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WE THE ANTI-WAR GI'S HAVE FOR A LONG TIME RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR A NEWSPAPER WHICH OTHERS CAN LOOK TO FOR HELP AND TO GAIN UNITY AMONG US TO END THE ILLEGAL AND IMMORAL WAR. WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY GI'S OPPOSED TO WAR AND THE OTHER GOALS THE MILITARY HAS SET UP. THEY ARE TIRED OF WAR, TIRED OF THE INSENSITIVENESS OF THE MILITARY STRUCTURE TO THE PROBLEMS THAT THEY FACE INDIVIDUALLY, AND TIRED OF THE MEANINGLESS LIVES THE MILITARY HAS LAID OUT FOR THEM. THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO OBJECT TO THIS SITUATION BUT FEEL HELPLESS IN TRYING TO CHANGE IT. THE FUNCTION OF THIS NEWSPAPER IS TO GIVE THE GI'S AT FORT DEVENS, MA. HOPE AND AN AWARENESS THAT OTHERS FEEL THE WAY YOU DO. WHAT IS NEEDED IS A FEELING OF UNITY IN OUR EFFORTS TO MAKE LIFE A LITTLE BETTER FOR OURSELVES. WE ARE AWARE THAT MANY OF YOU HAVE UNSOLVED PROBLEMS WHICH THE CHAIN OF COMMAND HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO WORK OUT. WE WANT TO HELP YOU IF WE CAN OR AT LEAST STEER YOU IN THE DIRECTION OF HELP.

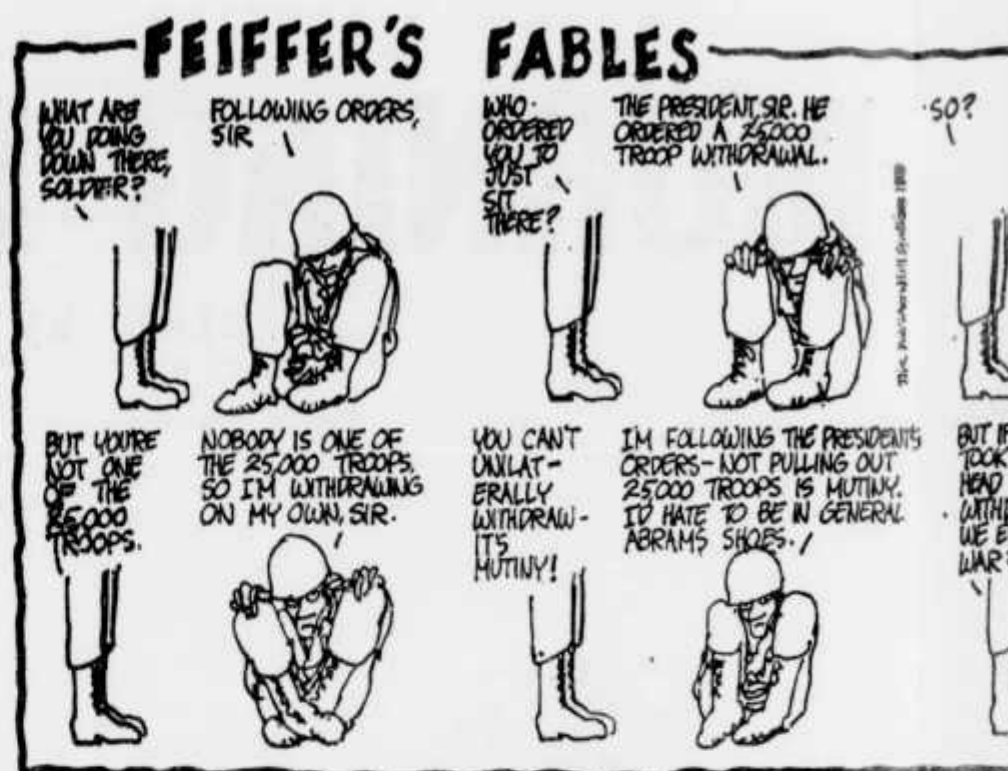
FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO REALIZE THAT THE AIMS OF THE MILITARY ARE WRONG WE WANT TO HELP YOU RESIST. EACH AND EVERY MAN MUST WORK OUT FOR HIMSELF WHAT LEVEL OF RESISTANCE IS APPROPRIATE FOR HIM. WE WANT HIM TO REALIZE THAT HE IS NOT ALONE IN WHAT HE DOES. WE HOPE TO REACH AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF THEIR RIGHTS AND TO RETURN TO THEM THE RIGHTS THEY HAD AS CIVILIANS. WE ALSO WANT TO LET THOSE IN AUTHORITY KNOW THAT WE DON'T BELIEVE OR GO ALONG WITH THEIR PROGRAMS. FINALLY, WE KNOW THAT THE ONLY WAY WE CAN STOP WAR, STOP THE OPPRESSION AND STOP BEING MACHINES IS TO REALIZE THAT THE HOLD THE MILITARY HAS OVER US IS ILLUSIONARY. SO GI'S UNITE, TOGETHER WE CAN LIVE IN PEACE, FREEDOM AND LOVE.

It has become clear that those in authority, both military and civilian are no way concerned with the consequences of their actions. First they created and committed a war machine to fit their needs irregardless of cost in money or human suffering. They have intimidated us into believing that this was necessary to defend our Christian nation against some great Communist threat. Then they gave us Korea to show the need to be vigilant against the Communist menace. After several years of playing their little war games they gave us a real conflict- Vietnam in all its glory. Now we are being treated to the possibility of even better things by our expansion into Cambodia. They want us to believe that these are the great defenses of democracy. Don't you believe it. Whose lives are they using to maintain their power and virtual dictatorship over the American people? Young Americans are being used as pawns in their giant games of imperialist expansion. Who is paying the price of this megalomania? It is the GI's who are told to go fight and kill the enemies of the authorities. It is the GI's who are told to go fight and kill the enemies of the authorities. We are called to be the great defenders of the Constitution, of peace, of freedom but when we try to voice our opinions or use the rights we are supposedly defending we are stifled by the tyranny of our leaders.

We have become the defenders of unconstitutional and immoral wars against innocent people. Their only crime was that they were underfed and that they were backwards by our standards. They are tired, as we are, of the corruption and neglect of the government. We have destroyed a whole civilization because the Fascist generals and their civilian cohorts want to play their power games.

We ask for peace and receive empty words. We ask for reform and again get only words. We see our country plagued by war, racism and poverty and all we get in response is more military spending, more regulation of our lives, more repression of dissent and an attitude of business as usual. When is this inhumanity going to stop? Only we who are caught in the machine can change this.

GI's have many problems when they come in the service but are stifled at every turn when they try to get them solved. The chain of command is manned by N.C.O.'s and Officers who are more concerned with seeing the machine become more efficient



than in being sensitive to the needs of their fellow man. They proclaim all power to the state, that we must all be subservient to the needs of the state (or is it to the needs of those few in power?). No one must use their supposed freedom of speech, of assembly or petition. This would weaken the structure of illusion that has been created to deny us what we as citizens are entitled to. They would even have you believe that possession of this paper is illegal. IT IS NOT, they only fear that the lies they tell will be exposed and that their own tyranny will be overthrown. This is the attitude the thinking GI is up against.

You must come to some questions if you are to set yourself free. Are you an inhuman machine ready to kill on order? Are you content with being a number in DA's game? If you feel something is wrong that killing is wrong that you should be able to determine your own fate you are not alone. If you feel powerless to change this you are wrong. There are many ways to resist the military. Each man can do what is appropriate for him. There are many legitimate (even by military standards) ways to weaken the control of the military over your life. Become aware of what you can do even if you can't totally resist. The control over you is in many aspects illegal and only by fear and intimidation can it survive. Don't be afraid of threat of punishment if you want to be free. The UCMJ was enacted by Congress and you as a citizen can call for a change. We cannot



let ourselves be used as tools of oppression for in reality we are also are oppressed. If you don't believe me try to use your rights or question the authority of your superiors. We have the potential force here at Fort Devens to eliminate the injustices done to us. We together can improve our lives and become human again. We have nothing to gain but our freedom.

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THERE STOOD.....

There stood upon a mountain,
 A man of many years,
 Who looked around and wondered,
 Why he had so many fears.

IF YOU ARE NOT SCARED.....

NOW you go right

ahead and pick up that M-16; be a fighting man who jumps and dies! Be one of the pigs of American illusions. You can easily be one of the construction workers on Wall Street by simply going to Indichina and killing the most beautiful wonder of nature, the human being, and by going along with the administrations policy, "The only good Commie is the one thats dead." Then you will have something to be scared about, for it is you that has to live with your conscience and it is that conscience that will destroy you.

Today we have joined hands; the blacks, the whites; the poor, the rich; the young, the old, in the struggles against the injustices on humanity. The people are coming together in peace for peace, in love for man, in understanding for survival.

Stop! Have you ever really asked yourself why we are fighting? Have you ever heard a logical reason for murder? Are we fighting to stop communism or to protect the invested interest of the bourgeoisie capital? Are we dying for freedom or are we dying for net income?

The Nixon administration has moved troops in- to Cambodia with the promise that this move will shorten the length of the Vietnamization process and will bring about a quicker end to the war. We have encountered little resistance in Cambodia but in Laos the V.C. have stepped up their aggressions. So naturally we will have to make a sweep of Laos too. So then we would have pushed the V.C. back into China. Of course the Chinese don't want a war being waged in their back yard so they are going to resupply the V.C. and send 600,000 or so troops, as they did in Korea. (It seems that I have seen this all before). If it was wrong for us to of gotten involved in the first place then how can it be right for us to stay?

So go right ahead America and spread your economic power, spread your military might and drop your bombs, "kill the gooks, they are not human anyway " Of course you don't mind dying because you know there are "gooks" being killed and that that is a good cause. Hitler thought the Jews were not human and that killing them was for a good cause too.

I want you to remember that it is your mind and it is your conscience. You are individuals who have the right to think and and to follow your conscience and to say, "Hell no, I won't go." Remember basic when the drill sargent said, "The Army will do the thinking for you from now on." I say to you, "Stop being inhuman, stop being a military machine, stop being a killer. RESIST NOW! The Army may have your body but it does not have your mind. If you do not follow your Christain faith and you do not heed the will of God you will have something to be scared of because you have

helped bring this madness upon yourself
and upon the world. You will have helped
bring war to those who want to live in
PEACE.

Glenn MacKinnon

!!

SUPPORT PEACE !

The people are demonstrating in Washington, D.C. They are protesting the war in Southeast Asia and the extension of U.S. militarism into Cambodia and Laos. They are protesting with full awareness that Nixon and the Pentagon have no intention of withdrawing from these countries. They are protesting the senseless deaths of American GI's and Southeast Asian people's.

YOU may be called upon to halt anti-war demonstrators in the streets.

YOU are used to suppress anti-war protests as well as the frustrations of minority groups throughout America.

YOU can further the cause of peace by refusing to be used against the people of this country.

Should you be called upon to occupy the streets of Washington, you can refuse by:

- 1 Going to sick call.
- 2 Going to Dental. (Got a toothache?)
- 3 Visiting the I.G.
- 4 Consulting the JAG office.
- 5 Consulting the Chaplain

UTILIZE THESE ALTERNATIVES

THEY ARE YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS - - AND YOUR DUTY.

Armed Forces Day !
SAT., MAY 16th

GIs will be protesting the war and the military at over 25 military bases throughout the country.

YOUR BASE IS INVOLVED IN THIS ACTION.



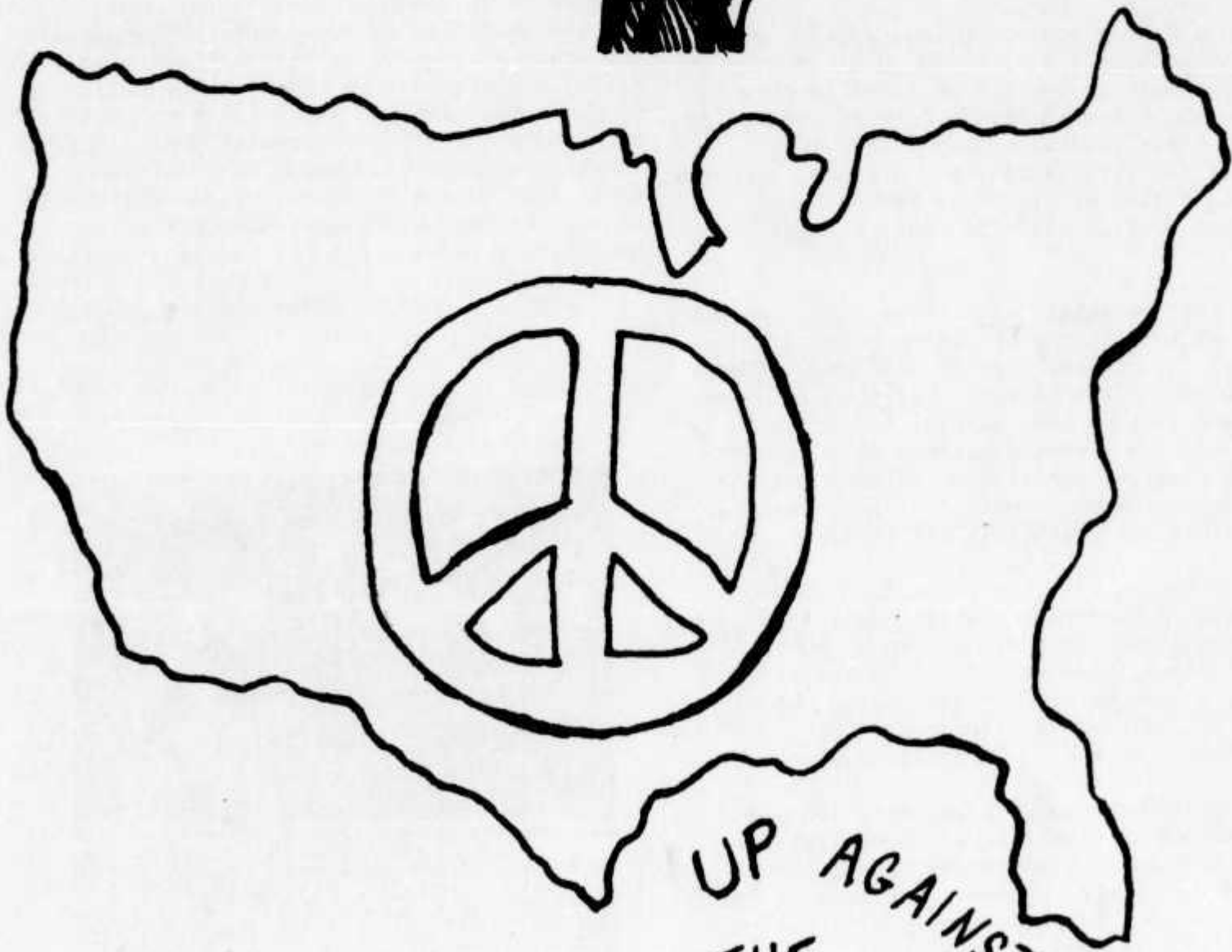
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UP AGAINST
THE WAR
MOTHERLAND

WHAT IF THEY GAVE A PHYSICAL AND NOBODY CAME!

'Twas the morn of the physical and all through
the bus
Not a young man was cheery--all grumble and fuss.
A trick-knee, an ulcer, the practiced "queer"
bit
All hoped that the doctor would find him UNFIT!

In suits and in blue-jeans, each unhappy man
Had settled at last for his long day's exam.

When out on the street there arose such a
clatter.
They sprang from their seats to see what was
the matter.
They flocked to the window, with nose to the
glass,
Not a soul was excluded, all huddled en mass.

When what to their wondering eyes should appear
But 400 young people sitting in front of the
Boston Army Base saying they refused to move
away from the entrance to the Base in attempt to
block the buses of draftees from entering--in
protest of the forcing of their friends, brothers,
lovers and fellow-men into the war machinery
and a military life alien to their beliefs and
rights.

175 of these protesters were arrested during two
of these actions (three arrestees were guys from
the buses). It is the hope of this group (Non-
Violent Direct Action Group) that through these
actions and similar ones already staged and
with more in the planning, people will recog-
nize that creative non-violent methods must be
used to effectively and morally change the ab-
horrent injustices present in the SYSTEM.

And the System is changing The first group
got off with a continuance which means they were
not found guilty. (The second group got a
very prejudiced judge who stated he had found
them guilty even before the prosecution had
finished yet before the defense had begun its
presentation. An appeal is being requested.)

If the courts continue to allow this kind of
non-violent civil disobedience to occur, more
and more frequently without punishment, the
Revolution has a real chance. But respect for
yourself and the life and dignity of others must
be the weapons instead of guns

N-DAG

The military has committed another injustice
in the name of discipline. Brother Michael
Weddle has gone to the stockade because he re-
fused, in good conscience, to go to a detail
at the rifle range. He was supposed to mow
grass to make the death range more attractive.
Standing on conscience, he refused as it was
outside of what he considered the minimum con-
flict clause of AR 635-20 which governs Con-
scientious Objector applications. Cpt. O'Neil
has had a special vendetta against Mike because
of the reprimand he received from the General
when he threw Episcopal Priest Rev. John Swan-
son of Portsmouth, N.H. off the base. Of
course he neglected the fact that Rev. John
has a Pentagon appointment to visit military
bases and is also Mike's minister. This kind
of harrassment and the ultimate dissent--the
stockade is what Michael has had to face daily
because he is a man of conscience. Only we
can end this kind of treatment. Mike joins
the other dissenters in the stockade. We wish
all of our brothers in the stockade well. We
support your struggle and we pray you will be
released promptly. We are with you in spirit.
We will continue your work. Any G.I. who
would like to see these injustices corrected
we urge to see the General or the I.G. to
immediately release all the political prisoners

FREE ALL THE PRISONERS NOW.....

AND THE ROCKETS'
RED GLARE,
BOMBS BURSTING
IN AIR,
GAVE PROOF THRO'
THE NIGHT THAT
OUR FLAG WAS STILL
THERE.....



FAMOUS QUOTATIONS:

The training missions that we have (in South Vietnam) have been instructed that if fired upon they are of course, to fire back to protect themselves.

John F. Kennedy- Feb 1962

We don't see the end of the tunnel. But I don't think it is darker than it was a year ago and in some ways it is lighter.

John F. Kennedy- Dec 1962

The South Vietnamese armed forces have now attained the experience, training and necessary equipment required for victory.

Gen Paul D. Harkins- Mar 1963

The major part of the United States military task can be completed by the end of 1965.

Maxwell Taylor and Robert McNamara
Oct 1963

We are not about to send American boys 9000 or 10,000 miles away from home to do what Asian boys ought to be doing for themselves.

Lyndon B. Johnson- 1964

The tide has turned, the Viet Cong have been stopped. They cannot win.

Hubert Humphrey- Oct 1965

We have reached an important point. When the end begins to come into view.

General Westmoreland- Nov 1967

One of the legacies of Vietnam almost certainly will be a deep reluctance on the part of the United States to become involved again in a similar intervention on a similar basis.

Richard Nixon- 1967

I am not going to be the first American President to lose a war.

Richard Nixon- Sept 1969

And now; Our purpose is not to occupy the area(Cambodia). Once the enemy forces are driven out of these sanctuaries and their military supplies destroyed we will withdraw.

Richard Nixon- Apr 30 1970



A MAN OF MANY TALENTS, A MAN OF MANY FACES,
A MAN OF TOO MANY FACES.....

SUPPORT PEACE !

Strike Now

The history of the working class in the United States has shown the power of striking in effecting changes in the treatment of workers. Strikes have always been meaningful in expressing discontent with employers. Even if a strike is considered illegal it is often the only possible way to bring change to make an improvement in the life of the worker.

The validity of striking holds also for G.I.'s. We are workers in the employ of the U.S. government. Yet most G.I.'s look at their position as a necessity and are fearful of expressing dissent. Although they might disagree with the war policies of their country. They don't think its their place to dissent. Like HELL...

The oppression of G.I.'s is the most blatant and severe experienced by any worker in this country.

The G.I. is the one who must die to satisfy the blood lust of the Nixon War Administration. Not only in Vietnam, but Cambodia and Laos and Thailand and Central and South America.

The G.I. is the one who is called up to break the valid strikes of other government workers, e.g. the Postal workers.

The G.I. is the one who is ordered to fire on college students in Jackson, Miss. and Kent, Ohio.

Are you happy that you are being a tool to spread death and war throughout this country and the world? Don't you realize that you are the ones who hold the power of this country? A president without an army cannot wage war.

And the way for the President to know that his Army will no longer kill and be killed for him is to strike. Yes, STRIKE. Starting June 30, the day that our brothers are supposed to be coming back from Cambodia, there will be a NATION-WIDE strike of G.I.'s. And it is all legal. You don't have to worry about getting punished.

WHAT YOU CAN DO THE WEEK OF JUNE 30.

1. GO ON SICK CALL
2. GO TO THE DENTAL CLINIC
3. VISIT THE CHAPLAIN
4. GO TO THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL
5. IF YOU HAVE A WAR BOND, HAVE IT STOPPED. IF YOU DON'T, TELL OTHERS THEY DON'T HAVE TO HAVE THEM.
6. MAKE OUT ALLOTMENTS TO YOUR FAVORITE PEACE GROUP. (Addresses available from MORNING REPORT, BOX 359, GROTON, MA.
7. SPREAD THE WORD OF PEACE

THIS IS OUR STRIKE. STRIKE JUNE 30

CAN YOU DIG IT?

We need money. Almost desperately. And you can help us in the struggle to overcome war and bring peace to a reality. Please send anything (money, contributions, articles, pictures, etc.) Our address is:

Morning Report
Box 359
Groton, Mass. 01450

GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS

In this whole transitory universe there are certain universal laws. One of them being the cause and effect relationship of everything to everything; more specific and more relevant to this is the axiom of oppression and revolution.

Tommy Smith and John Carlos will go down in history of the Black Negro to Black Transition. Their memory will be preserved by a gesture, rather than the usual rhetorical speech, primarily because the Clenched Fist marked the beginning of a new era of consciousness. It happened shortly after the Martin Luther King murder. The gesture in itself was, and still is and still is an outward manifestation of the repressed inhibitions that we (Black) people have felt all our lives. It is now common knowledge that after everything is taken from a person, the only power left is the power to disrupt/destroy. The effort is regrettable, but it seems inevitable.

If such the price of freedom, so be it
Brothers.

Greet/salute your brother on the street, in the hall-everywhere. For only from this outward symbol of what is/should be your inner state of awareness, can we hope to grow, to unite with, and help one another to the goal which is our birthright; that of being able to determine our destiny as a people. Assert what is yours and smile to your brother.

SEIZE THE TIME

THE SOLDIER'S LITTLE HELPERS

AFSC	864-3150
BLACK PANTHER PARTY	442-0100
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MASS PAX	492-5570
CIVIL LIBERTIES LEGAL	
DEFENSE FUND	864-8680
MASS LAWYERS GUILD	742-4256
CLERGY & LAYMEN CONCERNED	
ABOUT VIETNAM	969-7901

CONCERNED OFFICERS' MOVEMENT
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20003



The Silent Majority

There has been a lot of concern lately about the use of drugs by the young people in our country. We were fortunate in being able to interview a young man who has been under the influence of a particular drug for over a year. The story he tells is frightening; there is a lesson here for all of us.

Q: How long have you been under the influence of this drug?

A: Let's see...it's been over a year now

Q: How did you get started?

A: Well, it seemed that all of my friends were having experiences with the drug; I couldn't avoid it, even if I wanted to.

Q: What was it like?

A: Well, I guess it was alright, at least when I first started. I didn't have any real problems but when I found myself doing things I really wouldn't have done otherwise and I was going places I didn't want to go to, I got scared.

SOLDIER'S RAP...

Q: What were the effects of the drug?

A: Physically, it was very strange. Even after a short time on the drug my hair came off. It was kind of frightening. You see, it's an actual addiction; once you're on there is little you can do to get off.

Q: Addiction?! Really?

A: Yeah, you'd be surprised at how quick it hits you. Like, after your first experience you're hooked. And I was really scared. I even tried withdrawing, but it didn't work.

Q: Really? What did you do?

A: Well, for months I just didn't have anything to do with the drug. But I started to get really scared. I knew I would have to go back. There wasn't any stopping it.

Q: How many people are on the drug?

A: A hell of a lot. But it was mostly because when you're on the drug you seem to collect around you others who are on it, too. Like, the people I was with were all on the drug and we had a whole community together. And I know that there are a lot of communities just like the one I was in all over the country.

Q: Back to the withdrawal; what did happen to you when you got off the drug?

A: Well, like I said, I was off for about a month or so, but I started getting scared. The police knew, or at least were supposed to be notified,

that I was gone from the community. See, I'm considered a threat to the public because I got away.

Q: You're kidding!! What do you mean?

A: What you don't realize is just how widespread the use of this drug is. And you never hear about what the government has to say about the drug. See, most guys get over the drug in two or three years. It's not so hard to kick the habit then. But when you stay on the drug over two or three years, that's the really crucial time. 'Cause if you stay on there is really little that anyone can do for you.

Q: What happens to the people who stay on past that decisive three year period?

A: You mean you don't know? Christ, that's the scariest part of the drug. When you stay on for years and years the drug takes control over your mind. I don't know for sure, but I think that it even causes brain damage. Mostly because after a while a disease sets in.

Q: Excuse me, but a disease?

A: Sure, there is a disease that comes as a result of the drug. And every 25 years or so it breaks out in a plague.

Q: Plague?!

A: Yeah, like there have been a couple of really disastrous plagues in the last seventy years, but the government is keeping it very secret. Mostly the plague was in Europe, but now it's spread to Asia. In fact, in the last eight years 45,000 people have died because of the plague.

Q: How do you recognize someone with the plague?

A: It's really kind of hard. It's mostly mental. The people with the plague get what shrinks call "delusions of grandeur" and become very authoritarian. And what happens is that when the plague starts, the people who've been on the drug for years, the ones with the disease, they start killing guys who are on the drug. And they're really screwed up because they say that they're doing it so that there won't be the need for the drug any more. But when they start killing off the drug users they start getting more people hooked on the drug because they say that they need more help to kill off the drug users. It's really wierd. That's why I went into withdrawal - I didn't want to be on the drug and maybe get killed because of it.

