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FT. HOOD, Texas (LNS)—Richard Chase, 26, was sentenced to two years hard labor in a Kangaroo Court-Martial here Dec. 20 for refusing to participate in riot control training.

In Jan., 1969 Chase informed his Company Commander that he was a Conscientious Objector and would not participate in riot control training. He was given unofficial C.O. status and became the company clerk. When Chase asked for the official C.O. application forms he was given only a blank sheet of paper.

On Sept. 11 he refused the direct order to participate in riot control training, saying I will not be used to crush movements I support.

Chase had developed into what the Army hates and fears most, a politically aware and active GI. It was time to get him.

One week later he was placed in solitary confinement for 10 days and was beaten by guards on four separate occasions.

The Richard Chase Defense Committee has already collected over 2,000 petitions from Ft. Hood GIs and civilians from across the country. For information and copies of the petition, contact The Richard Chase Defense Committee, 101 Ave. D, Killeen, Texas 76541.

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