance of the tax collector, Miss McDowell calls "the new patriotism." The popular idea, she said, holds up the soldier as a model of patriotism but, against this, she matches her own method of "trying to prevent a disaster to one's country."

Each year the U. S. Government refuses to be persuaded and places a lien on her teacher's pension. Each year Miss McDowell tries, in the same way, to express her belief that "war or threats of war cannot bring security."

The Tax Refusers, she said, "strive not only to avoid assisting in preparations for war, but also to point out constructive courses of action, that will bring durable peace through human welfare, disarmament and solution of world problems."

Miss McDowell believes the great day of permanent peace "will come like Spring," suddenly but only as a result of slow preparation and a multitude of just such efforts as her own small token resistance to the tax collector.

Notre Dame Hikes To Victory Here In College Debate

Notre Dame University took first place yesterday in Brooklyn College's 6th Annual Inter-collegiate Debate Tournament—the largest such contest held in the nation each year.

Fifty-eight different colleges and universities, mostly from the northeast section of the country, sent 68 teams to debate the topic: "The Compulsory Federal FEPC."

The two-day contest ended yesterday afternoon after each team had debated five rounds, arguing both sides of the issue. On the basis of a point tally, the U. S. Naval Academy was awarded second place and Dartmouth University, third.

The Notre Dame team, at the conclusion of the tourney, received the Ralph S. Bieber Trophy (in memory of the late secretary of the Brooklyn College Debate Council) from Prof. Joanna Alogdellis, Brooklyn College faculty adviser.

Friday night, the debate teams were honored at a dinner at the Brooklyn College student dining hall. Representative Adam Clayton Powell and Buell Gallagher, president of City College, were the guest speakers.

Brooklynite (Natch!) Picked As General in Texas Guard

A transplanted Brooklynite has won renown in Texas. He is Brig. Gen. Robert M. Ives of Houston, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Franklin Ives of 962 Ocean Ave.

His appointment to that rank in the Texas National Guard was confirmed March 2 by the Governor of Texas.

A graduate of Princeton University, Ives served in World War I with the Signal Corps. When the war ended, he held the rank of first lieutenant.

He married a Texas girl and settled in Houston, becoming active in the 143d Division of the Texas National Guard.

During World War II, he went overseas as an officer with the fighting 36th Division of Texas and led his men ashore at Salerno. He won many decorations and held the rank of lieutenant colonel when hostilities ceased.

General Ives, 54, in civilian life is vice president and general manager of the Wilson Co., a large stationery and furniture house in Houston.

His son, Robert M. Jr., is a chemist with Humble Oil Co., Houston.



Brig. Gen. Robert M. Ives

2 Candy Stores Robbed of \$115

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Miss De Santis picked up a telephone and called her sister, Lee De Santis, 33, manager at the Loft store at 2169 86th St.

"Lee, I've just been robbed!" said sister Rose.

"No!" said sister Lee. "I don't believe it!"

But after hanging up, Lee got frightened and, just in case, she and her clerk, Jennie Blau, 45, of 1912 84th St., took most of the contents of the cash register and hid it, about \$150, in unlikely places elsewhere in the store. She left \$40 for making change.

A few minutes later, Lee was on the telephone, talking to her sister.

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It was true, however, police were later told. A youth in his middle twenties, medium build, with one hand in pocket as if hiding a gun, had walked into the second Loft store, demanded money or else and got the unbidden \$40.

Bath Beach and Fort Hamilton police thought it might be the same gunman.

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS-BORO HALL AREA

Residents Organized For Blood Bank Drive

Plans have been formulated to mobilize all residents and agencies in the Brooklyn Heights-Borough Hall area in support of the newly instituted Brooklyn Heights Red Cross Community Blood Bank. It was announced yesterday by Mrs. Walter D. Stuart, co-chairman of the sponsoring committee.

A goal of 500 pints has been set for April 24, which has been designated "Brooklyn Heights Day" at the Red Cross center.

Application blanks will be distributed at 13 churches on Brooklyn Heights after services next Sunday and Sunday, April 12. All hotels in the area will be canvassed for blood donors, as well as apartment houses and business firms.

As is customary with Red Cross community blood banks, one-half of all blood donated will go to the Armed Forces, while the other half will be credited to the community for use by residents in time of need.

Assisting Mrs. Stuart on the committee are Mrs. Inez Van Vranken, co-chairman, and Andrew J. Graham, Dr. Virginia T. Weeks, the Rev. David T. Atwater, Dr. Byrd F. Merrill, David Jaret, Theodore Frantnick, Charles E. McGrath, Mrs. Hollis K. Thayer and Paul M. O'Brien.