Epilogue: At present our young friend is waiting on a trial for having gone off the drug. And after he's tried he'll go to a prison for those who have tried to get off. And in case you have not figured it out by now, the drug is the Army and the plague is WAR!

THE NEED FOR NON-VIOLENT ACTION

In a violent world the need for a lowering of tension has become apparent. Violent solutions to the problems of society have proven that it only furthers the cause of violence. What is necessary is to draw on the tremendous spiritual and moral force of non-violent action. There are great historical documentations to show that this approach can work. The life of Christ is one of the greatest examples of a man concerned with changing the world non-violently. He died in violence and agony but his words and his work guide many of us to this day. In our times the work of Gandhi and Martin Luther King have shown us by non-violence we can shake the conscience of the world. Even though they too died violently their work, the building of an Indian state and black awareness still continue. We may not be willing to be martyrs for our cause but we can refuse to do acts of violence against our will.

The question then becomes how to apply the idea of direct non-violent action to the G.I. movement. Our first realization is that the Army's main function is the use of violent force and can use it at will either at supposed enemies or those in the ranks. We have a better way and we must use it to guide our movement. We daily see acts of injustice done to us and others. We see both physical and mental harassment done to us in the name of the government. We perhaps might have a first reaction to strike back physically but we know that only repression. We can hassle the Army better by first using our legal rights to the utmost. Things like massive sick call, dental appointments, seeing the I.G. and Chaplain can show our discontent. Done in unison over a period of time this can act as a far greater force than the Army could contend with. If it comes to the point of actually becoming involved in acts of disobedience this has to be done in a massive effort. Things like refusal of mass punishment and walk-outs have to be done together. If we struggle together we can get our position recognized. A non-violent movement can strengthen our movement and show we don't need physical force. Right on.....

Are you supporting the Nixon policy of spreading war over the globe? Are you paying for the use of American lives to kill Vietnamese and Cambodian people? Are you helping to finance the global imperialism of the war-mongering Nixon regime? Are you buying war bonds?

Remember when you were in basic training and you were told that you should buy a war bond? Remember how they tried to threaten those who didn't buy? Remember how your C.O. told you what a great thing you were doing for yourself and your country? Remember how little money you got when you got paid?

Maybe now you've got second thoughts. You probably could have used the money, or put it in a savings account that paid more interest. Maybe you realize that your money is making it possible for the war in Vietnam to continue and spread into Cambodia. And that your money pays for the National Guard to shoot anyone they choose.

You don't have to buy them

Don't buy them.

Stop the allotment and don't buy any more. It's your money and you can do with it as you please. No one can tell you what to do with it.

Let the brass know that you, too, are against their policy of genocide.

STOP THE BOND!

DO IT THE WEEK OF JUNE 30!

STRIKE NOW!

Modern life has become so insensitive that we forget that we are human beings. We think in terms of 47,000 numbers dead in Vietnam. Let's for a moment think of them as 47,000 human beings who have gone from us. It matters not whether they believed in the war or died in vain. Let us think of them as brothers in the struggle of life and death. So long, friends.

Celebrate Life.....

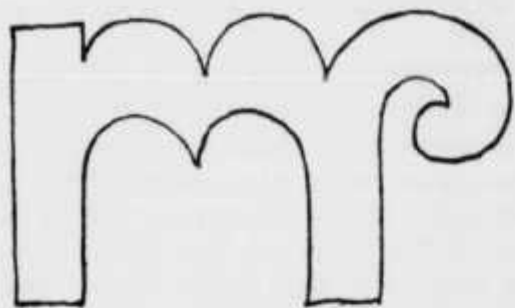
**a SLAVE is
one who
waits for
someone
to
free him.** — Ezra Pound

WAR HAS BEEN THE STATUS-QUO FOR 30000
YEARS. IT IS TIME FOR A REVOLUTION, IT
IS TIME FOR PEACE. PEACE IS OUR REVOL-
UTION, IT IS OUR SALVATION.



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STRIKE



How to Strike - 30 June

See Chaplain, IG
Sick Call, Dental Appt.
Stop War Bond
Allot. to Peace Group

A.P.

"Suppose They Gave a War and Nobody Came"

THIS IS WHAT YOU CAN DO THE WEEK OF
JUNE 30

1. Go on sick call
2. Go to the Dental Clinic.
3. Visit the Chaplain.
4. Go to the Inspector-General.
5. If you have a war bond, have it stopped. If you don't, tell others they don't have to have them.
6. Make out allotments to your favorite peace group. (Addresses available from Morning Report, Box 359 Groton, Mass.
7. Spread the word of Peace

The incompatibility of a GI's conscience, family situation, or financial condition with a "hard-line", no nonsense military may leave one no option other than an act which could lead to residence in the Devens Stockade, Annex or SPD. Below are some excerpts from the HANDBOOK, Rules and Regulations for Prisoners, Post Stockade, Fort Devens, Ma. (26 Jan 70); which help to illustrate the benevolent heart of our employer:

11. Mail Regulations:

- a. A list of authorized correspondents will be established for each prisoner upon arrival. Prisoner's wife, children, parents, brothers and sisters will normally be approved as authorized correspondents, but may be subsequently disapproved in the interest of safe administration or prisoner's welfare. Other persons may be approved as correspondents when it appears to be in the best interest of the prisoner.
- b. Incoming mail will be inspected by the Correctional Officer or his representative.
- c. Prisoners are permitted to write 5 letters per week.
- o. No DEROGATORY OR DEGRADING REMARKS against the MILITARY service or its members will be included in the outgoing mail.
- v. Prisoners will not conduct frivolous correspondence with women, "pen-pals, or strangers, nor use offensive or threatening language in their letters.

Who needs them?

BRING THE BOYS HOME NOW.....

WE SUPPORT immediate withdrawal of all troops in Vietnam. BUT, what about bringing the boys home from Canada and Sweden? Or those who have gone underground within the United States to avoid the draft or the military? The Vietnam War has been long and costly not just for those who chose to go there but for those who wouldn't. America is in crisis, some of our best young men have gone into exile rather than use their bodies to support the aggressive policies of the United States. NOW is the time to do something about it and we need all the help we can get. If we want to bring about the vision of a just society, if we want our generation to help end the need for war, eliminate racism and poverty we have to have these people back. We ask that a DECLARATION of AMNESTY be given to all those who want to come back and help rebuild America, to

'This is where the people are

Writing letters in the interest of other prisoners for the purpose of establishing a future romance, or correspondence with criminals and inmates of other correctional institutions is prohibited.

13. Visitor's Privileges:

- a. Prisoners may be visited by persons who are listed on their correspondence list (para 11a.). Only three visitors are permitted at one time. The number of visitors authorized to visit a prisoner on any one visiting day will be limited to three persons, except when special permission is granted by the Correctional Officer.
- c. Military personnel assigned to the same post as the prisoner (except blood relatives and Unit Officers and NCO's) will not be authorized.
- f. You are permitted a short embrace by your visitor at the beginning and end of the visit.

20. Work Details Under Guard:

- b. Prisoners are prohibited from carrying on any conversation with guards or other persons, except in the line of duty.

24. Escape:

Any prisoner who attempts to escape after being called upon twice to halt will be fired upon. Guards are trained in accordance with current regulations to direct an escaping prisoner to halt.

Death throes of an institution

IN THE END THE LOVE YOU TAKE

come back to their loved ones and to go out to look for America again. Let's bring all the troops back from Vietnam. Let's bring our people back from Canada, from Sweden and from the Underground. Let's petition the President and Congress to declare amnesty for all our brothers and sisters who have gone into exile.....

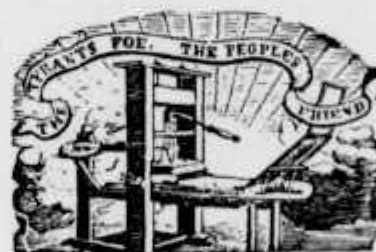
SUPPORT AMNESTY

SEIZE THE TIME



It has become apparent that the government and its armed extension - the military has decided that repression of dissent is the only way to STOP it. We have become a nation of laws which regulate our every move. We are mechanized to the point of total obedience to some mythical Techno-God called the government. We only have to look at some of the bizarre events of the last two years to show what we are coming to. Witness the assassinations of Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King, the horror of the Democratic Convention and the kangaroo trial of the Chicago Seven, the mac-

chine-like nature of the Republican Convention, the systematic elimination of the Black Panthers, the extension into Cambodia and the subsequent reaction by the government. These and other events have made us realize that our country which we love and the government which is suppose to represent us are two separate things. It is time to save our country from the small group of men who rule us. I see hope that some men see this distortion and are standing up against the machine. Events like the reversal in the Spock trial, the mood on the colleges, the things the Panthers are trying to do and the G.I. anti-war movement show that there are some who are willing to risk everything to obtain a more just society. Some people are willing to take the ultimate step - civil disobedience and its consequences the jail or the stockade to make it known that the ideas they believe in do not coincide with the plans of the system. The question is then: not how many will go to jail, but, WHEN are we going? Will it be never or only when the consequences are small compared to the injustices we face? If we wish to end the repression we must be willing to lose a lot even our lives to create a better world. The Berrigans, Dr. Spock, Dr. King, The Kennedys and Bobby Seale were ready. ARE YOU?



begins, incites causes, or joins in any mutiny, or sedition in any company, party, post, camp, detachment guard or other shall suffer death or such other punishment as a court-martial may direct."

The regs above, forced upon men who are already in rough shape, looks like the list of prize winners in Smirnoff's "Break a Silly Rule" contest. (The UCMJ could win honorable mention).

This, then is a very small part of the story of how the Army takes care of its own. How secure do you feel, knowing that the army does not allow, authorize, permit or otherwise encourage humanness, family problems, financial problems, and/or any other situation, condition or attitude which may tend to promote the individuality of its men.

.....IS EQUAL TO THE LOVE YOU MAKE. the beatles

is just as important

If the prisoner does not halt, the guard is directed to fire at the prisoner's lower extremities. Apprehension of an escapee is usually swift and always results in additional punishment. Maximum punishment for escape, or aiding others to escape is a dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and confinement at hard labor for one year in addition to any sentence already imposed. It is equally serious to conceal knowledge of an impending or proposed escape as it is to be an active participant.

26. Personal Deposit Fund:

a. When prisoners initially enter this Correction Facility, they are required to surrender all money and personal property in their possession for safekeeping in the Personal Deposit Fund.

g. Prisoners are authorized to withdraw money from their personal deposit fund for the purpose of:

(5) Procuring United States Savings Bonds upon approval of the Correctional Officer.

29. Health and Comfort Supplies and Welfare Items:

a. Health and Comfort items... will be issued to prisoners on a monthly basis in an amount not to exceed \$10.

35. Mutiny and Military Laws:

a. "...Any person, subject to military law, who attempts to create, or who

throes
stitution



MANY people stuck their necks out to get three issues of this paper to you. One of us is now in P-6 for his involvement (dassa maximum security prison, son).

We have acquired a mortality rate and thus more impetus to our efforts. Though it is not our intention to supply martyrs to a GI "cause". We are necessarily a defensive organization operating on the premise that there is a need for an uncensored, free GI expression; that this expression is best provided by a newspaper.

Perhaps we are simply proving to ourselves that we are not one with the rest of the amorphous, non-vocal, sheep-blindly and unquestioningly following Army dictates.

We are not advocating violent overthrow of the military- that is absurd and foolhardy. We can however, be a constant conscience(of no small irritation) to the military at Ft. Devens.

It is hoped that you will receive more from this paper than the personal satisfaction of having read it or just possessing a copy. It is a catalyst- something to start you away from your apathy/hypocrisy (and God knows there's a mess of you) and get you THINKING.

Are you a negative or positive force? Probably you are a member of the silent majority of the military(the unheard from, the unconcerned, unaware, uncaring majority) that limits it's gripes to...er... GI parties, Guard Duty, the ever handy First Sgt., and food.

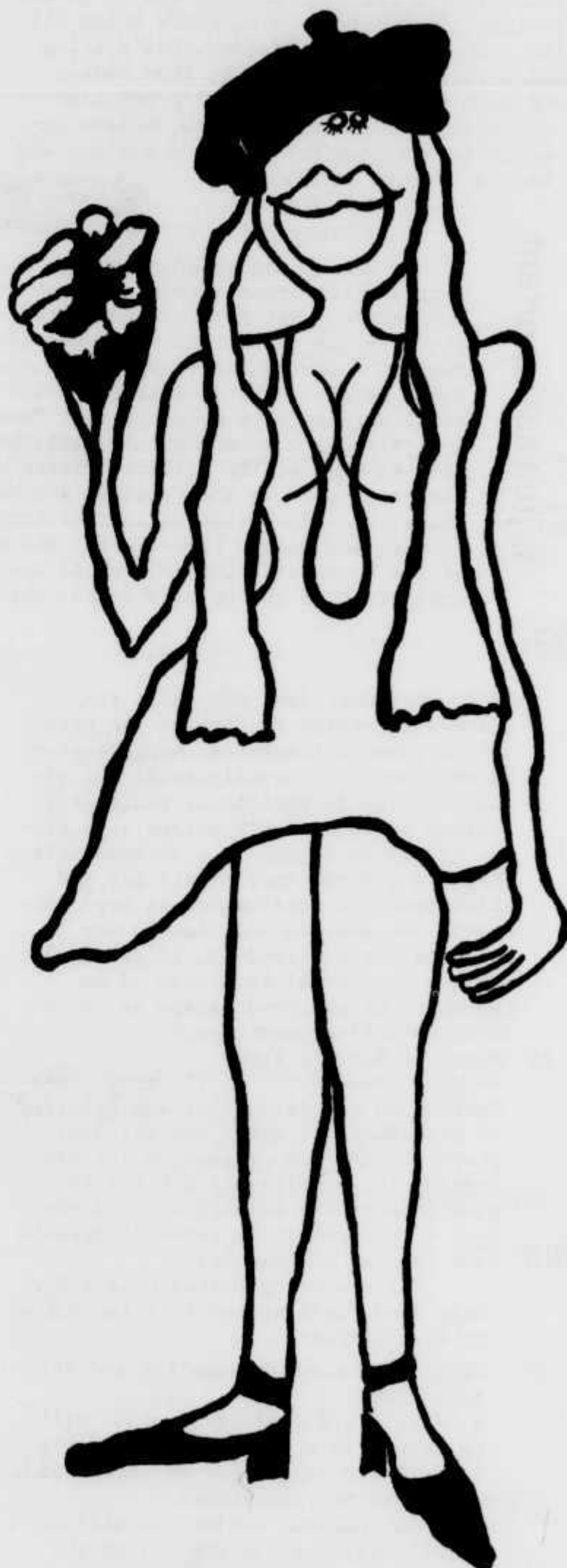
It is suggested that there is far more to concern ourselves with: the indignities of the Stockade system, the ambiguous UCMJ and its administration, Our involvement in Southeast Asia, discrimination et. al.

BIG GRIPES? VALID GRIPES?

CAN YOU DIG IT?

We need money. Almost desperately. And you can help us in the struggle to overcome war and bring peace to a reality. Please send anything (money, contributions, articles, pictures, etc.) Our address is;

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BROTHERHOOD

PEACE

HELLO COL. LIGHTHALL THIS ISSUE
IS DEDICATED TO YOU. GEORGE
BROOKS SAYS HELLO, HE'LL SEE
YOU SOON.

A.P.

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ON WHITE LIBERALISM

In viewing the continuous struggle in this society for all people to be free; to be liberated from both hidden as well as open oppression, one must consider the Individual to be mainly responsible for much of the poverty, repression, and strife of all the peoples of the world.

Liberalism deals only with the problem of racism and not at all with the entity of democratic capitalism. The problem is two pronged and must be attacked as such.

In my opinion, the white capitalist liberal is one who would lift you out of shit and shove you into mud. As a whole these people are products of what can be called the American Dream, when in actuality it is a nightmare. These people have great confidence and faith in the civil rights movement, a bygone era, and cannot differentiate that from the struggle for human rights. The rights considered inalienable: life, liberty, pursuit of happiness - food, shelter, clothing. This confusion stems from the fact that these people have great confidence in what should be the "ultimate repository of the collective sovereignty of the people", the Constitution. What is either overlooked or forgotten is the fact that when the thing was written black people were only counted as three-fifths of a human being.

In considering this, we then realize, hopefully, that it is necessary to create a complete alternate to a culture conceived and dedicated to perpetuate racism and fascism. We must all become Yippies or armed revolutionaries in the more traditional sense. A synthesis of the two is more practical at our state of development. It is becoming crystal clear that you are either totally committed to the revolutionary struggle or you are opposed to it. You are either a part of the solution or a part of the problem. The middle ground is rapidly

diminishing. Wake up, people! Wake up!!! If you don't, one day will find another species has joined the ranks of extinct creatures.

It is evident that this society cannot condemn itself, so we have to do it for her born as well as her unborn generations. Wake up, people, and live; or witness the ultimate spectacle, the tragicomedy of race war.

Ashanti

NOTES FROM THE RESISTANCE

At the present time (Friday July 3) I am pending court-martial for charges of civil disobedience. It all started on last Monday when I showed up for Command Reveille without my uniform on. The CO then decided to give me an Article 15 which I did not accept and now the charges keep coming. The funny part about it is that I was willing to go to the stockade for the ideas I believe in and as of now that has not been deemed necessary. I am waiting for them to decide what to do, in the meantime I continue not to cooperate or participate with the military. I cannot in good conscience continue to perform in a system that daily takes away part of our humanness and tries to send us off to kill our brothers. It has taken me a year of agonizing and trying to do things legally to come to the point of resistance but now I feel free because I'm doing what is right. I hope that through my experiences, others will be able to see that they do not have to lose their humanity and that my actions can become a source of greater awareness for the ordinary soldier. I would also like it to become a learning experience for those in authority so that they can recognize that there are other ways to save our country and that some people accept the consequences gladly in order to achieve a better world. If you see me around feel free to talk to me. I carry a green notebook (The Court-Martial Manual) at all times.

Peace Be with you.....

Pvt Alfred Johnson

PORT DEVENS REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PRE-TRIAL CONFINEMENT PROCEDURE

PARAGRAPH 4b , F.D. REG. 27-2:

Confinement of an accused before his trial is the exception rather than the rule and is only permissible only when:

1. Clearly necessary to insure the presence of the accused at his trial; for example, when the accused has indicated, either through his past conduct or by actual statements, that he will not remain on duty.
2. Justified by the seriousness of the offenses alleged; for example, felony-type offenses for which a long term of confinement will probably be imposed.
3. And only so long as necessary to prevent the accused from committing acts of violence to himself or upon others, or to prevent violence being done to the accused by others.

My Brothers, do any of you recognize these regulations? Of course not. Because these are the regulations which have continued to be abused and forgotten about by our Superior Officers. Indeed, These authoritative, unconcerned and ignorant officers constantly imprison many of the poverty-stricken, uneducated individuals who by reason of moral obligations to their families, go AWOL in an effort to resolve hardship difficulties.

Obviously, the military just cannot comprehend the important fact that there exist families which are struggling for their own existence. Instead, the military feels that the "head of the family" can better fulfill his obligations by being a real man participating within the killing military forces. We who function at the lower totem of rank, oftentimes find ourselves confronted this type of situation. Because of our low-ranking status, we constantly persecuted against regardless of our family problems.

IF YOU WISH TO BE
BROTHERS, LET THE WEAPONS
FALL FROM YOUR HANDS.
POPE PAUL 6
FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS, 1965

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The Fort Devens Stockade population is lived in by many individuals who are described in the above paragraph and they are suffering tremendously. The military authority treats an person as a criminal because he made an effort to alleviate problems that plague his family. This is totally wrong.

Although, what is described above, is not always the case, the results of pre-trial confinement is usually applicable to this type of individual - the poor and uneducated who went AWOL to give his family life. It is estimated that presently, three-quarters of the stockade population is composed of persons maintaining family hardships. For example, one individual cannot even speak English and illness has stricken his family at home; Another individual may lose the life of his wife because of pregnancy complications. (They now sit in the stockade under pre-trial confinement.)

Let it be well known, that this paper can in no way, condone any action of this type on the part of the military authorities - furthermore, it repudiates any pre-trial conditions, as it is our constitutional right to bail and the military violates this right. Untila man is proven guilty in a Court of Law that man is innocent and he should remain free; and even if found guilty in Court, we still have reservations as to whether he should be confined.

We, the Morning Report, respectfully urge that the military authorities immediately release all undue suffering that exists in their stockades.

It is our hope that by publishing these pre-trial regulations, that many people will be able to retaliate to any possible illegal attempts by the military, to imprison you.

LET HUMANITY BE FREE!

NOTE: The writer of this article has a firsthand knowledge of what is occurring in both the SPD and stockade, as he was once a student of military injustice.

FRIENDS COMING TO VISIT

A group of civilians brought together by the Non-Violent Direct Action Group is going to come out to the Fort during the next month to talk about the war, problems on the homefront, GI rights and exchange information with GIs on the base...

U.S. vs. MICHAEL WEDDLE

On June 23 a Special Court-Martial was convened to try Michael Weddlex for two charges of AWOL and one charge of disobeying a direct order. He is an extraordinary person and his story should be told.

Michael is a Conscientious Objector who has found that service in the military is contrary to his beliefs. His beliefs are based on a sincere and religious conviction.

At the on set of the trial, Mike's lawyers pressed for dismissal of charges until his C.O. application was ruled upon. Since the charges have a basis in his C.O. beliefs, the defense felt that the charges should not be considered at that date. The prosecution argues that since Mike signed induction papers, he acknowledged the Army's jurisdiction over him self, irrespective of his C.O. status- para 3b(3), AR 635-20. This damned if you do are damned if you don't technicality could be named Catch 22. However, relying on technicalities is a fair turnabout, to the later dismay of the prosecution. (motion denied, incidentally).

The defense entered plea for dismissal because the pre-trial confinement of Weddle (20 days) constituted illegal punishment. Pre-trial confinement is authorized only if necessary to insure the presence of the accused at the trial or because of the seriousness of the offense charged. The question of Mike's intentions to be present at his court-martial hardly needed to have been raised: He turned himself in from his AWOL, had a stake in sticking around for a ruling on his C.O. application, and had proven himself worthy of must by working nearly three months at SPD. In light of this, the Judge ruled the pre-trial confinement illegal- the reason for this will be made clear in the following para graphs.

Mike entered a plea of Not Guilty to all charges.

To the first charge of AWOL, he was acquitted. The evidence of an unauthened Morning Report was dismissed as invalid- a technicality, but certainly no worse than the previously mentioned Catch 22.

The second charge facing Mike was that of disobeying a direct order given to him by Captain O'Neill, chief of Operations at SPD. According to the prosecution, Mike was ordered by his platoon sargent to go to the firing ranges - ostensibly to cut grass. Standing on

Conscientious Objectors

his ground as a CO, Mike refused to obey this order as association with the practice ranges of war games was in direct contradiction with his CO beliefs. Mike was then brought to Captain O'Neill's office where he was ordered by him to go on the range. Mike again refused, and O'Neill had him delivered to the Stockade.

Upon the cross examination of Captain O'Neill the heart of the matter was brought to light. Under oath, O'Neill admitted that there were other details that Mike could have been assigned to - details which would have presented minimum conflict with his CO beliefs. Then it was alleged that O'Neill's order to Weddle was not given in the spirit of a lawful order, but in the spirit of revenge.

The defence held that O'Neill, knowing that Weddle had already refused the order from an NCO and knowing that he would refuse his order, gave the order for the sole purpose of increasing Mike's potential punishment (since the refusal of an officer's direct order carries more potential punishment). O'Neill then admitted, somewhat reluctantly, to proclaiming in public, "I finally got him! I finally got him!" When questioned on this proclamation, he allowed that he meant that he got him in ahead of the cut-off time at the stockade (such an obvious perjury, that this observer winced).

The defence contended that this episode was a source of embarrassment to O'Neill, and that punishing Mike soothed his ego. All this testimony served to cast some doubt as to the spirit in which the order was given... resulting in O'Neill's order being declared unlawful. An unlawful order leading to illegal confinement, leaves the motives of Captain O'Neill apparent.

LET US COME TOGETHER
LET THE MAN WHOSE FIST IS RAISED IN
A CLENCHED FIST
JOIN THE MAN WHOSE HAND IS RAISED IN
THE SYMBOL OF PEACE
SO THAT TOGETHER THEY MAY HELP THE
MAN WHO CAN RAISE ONLY HIS MIDDLE
FINGER.

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The third charge was another AWOL. Mike had left Medic training at Fort Sam Houston and declined to return to Army hospitality for two months. Under oath Mike said that he was having difficulty in preparing his CO application and that he was under great emotional stress. Dr. Hardy, a psychologist, stated that Mike's conscience gave him no alternative under the circumstances. It should be noted that Mike spent his AWOL time in a monastery in New York. He had taken a vow of poverty and indicated his desire to help ghetto poor.

Despite all good intentions, the regs are specific ... sentenced to ten days at hard labor and a twenty day restriction to post. This was an incredibly enlightened sentence. We consider it a victory and a credit to the military court. Though the legal environment of the military leaves something to be desired, there are specific instances that are laudable—this trial was one of these instances. It is the opinion of this paper that the court martial of Michael Weddle was a fair and just exercise of due process. The trial was conducted in the spirit of justice rather than in the pursuit of punishment.



Within the confines of that which we call value, or humanity, or reason; within that flight of fantasy it seemed evident that the human mammal was incapable of relieving pleasure from the tortured deaths of his own kind without previous acceptance of insanity, or development of insanity within himself.

—The masses of planes that fly over are not passenger planes, but are bombers flying to Asia!

Even if you close your ears, it is true!

And who is flying them?

What name shall we give those who accept authority and enter the cockpit?

What name for the voice of authority that tells the pilots to enter the ships?

Today we who can see and feel are hiding. We hope for a few years of life before the holo-caust. Western culture has already destroyed itself. The culture has become extinct. The new civilization now is struggling to plant its feet through the rubble strewn across the land. The new civilization will not be communism! The new society will be more concerned with living than with making a living. The new society will be biological!

