

Australia's political prisoner

JOHN ZARB

Conscientious Objector to the Vietnam War

IMPRISONED FOR TWO YEARS



John Zarb is a twenty-one year old part-time student who opposed being conscripted because he holds a conscientious objection, not to wars in general, but to the Vietnam War in particular.

The magistrate who heard Zarb's case (Mr. J.W. Cuthill, S.M.) found that he had a "sincere and conscientious objection to serving as a member of the Australian forces while they are actively engaged as a part of the forces now serving in Vietnam."

But the National Service Act, according to Mr. Cuthill, does not in its present form, permit an applicant to pursue an exemption based on these grounds.

Zarb's appeal has been rejected by the High Court.

NATIONAL SERVICE ACT

- THIS ACT forces citizens to become informers
- THIS ACT makes no provision for alternative forms of non-military service
- THIS ACT forces the individual to participate in military service against the dictates of his conscience
- THIS ACT denies the right of trial by jury.
- THIS ACT makes one man, the magistrate, the sole judge of another man's conscience
- THIS ACT threatens the conscientious objector with political imprisonment

THIS ACT HAS CAUSED JOHN ZARB TO BE IMPRISONED FOR TWO YEARS

RELEASE JOHN ZARB: Write to your Federal Member of Parliament or to the Right Hon. J.G. Gorton, M.P., Parliament House, Canberra, A.C.T. 2600 protesting against Zarb's imprisonment.

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