

"What is there, for which life gives us opportunity, that can be compared with the effort to do what we may—be it ever so little—to improve social conditions, and enable other lives to reach fuller, nobler development?" —Henry George.

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National Civil Liberties Bureau,  
70 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

Received your kind letter of the 10th inst.

Perhaps I do not exactly understand the purpose of the Bureau. Your advice to conscientious objectors seems unwise from my point of view. If I filled out the Questionnaire, and later, when called for service, if I refused to go, I would be subject to court martial; see section 140 Selective Service Regulations.

You state: "\*\*\*\*will enable you to get a classification as a conscientious objector, with an opportunity to accept a form of service under civil or military authority that will undoubtedly be provided by the War Department." My position is that, I will not take part in war either directly or indirectly. See copy my letters enclosed, one to President Wilson the day I registered, the other to the Local Board after receiving Questionnaire.

Strenuous efforts are being made to militarize this nation against the will of the people. I am going to fight these efforts to the fullest extent of my ability -- at least fight them in so far as they concern me. I have no objection to the nation being militarized by people who believe in militarism and will back the idea up with their own lives, but I absolutely refuse to be a party to the undertaking.

I have two of the best attorneys in the State to make my fight for me -- Whitehead and Vogl. Altho Mr. Vogl believes in the present war --thinks we ought to lick hell out of the Kaiser-- nevertheless, he is a broad-minded fellow, understands my position, recognizes that it is logical, will endeavor to win the case. Whitehead's opinions are exactly the same as mine, says if he were placed in my predicament he would have acted in the same manner.

Wish that you and your colleagues were with me in this battle. Think it over. Trial May 7th. Let me hear from you. Many thanks.

Sincerely, *Ben J. Salmon*