Politics are dead. They are just theories regarding the speculated laws of power—their applications have never touched men except in shapes of repression.

The new society will be self reliant. It's security will not be how much of the material world it must have, but with how much it can do without.

And we will tell the truth of who we are and where we live, and what buildings we have built.

The greatest force in America today is that of confusion, of blindness, of forgetfulness, and of untruth. We are the force of opposition. We are the secret government coming into power!

LET US NOT FROWN UPON A SMILE

"If you smile at me, I will understand. Cause that is something everybody, everywhere does in the same language..."

My Bretheren, these are the words taken from WOODIN SHIPS, brought together by the incredible Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young.

These words carry tremendous meaning and are quite applicable to the conditions that a G.I. must endure while under control of the military. With the ever-present injustices very visible in the military, and the total mininter-pretation of any possible human understanding, We MUST not forget that we are ALL a part of Humanity and that this is our common bond. Even though many of the "Lifers" consider it their ultimate duty to kill other lives to preserve freedom, we cannot afford to forget the important fact that they too are human (even though it usually doesn't show in their attitudes). Because they refuse to comprehend the meaning and value of life. Let us not join their ignorance by developing a contemptuous attitude toward them. To do so, would only continue to lower the standards of goodness in life and would become a tremendous hinderance to our ultimate goal of Peace, Love, Forgiveness and Brotherhood.

If and when the "man" heaps any type of persecution, suppression, oppression and repression on you, please consider to attempt to understand why he is hasseling you. And let him know that he can in no way overwhelm you with his only weapon - fear and brute force, the only weapons that he understands. But rather, let us counter his ignorance with intelligence in a way which might possibly "freak" him out - SMILE at him and indicate your willingness to resolve the dispute through peacefull and negotiable acts of diplomacy and tact. A smile is a beautifull thing and perhaps he will understand someday. When that day arrives, let us all together, live in complete harmony in knowing that there is PEACE ON EARTH AND GOODWILL TO ALL MEN.

YOU ARE TO BLAME IF!

You have blood on your hands - the blood of Vietnamese, Cambodians and even American PEOPLE. Everytime you put on that uniform, you are helping to kill people. People with mothers and fathers and maybe like many of you - girlfriends.

Please help us to end these insane happenings, and they are happening, Aren't they? Morning Report does not advocate these things. We need you to help end them.



JUSTICE OF CONSCIENCE

If a man determine it to be just to rely firmly on the dictations of his conscience, should not the authority recognize this man of conscience? If it does not, and it imprisons men of conscience, why then the true place for a just man is also a prison.

Please live in Peace,
In Harmony,
And Unity,
With each other.
As Life flows within,
Let Love flourish.
It is wrong to die in war,
But it is right to let war die in you.
You are the health...
Your the strength.
You are the power...
Your the life.
CELEBRATE LIFE.

WAR IS A MOST CURABLE DISEASE
HATE IS A MOST CURABLE DISEASE
AND YET MANKIND SUFFERS ON.

LOVE IN LARGE DOSES WILL CURE IT
PEACE IN LARGE DOSES WILL CURE IT
AND YET THE WORLD WILL NOT BE CURED.

A KILL FOR PEACE

It was the second week in November 1970. Charlie Company was just air-lifted from their base camp, back into the Central Highlands of South Vietnam. Along with Charlie Company was their new 21 year old MEDIC only in Country one week. As soon as the Company landed in the Highlands a call came through on the PRC25. Charlie Company had two days to reach an objective over 6000 meters away.

It was hotter than HELL when the Company began their force march over mountains through valley's heavily infiltrated by CHARLIE. After the first two hours of their jaunt through the jungle to an unknown objective, the new MEDIC began complaining of stomach and chest pains. Having no regard for his MEDIC the Company CO kept pushing his men making them drive on. One half hour later, our MEDIC friend fell out of formation. He told his C.O. he couldn't proceed any further, but the C.O. insisted they drive on and the MEDIC stay at the rear of the formation as to not hold up the Company any longer. Not more than fifteen minutes after they had started out again the man walking in front of the MEDIC realized his buddy was no longer in sight. He immediately radioed ahead to his C.O. somewhere in the middle of the formation. Three of the men from the squad walking rear security including their MEDIC and the Company Commander went back to find their new recruit. When they found him approximately 100 meters to the rear he was unconscious. A medivac chopper was called in immediately. The men in the Company worked frantically cutting an area on the hill where the chopper could land. Their frantic work was to no avail. Our MEDIC friend was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital. He was pushed to his death just because of an assenine objective. Our brothers across the big pond need our support.

HELP PLEASE



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THE NEW MAN

Rejoice, O world. The new man was born today!
This man is the product of life longing for
itself,

So he must be.

This man was created by the times,
By circumstances, and by the minds of troubled
men.

From his dreams comes glimpses of yesterday
Depicting father standing armed against son.
Imagine father-he who wants all for his child,
Yet he wants not his sons to shape strange
forms that are not made of gold.

He wants not for his child to enter strange
doors

To find for himself his own self.

Rejoice, O world, for the new man has dreams.
Strange dreams-where mankind seeks to destroy
man

On any one of the many new paths that he has
found open to venturesome travelers.
Paths which he longs to explore.

Count the toll of those ignoble deeds,
Games designed to wrench away from man what
is his,

And to rename 'ours'.

These are real dreams coming from real flesh
and blood,

Descending upon real flesh and blood,

But rejoice, O world, for the new man was
born today,

And he was born with strength, power, and
knowledge.

He was born with strength to accept those
things which he could not change.

He was born with power to seek out all that
which stagnates, and to give them motion.

He was born with knowledge of the universe
around him, and of that which needed
change.

O rejoice world. The new man is born to walk
across the face of the nation

With new stars to guide him, and new dreams
to spur him *Onward*.

He seeks to reach into the piles of rubbish
cast about the land,

And into the heavens from among stars,

And into the dreams of his sleeping brothers

To bring forth a new time, a new day

The new man has been born and he walks,

So rejoice O world.

Some men call him compassion.

Some have named him truth.

I call this man Destiny.

- H.J. Brown

A BIRD WITH HIS FOOT IN HIS MOUTH

Only a few short weeks ago on Ft Devens an Enlisted man was confronted by LTC L J Bonito Commander of the 18th Engr Bn. and FOD. The EM was directly accused for wearing sun glasses to cover blood-shot eyes from smoking MARIJUANA. (shhhh, their watching us) Upon approval by COL Fisher TRP CMDE the following day the EM went to the acting I.G. COL Ralph Sciolla requesting that a public withdrawal of said accusation be made by Bonito, since their were approx 15 people present when the accusation was made, and the EM was not on grass, or anything for that matter, just for record of course. The acting I.G. said he didn't think that a public withdrawal could be made for that it might be degrading to the Officer and the Army as well, but he would talk to LTC Bonito and ask why such an accusation was made. No further action was taken.

Another EM shit upon by an officer. Were tired of being denied our rights as American Citizens. While serving our Country, perhaps we should be granted our rights as Citizens of the United States. You can help us achieve our goals. Write:

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Ummm. I wonder what Spiro is doing?

LOVE

"CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW.....
ABRIDGING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH,
OR OF THE PRESS; OR THE RIGHT OF THE
PEOPLE TO PEACEABLY ASSEMBLE, AND TO
PETITION THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE REDRESS
OF GRIEVANCES."

THE FIRST AMENDMENT, U.S. CONSTITUTION

PEACE

Can You Dig It?

We need money. Almost desperately. And you can help us in the struggle to overcome war and bring peace to a reality. Please send anything (money, contributions articles, pictures, etc.) Our address is:

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Peace
Now!



War is an excuse
to kill.
If you need an excuse,
that's a good one.
Feel free
to kill
and say you kill
to be free.
Freedom
is a good excuse
if you need one.
Count the dead:
killing
by the numbers
kills no one
in particular,
nothing personal,
you know,
which is a good excuse
if you need one.
The killer
needs an excuse, and peace
is no excuse.



THIS ISSUE IS DEDICATED TO OUR
OLD FRIEND, COL. "LAW & ORDER"
DONOHUE, AND HIS LOVE FOR THE
FREE SPEECH MOVEMENT. DON'T
WORRY GENERAL IRZYK, WE'LL BE
GETTING TO YOU SOON. IT'S JUST
THAT WE'RE GOING IN ORDER OF
IMPORTANCE.

33-3-33-333-1A

I stared at the opened envelope in my hand. It was addressed to Steve Common; yes, it was really mine:

SELECTIVE SERVICE DEPT. OF THE U.S.
Dear 33-3-33-333-1A,

As you know, your government has been at war for the past 30 years. Since you were not around when the war began we'd like to explain to you the reason for the war.

In 1975 when all men had ceased to fight with one another and peace reigned throughout the world, your government and the government of Japan met to discuss world politics. It was decided at this meeting that all peace and no war tended to make our peoples lax and unprepared for emergencies. In the interest of our peoples, both governments decided that there should be a war. Since your government and the government of Japan were at war with each other during World War II, it was decided that we should go to war again. The reason? Simply for old time's sake. You know how it is.

However, we realized that the methods of war had to measure up to the great advances man had made in the previous years. So it was decided that instead of mustering armies upon armies each country would send one man to the field of battle, and the war would be fought by these two men only. When one man would fall, he would be replaced by another, and so on. We agreed that this was the civilized way of conducting a war and avoiding the large number of casualties suffered in previous wars. One casualty once in a while is nothing anyone would get upset about.

Our man presently in the field of battle has fallen in the line of duty. It is for this reason we are writing you today. You are honored in that, through our lottery system, you have been selected to replace him and to carry on a grand tradition. We are certain that you will receive this assignment as an opportunity to serve your country in the career of a soldier. Your orders are to depart at once for your local Greyhound station. There in luggage compartment B-14, you will receive your assignment and the necessary equipment.

We are proud to have you in our service. Sincerely yours, Gov.Sec.462

It still seemed so unreal to me. Here I was attending Waterville State College and looking forward to dedicating myself to a medical career. But now my government was ordering me to go to war --- a war I had no knowledge of, which was being fought for old time's sake. I got my belongings together and went to the bus depot.

In locker B-14 I found a World War I uniform and rifle, and an envelope marked "SECRET STRATEGY ORDERS":

"Your orders are to take a Greyhound to San Francisco. There you are to take a bus to Tokyo via the Trans-Pacific Bridge. You will meet the enemy at the corner of 35th and 9th Streets."

With my uniform on I was Pvt. Steve Common. As I walked over to the ticket office, people noticed and smiled as though approving of my outfit and what it stood for. "Are you going off to war son?" the clerk asked. "Yes sir. Do you know anything about the war?" "Oh yes. I remember reading about it some years ago. It was a nice idea to send one man rather than thousands and avoid high casualties." "Don't you think that tradition is a stupid reason to wage war?" "Is that why we're at war? No I don't think it's stupid. Call me a sentimentalist, but I hate to see a good thing go after so many years. It's a legacy handed down to us by our forefathers. It's a wonderful thing you're doing, keeping alive this historical tradition - a fine service to your country. Excuse me son, but that man behind you wants to buy a ticket."

A few hours later we arrived in San Francisco and I boarded the Trans-Pacific bus. I found Americans and Japanese sitting together and talking in a friendly manner. I couldn't believe it. They didn't hate each other. In fact, relations couldn't have been better. How could we be at war? People noticed me and smiled. Some were whispering, "He's the one -- isn't he brave". Others congratulated me. I sat down and observed them as they lost themselves in their little worlds. The women talked about shopping while the men compared baseball notes and contested the outcome of the world series. They talked of trivialities in the light of what I was about to do. I was being sent to war to kill someone I didn't know just for old time's sake.

People ignored me. I had to reach them!
I had to break through! I had to tell them
what was happening. I jumped up- I screamed.

"I don't want to go to war! I want to live!

Silence pierced the air. "Listen, I said.
I'm a man - a human being - not a mindless
machine with no dignity of its own. I'm a
person. I can feel, think, dream, experience!
I don't want to go to war and die; I want
to live and fulfill my dreams and my goals.'
'Life, liberty and the pursuit of
happiness" that's what we declared in 1776.
Remember? Man is free by birth.

What about the soldier I have to kill?
He's a human being. Surely he wants to
live, marry, raise a family, pursue his
career. I've never met him and he's never
done anything to me. Why should I kill him?
It's ridiculous I tell you. Tradition- old
times sake. Is human life so cheap? Have
we all gone mad??" Silence returned. I
wept.

We had arrived in Tokyo. I found my
way to the corner of 35th and 9th, which
was situated in the shopping district and
waited. There was no sign of my enemy
during the night. As the sun rose, I spotted
him a block away. He was edging toward
me. His uniform was like mine but
red in color. He saw me and fired. The
battle had begun. I was determined to stay
alive. We fired back and forth. Around us
people were passing by and smiling. A
woman carrying a shopping bag nudged her
son and pointed saying "Look at those nice
young men at war. They're fighting for
their country." As the day wore on, man
sat a few feet away, observing our battle
smiling, and placing bets on who would
eventually come out the victor.

Yes we were at war, and it was a fine
old tradition indeed. We were fighting
for old time's sake.

"RENARD"

THIS ISSUE IS CO-DEDICATED TO PVT.
ALFRED JOHNSON WHOSE NAME IS CER-
TAINLY MORE FAMILIAR ON FORT DEVENS
THAN THAT OF GEN. IRZYK'S.

HEY! CAN YOU DIG IT?

We need bread almost desperately. It
seems we're always in that position.
We can also use articles, etc. Also
we need furniture and utensils for the
bookstore. If you can help with any
of the above, please write to

MORNING REPORT
BOX 359
GROTON, MASS.

CANADIAN SUNSET

Having been to the land of the Mounties
twice, I feel a duty to pass on my experiences
and observations concerning our northern
neighbors. I'd like to deal first with the
subject of border crossings.

A person crossing from the U.S. into
Canada meets with little harrassment. There
have been some unfortunate skirmishes with
Canadian customs officials but these have
been the exceptions rather than the rule.
Even these isolated incidents have diminished
due to a Federal directive from Ottawa.

When crossing into Canada, a person
must be able to produce adequate identification
and a birth certificate. He will be asked
how long he plans to stay, where he is
going, and then sent on his way. It's all
very simple.

Crossing from Canada into the U.S.
however, is an altogether different matter.
At many custom points, harassment is
the rule. Persons have been subjected to
lengthy interrogation, delay and even "Strip"
search (presumably to check for drugs).
Oddly enough, these experiences happen to
people between 17 and 25 who are unfortunate
enough to have hair over three inches in
length.

Well, at least you'll feel wanted.

More soon
"TDY" CANADA

NOTES FROM N-DAG

Our friends from Non-Violent Direct
Action Group will be coming back to
visit with some good info for all of
us GI's sometime in October. Keep a
close eye out for them.

NOTES FROM THE RESISTANCE

HAVING JUST SPENT 35 DAYS IN JAIL, I HAVE MADE SEVERAL OBSERVATIONS. BEFORE YOU DECIDE TO COMMIT YOURSELF TO NON-COOPERATION IN ANY WAY, YOU SHOULD WEIGH SERIOUSLY THE CONSEQUENCES INVOLVED. ONCE YOU START YOU MUST BE COMMITTED TO THE END. IF YOU ARE PSYCHOLOGICALLY READY FOR JAIL FOR YOUR BELIEFS, NO MATTER HOW MORALLY FELT, YOU WILL PROBABLY FIND IT HARD. FOR ME IT WAS RELATIVELY EASY BECAUSE I HAD CONDITIONED MYSELF AND HAD SPENT ALMOST A YEAR IN THE PROCESS OF REALIZING THAT FOR MY ACTIONS THE STOCKADE WAS INEVITABLE. YOU CANNOT COME TO THIS COMMITMENT EASILY AND THINKING ABOUT IT FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS IS NOT BEING PREPARED.

THERE ARE SEVERAL PRACTICAL DECISIONS YOU HAVE TO MAKE BECAUSE YOU DO HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO HELPING OTHERS. FIRST YOU MUST CONSIDER AT WHAT POINT YOU ARE GOING TO ACTIVELY NOT COOPERATE REALIZING WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES ARE. IN JAIL YOU WILL BE SEVERELY LIMITED IN YOUR ABILITY TO HELP OTHERS ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE CONSIDERED AN ORGANIZER. YOU WILL ALSO HAVE TO ADJUST TO THE MONOTY OF LIFE IN PRISON AND COME TO A FRAME OF MIND THAT YOU'LL BE THERE FOR A WHILE ESPECIALLY SINCE THE MILITARY PROVIDES NO BAIL SYSTEM AND FOR THE MOST PART PENALTIES FOR DISOBEDIENCE ARE STIFFER THAN IN CIVILIAN LIFE.

JAIL IS AT BEST A TERRIBLE PLACE. THE MILITARY IS AT BEST IMMORAL SO THAT JAIL, ESPECIALLY FOR A CONSCIENTIOUS PERSON, BECOMES A NECESSITY IF YOU ARE TO BRING YOUR BE-

LIEFS TO A POINT MORE THAN WORDS. NO MATTER WHAT POSITION YOU ARE IN YOU CAN STILL HELP PEOPLE EVEN IF IT ONLY TO LISTEN TO THEM. WHO HAS MADE IT A MATTER OF NUMBERS ANYHOW. C.O. STATUS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF RESISTANCE FOR WHEN YOU COME TO THE POINT OF SAYING NO TO THE MILITARY WITH BOTH YOUR BODY AND MIND THEN NOTHING THEY COULD POSSIBLY DO CAN CHANGE YOU.

ONCE YOU DO GO TO JAIL, HOW MUCH RESISTANCE SHOULD YOU OFFER? HAVING GONE TO THE MAXIMUM DISCIPLINARY SEGREGATION AND BEYOND (HUNGER STRIKE, NO BED, NO CIGARETTES, AND ONLY THE BIBLE TO READ) I'D SAY THAT IS TOO FAR. AT THAT POINT IT BECOMES MOSTLY AN EGO TRIP AND YOU JUST VEGETATE. REMEMBER: YOU ARE THERE TO BEAR WITNESS AGAINST AN UNJUST SYSTEM WITH YOUR ACTS OF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE, NOT TO DIE THERE I THINK THE BEST POSITION IN JAIL IS TO BE FLEXIBLE JUST TO KEEP YOUR MENTAL PROCESSES GOING.

PVT. ALFRED JOHNSON

WHY?

I don't know,
who runs a country
Why should a country run
Why can't the country flow,
Like a small secluded creek undiscovered
and new.
Is it really too hard to Love,
that you have to kill me.
I don't want to die
for people that don't love me.
Can't people who love themselves love
one another.
Are people too good to do something
good and not get anything in return,
I don't know!
Listen!

SGT, USAF

Morning Report



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THE PROFESSIONAL MILITARY MIND IS BY NECESSITY
AN INFERIOR AND UNIMAGINATIVE MIND.

NO MAN OF HIGH INTELLECTUAL QUALITY WOULD
WILLINGLY IMPRISON HIS GIFTS IN SUCH A CALLING.

H. G. Wells, 1886-1946
Outline of History, Chapter 40

DON'T LET THEM TAKE IT FROM YOU

MUCH THAT IS DREADFUL AND INHUMAN IN HISTORY, MUCH THAT ONE HARDLY LIKES TO BELIEVE, IS MITIGATED BY THE REFLECTION THAT THE ONE WHO COMMANDS AND THE ONE WHO CARRIES OUT ARE DIFFERENT PEOPLE. THE FORMER DOES NOT BEHOLD THE SIGHT AND DOES NOT EXPERIENCE THE STRONG IMPRESSION ON THE IMAGINATION. THE LATTER OBEYS A SUPERIOR AND THEREFORE FEELS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACT.

NITZSCHE

Lt William Calley may be considered a hero, a scapegoat, or a villain depending on one's personal politics and morals; but Lt Calley's place in history will have little to do with the particulars of Mai Lai and the extent of his responsibility in the massacre. Lt Calley and the massacre at Mai Lai will be remembered as the man and the event which forced Americans to stop thinking of the war only in terms of the political, military, and nationalistic issues, and to begin thinking of it in terms of the moral issues. As the man and event which forced Americans to realize that no matter what our hawk politicians tell us, we can not leave Vietnam with our honor intact.

There is shame in our performance in Southeast Asia just as there was shame in our performances in Europe, the Pacific, Spanish America, and everywhere else our imperialistic crusades for democracy have taken us. Some wars are more right (or at least more necessary) than others, but in all wars there is shame.

So if we lack the moral courage to end all wars, then we must at least make every effort to keep our wars in their moral perspective. And this is the significance of Lt Calley's trial for premeditated murder - to place this war in its moral perspective. For Lt Calley's guilt is secondary to America's guilt; and any injustice done Calley is insignificant in comparison to the multiple injustices perpetrated upon the peoples of Southeast Asia in the name of America.



"Excellent! Our honor stands intact!"

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SOME THOUGHTS ON MAI LAI

Ever notice how many people have an axe to grind? No one ever seems to make a decision from careful logical thinking but rather from something related to their own ego. It almost seems as if people decide an issue based on what would cause them the least discomfort, rather than presenting arguments supporting their views.

So it is with Bill Calley and the Mai Lai trial. I have, as you will discover, my own prejudices. Still, in the interest of a better common understanding, I would like to suggest the following:

- 1) The question is not so much what you think of the Mai Lai trial, but what you think of the law itself. Many have suggested, and not unreasonably, that to apply the Laws of War to a war such as that in Southeast Asia is absurd. Unfortunately, the Department of Defense and the United States Government have time and again supported the Laws of War as well as the Geneva Conventions. If you want to change the law, that is one thing. But as long as you have rules, you should abide by them.
- 2) Some have suggested that the trial was a kangaroo court and should have been tried in a Court of International Law. If they are right, let me ask, in view of the evidence presented, would international law have reversed the decision?
- 3) Another contention is that those of us who have never served in combat have no right to condemn a man who has. Mai Lai trial jurors were very carefully chosen. Every single man on the bench wears a Combat Infantry Badge; all served time as enlisted men; and at least one wears a Purple Heart. These are the men who convicted Bill Calley.
- 4) Many have said that Lt Calley is a scapegoat. I strongly agree with these people. Unfortunately, those who have said this seem more interested in seeing Calley released than others being brought to justice. The Army brought charges against 25 men. Nineteen of those charges have been dropped, some were against officers, officers in high places.
- 5) The racist overtones of this atrocity are hard to miss. As I write this article, our President is on national television telling the world how Americans love the Vietnamese people and our only concern is their freedom. I fear the President's lofty claims are hard to back up.
- 6) Lastly I would like to remind you that our government actively had a role in putting to death more than forty German officers following World War II. In a recent poll conducted by Dr. George Gallup, more than 80% of America is against applying those same standards of conduct to one of her favored sons. Our willingness to apply those standards, even when not in our best interests, is a very direct measure of just how civilized or barbaric our society really is. It's a big man who can admit his mistakes.

And so it goes...

Charles U. Farley

100,000 signed this Declaration during the JOHNSON Administration.
NIXON is allowing death and destruction to continue and to increase.
Pressure and action against the war are needed.

Individuals Against the Crime of Silence

A Declaration To Our Fellow Citizens Of The United States, To The Peoples Of The World, And To Future Generations:

- 1** We are appalled and angered by the conduct of our country in Vietnam.
- 2** In the name of liberty, we have unleashed the awesome arsenal of the greatest military power in the world upon a small agricultural nation, killing, burning and mutilating its people. In the name of peace, we are creating a desert. In the name of security, we are inviting world conflagration.
- 3** We, the signers of this declaration, believe this war to be immoral. We believe it to be illegal. We must oppose it.
- 4** At Nuremberg, after World War II, we tried, convicted and executed men for the crime of OBEYING their government, when that government demanded of them crimes against humanity. Millions more, who were not tried, were still guilty of THE CRIME OF SILENCE.
- 5** We have a commitment to the laws and principles we carefully forged in the AMERICAN CONSTITUTION, at the NUREMBERG TRIALS, and in the UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. And our own deep democratic traditions and our dedication to the ideal of human decency among men demand that we speak out.

We Therefore wish to declare our names to the office of the Secretary General of the United Nations, both as permanent witness to our opposition to the war in Vietnam and as a demonstration that the conscience of America is not dead.

On September 23, 1965, a Memorandum of Law was incorporated in the Congressional Record of the 89th Congress of the United States of America, in which leading American attorneys, after careful analysis of our position and actions in the Vietnam War, came to the conclusion that the U.S. is violating the following accords: The Charter of the United Nations, The Geneva Accords of 1954, the United States Constitution.

To Protest—To Object—To Dissent has long been an American tradition. The following are a few among the many who have signed this declaration to be on permanent record.

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(FATHER) J. E. BAMBERGER, M.D. OCSO
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I wish to sign my name to the above Declaration to the United Nations and want to go on record with this Declaration of the Individuals Against the Crime of Silence.

signature

For clarity, also print your name after your signature

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Sign, complete and mail to P.O. Box 69966, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. The office of the Individuals Against the Crime of Silence will then forward the information to the United Nations.

Should you also wish to support additional publishing, and communications, send \$1 or more in cash or by check made payable to Individuals Against the Crime of Silence. This donation entitles you to the lapel emblem, the wallet-size registration card and four personalized letter replicas of the Declaration for you to individually send on to the President and your U.S. senators and congressman. Money is needed to speed our progress. The strength of our numbers will regularly and effectively be made known. Your signature does have power.



THE DECLARATION AND TREATY PRINTED ON THESE PAGES MAY BE ENDORSED BY ANY INDIVIDUAL OF CONSCIENCE WITHOUT FEAR OF VIOLATING ANY ARMY REGULATIONS, DIRECTIVES, ETC., OR ANY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL LAWS. THIS MAY BE VERIFIED BY CALLING THE J.A.C. AT 2254 OR 2255.

THE STAFF OF THIS MORNING REPORT ENCOURAGES ALL G.I.'S TO READ, STUDY, SIGN, AND MAIL BOTH THE DECLARATION AND TREATY AS LAWFUL AND MEANINGFUL EXPRESSIONS OF OPPOSITION TO THE WAR IN INDOCHINA. RECORDS OF THE NUMBER OF SIGNATORIES OF THE DECLARATION ARE REGULARLY FORWARDED BY THE J.A.C.S. TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND ALL THE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON. SIGNED COPIES OF THE TREATY WILL BE PRESENTED TO OUR GOVERNMENT DURING THE SPRING OFFENSIVE BY THE P.O.P.U.