Officials Question MIG 'Kidnap' Deal

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agent. Lane stressed it was a purely private undertaking. Lane did not flatly claim that the MIG from the air force of

financed spy plot. A spokesman for Fairchild Engineering and Airplane Corporation, of which Lane is a director, said members of the firm supplied \$7,500 of the \$10,000.

Says He Got MIG Out

"Amoss has informed us that as a result of the joint efforts he got the MIG out," said the spokesman.

British agents were present when the plane was disassembled. It was the first "whole" MIG to fall into Western hands.

Amoss, a World War II agent for the super-secret office of Strategic Services, was understood to have spent the \$10,000 for moving agents between Paris and Warsaw and other expenses.

Sources close to the project said the Polish pilot, Franciszek Garecki, "got not a cent" for the final act in the underground drama.

Diplomatic sources deplored public discussion of the undertaking as contrary to all the rules about such intrigue.

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Ike's Health Plan Approved by AMA

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majority of the full membership of either House or Senate. Chances of approval are excellent.

Although the A. M. A. delegates voted support of the plan, they also reaffirmed their stand in favor of a totally separate department of health.

The motion for approval said the A. M. A. would "co-operate in making the (President's) plan successful and . . . watch its development with great care and interest."

Taft Gives Strong Boost

Senate Republican leader Robert A. Taft also addressed the delegates and gave a strong boost to Mr. Eisenhower's plans. He said reorganization of the F. S. A. would help the President to "clean house" in the agency.

Mr. Eisenhower held out a friendly hand to the medical men, promising there would be little interference by the Government.

"Now, we thoroughly understand, also, the importance of your functions in our society," he said. "We also understand and are determined to meet the requirements of our population in the services that only you can provide."

"But we do have faith that Americans want to do the right thing, and the medical profession will provide the kind of services our country needs better, with the co-operation and the friendship of the Administration, rather than its direction or any attempt on its part to be the big 'Pooh-Bah' in this particular field."

[Pooh-Bah was the comic character in the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, "The Mikado," who held various and many jobs and was inflated with his own importance.]

Boro Court Fails To Dent Backlog

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GE Strike Slashes Jet Production

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No further talks were scheduled.

Officials of the unions said that the full impact of the strike probably would not be determined until next week.

Top-Secret Project Not Affected

The Air Force's top-secret aircraft nuclear propulsion project near the plant was not affected by the walkout.

About 13,000 persons are employed at the jet engine plant. Of these, 7,600 of them are non-union office workers, engineers and supervisors. Only about 25 percent of these employees were scheduled to work today. A few of them went

through the picket lines and the pickets made no effort to stop them.

The A. F. L. local called the strike last night, six hours after its contract negotiations ended. The machinists rejected an 8-cent-an-hour increase and various fringe benefits.

C. W. Lapiere, G. E. vice president and general manager of the plant, said that non-union employees would receive the wage increase offered during the negotiations.

The automobile workers voted sometime ago to support their wage demands by striking. They will vote again tomorrow afternoon to decide if they want to go on strike or continue negotiations.

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Blackmailer of Royalty Wins Cut in Sentence

Stockholm, March 14 (U.P.)—A Swedish appeals court today reduced from eight to six years the prison term of an extortionist convicted of blackmailing the royal family, but confirmed a \$670 fine.

The Svea Circuit Court upheld the finding of a lower court that Kurt Halby extorted "at least \$5,000 crowns (\$16,500) from palace sources" by threatening to reveal an allegedly improper relationship with the late King Gustaf V.

Pope Schedules Audience For 1st Time Since Illness

Vatican City, March 14 (U.P.)—Pope Pius XII will hold a general audience tomorrow for the first time since his recent illness and he also may make his first speech since January, it was reported today.

Those Fires Did Not Start In Atkinson Warehouse

Officials of the R. J. Atkinson Company, Ralph Ave. and Broadway, whose warehouse reportedly caught fire last Tuesday according to a story appearing in the Brooklyn Eagle that day, disclosed yesterday that the fire actually started in the warehouse of the Fried Furniture Company, nearby, and inflicted only minor damages on the Atkinson warehouse.

"If any one in Brooklyn wants to know what's going on in his community, he has to read the Eagle every day. I do," says the president of a Brooklyn hospital.

2-Tot Picket Line Halts 130 Dockers

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Blanchard had a different evaluation of the matter, but indicated willingness to talk it over.


Little curly-haired Angelo, in a plaid coat, carried a sign reading, "My Daddy is a Victim of Discrimination." His sister, in gray coat, white hat and red shoes, carried a liberal translation of the complaint in Italian.

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