

Jan. 10, 1918

Mr. Benj. Salmon, Sec'y,
Peoples' Council,
4166 Knox Court,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Salmon:-

You telegram of the 7th I received in Washington yesterday the 9th. It had evidently been delayed there in transmission, for it arrived there only the night before. I wired you today it was no use making a fight on constitutional grounds, for the Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of the conscription act.

If you refuse to fill out the questionnaire, you are of course liable to conviction under Section 6 of the Act and imprisonment for not longer than a year.

Our advice to conscientious objectors is to fill out the questionnaire, under Series 9 to write See Attached Letter, and to file with the board a letter stating in full the conscientious objection to undertaking military service. This will serve as a record, and when the time comes for you to be called, will enable you to get a classification as a conscientious objector, with an opportunity to accept the form of service under civil or military authority that will undoubtedly be provided by the War Department.

If there is anything that we can do further, please let us know. In any event, please let me know how your case comes off.

Sincerely yours,

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