

War Resisters on the March

To the Editor:

Jersey Shore War Resisters League has announced final plans for a protest against the Indochina war and military spending, to take place on Saturday, October 28.

The demonstration, called a "March Against Death," is described as aiming at "making people in Monmouth County more aware of their role in the destruction of Indochina," says Larry Erickson, spokesperson for the Long Branch - based group. It will begin at 12:30 in Marine Park in Red Bank and take the marchers on a route through Red Bank, Shrewsbury, New Shrewsbury, Eatontown, West Long Branch, Oceanport, and back into Eatontown before concluding with a rally at Wampum Park, opposite the gates of Fort Monmouth. The entire route will cover 10 miles.

Mr. Erickson indicated that a large number of major war con-

tractors have offices in Monmouth County to maintain contact with the Signal School at Ft. Monmouth, "offices whose job it is to convince the Army that that company can make things to kill people better than any other company. Part of what we're trying to do is make people aware of the very existence of these offices," he continued.

The march is organized around the theme "The War is Everywhere." Mr. Erickson said that the War Resisters League is trying to show that "the things you buy, the places you work, the taxes you pay" may be aiding the war effort, directly or indirectly. "Continuing to buy the products of companies that are making profits on the war is in effect economically endorsing the war-making policies of the government," Mr. Erickson asserted. He cited a national

boycott of ITT products as an example of "protest via pocket book." ITT makes communications equipment for guiding U.S. bombers to their targets. Mr. Erickson said that Jersey Shore War Resisters League would be making available information on consumer products made by major war contractors as well as a list of large companies that have little or no war contracts.

The route taken by the marchers will take them past several sites where there are offices of major war contractors. At each of these sites there will be a brief vigil, during which the companies' war products will be named, plus any consumer products they may make, "along with mourning for the 3 million Indochinese and American killed in this war," Mr. Erickson said.

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