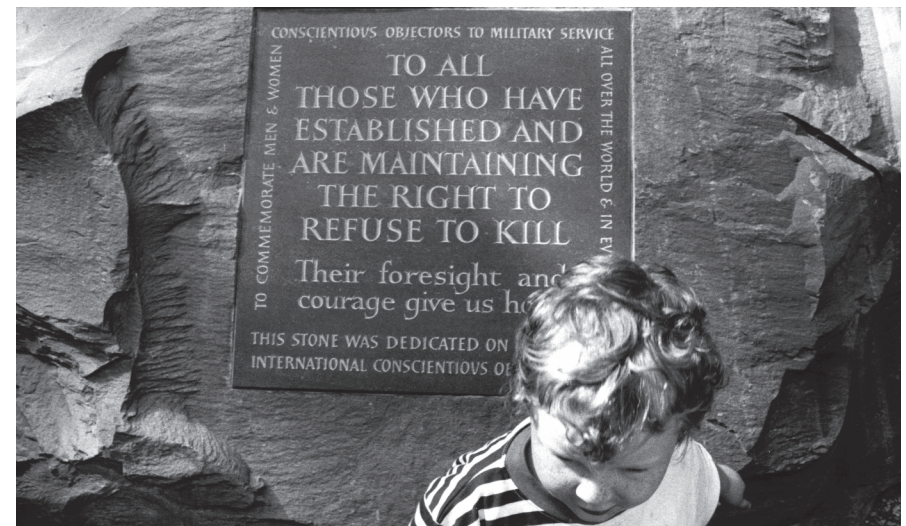


a ceremony to mark **International Conscientious Objectors' Day**

12.00 noon – Sunday 15 May 2016
at the CO Commemorative Stone
Tavistock Square, Bloomsbury, London WC1

Remembering COs Worldwide



Order of Ceremony

Welcome: Ben Copsey PPU

Song: True Freedom

Jill Gibbon grand-daughter of Bert Brocklesby WW1 CO

Siw Wood niece of Walter Roberts WW1 CO

Song: The Ones Who Said No

Hannah Brock WRI

Alexia Tsouni, Association of Greek COs

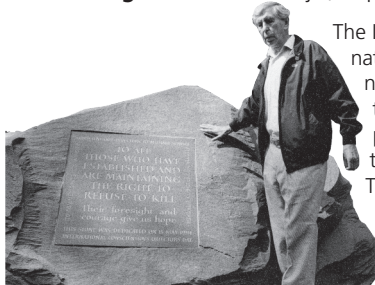
Holly Wallis, Conscience

Laying of flowers dedicated to individual COs around the world and reading of names

A minute's silence

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Poland Darlusz Matczak, imprisoned 1 year, 1993
Portugal Paulo Mil-Homens de Matros, objected, 1977
Puerto Rico Philip Howard, arrested, 1949
Rhodesia Richard Knottenbelt, imprisoned 5 months, 1977
Roman Empire Maximilianus, beheaded, Thevesta, north Africa, 12 March 295
Romania Alexandro Tihon, 5 sentences of 2 years each, 1920s-30s
Russia Vadim Nazarov, imprisoned 12 months, 1998
Serbia & Montenegro Dragoslav Dojkic, objected, 2005
Serbia Kosovo Agron Kurhasj, resisted Serbian call-up, 1990, and pressure to join KLA, 1998
Singapore Wai Hung Khan, 12 months military detention, 1995
Slovakia Milan Kobolka, refused, 2001
Somalia Saeed Mohamed, imprisoned, 1984
South Africa Peter Moll, refused, 1979
South Korea Yong Kim, imprisoned, 1986
South West Africa Rashid Rooinasie, refused, 1987
Spain Bajatierra, imprisoned, 1920s
Spain Basque Country Alberto Estefania, imprisoned 4 months, 2000
Spain Canary Islands Rafael Valayon imprisoned 1 year, 1993
Spain Catalonia Francesco Montenegro, imprisoned 2 years 5 months & 1 day, 1995
Sweden Per Johann Klasse, registered, 1982
Switzerland Jean Baudraz, refused to continue as conscripted soldier, 1915
Turkey Osman Murat Ulke, imprisoned, 1997
Turkmenistan Nuryagdy Gairov, imprisoned, 2000
Ukraine Glebo Malcev, sought CO asylum in Latvia, 1993
USA Evan Thomas, sentenced to life imprisonment, 1917
USSR Chechnya Anatoly Zhuk, detained in psychiatric hospital, 1988
USSR Estonia Erkki Luik, 1st political CO, 18 months forced labour, 1989
USSR - Kirgistan Andrei Bill, imprisoned, 1984
Yugoslavia Pavle Bojic, imprisoned 9 months, 1993



