

NEWS FROM THE National Resistance Committee

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Edward Hasbrouck, convicted draft resister, will be in Boston Federal Court 3:00 PM Tuesday November 22nd for a probation violation hearing. Convicted December 15 1983 of refusing to register for the draft, he was sentenced on January 14th 1983 to perform 1000 hours of court ordered community work during a two-year probation period, with a six month jail sentence suspended.

"Judge Nelson intends my community service to be a statement of my willingness to let the government run my life, and I am no more willing to make that statement through compliance with probation than through compliance with Selective Service registration," states Hasbrouck.

During the period of probation Edward has continued to work, in his words, "to insure nuclear disarmament through non-violent social change." He believes that such activity is truly "in the service of the human community," and a public service he would like the court to recognize.

Although at the hearing November 22nd the six-month jail sentence may be reimposed, Edward points out that the judge does have the choice not to put him in prison, and hopes that Judge Nelson will recognize the value of the work for peace and freedom that Edward is already doing.

If Edward is imprisoned, he will become the second person in the country now to be serving time for draft non-registration.

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Statement of Purpose

1. To resist current U.S. preparations for conscription and war by encouraging those of draft age to refuse registration.
2. To sponsor and promote non-violent demonstrations and civil disobedience to oppose draft registration.
3. To build a grass-roots movement by collecting pledges of non-registration, distributing literature, holding public actions, forming support groups and working with existing organizations to resist registration.