

35 Brookline Street⁵⁹
Cambridge, Mass.
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Dear Dr. Zinn,

I hope that this letter finds you in the best of health, and that it will not put you to a great deal of trouble. I'm writing to ask your help.

I resigned from Snee in September of last year. I think that frustration and fatigue are probably the dominate reasons. At any rate I moved restlessly around the country looking for something to hold on to. I knew then and now that I wanted to finish school, but I couldn't even buckle myself down long enough to read a book or a newspaper, except maybe something about civil rights.

I looked around for a job in Los

Angeles. Not having completed one semester of college, I was told that I was either too qualified or that I was not qualified enough.

I accepted a job at a military products plant. I could work there for no longer than three months. I purchased a car after the first month, that I'm still paying for, in order to get to and from work.

Just before Christmas I read about the bombing of residential areas in North Viet Nam and I had to resign. At the plant we made the R-75 Rocket Motor Tube, an air to ground missile.

I sought jobs with Head Start with no success. The story is that employees had been chosen politically. I was sent to many job possibilities by the J.A. Urban League. The results, the same story. It seemed as though in my accounting for the four and a half with with Insc

turned employees off.

Just after Christmas I spoke with a friend of mine from Canada. It seemed that a young group known as the Company of Young Canadians liked my qualifications and were willing to give me a staff job.

I invested my savings in going to Toronto only to be turned away at the border.

The Immigration Officer told me that he was tired of American Citizens coming to work for the Company of Young Canadians. He said, "Why don't you work for the Peace Corps, that's an American organization?"

His formal reasons were that my funds were insufficient and that I only had a one-way ticket. This was the first time in my life that I had been discriminated against for being an American Citizen.

I was returned to Boston where I'm presently staying with a friend in

Cambridge. I was able to find a part-time job with Manpower, Inc, they send people out on jobs like shoveling snow for private concerns, unloading boxcars, and, etc. The Company receives from 3.00 to 4.50 per hour, but pay their men only 1.50 per hour. One hardly ever works a whole day when they can find work for you.

I am hoping that you could help me find a job in Amherst or anywhere, so that I could possibly pay my monthly bills and start school in the fall. I am told that the University of Mass. has a very good Music Program.

Thank you very much,

Yours in the Struggle,
Carver (Chico) Neblett