The International Conscientious Objectors' Day was initiated by the International Conscientious Objectors' Meeting (ICOM). The ICOM was an annual meeting of COs and their supporters held throughout the world to exchange ideas and offer solidarity. In 1985, at a time when compulsory conscription was still commonplace, it decided to use 15 May, to develop a sharper focus for action on conscientious objection.

The Conscientious Objectors Stone here in Tavistock Square, London was unveiled on May 15 1994 by Sir Michael Tippett, Peace Pledge Union President and a one time conscientious objector. Events have been held on May 15th for many years.

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Anglican Pacifist Fellowship anglicanpeacemaker.org.uk

Conscience www.conscienceonline.org.uk

Fellowship of Reconciliation www.for.org.uk

Movement for the Abolition of War www.abolishwar.org.uk

Network for Peace www.networkforpeace.org.uk

Pax Christi www.paxchristi.org.uk

Peace News www.peacenews.info

Peace Pledge Union www.ppu.org.uk

Quaker Peace and Social Witness www.quaker.org.uk

Right to Refuse to Kill group www.rrk.freeuk.com

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom www.ukwilpf.org

The ones who said No

1. Ask people what are their hopes for the future,
Likelihood is they will say they want peace,
Sadly deplore all the world's many conflicts
Look for a time when they finally cease.
Yet these same people will talk of past glories,
Praise our brave armies with pride all aglow,
Lovers of peace praising fighters of battles,
Never a word for the ones who said No.
Never a word for the ones who said No.

2. When the call comes from their king and their country,
Most will relinquish the power to choose.
High-sounding words urge them on towards duty:
Few are the people who dare to refuse.
Yes, it takes courage to march into battle,
Go where authority tells you to go,
Whether as butchers or lambs to the slaughter:
Courage no less had the ones who said No,
Courage no less had the ones who said No.

3. Scorned and despised in a culture of warfare,
In many lands they are suffering still,
Branded as worthless, as cowards, as traitors,
Punished for simply refusing to kill.
Proud politicians and posturing generals
Stand on their dunghills and mightily crow.
If they were stripped of their plumage, we'd see them
Shamed by the fate of the ones who said No,
Shamed by the fate of the ones who said No.

4. Ask people what are their hopes for the future,
Likelihood is they will say they want peace,
Yet pin their faith upon weapons and armies,
Even as damage and danger increase.
Look back to those who have dared to be different;
Over the world let their clear courage flow.
Army unarmed, let it swell into millions:
Cry Yes to peace, with the ones who said No,
Cry Yes to peace, with the ones who said No.