§ A Joint Treaty of Peace §

BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES SOUTH VIETNAM & NORTH VIETNAM

INTRODUCTION

Be it known that the American and Vietnamese people are not enemies. The war is carried out in the name of the people of the United States, but without our consent. It drains America of her resources, her youth and her honor.

We hereby agree to end the war on the following terms, so that both peoples can live under the joy of independence and can devote themselves to building a society based on human equality and respect for the earth. In rejecting the war we also reject all forms of racism and discrimination against people based on color, class, sex, national origin and ethnic grouping which form the basis of the war policies, present and past, of the United States.

PRINCIPLES OF THE JOINT TREATY OF PEACE

AMERICANS agree to immediate and total withdrawal from Vietnam, and publicly to set the date by which all U.S. military forces will be removed.

Vietnamese agree to participate in an immediate cease-fire, and will enter discussions on the procedures to guarantee the safety of all withdrawing troops, and to secure the release of all military prisoners.

AMERICANS pledge to end the imposition of Thieu, Ky and Khiem on the people of South Vietnam in order to ensure their right of self-determination, and to ensure that all political prisoners are released.

Vietnamese pledge to form a provisional coalition government to organize democratic elections, in which all South Vietnamese can participate freely without the presence of any foreign troops, and to enter discussions of procedures to guarantee the safety and political freedom of persons who cooperated with either side in the war.

AMERICANS and VIETNAMESE agree to respect the independence, peace and neutrality of Laos and Cambodia.

Upon these points of agreement, we pledge to end the war. We will resolve all other questions in mutual respect for the rights of self-determination of the people of Vietnam and of the United States.

AS AMERICANS RATIFYING THIS AGREEMENT, WE PLEDGE TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTIONS ARE APPROPRIATE TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS OF THIS JOINT TREATY OF PEACE, AND TO ENSURE ITS ACCEPTANCE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

I/WE ENDORSE THE PRINCIPLES OF THE PEOPLE'S PEACE TREATY.

Signed:..... Signed:.....
(individual) (organization)

The terms of this treaty were worked out in discussion among members of student associations in South and North Vietnam, and in the United States. Other citizens' groups plan meetings with Vietnamese citizens to discuss terms for peace.

Return this endorsement to:

People's Coalition for Peace and Justice, 68 St. Stephen St., Boston, Mass.

- ☐ I/ we hereby endorse the Joint Treaty of Peace.
- ☐ I/we would like to organize or work with a Peace Treaty group in my/our area.
- ☐ Enclosed is a contribution of \$----- to implement the Treaty.
(Make checks payable to People's Coalition and earmark for
Peace Treaty Promotions)

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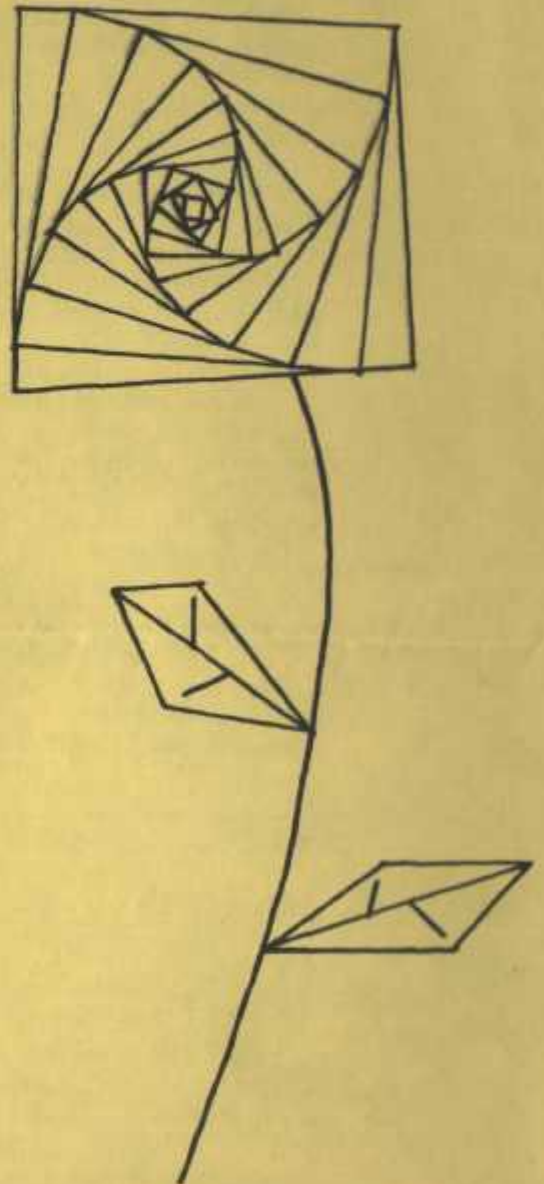
Hand-in-hand went death and child
Virgin meek and gunshy wild
Trapped and trained in dew-lit fields
Dropped and shot in jungle harbor
Too small a yield in such vain labors
Someone better write another
Letter for a fruitless mother

Nice day for serving life, OK?

d.l.g.

All of us who act against the law
turn to the poor of the world to the
Vietnamese
to the victims to the soldiers who kill
and die
for the wrong reason at all
because they were so ordered by the
authorities
of that public order which is in effect
a massive institutionalized disorder
We say: killing is disorder
life and gentleness and community
and unselfishness
is the only order we recognize
for the sake of that order
we risk our liberty our good name
the time is past when good men may
be silent
when obedience
can segregate men from public risk
when the poor can die without
defense
How many indeed must die
before our voices are heard?
How many must be tortured,
dislocated,
starved, maddened?
How long must the world's resources
be raped in the service of legalized
murder?
We have chosen to say
with the gift of liberty
if necessary our lives:
The violence stops here
the death stops here
the suppression of truth stops here
The war stops here!

Daniel Berrigen



THE REAL REVOLUTIONARY

Standing on the British gallows before his execution for treason against the English establishment which then governed the American Colonies, Nathan Hale uttered his now famous words, "I regret that I have but one life to give for my country." An "early" revolutionary, Nathan Hale is a hero of the American Revolution whose courageous words are taught to school children as an example of patriotism.

I wonder if anyone would remember Nathan Hale if, as he faced the hangman, he had said, "I demand amnesty for myself and all other revolutionaries," or if he had claimed he was being persecuted by the "merchants of mercantilism." I think not, for Nathan Hale is one of many revolutionaries throughout history who are admired not only because their causes were actualized, but because they accepted the responsibilities of the true revolutionary and did not shirk those responsibilities when they were brought to task by the systems they were fighting. For revolutions are paid for in blood and agony, and anyone who chooses revolution as his instrument for change must, if he is to be true to himself and his cause, be prepared to pay part of this price without complaint.

So who are the heroes of the "new" revolutions? Bobby Seale? Abby Hoffman? Tom Hayden? Angela Davis, perhaps? Again I think not. I think David Harris who served four years in a Federal prison rather than two years in the U.S. Army, and Dr. Benjamin Spock who accepted without protest the jurisdiction of the courts during his trial for organizing and participating in draft resistance, and Dr. Martin Luther King who died fighting a racist society but had fully accepted death as the price he might have to pay to realize his dream - I think these men are the real heroes of the "new" revolution. These men entered into revolution knowing the possible consequences of this course of action. They were willing to accept these consequences if they came to pass, and to accept them with dignity and honor. None of them screamed for amnesty or in any way claimed exemption from punishment.

If social and political changes come to the United States, then these men, and other men and women of courage and conviction, will be the ones responsible for bringing the dreams to realities - they will be the real heroes, the real revolutionaries.

I THINK THAT PEOPLE WANT PEACE SO MUCH
THAT ONE OF THESE DAYS GOVERNMENTS HAD
BETTER GET OUT OF THEIR WAY AND LET
THEM HAVE IT.....

-- DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER --

RFFD on WAAF at 107.3 FM

GI's not only have their own newspaper now, but their own radio show as well. 107.3 FM is WAAF, a very heavy station any day of the week, but from 7:00 to 8:00 every Monday night it really gets down into it and broadcasts Radio Free Fort Devens and the radio waves sync with your thought waves as real live GI's relate their real live experiences with the Green Machine. Tune in Monday nights at 7:00pm.

COMMON SENSE BOOKS

116 West Main / Ayer, Mass

THE BOOKSTORE IS OPEN ALMOST EVERY DAY (EXCEPT SUNDAY AND MONDAY DURING THE DAY) FOR YOU TO USE. WE ARE ANTI-PROFIT BUT MUST PAY OUR BILLS TO THOSE WHO AREN'T. IF WE CAN BE OF ANY HELP, LET US KNOW.

COMING EVENTS AT CSBS:

- Every Tuesday: GI night at 8:00
- April 21st: Poetry Workshop at 8:00
- April 22nd: Dan Ellsberg, former advisor to Henry Kissinger, on S.E.A. and Peoples Peace Treaty
- April 24th: Craft Day - candle making - tie-dyeing - gardening.
- April 25th: Carpentry workshop.
- April 26th: High School Civil Rights
- April 29th: S.E.A. History discussion with people from Concerned Asian Scholars.

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THE MORNING REPORT is written by and for GI's. This issue is moderately radical because the GI's who put it together are moderately radical; but we feel that all views and attitudes should be reflected in this type of paper, so we encourage all GI's at Fort Devens to contribute their time, thoughts, and articles by dropping by the Common Sense Book Store (it's only 3/4 of a mile from the Ayer gate) and bullshitting with the staff and patrons. Tuesday nights (GI night) would be a good time to drop by as the MR staff will probably be there then. Articles, comments, and contributions toward future publications may also be submitted thru P.O. Box 359 / Groton, Massachusetts



The wheel of the law turns
without pause.

After the rain, good weather
in the wink of an eye

The universe throws off
its muddy clothes.

For ten thousand miles
the landscape

spreads out like a beautiful brocade
Light breezes. Smiling flowers.

High in the trees, amongst
the sparkling leaves

all the birds sing at once.
Men and animals rise-up reborn.

What could be more natural?
After sorrow, comes joy.

Ho Chi Minh



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You can have one copy of this
Don't let them take it from you

THE GREAT WALL OF PCF

Construction has begun on a fence that will surround almost three fourths of the Personnel Control Facilities at Fort Devens. Will this fence from the military point of view help to contain the so called "resisting element," or will it cause more friction between the troops and the controlling factors of PCF?

There has been talk of such a barrier in PCF for many months, and now it is fast becoming a reality. Designed to confine four out of seven platoons, the fence will in the future create greater frictions and hostilities between PCF personnel and the controlling factors than it already has in its short span of construction.

Thursday night, September 9th, four or five poles of the fence were uprooted. This action in itself fortells the upcoming tensions that will arrive at PCF. Friday morning at 7:15, the company commander, Captain Healy, announced that all passes for the weekend of 10 September were pulled. Healy stated, "this fence is going up and there is nothing that you can do about it." From there eight men were picked at random and locked up in the cage at the operations building where they stayed all day. Two of the men went from there to jail, where they are still being held. Their confinement orders were signed by the counselling officer (Captain Wheller) even though they were not interviewed.

These men were sent to jail and they did not even have a chance to defend themselves. Tensions were rising. People were very unjustly being thrown into the can, and nobody did anything about it.

This is not going to just blow over. Until the people of PCF are recognized as individuals and not simply a militant minority, the protests will continue.

A man is innocent until he is proven guilty. What gives the CO of PCF the right to condemn a man without the man even being counselled? We predict more unjustness to come. More innocent people will go to jail because of

the military's failure to follow the common law where guilt is proven before a man is sentenced. The fence being constructed is not going to do anything but make a wider gap between the enlisted members and the prosecuting brass.

Corrupt actions are taking place at Ft. Devens. The enlisted members of PCF are being prosecuted as a whole body and not as individuals. It's about time we started defending ourselves as a whole body as well as individuals.

UCMJ not all bad

An Article 133 of the UCMJ is the strongest complaint procedure for use by PMs against officers. It is a right which the higher-ups must follow. No army or post regulation may deny your right to file an Article 133.

When an Article 133 can be used:

- a. When not getting a pass you're entitled to.
- b. Racial or religious discrimination.
- c. Illegal imposition of extra duties.
- d. Illegal seizure of property or:

"Any member of the armed forces who believes himself wronged by his Commanding Officer, and who upon due application to that Commanding Officer is refused redress, may complain to any superior commissioned officer, who will forward the complaint to the officer exercising general court martial jurisdiction over the officer against whom it is made. The officer exercising general court martial jurisdiction shall examine the complaint and take proper measures for redressing the wrong complained of; and he shall as soon as possible send to the Secretary of the particular branch of service a true statement of the complaint with the proceedings had thereon."

HOW TO FILE:

- 1) Ask your own CO for redress of grievance (a correction of the wrong done to you.)

If he refuses,

- 2) Write down your complaint.
- 3) Hand it to any superior officer --not your CO.

4) Mail or give copies of your complaint to:

The base commander
The Staff Judge Advocate (JAG)
The Secretary of the branch of the service

Your congressmen and senators

5) Keep a copy for yourself.

6) Let the branch of service know you are writing your Congressmen and Senators. (This can be done by placing "cc Senator _____," at the left bottom of your letter.)

SAMPLE LETTER:

Attn. General Willard Peason
Headquarters Company
USAR Infantry at Ft. Lewis
Ft. Lewis, Washington.

To: General Peason

From: your name

Re: Article 138 UCMJ filed against
_____ on _____

Reason for complaint and that you request an immediate investigation of this matter.

Thank you.

(signature)

SSAN and company

cc Staff Judge Advocate
Secretary of the Army
Congressmen _____
Senators _____

HINT: In spite of the exact wording of the regulation, Article 138s, if filed simply by an individual, often get "lost" by the command structure. If you really want your case to come out, get a group to file charges simultaneously against a particular officer; that way, it is much harder for his higher-ups to ignore the complaint. (And dig it, when they come after us its 45 charges for spitting on the sidewalk. It's about time we tried a "shotgun offence" on them too.

I don't understand
Why the chaplains corps
Is unable to understand
The position of the conscientious
objector.

Why are the chaplains quicker
To point out
The improbability
Of approval
From a political stand point
Than concern themselves
With the sincerity
And religious basis
Of an expressed conviction
That war is the antithesis
Of a man's belief in God
And his love for all men.

I don't understand
Why the psychologists,
Psychiatrists and social workers
At mental hygiene
Would suggest to one whom
They were counselling
That he go awol
Rather than deal
Directly
With the conflicts
And problems
Military service
Has created for him.
I guess it's because
They know
Awol
Is something
The army can
Deal with.

I don't understand
Why young men
Coming into the army
Still have the
Racist attitudes
Of the command structure
And can leave
"We'll get you, nigger--KKK"
Notes for a man
Who is willing to
Stand up for his rights
Their rights and
Human dignity.

DH

SPEAK OUT: That's where Morning Report is at. Bring all articles, comments, letters, etc. to Common Sense Books, 116. W. Main St., or mail to PO Box 359, Groton, Mass.

BROTHER HARASSED IN ASA

Before a summary court martial Pfc. George Thomas Jr., ASA, on August 20, 1971, was arraigned and tried for: violation UCMJ, Art. 86. Specification--failure to report to casual duty formation. Violation UCMJ, Art. 92. Specification--failure to obey lawful order to report to duty sergeant's desk.

Pfc. Thomas pleaded not guilty to all specifications and charges.

The following is the gist of a letter drafted while his court martial was pending by Thomas to his congressional representative seeking redress of grievances:

Sir:

I am writing to you as a last resort in order to secure relief from an injustice being dealt to me by my commanding officer (company level) 1LT Anthony J. Dalessio, Company H, 1st BN, USASATK, Ft. Devens, Mass. 01433.

I have been at Ft. Devens since 11 April 1971 attending the Army Security Agency School. Within this time I have experienced problems of harassment. Since reporting here I have moved into three different rooms. I was first moved out by my commanding officer, Anthony Dalessio, into another room where I had even greater problems from the people living there. I then moved of my own will to another room where the problems were not as great.

I further cite an incident where the charge of quarters runner asked for kitchen police (which entails seventeen hours of duty without compensatory time) volunteers from my room. When the other men living there said no, he turned to me and said I had KP. The two previous weekends I had had KP and guard duty respectively. I was threatened with an Article 15 by my commanding officer, but he was forced to drop that threat since he was not following the duty rosters according to regulations.

At the present time, I am waiting for a trial by summary courts-

martial for not accepting an article 15 in which it was alleged that I missed a duty formation and refused to obey a lawful order on 29 July. In challenging this action I offered the following defense: I failed to meet the formation because I did not wake up at the proper time. Although it was my first offense, I did not expect to go unpunished. However, another student, Pvt. Duane Tessmer, also missed the formation but was not given any reprimand, either written or oral, much less an Article 15. In further mitigation I offer that I was awakened with the understanding that my area would have to be in order for inspection, and I would have to report in proper military uniform. (Needless to say I missed that time limit.) Once again, the other individual involved, Pvt. Tessmer, was allowed to care for his personal hygiene, clean his area, and be dressed for his detail without being required to report to the duty sergeant. This is the unequal treatment and military injustice which I cannot accept.

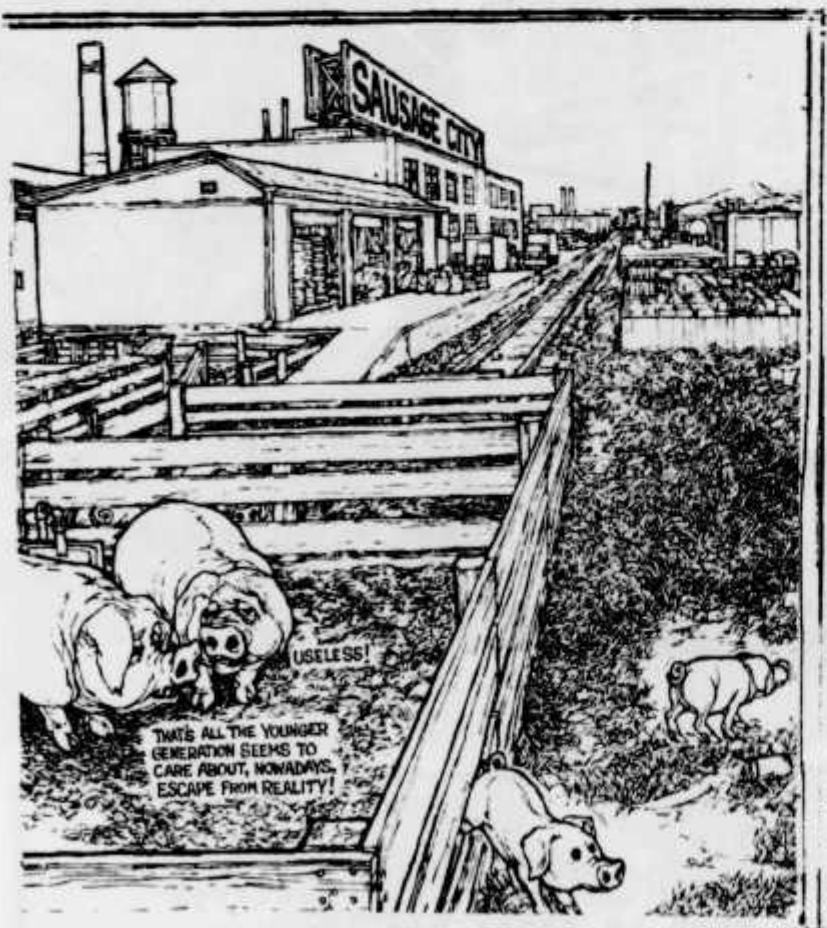
On August 5th at 2130 hours, the CQ runner gave me an order to report to the support mess hall for KP duty. My name was not on the roster for KP and I had been working from 0645 to 1630 on the same day. The CQ runner, Pvt. Lee Pelcscini, said to me that he was to escort me there and he informed me that the mess NCO had called my duty sergeant, SP4 Thomas Buckley, who had said to get me for the job. While on KP (5 August) SP4 Kenneth E. McRae informed me that the company First Sergeant Smith had called him to the mess hall on 30 July to sign papers on me with the idea in mind that they were going to give me an Article 15 for the incident of 29 July. Up until that point I knew nothing about the charges they had drawn up.

Since 3 August, the CO, Lt. Dalessio, had ordered a guard on me from 0645 to 1630 weekdays. Although I knew of no charges against me and had given no indication that I might not be present for duty, the commanding officer gave no reason for placing me under guard during duty hours other than to insure that I did not run

The following was written by Huey Newton of the Black Panther Party on June 30, 1970 a little more than a year before George Jackson was killed in prison. We are printing the statement and the following petition because we believe that for any man, GI or civilian, to understand the nature and causes of his oppression he must be able to look objectively at his condition in relation to the black colony in Amerikkka.

"George Jackson is a living legend throughout the prison system. Every inmate that I've talked to, every convict who has been around the California prisons for any length of time, knows about George and has high regard for him. Even some of the white 'racist' inmates have respect for him because they view him as a man who is totally straight...He refuses to compromise in any way to gain personal privilege. He has stood up and let himself be counted regardless of personal cost. George is a true revolutionary."

Huey P. Newton



PEACE

GEORGE JACKSON PETITION

George L. Jackson's body was killed on August 21, 1971 by the Prison guards at San Quentin Penitentiary.

BE IT RESOLVED, that he was at one with those people of the world who became stronger in the face of the oppressor .

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the explanations of the State of California for the death of George Jackson are an insult to the intelligence of all mankind.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State of California nor the U.S. of A. will conduct an unbiased investigation of the killing of George L. Jackson's body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United Nations Charter provides for international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights, and that the United Nations shall promote universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the right to live is a fundamental human right .

HENCE, I HEREBY DEMAND THAT THE UNITED NATIONS TAKE JURISDICTION OF THE CASE OF GEORGE JACKSON AND INVESTIGATE HIS DEATH.

NAME AND ADDRESS

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Please return this petition to Mrs. Georgia Jackson (George's mother), P.O. Box 68, Berkeley, Calif. 94701



A good soldier has his heart and soul in it. When he receives an order, he gets a hard on, and when he sends his lance into the enemy's guts, he comes....

--Bertolt Brecht, The Caucasian Chalk Circle



"We ought to cage them somewhere, even if we have to put a fence around the state of Montana."

--Brigadier General Morrison,
Army Medical Service Corps boss,
speaking after luncheon Sept. 15, 1971
Fort Devens Officer's Open Mess.

OVERHAULING MILITARY JUSTICE
--excerpted from statement by
Senator Birch Bayh

Suppose I were to describe a system of justice in which one person holds the power to decide whether to bring to trial his fellow citizens, to select the prosecuting attorney, the members of the jury, and in most cases defense counsel, and then review the findings and sentence.

suppose I were to tell you that more than 100,000 such trials are held each year -- three times the number of criminal trials in the whole federal system.

"Terrible!" you would say. "You must be describing the court system of some country behind the Iron Curtain."

RIGHT HERE IN THE U.S.

No, I would have to tell you the shameful fact that this nation, which prides itself on offering "liberty and justice for all," fails to provide a first-rate judicial system for the very citizens it calls upon to defend those principles. More than 3 million Americans now serving in the armed services are being denied rights fundamental to all members of a free society. The "need to maintain discipline" as a rationale for denying American servicemen the basic rights to which their citizenship entitles them is not legitimate.

Courts-martial may impose numerous penalties, including dishonorable discharge, lengthy imprisonment, or even death. And yet we give one man--the commander--virtually unlimited power over this process which affects the lives of thousands of our young and plays an integral role in the appellate process. He can appoint the pretrial investigating officers, authorize searches and arrests, convene the court-martial, and decide whether the accused shall remain in pretrial confinement. He chooses the prosecuting attorney and, in most instances, the

defense counsel. Finally, he chooses each of the men who will serve as members of a court--the military equivalent of jurors--decides whether a sentence to confinement shall be deferred pending an appeal, and makes the initial review of the case.

Such overwhelming control of the court-martial by definition carries with it great dangers. One letter I received recently told of a commanding officer who had tried to court-martial a cook who had ruined some fish cakes for destruction of government property!

TRIPLE CROSSED

In one startling case, I was told about, a young airman's wife ran off with another man and left the airman with heavy debts. He applied for a hardship discharge. The commanding officer first agreed, but then changed his mind after getting himself involved with the airman's wife. When the young man then went AWOL and was subsequently court-martialed, the person who executed his sentence was the very same commanding officer!

The way to prevent more such tragedies from occurring in the future seems to be obvious: eliminate command influence. As long as the commander controls the entire court-martial machinery,, improper command influence will continue, and the right to a fair and impartial trial will remain in jeopardy.

THIS WAS WRITTEN FOR CIVILIANS,
WE KNOW THIS SHIT. CIVILIANS
AIN'T GOING TO CHANGE IT, WE ARE.



anybody interested in pluggin' into a little action around october 13th (NATIONAL MORATORIUM) check it out at the common sense book store.

away. I do not know of any reason he had to think I would run away, and the hours which I was guarded inclined me to think that this was a means of pure harassment. I had to make two visits to the post inspector general before the guard was finally removed on 9 August. I learned from the IG that I was also being charged with leaving the mess hall at 0330 on 28 August. (Here again Pvt. Tessmer had left also and was not charged.)

In closing I would appreciate your getting to the bottom of this since I feel that we three blacks here in a relatively security sensitive career field with approximately 300 whites should not be driven out, made to rebel, nor catered to, but treated as equals in the military.

Since writing this letter, George Thomas has been summarily court martialed and given and harsh and undue punishment of \$100 forfeiture of pay and 30 days restriction to company area. For missing one duty formation under understandable circumstances while a fellow student received no censure whatsoever.

This example, typical of military harassment and injustice, is

enough to piss off even the most disinterested observer, but the evident racism sickens the heart and enrages the intellect of any human being with a scrap of awareness of the innate brotherhood of man and how we are going to have to act if we really want to survive and change the quality of the human condition.

