PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR PEACE/CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION IN WW1

This is a list of members of either House of Parliament who in some way opposed the First World War and/or military conscription; most of them also overtly supported recognition of conscientious objection. They did not form any group, nor were they known collectively by name, but some were members of organisations such as the No-Conscription Fellowship, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the Union of Democratic Control or the Quakers. The list does not claim to be definitive either in total numbers or in the degree of opposition to the stated concepts.

Where constituencies are already known, these are identified, as well as later titles and lifespans. Dr Christopher Addison, later Viscount Addison

W C Anderson

Sydney Arnold, later Baron Arnold

Joseph Allen Baker (Finsbury, East), Quaker

Sir John Emmott Barlow (Somerset)

Rt Hon George N Barnes

Charles W Bowerman

Rt Hon John Burns+

Sir William Pollard Byles

Henry George Chancellor

William Clough

John E Clynes

Hon Richard Douglas Denman

Rev Herbert Dunnico (consett)

Laurence Ginnell

Frank Goldstone

A G C Harvey (Rochdale)

Thomas Edmund Harvey (Leeds, West), 1875-1955, Quaker

James Myles Hogge

Richard Durning Holt

Walter Hudson

Edward Thomas John

Leif Jones (Notts, Rushcliffe)

Frederick William Jowett

Barnet Kenyon (Chesterfield), 1850-1930

Joseph King

Sir Ernest Henry Lamb

Richard Lambert (Wilts, Cricklade)

Rt Hon Thomas Lough

James Ramsay MacDonald (Leicester)

David M Mason (Coventry)

Percy Alport Molteno

Philip Morrell

R L Outhwaite

James Parker (Halifax)

Arthur AW H Ponsonby, later Baron Ponsonby

William MR Pringle

G C Rees (Carnarvonshire, Arfon)

Thomas Richardson (Whitehaven)

Arnold Rowntree (York), 1872-1951, Quaker

Arthur James Sherwell

Rt Hon Sir John Allesbrook Simon (Walthamstow), later

Viscount Simon, 1873-1954*

H E Lees Smith (Northampton)

Philip Snowden (later, Viscount Snowden)

James H Thomas (Derby), 1874-1949

William Thorne (West Ham)

Charles Philips Trevelyan+

George J Wardle

John Howard Whitehouse

Rt Hon J W Wilson (Worcs N)

Lord Courtney of Penwith

John, Viscount Morley, 1838-1923+

2nd Earl Russell (grandfather of Bertrand)

NOTE

+ Resigned from government over declaration of war,

* Resigned from government (Home Secretary) over introduction of conscription, 1914

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