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Algeria Soufiane Ababou, feared compulsorily enlisted, 31 Jan 2011
Angola Emanuel Matondo, recent CO
Argentina Guillermo Giacosa, first recorded CO, allowed alternative service, 1964
Armenia Grigor Daian, imprisoned, 2000
Armenia Nagorno-Karabakh, Areg Avanesyan, imprisoned 4 years, 2005
Australia D Willis, 140 days military detention, 1954
Austria Pierre Ramus, imprisoned, 1914-18
Azerbaijan Samir Huseynov, imprisoned, 2007
Belarus Valentin Gulai, objected, 2000
Belgium Jean van Lierde, imprisoned, 1949
Bermuda Rod Attride-Stirling, recognised as CO by Appeal Court, 1994
Britain Alfred Martlew, sentenced to death, 1916, died 1917
Bulgaria Ivan Colev, sentenced to death, but reprieved in light of Russian invasion, 1945
Canada Sidney, shipped to Britain, beaten, held in detention, return to Canada, WW1
Chile Michel Nash, shot for refusing to shoot dissidents condemned by the Pinochet regime
China Zhou Xiotong, arrested for publicly burning his military uniform, 1989
Colombia Luis Gabriel Caldas Leon, imprisoned 8 months, 1995
Croatia Tihomir Campanello, objected, 1999
Cyprus Greek Georgios Anastasi Petrou, 4th six month sentence, 1993
Cyprus Turkish Salih Askerogul, imprisoned 3 years, 3 months, 1993
Czechoslovakia Vladan Koci, imprisoned 18 months, 1989
Denmark Laurids Larsen, refused, 1962
Egypt Maikel Nabil Sanad, first recorded CO, imprisoned three years, 11 Apr 2011, for insulting the military
Eritrea Isaac Mogos, imprisoned continuously since 1994
Finland Karri Dyrendahl-Nyblen, imprisoned 12 months as total resister, 1989
France Henri Delecourt, imprisoned, 1920s
Georgia Kakhaber Galashvili, imprisoned 16 months, 1996
Germany Dr Daniel, confined as a lunatic, WW1
Greece Ioannis Tsourakis, shot by firing squad, March 1949 (last known CO execution in Europe)
Hungary Maxa Dilber, shot by firing squad., WW1
Isle of Man Elijah Oliver, imprisoned, 1916
Israel Idan Halili, woman objector, imprisoned 2 weeks, 2005
Israel Druze Yaroun Fathfuth, in military detention, 1991
Italy Pietro Pinna, imprisoned, 1949
Japan Shouji Hirayama, attempted to refuse orders, WW2
Kazakhstan Roman Grechko, 1 year forced labour, 1994
Latvia Romans Nero, objected, 2000
Lithuania Karolis Podenas, imprisoned several long terms, from 1936
Netherlands H Groenendaal, imprisoned, 1920s
New Caledonia Gilbert Vaialimoa, imprisoned 4 months before recognition, 1989
New Zealand Mark Briggs, shipped to Britain then France, brutally treated and imprisoned, 1917
Norway Sverre Road, imprisoned before being allowed alternative service, 1967
Paraguay Orlando Tomas Castillo Caballero, one of four who made a public presentation of CO, September 1993
Philippines Lagman, objected, 1966

True Freedom
(We want no flag) by Charles Mackay, 1814-1889
We want no flag, no flaunting rag,
for LIBERTY to fight;
We want no blaze of murd'rous guns,
to struggle for the right,
Our spears and swords are printed words,
The mind our battle plain;
We've won such victories before,
And so we shall again.

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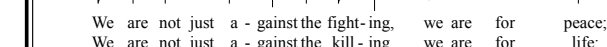
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SOPRANO
ALTO



Key signature: one sharp (F#). Time signature: 4/4. The Soprano and Alto parts are written on a single staff. The lyrics are: We are not just a - gainst the fight - ing, we are for peace; we
We are not just a - gainst the kill - ing, we are for life; we
We are not just a tribe or na - tion, we are one world; we
We ce - le - brate the un - sung he - roes, who are for peace; we

TENOR
BASS



The Tenor and Bass parts are written on a single staff. The lyrics are: We are not just a - gainst the fight - ing, we are for peace; we
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S.
A.

are not just a - gainst the fight - ing, we are for peace. We are for
are not just a - gainst the kill - ing, we are for life. We are for
are not just a tribe or na - tion, we are one world. We are one
ce - le - brate the un - sung he - roes, who are for peace. They are for

T.
B.

are not just a - gainst the fight - ing, we are for peace. We are for
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ce - le - brate the un - sung he - roes, who are for peace. They are for

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S.
A.

peace, we are for peace, we
life, we are for life, we
world, we are for world, we
peace, we are for peace, we

T.
B.

we are for for for peace,
we are for for for life,
they are are for one, for one world,
peace, they are are for one, for one peace,

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13 they are for, for peace,

S.
A.

are not just a - gainst the fight - ing, we are for peace.
are not just a - gainst the kill - ing, we are for life.
ce - le - brate the tri - be or na - tion, we are one world.
he - roes who are for peace.

T.
B.

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