George Thomas can't effect any change by letting the sausage factory grind him up. By letting the military pursue its racist and dehumanizing policies, you and I are consenting and contributing to our own dehumanization; by relinquishing the rights we have as citizens to "speak out against the madness" and seek redress of grievances we are serving up our bodies and energies to a system which supports the self-interest of a few by making mindless automations of the rest of us. Individually a GI is powerless; by openly relating to our brothers we can develop the potential for constructive action to protect our individual rights as citizens and organize ourselves to effect changes leading toward a society in which we are free to become the non-violent, responsible, joyfully creative beings we want to be.

ON POST ACTION PLANNED

On the last day of this month the inmates of Fort Devens will be visited by several dozen citizens who will be distributing copies of the Pentagon Papers. These documents show conclusively that a small group of corrupt American businessmen and politicians, as evil and foul as any demagogues that history has produced, has willfully murdered millions of Vietnamese and Americans and have consistently lied to the American people about it for 25 years. And it is the brothers and sisters in the army, the black and white conscripts, ripped off the streets or the farm, who get sacrificed so these few men can continue to force their economic system on the world.

We will be distributing these

books not only to raise the issues of the war (for the GIs know and feel how the war is fucking people over better than any book can tell them) but also to raise the issue of the deprivation of constitutional rights which every soldier undergoes the moment he puts his name on the dotted line.

Specifically, we hope to stimulate thought on the following points:

- 1) The right to distribute freely works of a critical and controversial nature on a military installation.

- 2) The right of GIs to organize open discussion groups on base to deal with the question raised by this book and the larger questions of the war and the ways in which their own lives are being determined.

- 3) The possibility that such

groups might invite people from outside the military possessing relevant or expert information to some meetings on post to further facilitate open discussion of these issues among the men whose lives are most directly affected by them.

In regard to this, Daniel Ellsberg, the man now under a Federal court indictment for having released the Pentagon Papers has said that if he is invited by a group of interested GIs he would take the risk of coming on a military post and speaking with them. Hopefully, this distribution will make free speech and free assembly real and vital issues at Fort Devens.

It is our contention that in spite of its technological power, the army, if it is ever to be changed, will be changed not by the brass or the government, but by the men and women trapped within it. The army,

knowing this, does its best through its well known humiliating disciplinary procedures to make its men as mindless and unthinking as possible so that they will obey all orders, including the order to kill, and comply with their role of imperialism's hired thugs. But the men and women in the army now are aching to be free, to throw off the chains around their bodies and their minds. All that is keeping them in their place is their reluctance to organize--acting as individuals, the army can pick people off one by one with no effort, but acting in organized groups they will have more than a fighting chance.

The Common Sense Book Store, 116 W. Main St., in Ayer has been the

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UNDERSTAND

I can understand

why men talk back
why men Hate

I can't understand how man loves one Brother and kills another.
I can't understand loneliness.

I understand Peace

I understand Justice

I understand Equality

I can't understand loneliness.

Is it true I am free?

Yes

Brother

I have love for Brother

Yes

Brother

I have love (for you)

We are both Brother

But I can't understand loneliness.

Brother, understand that you are free

understand the men that talk back

understand the men that Hate

Understand why you must love your brother.

Understand!

so that I can understand

Why I can't understand loneliness: UNDERSTAND!

Yes

Brother

I really understand loneliness

Understand Brother

why you must love your Brother

Now you understand

loneliness

Roaches

(them dynamite little tips)


Know your enemy Dept.

The Dept. of the Army publishes a very useful rag we can use. "THE MILITARY LAW REVIEW" (for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Gov't Printing Office, Wash. D.C. 20402. \$2.50/yr)

Recent articles of interest - dynamite dope on: 1) C.O.s; status; rights; new possibilities for action; how to stuff. 2) Intrusion into the body - blood test for dope & ignorant oil. 3) pretrial confinement & rights to a speedy trial. 4) G.I. free speech. - All the latest test cases & legal trends

DIG IT - We don't always lose these cases. **FLASH!!!!!!**

Why not have your unit fund shell out the bread for some of this stuff instead of the usual Crap that covers the Day Room Rack. It's your bread

DIG IT 

A gangbaster's book, the legal "Bible of the G.I."

G.I. Rights & Army Justice: The Draftee's

GUIDE to Military Life & Law by Robt S. Rivkin

\$1.75 at the Common Sense Book store in Ayer

What happened at ATTICA.

Murder, Lies, & the usual Rockefeller Bullshit. If you want to know what's going on, read

SOLEDAD BROTHER the prison letters of George Jackson (\$1.50 at the bookstore)

The TRUTH will set you

FREE!!

Do you remember Watts, Kent State, or what almost happened in the May Day peace march? As a member of the new action army you can possibly attend the murder of people striving to protest the wrongs of our country.

I am sure that almost everyone on post has seen the poor bastard put in up with the snow rain, cold and the generous helping of Army Mickey Mouse BULLSHIT. All this is done to maintain the security of the fort, or so they say. Yet few people realize that you and I as guards and members of the Green Machine can



at anytime be issued bullets, bayonets, and other tools of destruction to be sent anywhere the Army decides the sacredness of the establishment is threatened. Whether in the States or in Viet Nam it is the sacredness of Human life which is really threatened.

So remember when you or someone you know has guard duty it may be the lucky day. Who knows maybe with your help the Army can pull off another Attica massacre or worse.

Food for thought: Maybe You will be a member of the next firing squad!

Dave

USAH

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place where the Pentagon Papers evolved, and we at the store hope that this will make use of the space as a meeting ground for further political organization and action, until they are ready to use the fort. We offer a good selection of

military legal material, good contacts with civilian lawyers and other professionals, and a place where people can meet free of the uptightness of the base. Come by whenever you like. BRING OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS HOME NOW!!!!

This issue of the Morning Report has been brought to you by some folks near and dear to you all, namely: Jake, Uncle Ralphie, Lovely Rita, Nupe, Dave, John Brown, Crazy Jim, Trippy Mike, J.T., Che, Pete, J♠, and thanks to Susan for her dynamite marble cake and Tom's for the great banana splits and you all, our inspiration. We still need articles, poetry, photographs, graphics, smiles, feedback, as well as a variety of supplies, rubber cement, another electric typewriter, rulers, scissors, subs, ko-rec-type, felt tip pens, loose leaf binders, bread and anything else you might find lying around. Thanks to those of you who brought in supplies this issue. We are temporarily using office space in the back of the Common Sense Bookstore in Ayer until a liberated zone can be set up on the base. Right on brothers and sisters. FTA!!

FORT
DEVENS

Morning Report

This issue is dedicated
to MICHAEL BRADFORD who
DREW THE FIST AND IS
NOW GONE: BY THE
WAY, NOT BECAUSE HE
DREW THE FIST, IS HE
GONE.

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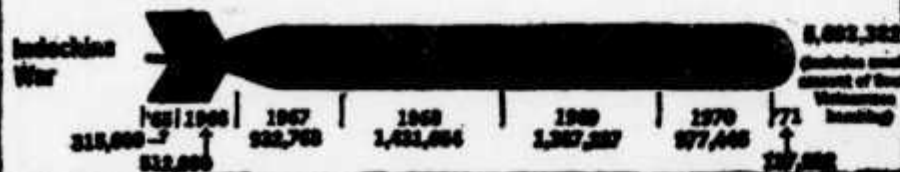
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GIs presently stationed at Fort Devens.

U.S. Bombing Tonnage in Three Wars

World War II 1941-1945 2,057,344

Korean War 1950-1953 635,000



PEACE NOW !!!

End The War In Indochina

'SEVEN YEARS IS A LONG TIME TO PROTEST
WITHOUT STOPPING THE WAR' BUT THE
VIETNAMESE HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING
AND DYING FOR 27 YEARS, NOT INCLUDING
EARLIER ATTEMPTS TO EXPEL THE JAP-
ANESE THE FRENCH AND THE CHINESE.
WHAT IF THEY HAD SAID AFTER SEVEN
BATTLES, SEVEN YEARS, SEVEN HUN-
DRED DEATHS, 700,000, THAT THEY
WERE TIRED OF DOING THINGS THAT
HAVE TO BE DONE OVER AND OVER
AGAIN.'

— Dave Dellinger

SET THE DATE IN '71
BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE



THE MILITARY CODE OF CONDUCT (revised)

RESIST RESIST RESIST

WE ARE A GROUP OF GIS, (I-AO'S) WHO WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU WHAT THE MILITARY "CODE OF CONDUCT" MEANS TO US.

BRING TO MIND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION THAT BEGAN WITH THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, ENDED WITH THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND PRODUCED THE THIRTEENTH AMENDMENT TO THAT CONSTITUTION WHICH STATES THAT NO INDIVIDUAL BE SUBJECT TO INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE. TO US -- AND TO MANY OTHERS -- THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES ARE JUST THAT: INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE. WE CONSIDER THAT THE CONSTITUTION HAS BEEN VIOLATED. THEREFORE, WE ARE CARRYING OUT OUR OWN, SILENT AMERICAN REVOLUTION WITHIN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. COMPARE US WITH THE ORIGINAL AMERICAN PATRIOTS WHO FOUGHT AGAINST AN OPPRESSIVE GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS.

HERE IS THE MILITARY CODE OF CONDUCT WITH OUR INTERPRETATION:

1. "I am an American fighting man. I serve in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defence."

WE FEEL THAT THE "FORCES OF OUR COUNTRY" ARE THE PRESENT REVOLUTIONARIES WHO ARE STRIVING TO REGAIN THE FREEDOMS GUARANTEED BY THE CONSTITUTION.

RESIST

2. "I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command, I will never surrender my men while they have the means to resist."

WE ARE PRESSED INTO THE SERVICE BY THE THREAT OF A FIVE YEAR PRISON SENTENCE, A FINE OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, OR BOTH. AND IF ONE DECIDES TO LEAVE HIS COUNTRY BECAUSE OF HIS MORAL BELIEF, HE IS UNABLE TO RETURN TO THE LAND OF HIS PEOPLE AS LONG AS HE LIVES. WE HAVE NOT SURRENDERED TO THE MILITARY OF OUR OWN FREE WILL; WE WERE FORCED INTO THIS SURRENDER!

3. "If I am captured I will contrive to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy."

WE FEEL THAT IN THIS INSTANCE, "THE ENEMY" IS THE GOVERNMENT AND THE MILITARY, BENT ON CONTROLLING THE GOD-GIVEN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF AN INDIVIDUAL. WE WILL "CONTINUE TO RESIST BY ALL MEANS AVAILABLE."

4. "If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information or take part in any actions which might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior, I will take command. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and back them up in every way."

ARTICLE 15

The Article 15 is probably the most well known disciplinary action used by the army. It is, as specified in the UCMJ, a form of non-judicial punishment that a CO can invoke in order to punish his men for minor infractions of military law. Infractions of any Devens or DA regulations are punishable by Art. 15.

Art. 15 is essentially an expedient for the commanding officer. It is utilized at his discretion and the punishments imposed are also at his discretion within the limits described in the UCMJ. Because it is non-judicial punishment, the officer does not have to prove his case before a court-martial, nor is a soldier's acceptance of an Art. 15 an admission of guilt.

The limits for an Art. 15 if given by a company grade officer are:

1. correctional custody for not more than 7 consecutive days
 2. forfeiture of not more than 7 days pay
 3. reduction to the next inferior pay grade, if the grade from which demoted is within the promotion authority of the officer imposing the reduction
 4. restriction for not more than 14 consecutive days
 5. detention of not more than 14 days pay
- If imposed by a field grade officer:
1. correctional custody for not more than 30 consecutive days
 2. forfeiture of not more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of one month's pay per month for two months

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WE FEEL THAT WE ARE CAPTURED PRISONERS OF A POLITICAL WAR -- A WAR THAT IS NOT OURS -- AND WE ARE USED AS PAWNS IN THEIR GAME. EVEN THOUGH WE ARE BEING USED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, WE WILL CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE FROM WITHIN THIS POLITICAL BLOC, AND EVENTUALLY IT WILL TUMBLE LIKE THE BLOCKS OF A CHILD.

5. "When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am bound to give only name, rank, service number, and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to our cause."

WE FEEL THAT WE WILL KEEP ON RESISTING WITHIN THE LIMITED RIGHTS THAT WE HAVE. WE WILL MAKE "NO ORAL OR WRITTEN STATEMENTS DISLOYAL TO (OUR) CAUSE."

6. "I will never forget that I am an American fighting man, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America."

WE FEEL THAT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR ACTIONS AND DEDICATED TO THE PRINCIPLES WHICH MADE OUR COUNTRY FREE. WE WILL TRUST IN OUR GOD AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA -- AS THE FIRST PATRIOTS ENVISIONED IT TO BE!

7. "The code is intended to make you realize that the prison camp is an extension of the battlefields." THE PRISON CAMPS ARE THE GOVERNMENT AND THE MILITARY. THE BATTLEFIELDS ARE BERKELEY, CHICAGO, DETROIT, AND WASHINGTON...AND MORE WILL COME!

PEACE ON EARTH
GOODWILL TOWARDS
OUR FELLOW MAN

Pvt. Michael Weddie (now retired C.O.)
Pvt. Robert Rast (also out in a good way)

NOTE: This article was written in the summer of '69 when times were different. But times haven't changed all that much because men are still in the army. Also, there were many others who signed their names to this article, but because they may still be in, we decided not to print their names without their permission. In Peace!

DINNER AT STORE ON TUES. NITES... BRING FOODS, WINES, AND OTHER SUSHI-SH. A MEETING WILL FOLLOW DINNER.

THE CASE OF THE NEW ACTION ARMY
vs. THE ISSUE OF MICKEY MOUSE
FORMATIONS AND BEER IN BILLETTS.

Somewhere around December of 1970, the Dept. of Army introduced to the American public a new lax system designed to benefit the soldier. However, it is much more likely that the OD was merely attempting to improve its public image. We were informed by the people (or should I say non-people) of the Pentagon that there would be no more "Mickey Mouse" formations of any kind and that personnel could drink beer in the mess halls and in the billets. Beer machines were to be installed in the mess halls and units on post were to be allowed to drink beer in the barracks.

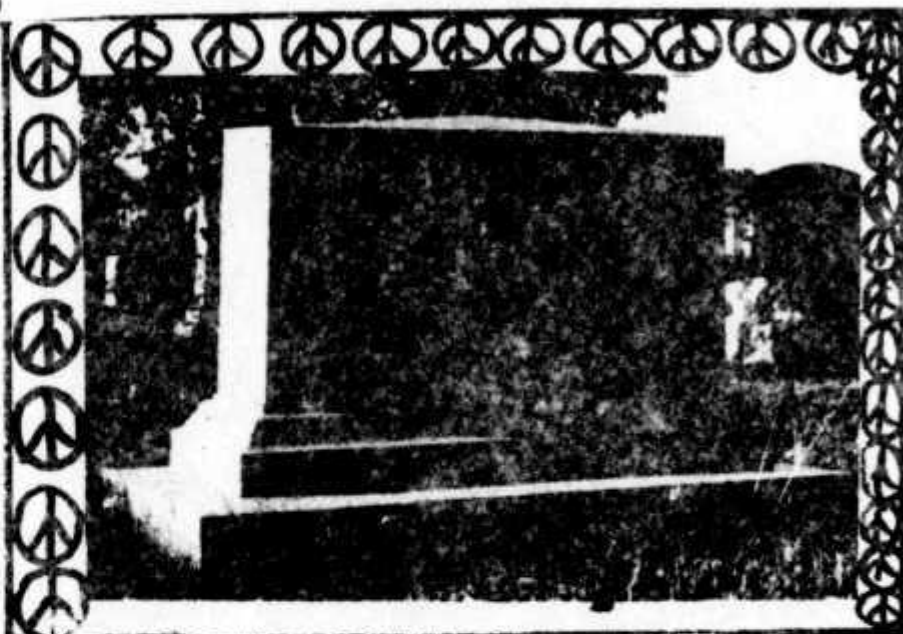
It is now evidenced that the commanders of many companies absolutely will not allow their men (dig that, did you get that? "their men" yup, that's right, that is just how these lifers think,) to drink alcoholic beverages in the barracks.

One such unit is the 104th Transportation Company. It has been well founded that men in this company were strictly informed that no booze could be brought into the billets and that if any person were found possessing such sinful stuff, they would face severe punitive measures. Ironically it has also been noted that many of the elitist NCOs of this same company, continue to bring their drinks in, and not a word is uttered on the part of the command. This to me is another fine military example of how our rights in the army are just about equal to having no rights at all.

And still the plaguing hassles of Mickey Mouse formations continue on this post. A person in the 18th Engr. Bn. told MORNING REPORT that unnecessary formations were being called in his company. The unit mentioned earlier, the 104th Transportation Co., has a consistent record of three formations a day. There can be no good reason why these absurd formations cannot be eliminated -- we are people, real people, and should be respected as such and

not forced around like a herd of cattle. Something should, and can be done if we unite against all of this ridiculous nonsense that is wrought upon us by lifers who feel that they must keep their men "in line" in order to play up their own egos.

Zeke



Is the Army Fascist?

Fascist states partially maintain control over their subjects by a perpetual process of regulation changing. This practice is designed to keep the subjects confused. When the subjects attempt to determine their legal position instead of already knowing their legal position, they become more susceptible to government control.

The United States Army is not an exception to this practice. For example, the Department of the Army regulation 210-10 states that installation commanders "will not take any action to control or restrict the dissemination of publications, even if such publications are believed to be in poor taste or unfairly critical of US government policies or officials."

A few years ago, the above was the official army policy for handling matters of "dissent." Today, however, this regulation has been continually complicated by enumerable army directives which have in effect totally contradicted the main point of fact in AR 210-10.

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G.I. Dissent - Not New!!!

The war in Vietnam has once again introduced to the American people the reality of GI dissent. It is not the first time in U.S. history that GIs have risen up to organize themselves in opposition to U.S. foreign policy.

The months following the end of WWII saw expressions of GI revolt in forms of petitions, mass meetings and letter writing campaigns pointed toward bring GIs home. The powers who ruled the country were unwilling to grant demands until met by the force of organized GIs, sympathetic labor unions, wives and indignant congressmen. The economic interests were reluctant to see large numbers of veterans flooding the labor market, competing for scarce jobs and joining the ranks of unions disenchanted with various wartime restrictions. The foreign policy interests -- already making decisions leading to the war in Vietnam -- were unwilling to disband a huge army when it could be so effectively used to support discredited balance of power politics.

American transport ships were diverted from their task of returning GIs from the Pacific in order to carry French troops back to Indochina and to aid the Dutch in their attempt to suppress Indonesian nationalists. The attempt to re-establish the imperialist status quo also saw the use of 50,000 marines to guard cities and rail lines of North China on behalf of the struggling dictator, Chiang Kai-shek.

GI dissent expressed itself in many ways. Mass demonstrations were held: 4000 met in protest in Manila on Christmas day, 1945, 1500 in Rheims, 1000 in Paris, and 13,000 met at Hickman Field in Honolulu. Petitions and telegrams were also employed. On January 8, 6000 soldiers on Saipan wired protests.

**IF ANYBODY KNOWS WHEN
THE NEW GENERAL WILL BE
PICKED, PLEASE LET US KNOW.**

1800 officers and men of the 8th Air Force in London demanded by telegram "an explanation of delayed return." On Batangas in the Philippines, 4,000 soldiers voted money for an ad in the U.S. papers calling for the removal of Secretary of War Patterson.

Demonstrations and petitions and letters to home brought results. Senator Elbert D. Thomas, head of the Military Affairs Committee remarked to the press that "constituents are on (the congress's) necks day and night. The pressure is unbelievable. Mail from wives, mothers, sweethearts demanding that their men be brought home is running to almost 100,000 letters daily."

Despite the mounting protest at home, legitimized by congressional investigation, military leaders acted to suppress the revolt. Leading organizers were transferred, some were brought up on charges and jailed, official service newspapers ran into increased censorship. Finally, on January 17th, the Chief of Staff, General Eisenhower, issued an order banning further demonstrations.

An Army of 8½ million at its peak in 1945 had been reduced to less than 2 million in 1946 and active support to colonial regimes and right-wing dictatorship -- masked by the rhetoric of the "free world" -- would have to wait until the "better classes" were able to indoctrinate the American public to an ill-informed and emotional anti-communism.

Two historical situations are never exactly similar, but the lessons of GI dissent in 1945-46 should not be lost for the generation of GIs condemned to death in order to save Richard Nixon's face. By organizing themselves and building alliances with civilian groups, GIs were able to affect their fate and change American policy. GIs are building today for that same goal and can draw hope from the success of their predecessors.

PFC G. Kulik



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The GIs who write and publish the MORNING REPORT, have kindly allowed the COMMON SENSE BOOKSTORE some space in their paper for each issue. For this we are most thankful and say RIGHT ON!

As you may know, the store is multi-functioned and is much more than a mere bookstore. There are military counselors around who can assist you in the preparation of administrative discharges and can advise you on what rights you are granted as a citizen serving in the military.

If you are in need of any medical, psychiatric, or legal assistance, we can refer you to professional people who have offered their time and understanding to those of you who desire it.

One of our most important functions is to increase among GIs an educational and political awareness. We do this not by telling you what is the right thing for you to do, but rather we establish various workshops where speakers are featured or films can be shown. Also there is much much literature around for you to read.

Within the next few weeks, we will be conducting a legal workshop where attorneys from the Law Commune in Cambridge will come to the store and rap about justice and rights in the military. Raps will be given on such subjects as Art. 15, Art. 138's, Court-Martials, going AWOL, discharges etc.. This program can be of an extremely valuable service to all of you, especially those of you who are presently struggling in the Personnel Control Facility or the Army Security Agency. The dates of the program will be announced in the next issue of Morning Report or in a special Common Sense newsletter.

Before closing this article, a couple of things should be clarified. 1. We ARE NOT "Off Limits" as some of those who apparently like the military would say, and 2. those of us who are involved with the store possess radical roots in terms of political theory and we believe that the present government is committing

many wrongs against its people. We would like to see these wrongs rectified and the people free.

If you are into what we are doing or if you maintain opposite points of view, come on down, do some reading, get into some raps and have some coffee! We are free at the store

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Could it be possible that all of this self-inflicted misery is a result of an inability to sexually and possibly because my sexual feelings have been spurned so often (probably because the female involved saw that all I wanted most of the time was her body and couldn't see past the body to the person that lived inside.)

Lights are about to go off and I am ending this here. Hope that I have at least begun to let you inside my life in the last few weeks.

In search of truth,

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Editor's Note: We have printed this letter because it has educational value. No doubt, a person thinks and feels very deeply when confined in an unnatural environment. Military stockades are so repressive that they drive the humanity right out of you. Please think carefully about our brothers who are in the jails for trying to be free men. This person had been AWOL and has not even been to court yet, still he must be caged like an animal, at least so our government thinks. Calley can be cool though, he can be free.... he is a friend of Nixon.

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Please READ... it's so true!!!

THE WAR PRAYER
by mark twain

IT WAS A TIME OF GREAT AND EXALTING EXCITEMENT. The country was up in arms, the war was on, in every breast burned the holy fire of patriotism; the drums were beating, the bands playing, the toy pistols popping, the bunched firecrackers hissing and spluttering; on every hand and far down the receding and fading spread of roofs and balconies a fluttering wilderness of flags flashed in the sun; daily the young volunteers marched down the wide avenue gay and fine in their new uniforms, the proud fathers and mothers and sisters and sweethearts cheering them with voices choked with happy emotion as they swung by; nightly the packed meetings listened, panting, to patriot oratory which stirred the deepest depths of their hearts and which they interrupted at briefest intervals with cyclones of applause, the tears running down their cheeks the while; in the churches the pastors preached devotion to flag and country and invoked the God of Battles, beseeching His aid in our good cause in outpouring of fervent eloquence which moved every listener. It was indeed a glad and gracious time, and the half-dozen rash spirits that ventured to disapprove of the war and cast a doubt upon its righteousness straightway got such a stern and angry warning that for their personal safety's sake they quickly shrank out of sight and offended no more in that way. Sunday morning came -- next day the battalions would leave for the front; the church was filled; the volunteers were there, their young faces alight with martial dreams--visions of the stern advance, the gathering momentum, the rushing charge, the flashing sabers, the flight of the foe, the tumult, the enveloping smoke, the fierce pursuit, the surrender!--then home from the war, bronzed heroes, welcomed, adored, submerged in volder seas of glory! With the volunteers sat their dear ones, proud, happy, and envied by the neighbors and friends who had no sons and brothers to send forth to the field of honor, there to win for the flag or failing, die the noblest of NOBLE DEATHS. The service proceeded; a war chapter from the Old Testament was read; the first prayer was said; it was followed by an organ burst that shook the building, and with one impulse the house rose, with glowing eyes and beating hearts, and poured out that tremendous invocation--

GOD THE ALL-TERRIBLE!

THOU WHO ORDAINEST,

THUNDER THY CLARION

AND LIGHTNING THY SWORD!

Then came the "long" prayer. None could remember the like of it for passionate pleading and moving and beautiful language. The burden of its supplication was that an ever-merciful and benignant Father of us all would watch over our noble young soldiers and aid, comfort, and encourage them in their patriotic work; bless them, shield them in the day of battle and the hour of peril, bear them in His mighty hand, make them strong and confident, invincible in the bloody onset; help them to crush the foe, grant to them and to their flag and country imperishable honor and glory-- AN AGED STRANGER entered and moved with slow and noiseless step up the main aisle, his eyes fixed upon the minister, his long body clothed in a robe that reached to his feet, his head bare, his white hair descending in a frothy cataract to his shoulders, his seamy face unnaturally pale, pale even to ghastliness. With all eyes following him and wondering, he made his silent way; with out pausing, he ascended to the preacher's side and stood there, waiting. With shut lids the preacher, unconscious of his presence, continued his moving prayer, and at last finished it with the words, uttered in fervent appeal, "Bless our arms, grant us the victory O Lord our God, Father and Protector of our land and flag!"

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THE WAR PRAYER (continued)

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The stranger touched his arm, motioned him to step aside -- which the startled minister did -- and took his place. During some moments he surveyed the spellbound audience with an uncanny light; then in a deep voice he said: "I come from the Throne -- bearing a message from Almighty God!" The words smote the house with a shock; if the stranger perceived it he gave no attention. "He has heard the prayer of His servant your shepherd and will grant it if such shall be your desire after I, His messenger, shall have explained to you its import -- that is to say, its full import. For it is like unto many of the prayers of men, in that it asks for more than he who utters it is aware of -- except he pause and think. "God's servant and yours has prayed his prayer. Has he paused and taken thought? Is it one prayer? No, it is two -- one uttered, the other not. Both have reached the ear of Him Who heareth all supplications, the spoken and the unspoken. Ponder this -- keep it in mind. If you would beseech a blessing upon yourself, beware! lest without intent you invoke a curse upon a neighbor at the same time. If you pray for the blessing of rain upon your crop which needs it, by that act you are possibly praying for a curse upon some neighbor's crop which may not need rain and can be injured by it. "You have heard your servant's prayer -- the uttered part of it. I am commissioned of God to put into words the other part of it -- that part which the pastor, and also you in your hearts fervently prayed silently. And ignorantly and unthinkingly? God grant that it was so! You heard these words: 'Grant us the victory, O Lord our God!' That is sufficient. The whole of the uttered prayer is compact into those pregnant words. Elaborations were not necessary. When you have prayed for many unmentioned results which follow victory -- must follow it, cannot help but follow it. Upon the listening spirit of God the Father fell also the unspoken part of the prayer. He commandeth me to put it into words. LISTEN! "O LORD OUR FATHER, our young patriots idols of our hearts, go forth to battle -- be Thou near them! With them, in spirit, we also go forth from the sweet peace of our beloved firesides to smite the foe. O Lord our God, help us to tear their soldiers to bloody shreds with our shells; help us to cover their smiling fields with the pale forms of their patriot dead; help us to drown the thunder of the guns with the shrieks of their wounded, writhing in pain; help us to lay waste their humble homes with a hurricane of fire; help us to wring the hearts of their unoffending widows with unavailing grief; help us to turn them out roofless with their little children to wander unfriended the wastes of their desolated land in rags and hunger and thirst, sports of the sun flames of summer and the icy winds of winter, broken in spirit, worn with travail, imploring Thee for the refuge of the grave and denied it -- for our sakes who adore Thee, Lord, blast their hopes, blight their lives, protract their bitter pilgrimage, make heavy their steps, water their way with their tears, stain the white snow with the blood of their wounded feet! We ask it, in the spirit of love, of Him Who is the Source of Love, and Who is the ever-faithful refuge and friend of all that are sore beset and seek His aid with humble and contrite hearts. AMEN. ...after a pause: "Ye have prayed it; if ye still desire it, speak! The messenger of the Most High waits." It was believed afterward that the man was a lunatic, because there was no sense in what he said.

JOIN THE ARMY
LEARN A TRADE



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THE NEW PLASTIC ARMY

Is the new action army really any different, or is it just the same old army covered with a new sugar coating? A report recently released by the department of the army shows the results of the army's new enlistment program, "the army wants to join you". The study reveals that the army spent over \$ 2000 for each man it recruited last year through its new modern army program. This cost was arrived at by adding all the army spent on television and radio commercials, plus the cost of new posters. It seems that it would be a lot more advantageous, and less expensive, if the army just offered each recruit a \$ 2000 bonus when he enlisted. At least this would be a much more honest way for the army to buy killers, and would certainly add to the current ecology movement, by cutting down on billboards which pollute our environment. Getting back to the "New Plastic Army"; I think by now it is completely obvious to anyone who has been around or in the New Action Army since its conception that the idea of a new modern army is completely fallacious. There are still the same old petty hassles by the career soldiers "lifers", no matter where you are stationed whether it be West Point or PCF. Last June the Ft. Devens regulation on haircuts was changed to look more liberal. This was a result of a directive sent down from Westy to all army installations, which would supposedly make army life "more pleasant", hoping for more re-enlistments to enable the army to meet VOLAR's, 1973 all volunteer army deadline. Now a mere four months later we can see

what really happens, Ft. Devens has decided to ignore these guidelines and do as they please anyways, making people wear their hair the old way. Try telling a lifer that your hair meets the Ft. Devens regulations- with it neatly combed behind your ears - and that you don't think you need a hair-cut, its a good way to get an Article 15. No matter who the individual may be- from an officer to a rat - the word is out, Ft. Devens will have the short hair of the "old army". It may be easier if the army decides to have the minority grow their hair longer, then we will all be uniform.

It always strikes me as rather peculiar that the people in charge can't spend more time dealing with problems of larger importance, such as possibly ending the war. But when you stop and think of it, if the lifers ever stopped long enough to think about some of the problems that are really destroying this country, they ~~wouldn't~~ really be good lifers, now would they?

No matter how much propaganda the american public is fed about the new action army it is quite obvious that the army will never really change until the people in it change - which may take one hell of a long time. *Peace*



SPEAK OUT: That's where Morning Report is at. Bring all articles, comments, letters, etc. to Common Sense Books, 116. W. Main St., or mail to PO Box 359, Groton, Mass.

YOUR LETTERS TO The Editors:

One is naturally skeptical at the thought of official Army policy that appears to be beneficial to the GI at the lower totem of rank. There seems to be an exception to this idea however, and that is the "HALFWAY HOUSE" located across from the main entrance to the hospital at Fort Devens.

The reason I say this, is due to the fact that the people involved in the actual running of the facility, are aware of what's happenin' and are sincere in their efforts to assist our brothers. The residents of the halfway house have realized their own drug problem, and enter purely on a voluntary basis under the "exemption" program (formerly the "amnesty" program). This directive makes them exempt from prosecution for their use of drugs.

Dr. Johnson, a psychologist, and the clinical director of the house, along with eight or so counselors, will conduct counseling on both an individual basis, and by small group sessions of about four or five residents and two enlisted drug counselors. It is hoped that this "modus operandi" along with a therapeutic environment, will help our brothers find new values in life. We cannot unite in peace if a hassle like smack deletes our numbers.

If you or anyone you know is having a problem with dope, get the person to rap a bit with any of the staff of the halfway house. Remember...the people at the halfway house are concerned about you and no strings are attached. What you say is between you and the person you confide with. You can't lose anything by trying.

The Fort Devens Hotline is open 24 hrs. a day, 7 days a week, and is staffed by one of the counselors at all times. A large spectrum of referrals and a great deal of general information makes it the place to call for ANY type of problem.

If you would like more info, call Peter, the medic at the halfway house. The # is 796-2107.

FORT DEVENS HOTLINE
on post -- 796-2107
off post -- 796-2107

Pvt.
PETE SAOTA

A thing called dope,
And a being called me,
Once the two came together,
I became unfree.

I laughed at the warnings of
society
And that of my friends and lover,
So today I am in such shape,
That my mind may never recover.

An overdose of speed,
And still I would not stop,
Strung out and lonely,
Into an oblivious trip I dropped.

Paranoia racks my brain,
I know I'm going insane,
Why doesn't anyone understand,
Please, I need a helping hand.

I look back on all I've lost,
A woman who could have made my life,
I paid for my mistakes a thousand
times,
And my mind must continue to pay.
Why?

Come tomorrow, may be a soldier,
Come tomorrow, may be I'll be older,
And tomorrow is today,
And yesterday is sketched on mind
forever.

This all must end someday,
Even at the cost of a life,
My mind as you all can see,
Is in constant strife.

There are those who will laugh,
And those who say "I see,"
But you have never been in hell,
So take a word from me.

Joseph Price
Feb. 20, 1971



⑪ Don't let these Dog
TAGS hang up Humanity!

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Hence much confusion for many individuals serving in the military who want to exercise the constitutional right of dissent. Not only confusion results but also much hassle, harassment, disgust, and a great many busts.

The men in the military who participated in the distribution of the last issue of MORNING REPORT certainly felt frustrated as they acted within their constitutional rights (first amendment: freedom of press, speech, and assembly) and were consequently arrested by MPs. This policy obviously contradicts the original message in AR 210-10, and resulted in first confusion and then arrest just like in fascist states.

The fascists commanding Fort Devens have imposed and rigidly enforced what clearly can be considered an unconstitutional policy. A policy that causes us to be second rate citizens. I urge all the soldiers at Devens to voice their concern. This is our right and our obligation to our country. We will be downtrodden only as long as we allow ourselves to be. Unite for freedom!

James E. Boyce

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freedom of the press and assembly, why should we citizens be arrested, detained, fingerprinted, photographed, debarred and in general hassled, for acting within our constitutional rights?

In early August, we requested permission through proper military channels to distribute the books. On their application form they asked that we give them 7 days to reply to our request. Two months later we decided that we could wait no longer and went ahead with the distribution.

The military in their cleverness did not take a stand on the first amendment question. By not answering our request, they did not commit themselves either to upholding the constitution or disregarding it. In Federal court and in future actions we will force them to take a stand, and if it is the wrong one we will continue to confront them.

Michael Weddie
Larry Hendel

FOR Common Sense Books collective

*I have died in Viet Nam.
I have walked the face
of the moon.*

I have befouled the waters and tainted the air of a magnificent land. But I have made it safe from disease.

I have flown through the sky faster than the sun. But I have idled in streets made ugly with traffic.

I have littered the land with garbage. But I have built upon it a hundred million homes.

I have divided schools with my prejudice. But I have sent armies to unite them.

I have beat down my enemies with clubs. But I have built courtrooms to keep them free.

I have built a bomb to destroy the world. But I have used it to light a light.

I have outraged my brothers in alleys of the ghetto. But I have transplanted a human heart.

I have scribbled out filth and pornography. But I have elevated the philosophy of man.

I have watched children starve from my golden towers. But I have fed half of the earth.

I was raised in a grotesque slum. But I am surfeited by the silver spoon of opulence.

I live in the greatest country in the world in the greatest time in history. But I scorn the ground I stand upon.

I am ashamed.
But I am proud.
I am an American.

ANDY MOOS

departure number three to everyone from me

On leaving Fort Devens I have some very disturbing thoughts on my mind about the things I have seen. Having lived on Fort Devens for a year I feel I can honestly say the Army has influenced my feelings against the present administration. The purpose primarily of the Fort is to train security personnel and hold military intelligence information, personnel, and only the Father knows what else. Politically I found myself surrounded by what I placed on the extreme right. This set me off balance, since I was used to a rather liberal background...I found people I could relate within the Army but many were more concerned with drugs than they were with conditions within the military. They held the opinion that as it (the oppression of the military life) got worse they got higher. I was unable to pin down for a considerable amount of time exactly what bothered me.

Afterwards, though, I decided that if I were to stay in the Army, I would do so as a conscientious objector. But in frustration and confusion I hastily put together an application for discharge. In the course of time after submitting this application that requested discharge I came to the realization that I was opposed to the war not only religiously but equally politically. I found many of the military's political maneuvers to be in the direction of that which it so brutally crushed in the war against Germany.

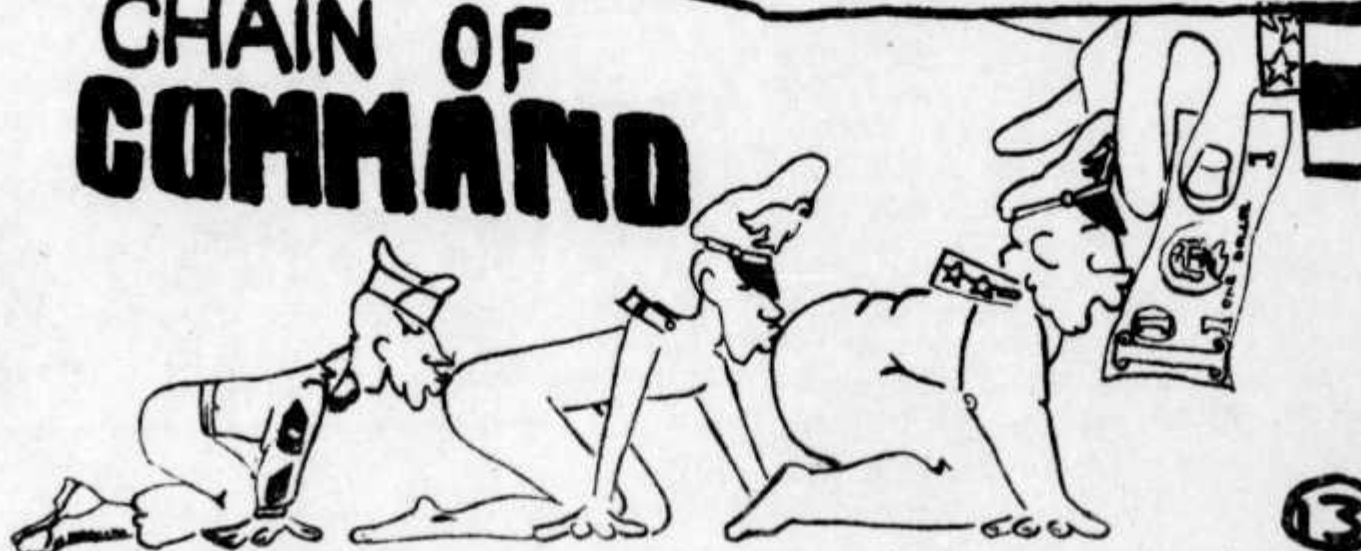
I am opposed to the military and the ultra-technical world in which I find myself. But what can I do to reverse the political trends of a government in the wrong hands? In an era when time is such a vital element how can I wait for the next election? How can I look forward to tomorrow when I know it will bring to my hands death and dishonor? Why is it that I must accept the military way of life and the responsibility for being a cooperating member of the same organization that blindly follows the whims of totalitarian superiors. I am placed in the position of, through my uniform, having to represent the genocide committed in Southeast Asia and the breaches of rights of citizens. (i.e., military intelligence investigations of bank accounts, political activities, and the tapping of private telephones) I cannot accept this responsibility, thus leaving one alternative, Discharge!

So here I am, all I want is to live as I please and not be a puppet of oppression...to be without guilt of the murder of others, to live for life, not die for death.

But all I have gotten is refusal and orders for another battleground. All I have is the hope that tomorrow will be better and bring me closer to a time when freedom will be more than a mere word.

Michael Bradfield

CHAIN OF COMMAND



"PCF" AND THE "BLUE PLATE SPECIAL"

Recently at Ft. Devens PCF (Personnel Control Facility) an announcement was made concerning OIs and the 200 discharge, more commonly known to lifers as the Undesirable.

A GI is now considered eligible for the 200 if he has accumulated over 30 days, but not more than 365 days AWOL. Furthermore, he has to have been AWOL from a station other than Overseas Replacement.

The main objective behind this announcement is to thin out PCF. There seem to be too many rats to handle at one time. The chances for acquiring the 200 are very positive. If you qualify then you will get it.

Well, that is Uncle Sam's Blue Plate Special. If you are interested get a buck slip to see Capt. Daly at Casual Hold, and he will take down your name.

Hang in there brothers, the end may be near. Peace.

Crazy Jim

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Approximately 280 copies of the book were given away before eighteen men and women were apprehended. Fingerprints and photographs were taken and four persons were given letters of debarment. After being mugged they were escorted off the base and told that they could return if they did not intend to distribute the books.

However, some members of the group did return (without books) and were quickly apprehended by MPs and given letters of debarment for merely being on the base. This military reaction was totally unreasonable and quite contradictory.

Lawyers from the Law Commune in Cambridge are now going through the preliminary actions of trying to get the prints destroyed and the letters of debarment rescinded before taking Federal Court action.

When the 1st. Amendment of the US Constitution allows citizens to the

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3. reduction to the lowest or any intermediate pay grade if the grade from which demoted is within the promotion authority of the officer imposing the reduction or any subordinate officer
4. extra duties, including fatigue, for not more than 65 consecutive days
5. restriction for not more than sixty consecutive days
6. detention of not more than 1/4 of one month's pay per month for three months.

All the above mentioned punishments are the maximums under Art. 15. It must be remembered that if the offense is grave enough, you may be court-martialled despite the fact that you have been punished under Art. 15 for the same offense.

If you receive an Art. 15, be sure the following is done:

1. the commanding officer notifies you of your charges and his intentions
2. that you understand your rights under Article 32, UCMJ
3. that you are given a period of time usually 48-72 hours, to accept or refuse your Art. 15
4. take that period of time to consult a JAG officer
5. if you take the Art. 15, that you introduce any matters or circumstances that may explain your action; getting statements from witnesses and any other information that may be useful.
6. ask to inspect all documentary evidence for your case.

Finally, you have the right to refuse the Art. 15 and demand a special court-martial. Also you have the right to appeal to an officer superior to the commanding officer. The accused has no right to have military counsel appointed for an Art. 15. However, he does have the right to employ civilian counsel. This does not preclude your receiving JAG counsel before the hearing.



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TO BE FREE
I WISH I COULD BREAK ALL THESE
CHAINS HOLDING ME.
I WISH I COULD SAY
ALL THE THINGS I COULD SAY
SAY THEM LOUD, SAY THEM CLEAR
FOR THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD TO
HEAR.

This newspaper is the effort of men serving in the military at Fort Devens, who cannot in good conscience remain silent and submit to the one-sided presentation of views imposed on all GIs by the military. The paper's purpose is to open up lines of communication between themselves and others. The "Morning Report" has intermittently surfaced and circulated some 10 times in the past eighteen months. In each instance it has considered itself a vehicle for individuals wishing to communicate the immediacy of their own resistance to the military machine, and as a means of publicizing actions in behalf of GI rights.

The last issue was distributed September 25th. Of the 2000 copies we had printed and hoped to distribute, less than 1000 were effectively circulated. 850 copies were ripped off by the provost marshal when four of us were arrested for distributing in ASA and 18th Engineer barracks. This unfortunate incident occurred because fellow servicemen detained those trying to distribute and held them for the Military Police. Running into elements of the military power structure was a risk calculated by the distributors, but that the men living in the barracks would be afraid to read a piece of paper and would react aggressively was disheartening, to say the least. In retrospect, we know that it would have been better to have been caught distributing in the post commander's office if we intended to provide visible theater, exposing the military's paranoia of the printed word.

The day following the distribution, the following notice was disseminated in the ASA Training Regiment barracks:

NOTICE-Presently there is an attempt on post by certain people to hand out a leaflet entitled "MORNING REPORT." Regiment has requested that any person coming in contact with someone who is distributing these papers immediately contact the MP's and try to detain, without using force, them until the MP's have arrived. Whether or not they can be detained, make certain that you report the incident to the MP's. Your co-operation will be appreciated.

Some of us thought the phraseology to be curious -- "certain people" referring to fellow GIs; "leaflet" to describe a servicemen's newspaper.

This kind of paranoia and denial of liberty is a known, a given which should long ago have stricken a note of discord in your mind about the combat-booted freedom fighters who kill for peace in Southeast Asia and silence those who would speak their minds back in the USA. Because we know that freedom of speech is not a given in this country and because we are not organized to effectively demand the Right guaranteed to us by the First Amendment we are forced to disseminate even the innocuous little ol' Morning Report underground and, if you want to read it or contribute to it or talk to people who do, you'll have to seek it out. Ideally, this newsletter and forum for GI voices will be printed bi-monthly. That is our intention, so look for it on a regular basis.

The paper hopes to serve as a nucleus for a communications network between all views and opinions held by people at Fort Devens and the surrounding communities. If you have anything to say, pro or con, right wing or left, the MR will print it. We need contributors: articles, supplies, researchers, artists, and ideas. Let's get together before we get much older.

Lt. Michael Holder

RIGHT ON!

THE ROACHES

those dynamite little
tips for the head!!!

Pick up on the flick "
"The King of Hearts"
at the Cinema #1 at
Central Sq. in Cambridge

Concerts of sort:

- OCT 22. Symphony Hall
KRIS KRISTOFFERSON
- OCT 23. SANDERS Theater
7:00-9:30 JOY OF COOKING
- OCT 26 MUSIC HALL
CAT STEVENS +
MIMI FURINA
- NOV 1 Boston Garden has
a whole lotta TEN YEARS
AFTER with ALVIN KEE
+ the boys
- NOV 3 MUSIC HALL brings on
DEEP PURPLE + FLEETWOOD
MAC

RECOMMENDATION FOR DISCHARGE OF CAPTAIN SANDERS (MR FORM 13-9)

As a Rat of PCF I am recommending
Cpt. Sanders for a psychiatric dis-
charge on the grounds he may pos-
sibly be schizoid. On several occa-
sions he has acted very strange. In
front of a crowd of rats one day he
told them he was a man who was not
afraid of them, and if they had
something to say, say it to his face.
He acts like a DI, walks like a
duck, and his mother won't let him
sell his corvette.

The Rat

ON BASE DISTRIBUTION - A SUCCESS

At 10:00 on September 30th, a
contingent of military policemen
led by the post information of-
ficer, Capt. Richard Ortwein,
stood valiantly at the main gate
of Fort Devens, waiting for a
group of demonstrators who had
previously announced that they
would come on to the base to
give away free copies of the
book THE PENTAGON PAPERS. Wait-
ing with them was a retinue of
newsmen looking for action.

Meanwhile, 1/2 mile down the
road a group of hopeful acti-
vists paced the floors of the
multi-colored COMMON SENSE
BOOKSTORE, waiting for a phone
call from a sympathetic GI on the
base who would inform them on
the best way to gain entry onto
the post. In Harvard, a small
wooded town located on the other
side of the base, a similar
group was gathering its forces.

The phone finally rang and it
was Gandolf the Wizard who said,
"It's beautiful in the XYZ and
that the passageway was open."
When people talk about the many
difficulties of modern day
communication they should men-
tion tapped telephones as a
prime factor. XYZ meant that
an MP at a certain gate would
turn the other way and allow
us to enter while the passage-
way referred to an unguarded
opening in the fence that sur-
rounded the post.

The message was relayed to
the house in Harvard and they
trucked on through the passage-
way, while the people at Com-
mon Sense headed for the XYZ,
and entry onto the base was
gained.

After already informing the re-
porters that MPs were guarding each
gate with specific instructions not
to let any of the group onto the
base, Ortwein learned that we got
onto the base and turned to the
newsmen and said sheepishly, "They
got by us!"

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MORNING

PUSH HERE

REPORT

TUESDAY
Dec. 7, 71

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DEVILS

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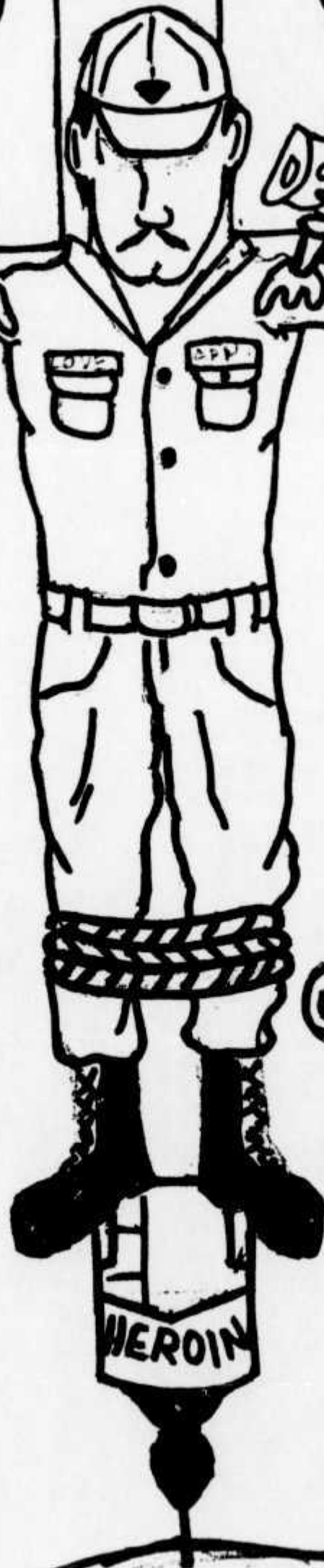
MODERN

EXPLANATION

HOOGHLY

DOD Dir. 1325.6
ALLOWS YOU
ONE COPY OF
THIS PAPER.
AINT NO LEGAL
WAY THEY CAN
TAKE IT AWAY

VOL. 3 MAG



Don't Stop In the Army

The GI movement in America today just isn't what it used to be. The reasons for this are unfortunately many. Dissent within the armed Forces at its peak during the late 60's was probably due to the Viet Nam conflict. But in addition to the war there were many other subjects of dissent. Loss of individuality, social class discrimination, racism, and the denial of our constitutional rights were some of the reasons GI's were dissenting,

Today even though none of the preceding inadequacies have been corrected; the outcry has died down. Here at Fort Devens the focal point of the movement is the Common Sense Book Store, yet the majority of the GI's don't participate in any of the activities there. One of the reasons for this is the fact that many unit commanders at Fort Devens inform units that the Book Store is off limits. This is, of course, untrue. The company commanders in the ASA battalions are particularly guilty of this lie.

The most disturbing reason for the present lack of dissent is the drug problem. Let's face it, after a hard day of petty army idiocy it is much easier to shoot up some smack or have a few joints than to try to do something to solve the problem. People are using drugs to escape from a problem that won't be solved until we (all of us) solve it. The army is something to face up to. We can't run away from injustice, your ETS doesn't solve anything. Nobody is free unless all men are free.

J E Boyce

A Letter From Viet Nam

545th MP Co.
1st Cavalry Div.

I only wish people in the world could know a lot more of what's exactly going on in the political war in Viet Nam.

The price of our lives is making some slob back in the States rich and we are fed up, because we are suffering. To top it off, the Lifers make it more miserable for us. So we have to fight the "gooks" and the Lifers. So please try and do something for anyone else that may have to come to this hell hole.

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Affixed were the names of seven GIs who wanted information from the VVAW.....Editor.....

Conscientious Objector

A man named Henry Weber accepted induction into the United States army after unsuccessfully seeking conscientious objector status from the draft board. A few days after arriving at basic training he refused to accept a weapon when ordered to do so. Tried by Special Court-Martial and found guilty, he was sentenced to six months' confinement at hard labor. Upon release he was again ordered to carry a weapon and again refused. This time he faced a General Court-Martial and at the trial told the officers, "I do not mind being in the medics or any other place just as long as I don't have to hate and kill other people." He was sentenced to death.

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After a series of public protests the sentence was reduced to life imprisonment, then to twenty years, and finally to five years and a Dishonorable Discharge.

It's been twenty-five years since the trial of Henry Weber. This was a man standing up for his own beliefs. Because he loved his fellow man he was persecuted. This so called free country of ours that states it recognizes religion, is a joke.

Have you ever wondered why you are going to a war that isn't ours, just because a man picks your number in a box? Is that worth losing your humanity? All you are to the military is a piece of meat. The people in Washington start the wars that aren't ours, so let them fight it. Is it worth dying for those jerks that haven't even seen a battle field.

In the military you are classified as a number. When you die they throw it away. That's how much gratitude they have. Just think what you get out of it, a medal - a piece of tin that is nailed to your coffin. What in the hell is that little piece of tin going to do for you? Ask yourself this. Is it worth dying for a shitty piece of tin?

JWA.

THE TWENTY-THIRD A.R.
(written by an E-6 with 31 yrs)

The Army is my crutch,
I shall not think.
I alloweth myself to lie down
on responsibility.
It leadeth me blindly.
It destroyeth my initiative.
It leadeth me in the path of
the parasite.
For my country's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the lame and lazy,
I shall not fear lack of
achievement.

LIFER'S PRAYER TO TRICHY DICK

Our Honcho, who art in Wash-
ington,
Hallowed by thy fame, my pro-
motion come, Thy will be done,
in the Army as it is in Fort
Devens.
Give us this day our daily
benefits, lead us not as
civilians, But deliver us
from reality,
For thine is the Army, and
the Air Force and the Navy,
Forever and Ever.

TEN HUT!!!!!!!

THE JOB GETS DONE,
ON YOU

When persons become part of
the army they probably learn to
separate themselves from their
old way and accept the life of
a pickle in a very short time.
They have to, or else find
themselves hating everything
they do for the flag, which is
senseless.

It seems to be part of mans
behavior to constantly learn
and live in a way that some-
one else wants them to. Some
may express this notion by
saying "he just wants to be
accepted." while I prefer to
admit that singly we are no-
bodies.

The army wants to satisfy
these needs in a way unlike
any civilian life-style
could because we're allowed
to express our animalistic
traits like never before.
It's good for when we get
in combat; we'll be a more
effective fighting force,
capable of meeting the stan-
dards our leaders and rela-
tives expect of us. Some
time they may seem atrocious,
but Amerikas enemies will
know the army means business.

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The army also gives us the opportunity to specialize in the field our aptitude calls for. This may mean being trained to do what we never before expected to do. But by specializing a person may be distracted from whether or not what he is doing is harmonious with the general scheme of our system. Unfortunately the increased ignorance of other things will prevent us from making any practical suggestions to our commanders.

Those of us who might not fit into our little place might spend the free time trying to stabilize by doing nothing, or looking for something new. If we continued to live the way we used to think of as worthwhile, and if it were opposed to the army life, then there may be feelings of guilt or confusion.

So army life is good. Just relax our time out and chances are most of us will be able to return to civilian life and pick up where we left off.



YOU
CAN'T
WORK
HARD
ENOUGH!!



"FTA, before it does you". The validity of that statement has become outstandingly evident to the EM who work on the lower floor of P-3, Ft. Devens. Recently, two EM requested personnel actions; one was a request for an early separation for seasonal employment and the second was a request for permission to participate in "Project Transition". Both requests were given a "Recommend Disapproval" by the Personnel Officer in charge, Capt. Ferrault. This recommended disapproval meant that the request for early out seasonal employment was denied, and it would've also meant that the request for project transition would have been denied except that a directive from higher up that directed "EM will not be denied Project Transition except by authority from a Field Grade Officer." Well, as an EM, you could ask yourself, does this mean that the EM doesn't stand a chance in the MVA? Here's the answer. Both men were given the Recommend disapproval on their requests because they had worked too hard, did their work too well, were too diligent and were thus too important to the section. That devotion and hard work paid off, huh! Capt. Ferrault, for screwing the men who worked so hard for your cause, and for doing it with such ignorant logic and military finesse. The FTA brotherhood salutes you.

I. WITNESS

These halls are a mess!!

Mess halls are a facility meant to maintain the health and moral standards of the soldiers. More often it is seen as a place to maintain discipline.

At the hospital mess meals have been refused because of too long hair. At the ASA mess they displayed signs showing the regulations, but the headcounters did little except draw on them. Apparently the threat of article 15s, removal from guard mount, and abuse at the finance office didn't scare some people enough.

As a health standard they are still doing badly. All of us must remember being told to take only four glasses of milk at basic, or how they prepared the food there. At the 104th and Garrison messes they cut down on meat, but continued to mix cock-roaches and cigarette ashes in with the mash potatoes. The chief entomologist in Ft. Devens is said to be waging war on the pest with knowledge gotten primarily from "The Golden Book of Insects".

Anyone who has been on KP has seen the cooks set food aside for officers or themselves, or, throw away many gallons of extra food.

The efforts and money spent on the halls are obviously misplaced. We shouldn't let up on the complaints and suggestions until they earn the respect that the places where we eat deserve.

AND MY FRIEND IS CURT AND
CURT IS THE WALRUS AND THE
WALRUS DOES FUNNY THINGS TO
THE VEINS IN HIS LEFT ARM.

Imagine, me working
for you.

Oct. 5, 1971 I reported to HQ 2nd Bn ASA to receive an Article 15 for 15 days AWOL. I rapped to Maj. Sims in his office for about an hour before he even approached the subject of my pending Article 15. Most of this hour rap pertained to drugs as he knew that "I'm close to the problem." Showing his lack of understanding he even said that the majority of the people in the Halfway House (its been a long time coming) were there merely to stay out of jail.

The major then asked me an incriminating question which, if I chose to answer truthfully, would gain me leniency on my Article 15. When I refused he stated, "I cannot give you amnesty on the Article 15." He then read me the Article which consisted of \$100 fine and 30 days restriction, plus concurrent extra duty. He then called Maj. Johnson of the Mental Hygiene Clinic and Halfway House to see if I was physically and mentally fit to return to G Co. ASA to serve my time. He told Dr. Johnson exactly what he was doing and again stressed that he would show me leniency if I would answer his question.

By the way, the deal he proposed was: "If you give me every name of all the drug addicts and dealers you know, I'll show you leniency on this Article 15." He even asked me if I'd like to join the CID corporation. I told him that doing such a thing violates my beliefs. Imagine that, my working for you.

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During the Majors conversation with Dr. Johnson Captain Crisafulli entered his office. Finishing his conversation with Dr. Johnson he again explained the situation to Cpt. Crisafulli, my commanding officer. After about five minutes I was sent from the room to Sgt. Rocker who began typing my Article 15. Somehow the Sgt. was notified to leave something out of the Article 15.

While I was waiting the Captain and the Major were apparently conversing about me. Soon I was recalled to Maj. Sims' office. He notified me that I would not be put on restriction. I later found this to be what Sgt. Rocker was told to leave out.

Shortly afterwards I left his office, signed the Article 15, and reported to Captain Crisafulli, as I still have extra duty for 30 days. The Captain told me that he thought the Majors proposition wasn't fair, and that he did his best to get the right thing done. Thanks to captain Crisafulli I no longer have 30 days restriction, and to him I send appreciation and congratulation for doing what he knew was right, even if it might have some kind of hassle on him.

Participation (by members of the Army) in picket lines or any other public demonstrations (not sanctioned by competent authority) is prohibited:

- a. During Duty Hours
- b. When in Uniform
- c. On Military Reservations
- d. In Foreign Countries
- e. When Their Activities Constitute A Breach Of Law And Order
- f. When Violence Is Reasonably Likely To Result

(This is in accordance with AR 600-20 paragraph 46)

The Captain said, "If I don't look out for the EM, who else is going to." I definitely believe that and urge all other GI's that there are still some officers who will do what they believe to help people no matter what what their status.

Being taken off restriction definitely saved me lot of hassle because then I would have to have gone to Maj. Johnson an Capt. Crisafulli and tried to get some letters from them to include in my appeal, as they knew the situation.

As a closing I'll include a message to lifers. Just because your a Conscientious Objecter doesn't mean your a subversive, communist, drug addict, coward, fagot. We are just people who believe in the way things should be; freedom for all and to live life without war- which the army is good at perpetuating.

There is a chance peace will come in your life. Have a nice day.

WAR AND LOVE

Young boys fight, and become the best of friends. Grown men go to war. Grown men fight and realize their full potential by suddenly giving comfort to their wounded friends and enemies; they love and extend themselves to others because life is suddenly important total involvement. When the war is over, we all go home and withdraw from one another until we can stand it no longer. We are so insane that we must use war as an instrument of love.

Nicholas p. Oneill

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It seems the new Action Army's idea of a Half-Way House is going to be a total flop. In the last issue of the Morning Report, Pete Slota wrote a nice article on the Half-Way House, which then was the truth. But now since the General has gone and the TV cameras have gone, so has the nice atmosphere at the Half-Way House. From now on when you turn yourself in for drugs in the Army you are marked as a drug abuser and all the crap that the lifers feed you about no one will know is just a crock of horse shit. After you have been marked as a drug abuser you will be an easy target for the lifers when it comes to extra details or any other kind of crummy trash work that they don't want to give to someone else. You will be constantly harrassed by the lifers in your unit. It was told to Morning Report, by a few people who have been through the Half-Way house, that all they are doing back in their units are "shit details" for work, and the harrassment has been three fold as bad, if that is at all possible.

In the Half-Way House group therapy meetings are conducted every night. These meetings are about as usefull as "tits on a bull". All of the councellors have given up hope since most of the men in the House are still having the same hassles in their units, and then some, since they are now marked as drug abusers. Some of the patients are now using more dope now than they did before they went to the house for treatment. This just goes to show how the Army just can't get anything together at all. Its not bad enough that our men get drafted and sent to Viet Nam, (where they get all strung out), now Uncle Sam

can't even help them out when they get back. But I guess this is normal here in this country. It seems we are always getting into something that we can't handle and end up having to pull out with our tails tucked between our legs.

TAKE ME INTO YOUR ARMS

So now Little Man you've grown tired of grass, LSD, acid, cocaine, and hash. And someone pretending to be a true freind Said, "I'll intoduce you to Miss Heroin."

Well Honey, before you start fooling with me, Just let me inform you of how it will be. For I will seduce you and make you my slave. I've sent men much stronger than you to their grave.

You think you could never become a disgrace and end up addicted to poppy seed waste. So you'll start inhaling me one afternoon; You'll take me into your arms very soon.

And once I have entered deep down in your veins, the craving will nearly drive you insane. You'll need lots of money (as you've been told) For darling I'm much more expensive than gold.

You'll swindle your mother and, just for a buck, you'll turn into something vile and corrupt. You'll mug and you'll steal for my narcotic charm, and feel contentment when I'm in your arms.

The day when you realize the monster you've grown, you'll solemnly promise to leave me alone. If you think that you've got the mystical knack. Then, sweetie, just try getting me off your back (Cont. on Pg. 2)



(from Pg 7)

The vomit, the cramps, your gut tied in a knot, the jangling nerves screaming for just one more shot. The hot chills, the cold sweat, the withdrawal pains Can only be saved by my little white grains.

There's no other way, there's no need to look; For deep down inside you will know you are hooked. You'll desperately run to the pusher and then, You'll welcome me back in your arms once again.

And when you return (just as I foretold) I know that you'll give me your body and soul. You'll give up your morals, your conscience, your heart And you'll be mine until
DEATH DO US PART

Morning Report talked to a person who was just kicked out of the Half-Way House for missing two meetings, even though he had a legitimate excuse for missing the meetings, they told him there was no room for anybody who missed a meeting. This man wasn't even able to see anyone about having been kicked out, he was just asked to leave. He also told Morning Report that the Half-Way House seemed to be just another of tricky Dicks ways of getting more votes since election time is just around the corner. Everyone knows that it will take more than a mere building to help people kick the habit. It will take a good program and a group of councillors who are dedicated to their job and who really want to help the people in the house. There is still one person in the house who is trying to help our men, Kenny Brown just keep on trucking, your doing fine work.

ZEKE

Why does the Army want to save a junkie???

The Army is going through a lot of hassle trying "to cure" junkies, (or at least that's what they're telling the public). WHY??? For what reason would the Army seem to "care" about an individual soldier on a humanistic level? None that I can see, yet they do have a reason!!!

Think about it! Why does the Army exist? I can see it only as an arm of force for the people who are making money in this country.

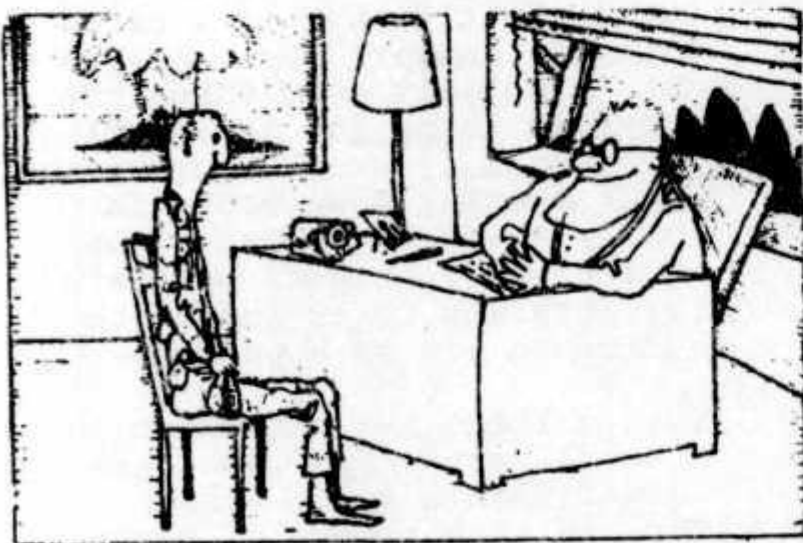
So what is the Army going to do with a "reformed" junkie? They'll just turn him back into a number, grease his mind with non-existing rewards, slide his body back into the GREEN MACHINE, and carry on with the greedy and inhuman ideals of an imperialistic government.

AVT. PETE
FLTH (RTO)
Angela

The plight of Angela Davis is not an exceptional event in America today. Genocide has risen from "right wing politics" to national policy. The reason for prosecution, or persecution, is tri-fold; she is black, a woman, and a communist. Even if you don't agree with her philosophy, you must now agree with the opposition. After the persecution in 1971 of Angela Davis, what next, the 1984 persecution of the masses?

The Common Sense Book Store in cooperation with the Nashoba valley Angela Davis Defense Committee is sponsoring a Workshop/concert on January 15 in Littleton. On the agenda will be theatre groups (for children) musicians, and Dottie Gordan. There is even the possibility of Country Joe McDonald coming.





F***ING, TYPING & ADVANCES
OR
SOME SEXISM IN THE WAC

I am a woman, and having once raised a hand and signed a line I'm considered a WAC. Having seen a few bits of sex discrimination in the Other World, I believed Opportunity would be Equaler in the Glorious Army. I wasn't all wrong- I get paid the same 75 1/3¢ per hour as a male PFC.

HOWEVER... a couple weeks ago I was spoken redly at by a MAJ (lifer male type in unauthorized shades and boots) that "if a woman can't get anything she wants in the army, she should go back to her natural talents-a woman's ONLY natural talents"... I was too encumbered in a corner behind my typewriter to immediately connect the ends of his alimentary tract, but invoking Article 138 hangs heavy on my mind.

Many months earlier when rapping to my (and your!) friendly VOLAR MSG about "why-the-Army-wants-to-keep-me-chained-to-a-typewriter" and he redly said "What do you want-the f***ing Infantry-How you gonna get Tampax in Viet Nam"... as if there isn't blood flowing there already.



More later, got to truck on now. Sister WAC's, how's the Army doing you today? We're getting it twice-as women and as GI's and if we keep quiet, it's gonna keep right on the same old way- that's what Mr. Armees wants from us. If you don't want to turn it loose, write it down and drop or mail it off to the Common Sense Book Store, 116 W. Main St., Ayer, or better yet, truck your little bod on down Wednesday night for the weekly Women's Rap.

I want to be "free" to wear blue jeans in the mess hall- even to Sunday dinner- HOW ABOUT YOU???

Joan Cromchese

WAC's
WOMEN WANT

It must seem strange to men who were drafted into the army to see girls enlist for three years. Practically every GI I run into asks me the famous question: "Why?"

Mostly, I guess it was a spur of the moment decision, just plain tired of the way my life had been going and I felt I was in for a change. Was it a mistake? That's kind of a hard thing to answer. Well, maybe not. The only good thing the army has going for me is all of the people I've met since joining. Meeting new people is really something great - the giving and taking of people's thoughts and ideas and maybe adding to you as a person.

What's life like for women in the military? Not much different than a guy. We go through eight weeks of basic, through AIT, and finally to a duty station. WAC's get harassed just as much as GI's, maybe even more because there aren't as many of us and faces are easier to remember.

(Cont. Pg 11)

(from Pg 10)

Everyone has their off days, even in the military. I'd imagine that being in the army you'd have quite a few more off days for a longer period of time, 2 to 3 years, or whatever. At times I get the feeling of being fenced in like a cow that gets milked every day. Being there so someone can use you for whatever has to be done.

When I first joined the army I was for the military 100% until Most people run into the same brick wall early in their military career. The realization of just what the army does for you ...absolutely nothing! And they have you there doing and going whatever and wherever they'd like you to do and go. Part of a big machine that has to keep running.

Will I continue on as a WAC? For me that's a day to day question. The only fear I have is losing contact with the people I know and maybe not meeting new people that I would if I stayed. Why other girls stay? Maybe because of insecurity, a place to stay, food to eat, a job and maybe by some far stretching of the powers of the mind, they may like it.

This is only the beginning! The above article was written for the Morning Report by a WAC at Fort Devens. There are more WACs and GI wives who need to voice their observations not only as members of the military but also as members of the female community. Do you feel you have two strikes against you? WOMEN'S RAP NIGHT at the Bookstore is Wednesdays (7:30). The women of the Bookstore Collective want you with us!



ROACHES—them dy-na-mite little tips:

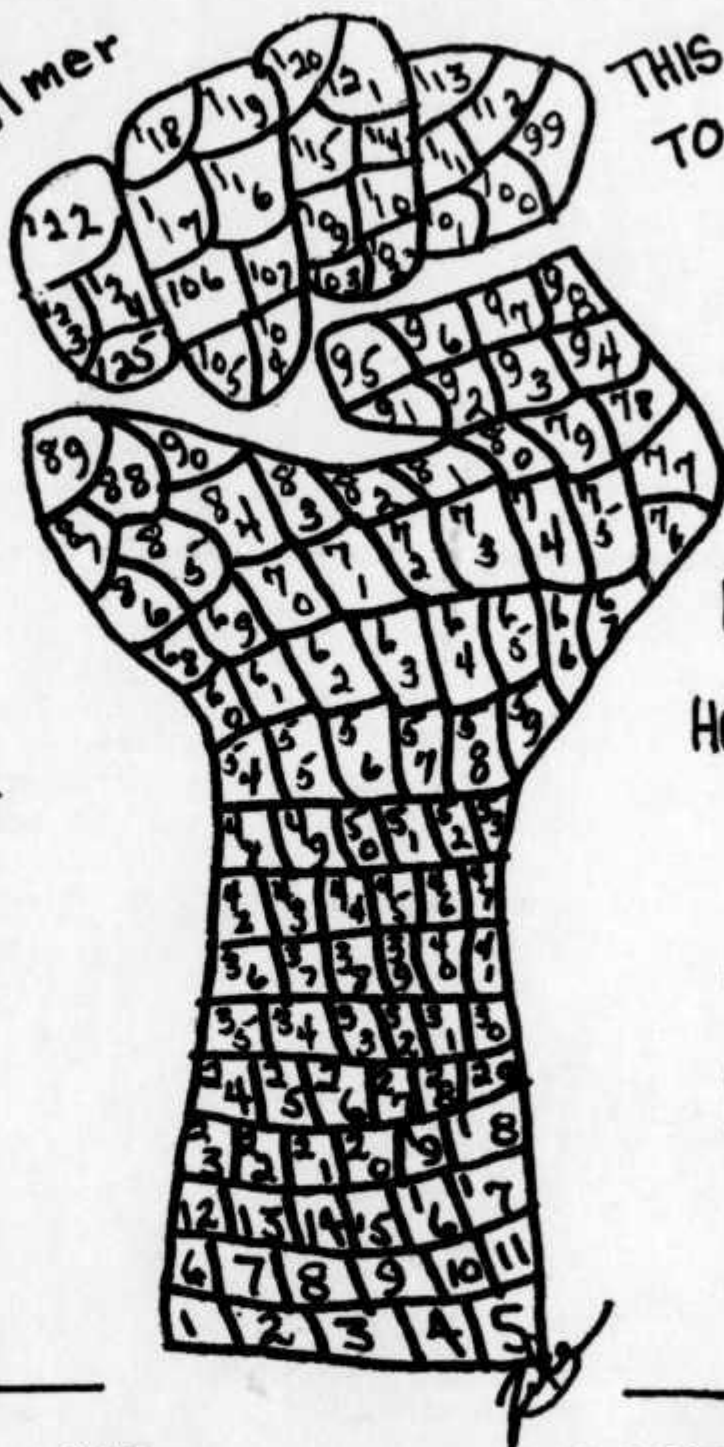


CONCERTS

Emerson Lake & Palmer
November 30 at
Music Hall

The Band
December 6th at
Boston Garden

Allman Brothers
December 8th at
Music Hall



THIS PAPER WAS PUT
TOGETHER MAINLY
BY
↓

Steve .. Dennis..
Lovely Rita .. Zeke..
Junkie Joe .. John
Suzy Creamcheese..
Peter .. Linda .. Jeff...

HOPE IT'S YOU
NEXT TIME ↗

G.I.'s
UNITE!!

'TENSHUN!! the MR is running a LIFER-OF-THE-MONTH contest! Nominate your favorite Lifer & explain in 25 words or less. There will be two winners each issue → one *!!* LIFER & one just all right. Turn in your entries to the Common Sense Books.

JOIN THE ARMY; LEARN A TRADE; TRAVEL TO EXOTIC DISTANT LANDS; MEET UNUSUAL AND INTERESTING PEOPLE — AND KILL THEM.

ANOTHER ENLISTED MAN SCREWED BY ARMY

ROOSEVELT CLADY, A BLACK G.I. AT FT. DEVENS ON DEC. 2, 1971, WAS GIVEN NINE MONTH'S HARD LABOR, \$900 FINE AND A BAD CONDUCT DISCHARGE. FOR WHAT?

1. GOING AWOL TO RECEIVE MEDICAL TREATMENT DENIED HIM BY THE ARMY FOR A VERY PAINFUL BULLET WOUND RECEIVED PRIOR TO HIS ENTRANCE INTO MILITARY SERVICE.

2. GOING AWOL TO EARN MONEY FOR HIS WIFE AND NEWLY BORN CHILD WHO HADN'T RECEIVED ANY CLASS Q ALLOTMENT SINCE HE WAS DRAFTED.

3. STRIKING A SUPERIOR OFFICER, WHO LATER TESTIFIED HE DIDN'T REMEMBER BEING STRUCK BY THE ACCUSED OR ANYONE.

4. THREATENING AN MP WHO HAD DELIBERATELY HARRASSED HIM.

5. GOING AWOL TO SEND MONEY TO HIS MOTHER WHO WAS SICK.

THE U.S. ARMY DRAFTED HIM EVEN THOUGH HE HAD DEFINITE MEDICAL PROOF (A BULLET LODGED IN HIS PELVIC AREA) PROVING HIMSELF PHYSICALLY UNFIT FOR ACTIVE DUTY. THE HARRASSMENT ON THIS BASE IS UNDERScoreD BY THIS KANGEROO COURT AND TRIAL. IT IS ROOSEVELT CLADY TODAY AND ANY OF US TOMORROW, UNLESS WE BEGIN TO ORGANIZE AND FIGHT BACK. LETS ORGANIZE TO SHOW THE LIFERS AND THE BRASS THAT THIS ARMY IS NOT A HAVEN FOR A BUNCH OF PARASITE LIFERS TO PUSH US AROUND IN. WE ARE MANY THEY ARE FEW! WE ALL HAVE A COMMON OPPRESSOR. IF YOU FEEL THE NEED TO ORGANIZE NOW, CALL:

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR -- 492-5570

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Fort Devens

Morning Report



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THERE IS NO JUSTICE

If you don't wish to serve in the armed forces, you'd better have a gimmick, because you have to prove you are incapable of serving your time.

Why do you have to prove yourself mentally unfit? Do you have to be crazy to be against the war? How sick does your mind have to be to want freedom. Why do you have to prove you are physically unfit? How doped up do you have to be? How many pills do you have to take a day? How many times a day do you have to shoot up before your condition is bad enough to get a discharge?

In the case of hardship, why do you have to wait until your family is completely destroyed before your given a discharge? How much hell does your family have to go through before they fit into the regulations set down by the army? How hungry do your brothers and sisters have to be? How much pleading must your wife do? How long does your child have to cry? Who do you have to know? How many congressmen, how many many senators? Is this machine so almighty powerful, that if you disagree with it you are labeled "undesireable" or "dishonorable" for life? Why do you have to destroy yourself in order to get out?

Its about time we had a voice in our future. And that will do us no good unless we stand together. The time is overdue, everyday more and more of us are becoming victims of the machine. Get it together NOW.....

Ignorance is of a peculiar nature; once dispelled, it is impossible to re-establish it. It is not originally a thing of itself, but is only the absence of knowledge; and though man may be kept ignorant, he cannot be made ignorant. —Thomas Paine (1791)

FT. DEVENS UNITED FRONT

The Fort Devens United Front, a coalition of GIs, vets, and civilians, has been in existence approximately two months now, and has established itself as an energetic political force on Fort Devens.

Example: Much of the Front's energies have been concentrated on Personnel Control Facility (PCF) - Devens' holding company for returned AWOLs.

The set-up there is still atrocious, but the physical conditions, one of the Front's major issues, have practically all been cleaned up since we began taking action. Men have been issued blankets and field jackets, the barracks and latrines have been repaired and sprayed for roaches, the mess hall has supposedly been somewhat modernized, heating systems have been repaired, etc.

This is a real victory for Devens GIs. For the first time in the Fort's recent history, improvements have been made not because the colonel was uptight about a general's inspection and threw (or told the GIs to throw) an extra coat of paint on the wall, but because the the GIs demanded them, and the brass responded. The lesson to be learned from this is that when GIs act together, in large numbers (approximately 100 men in PCF either demonstrated or signed petitions in protest) they will get results.

Example: One of the Front's major demands was the immediate release of Roosevelt Clady, a black GI in PCF, unjustly sentenced to 9 months at hard labor, a \$900 fine, and a Bad Conduct Discharge. Clady was attempting to mail a money order home to his wife and daughter (who were trying to live on a welfare check of \$15.00 a week), when he was accused of trying to go AWOL and told by PCF's Captain Weller that he was being sent to the stockade. (A GI later, in a sworn affidavit, stated that he over-

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heard Cpt. Weller saying that they were just trying to scare Clady and would have let him go in a few hours - proof of what the Front has been saying all along, that the lifers in PCF constantly use the threat of the slam simply to harass people and keep them in line.)

Clady left Weller's office, started running down the corridor in operations building, and ran headlong into a Captain Daly. A scuffle ensued, and Clady was hauled away in handcuffs and legirons. Enough charges were brought against him to put him away for 18 years. It was the pressure that the Front put on the court (the courtroom was jammed with spectators), and the army's typical ramshackle case against him that brought the sentence down to 9 months.

In spite of the pressure put on General Dewitt Armstrong, Commander of Fort Devens, to commute Clady's sentence after the court martial, he was sent to Leavenworth last week to serve out his full time. There were five demonstrations demanding his freedom (these demonstrations also demanded that the fence around PCF be torn down, that GIs be given the rights guaranteed to them under the First Amendment, that the US pull out of Southeast Asia), and a 24 hour vigil in front of the gate. His story appeared in newspapers throughout the Northeast, across the AP and UPI wires, and on Boston TV and radio. Six Congressmen (Drinan, Abzug, Conyers, Mitchell, Chisolm, and Dellums) and the two Massachusetts Senators, Kennedy and Brooke, all requested investigations and reductions in Clady's sentence. Over 350 civilians and GIs sent petitions to the general demanding Clady's freedom. GIs from Pease Air Force Base, Newport Navy Base, Hanscom Air Field, Portsmouth Naval Yard and Westover Air Force Base realized the significance of the case and participated in the demonstrations, along with about 50 members of Vietnam Veterans

Against the War, and a similar number of Devens GIs.

But the General did not respond. It's pretty obvious that were Clady a politician's, or businessman's son, Congress would have put more pressure on Armstrong than they did. But not too many of us come from influential families, and the lesson to be learned from Clady's case is that the brass will only respond when the GIs on base rise up en masse against the oppression they live under every day.

Now, the Front is mobilizing around the court martial of Richard Rowe, 18th Engineers. Rowe is a conscientious objector charged with refusing to carry a loaded weapon on guard duty, refusing to get a haircut (which he had, in fact, already gotten) and passing out copies of this newspaper on base. His court martial is on February 4th, at 1:30 pm. We expect at least 65 people to attend it - well enough to flood the courtroom.

GIs on every part of Ft. Devens are constantly being exploited for their labor. They are forced to do work (and kill!) for the benefit of a power structure which in turn must suppress them even more to keep itself on top. As in industry, the military must give its workers (the EM) just enough to keep them sufficiently fed and happy to continue producing, but can never afford to give them enough to give them the confidence to use the power which they potentially have.

The United Front would like to give support to liberation struggles all over the base. Things are beginning to happen in the 18th Engineers and the 594th Maintenance Co. PCF is well on its way. If there are individuals in other units who have gotten the message and wish to start organizing even on a small basis, please contact us. Perhaps we can help. Our strength lies in each other.

PCF GRIEVANCES

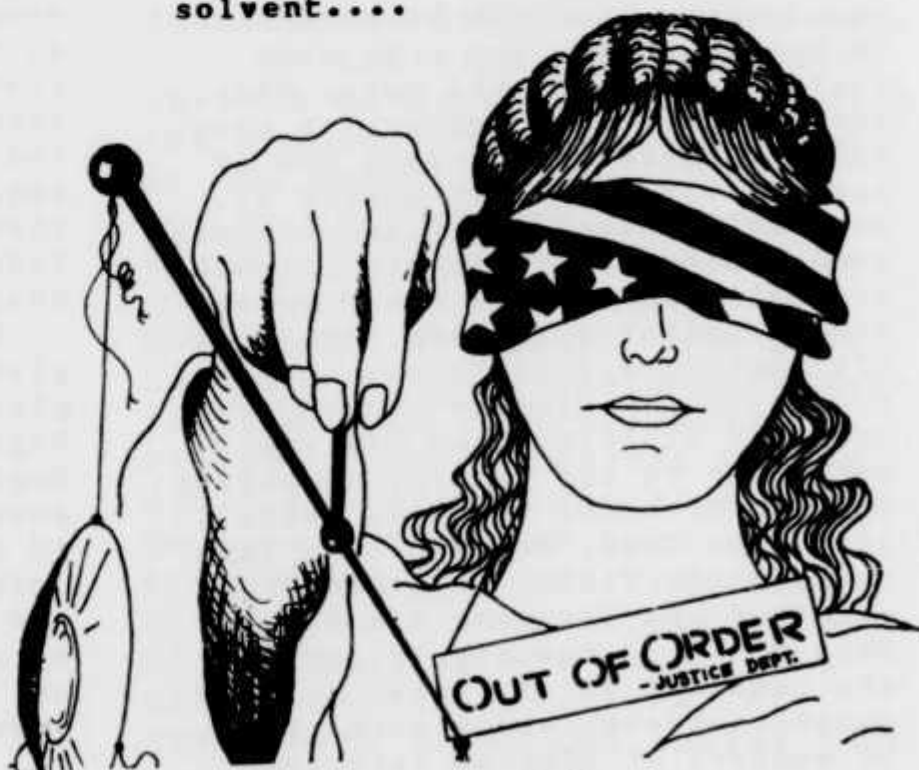
Attention: The EM of PCF, New
Englands only Human
Controlled Cage.

From: Active Duty EM of the Fort
Devens United Front for
Peace and Justice.

In awareness of the growing problems of PCF, a minor list of grievances from the men of PCF is at this time being brought to the attention of the Post Commander, the Honorable General Devitt Armstrong III. The list is as follows:

1. More personel trained in finance at the PCF finance bldg. to assure that PCF personel will get pay due from previous duty or present duty. (We must comment on how efficiently fines and pay deductions are processed thru.)
2. More efficient or qualified JAG officers for legal advice and defense counselling. It has been proven that the present JAG officers are more sympathetic and upholding of the procecutor and court than their clients.
3. Better psychiatric facilities and treatment. This includes more psychiatrists and qualified (possibly civilian) for social work and office work. (Have you become aware of the growing need for therapy or group therapy?)
4. Qualified counsellors who are more adapted to the art of counselling than the art of billards. (possibly this could be more easily accomplished by moving the billard tables and day room to another location.)
5. Periodic blood and uranaliys tests for high ranking officers working at PCF operations.

6. Required periodical pycological tests given to all the stockade cadre and guards. Also full investigation into all reported cases of undo harassment or cruelty. (This should include suspension of duty until investigation is completed.)
7. All cadre stationed at, or to be stationed at PCF should be required to attend an existing program which gives a full explanation of enlisted mens problems and difficulties and how to work with the EM. If there is no efficient program now in existence, one should be established.
8. According to Art. 96 of the UCMJ, persons accused of crimes are entitled to a speedy trial, and if there is unnecessary delay in the proceedings, the accused can bring cahrges against the individuals responsible for the delay. (Art. 98 of the UCMJ) Now, lets see some speedy trials:
9. Remove the Fence.....
10. Stop your Damn Lying and covering up when dealing with cne Media and interested Civilians. Remember, truth is always understanding and somtimes a great solvent....



TUESDAY FEBRUARY 15TH

"WINTER SOLDIER II"

(INVESTIGATIONS AND TESTIMONIES OF THE DISGUISED CONTINUATION OF THE WAR IN VIETNAM)

- INVESTIGATIONS WERE CONDUCTED ON OCT. 7TH, 8TH, + 9TH AT FANUELL HALL IN BOSTON
- TESTIMONIES WERE PRESENTED BY MEMBERS OF "THE VIETNAM VETS AGAINST THE WAR," GEORGE WALD, A NOBLE PRIZE WINNER, SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY, DANIEL ELLSBERG AND MANY OTHERS.

Topics:- Electronic Battlefield
- Economic Vietnamization
- Refugees in S. E. Asia
- DRUGS + Problems that Vets face when released from military encloberment.

ALL OF THIS WILL BEGIN AT 7:30, THE VIDEO TAPES THAT IS. A "COMMUNITY MEAL" WILL START THINGS OFF. THE VIDEO TAPES WERE JUST RECENTLY RELEASED BY THE VIETNAM VETS AND ARE QUITE INFORMATIVE. DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:00. COMMON SENSE BOOKSTORE 116 WEST MAIN ST.



WAC'S & THE I.U.D.

Several months ago in Atlanta, a twenty-year-old woman went to a family planning clinic. She stated that she had an IUD (intra-uterine device) inserted over a year ago and now wanted it removed although she was still sexually active, did not want to become pregnant, and had had no difficulty with the device.

What was the fuck-up? The woman, who was single, was planning to join the WACs. At an induction physical, a doctor noticed the string to the IUD she was using, a Lippes loop. The woman was told that she could not enter the Army as a WAC until she had the loop removed. (Presumably it was a symbol of corruption, immorality and promiscuity.) The loop was removed.

Months later the family planning physician who removed the IUD questioned another WAC at an Army induction center about the case. Without flinching the WAC at the booth pointed to the manual which noted the high ethical and moral standards of WACs in the U.S. Army. The WAC was not so sure though when asked what the standards were for single men in the Army, why the same institution provides condoms and penicillin for its single male personnel. (Rumor has it that Uncle Sam gives his boys three billion free rubbers a year.) Presumably, the Army's official opinion is that men have sexual intercourse and women do not....

TOTE THAT BARGE, LIFT THAT BALE,
HONEY!

She has lived at the fort for only a short time, she has small children, she and her husband have debts to pay.

How can she earn some money?

She can pack apples.

She can pack apples for J.P. Sullivan at Nashoba Apple Storage on Central Ave, and enjoy the rewards of working entirely by hand. No new-fangled machinery at this place. Nashoba Apple Storage uses the tried and true method of 100% hand sorting, just like they did it on the old New England farm 200 years ago. No division of labor, except that the women get the job with the lower pay, the closer finger work and "easier" lifting.

She can relish the challenge of lifting a ton or more a day as she does her work. She can be confident that anything that is wrong in the morning--headache, cramps, fever--will be worse by day's end. She can look forward to a constant head cold, possible sinus infection and back trouble. And after work, she gets to go home and tend to her family.

And she can be proud of her hard-earned \$65.00-per-week pay.

In addition to these more obvious advantages she can enjoy the consideration she receives at the packing house. She is one of the "girls", but never a woman. She gets to "relax" in a stuffy smoky 6x10 room on a hard backless bench. She gets to work with unsatisfactory supplies and to fill unrealistic orders. She is subject to the decisions of men who seem never to have packed for more than twenty minutes, who frequently seem to have very little grasp of the reality she sees. She will begin to think that she knows more about the apples than

the boss, and she might well be right.

Oddly enough, these rare delights do not suit everyone. Half of the women who come to pack stay for less than three weeks--a good number never come back after the first day.

Many of the women who pack have little choice of jobs. Many live on base or near it, and can't go far to work. Nashoba Apple Storage is conveniently located. Many cannot find a job easily if they are new in the area. Nashoba isn't fussy. Many may not find a job in the area which can use their work experience, but again Nashoba asks no questions--anyone can pack apples, no experience necessary. They may need the money; Nashoba rewards its good workers: if a packer works super-fast she gets an extra few dollars, according to a "piecework system" that is grossly inappropriate to the work.

I worked there for nearly three months as a packer. During that time I became convinced that Nashoba's operations are unlawful according to the Civil Rights Act, and I initiated proceedings against the company. The women who worked there were a lively, wonderful crew, and I enjoyed their companionship. We began at one point to cooperate on a request for a wage increase, and I was immediately fired for "making trouble".

All the work at the packing house is hard work, but the men get paid more because they are men. Nashoba gets the maximum of effort and production out of the women for the minimum wage. Army wives and other women pack because they have little choice, and I am convinced that Nashoba Apple Storage owners take cruel advantage of their situation. They don't need machines at Nashoba, because the women are the machines. What would happen if the machines refused to work? -Betsy DeLaHunt-

SEXISM

(Or, how to run an army)

The anti-war feeling is just as strong inside the gates of Ft. Devens (and inside bases all over the country) as it is on college campuses, in high schools, and with more than 70% of the American people, who (according to the latest Gallup Poll) feel we should "get out of Vietnam now!" We have all read in the underground press or heard from our buddies stories of officers getting fragged, and men refusing to take orders during combat.

Never before in the history of America has the existence of the military been questioned so openly and never before have so many doubted the myths that the military defends democracy around the world. The men in the ranks know in their heart that they are out fighting in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and Latin America to protect American corporate interests.

Given the very strong and vocal anti-war opinion and the growing resistance within the military, why is it the war continues and the army still manages to train and use young people for its purposes? Why is it the soldier continues on the whole to obey, perform, fight and kill?

Patriotism is basically dead in the army. And the army knows this. The method used in basic training is not to confirm or challenge a soldier's duty to his country. Patriotism has lost its meaning to the soldier. Instead, the army challenges the soldier's manhood, and this is the strongest weapon to motivate a man to cooperate, despite his political and moral convictions about the war. The average American boy out of high school doesn't fear that "Charlie Cong" is going to

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take his home and his family, but he does feel that if he rejects the military--by refusing to enter it or by resisting within--his masculinity will be in question.

It starts with the signs outside the recruiters' offices where the high school boy is told he's not a "man" unless he joins up where the "best men" are. During basic training he is no longer told to "sound off like you're an American," but rather he is told to "sound off like you've got a set of balls." During bayonet instruction he falls into the following chant: "Men, what is the spirit of the bayonet?" "To kill, drill sergeant." "Men, will you kill?" "Yes, drill sergeant." "Men, why will you kill?" "Because we have balls, drill sergeant." And we all know the shame of mistaking a gun for a rifle. Here, the implication is that you are not a "man" until you can tell the difference between your two "weapons"--one for aggression in sex and the other for aggression in battle.

Then there is the guy who files for a discharge as a conscientious objector. He used to be called a "commie." Now he is told he has suddenly taken on the physical characteristics of the opposite sex--"pussy," etc.

And then there is the ridicule of being a homosexual if a soldier doesn't show himself aggressive enough for the army's purpose. In basic training, if there is a soldier with a small physique or someone unwilling to submit to violence which the army euphemistically calls "manliness," he is branded for the rest of his time in the army. Stories of lynchings are not infrequent and are obviously meant as an example to the rest of the men that "manliness" is the only way. In the "new army" it is much easier for a homosexual to get discharged than it is for a radical, the reason being that homosexuals challenge the effectiveness of the prevailing chauvinist mythology.

Finally, why are women exempt from the military? Perhaps, too, their presence in large numbers would challenge the army's chauvinistic mythology. In small numbers, however, they provide a very convenient means of ridicule. Besides doing those tasks which would deflate the carefully nourished male ego (being a typist, receptionist, or bed pan carrier), the women in the army are a convenient backboard for swings of anger, frustration, and a need to show-off the soldier's blossoming aggression. Traditionally, the trooper were told that "all WACs are either whores or lesbians" and both categories were (and still are) used disapprovingly. Moreover, the implication is that WACs are solely interested in sex. But now, with the "changing army," the newest insult is to call all the WACs "gung-ho." After all, they volunteered for service.

Here is a tragic example of the people being duped into fighting among each other and not seeing their commonality. The real causes of WAC enlistments are poverty, oppressiveness of family life and promises by their local recruiters of foreign travel, specialized training, and personal advancement. WACs are trying to survive like all the rest of us.

If the men and women of the army ever got together as brothers and sisters, the army would have a serious problem on its hands. Instead they are kept divided, one ridiculing and oppressing the other.

-a sister-

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C.O. ON TRIAL

On Friday, February 4th, at 1:30 pm, Richard Rowe, an active duty GI stationed at Ft. Devens is going on trial.

The charges are : 'Refusing to carry a weapon on guard duty' (Rowe had previously submitted a Conscientious Objector application which was turned down and at the time of refusal to carry a weapon, he made a formal announcement of intention to reapply for a C.O. This second application was submitted a week ago.) 'Refusing to get a haircut.' (Which he did get and which occurred two weeks before the guard duty incident. The Army is stacking trumped up charges against him in order to strengthen its case.) 'Distributing the Morning Report on base.' (Rowe was not apprehended distributing this newsletter, but Sgt. Schultz of A Company, 18th Eng. Bn, claims he witnessed him doing this.

BACKGROUND

Richard Rowe submitted an application for CO.O. status while at Ft. Polk, La. The Army bureaucracy turned down his application and shipped him to Ft. Devens in order to get some use out of him. He resubmitted his application while at Ft. Devens and is waiting for the disposition of his C.O. status.



PERSONAL STATEMENT

I feel that my first application shouldn't have been turned down. I was misled while filing. The Army hindered me by withholding information of some rules and regulations that I could have used to my benefit. They (the army) now feel that I am not a C.O. because the Pentagon turned down my paperwork. But they haven't convinced me. It took a lifetime for me to feel this way and no paperwork or army is gonna' change that.

This man is being tried because he's attempting to follow his own conscience. The army can't use these men to kill for them and has little use for the conscientious objector.

Support Brother Rowe, with the people behind him, he has a chance of receiving justice in the Pentagon Death Machine.



THE BOSTON NINE

On December 30, 1971, nine members of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War peacefully occupied the Air Force recruiting station in Dorchester, Massachusetts.

This direct action was taken to protest the renewed bombing of North Vietnam and in support of all the recent direct actions against the war.

There was no violence or destruction of property on the part of the veterans. There was, however much of both by "Boston's finest." Doors were broken, desks thrown about, the nine were tear gassed and maced, and some were bitten by dogs.

These veterans, our brothers, have seen the results of violence ... the violence of the American government. They will not sit by idly while another day of bombing, of hundreds of children made orphans, of thousands of civilians dying, of men becoming POWs, of GIs getting strung out on heroin, without taking direct action against the machine which causes this.

The brothers have been given felony charges, a five year sentence is possible. The first stage of their trial was set for January 20th at Dorchester Municipal Court.

On the morning of the 20th some 200 people showed up in support of the nine veterans, victims of American "justice."

The 200 supporters gathered at the steps of the courthouse. A picket line was formed, flanked by the T.P.F., Boston's riot control squad, and chanting began amidst the barking of police dogs. Supporting veterans did some guerilla theater depicting the bombing of North Vietnam and its effects on the North Vietnamese people.

Meanwhile inside the courtroom one of the vets, Paul Weinberg, was defending himself eloquently. Paul moved that the court disqualify itself on the grounds that it was a recruiter (many of

our brothers were told by the court to enlist or go to jail), and therefore, incapable of being objective in this case. This had the judge and the D.A. running scared. They were afraid of having to handle a political trial and accepted the motion, with an amendment that it be interpreted as a motion to move the case to superior court. The defense agreed to this, and court was adjourned. No date has been set yet for their appearance in superior court.

Since the announcement of the trial the people of Dorchester, having experienced the injustice of the Dorchester District Court themselves, sympathized with the vets wholeheartedly. This show of solidarity quite unnerved the prosecution. Then when our brothers in the courtroom defended themselves, and made it clear that this was going to be a political trial, the D.A. was quite eager to move the whole thing up to superior court, and out of his hands.

A true victory for and by the people.



"... Disgusting! ... Killing women and children point-blank with M-16 rifles!"

ROCKEFELLER'S OTHER MASSACRE

It looked like a tent city. Hundreds were huddled under makeshift shelters to protect themselves from the cold. All around the encampment national guards with rifles and machine guns stood ready.

The sun was just rising when the assault began. When it was over, the camp was a mass of charred debris. The dead and wounded were strewn on the ground. The New York Times expressed measured, neutral horror at the bloody scene. But Rockefeller had given the order—and the strike!

No, it wasn't Attica. And it wasn't Governor Nelson D. Rockefeller who ordered the assault then. But it was a similar scene—another Rockefeller massacre—only at that time the blood was on the hands of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Nelson's father. Like money, massacres of working and oppressed people run in the Rockefeller family.

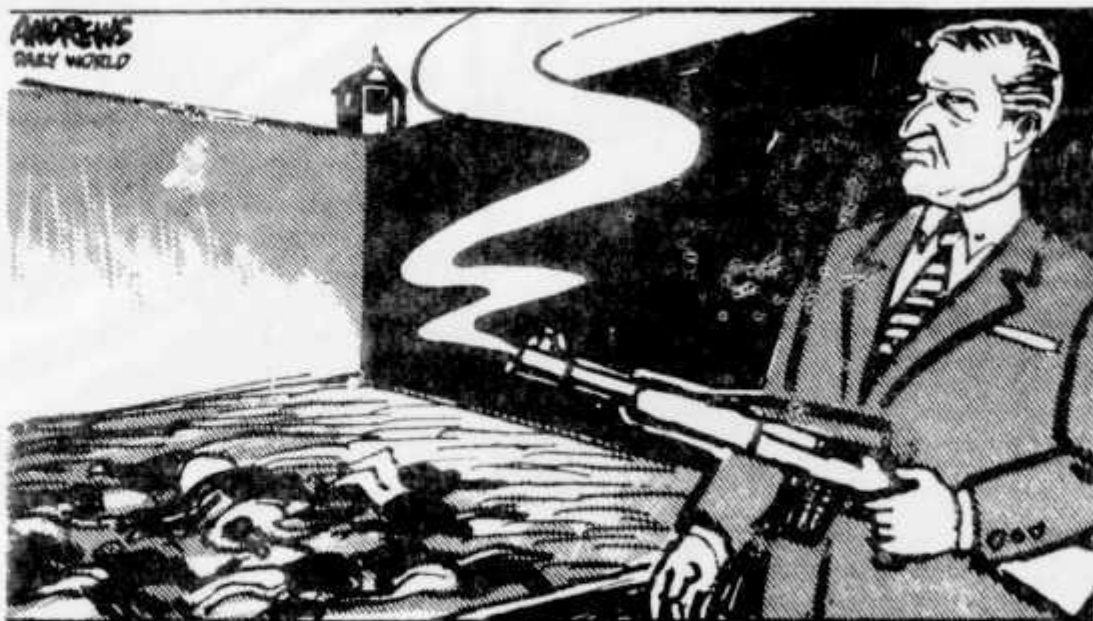
The place was Ludlow, Colorado; the time, April 20, 1914. Hundreds of miners were on strike, struggling to get the Rockefeller-owned Colorado Fuel and Iron Company to recognize and negotiate with their union, the United Mine Workers of America. The company met the workers' strike with brutal reprisals. First, the miners were evicted from their company-owned homes in Ludlow to face the freezing Colorado winter. The company got court injunctions and indictments to stop the strike. Then Rockefeller imported gunmen from the Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency. These goons rode around in an armored car, shooting down strikers on sight. Finally, the National Guard was mobilized to protect Rockefeller's profits.

The miners fought back against this reign of terror. They set up a tent city in Ludlow, determined to carry on the battle for a union, decent wages, and working conditions. Then Rockefeller ordered the attack.

On the morning of April 20, 1914, while the miners and their families were still sleeping, company-hired goons and national guardsmen drenched their tents with oil and ignited them. When the dazed victims ran out of their flaming shelters, they were machine-gunned down. Many women and children who were hiding in holes dug to protect them against rifle fire were burned alive or suffocated in underground furnaces. Nineteen people were murdered and scores were wounded. Over two-thirds of the dead were women and children.



JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR., GAVE THE ORDER THAT LED TO THE MASSACRE OF 19 COAL MINERS, THEIR WIVES & CHILDREN AT LUDLOW, COLO., APRIL 20, 1914. 5.



NELSON ROCKEFELLER GAVE THE ORDER THAT LED TO THE MASSACRE OF 41 PRISONERS & GUARDS AT ATTICA PRISON, ATTICA, NEW YORK—SEPT. 13, 1971

FROM LUDLOW TO ATTICA

It's a long way from Attica to Ludlow, both in distance and time. But a bond of struggle against a common enemy unites the two events. In Ludlow it was the exploited workers, mostly white, who were fighting for a decent life; in Attica it was the oppressed prisoners, mostly Black and Puerto Rican who rose up. Yet their demands had a similar thread—demands for a union, an end to slave wages, and better working conditions.

LIKE FATHER—

LIKE SON

In Ludlow the boss, the enemy who had the workers shot down, was a Rockefeller, representing an empire of wealth that was built on the sweat and blood of miners and other workers. In Attica, the boss was a Rockefeller again, this time carrying out the slaughter not for his own personal profits, but in the interest of his entire class of billionaire rulers. Rockefeller explained away the murders by saying he did it to safeguard "the very essence of our free society." In 1914 it was the same story—the strike was called illegal and the strikers "criminals." Therefore a massacre was "justified."

But words have different meanings for the oppressed and the Rockefellers. Who is a criminal and what is illegal?

BILLIONAIRE ROBBERS MAKE THE LAWS

In the U.S. today, as in 1914, it's the Rockefellers and their rich pals who define these terms and make the laws. They say it is illegal for the poor to steal in order to live, but legal for Rockefeller to steal from workers; they say it is illegal for prisoners to take hostages, but legal for the government to hold vast numbers of Black and Puerto Rican people hostage in prisons; they say it is illegal for prisoners to rebel (just like they used to say that strikes were illegal), but legal to run concentration camps for the poor, based on racism and brutal terror.

STOCKADE BLUES

I was a prisoner at the Post Stockade. Approximately 3 Sundays ago, a prisoner, William Foley, was stricken ill and was paralyzed from the waist down. He requested to go on an Emergency Sick Call. SSG Boston was commander at the guard at the time. He refused to see what condition the prisoner was in, and stated if Foley wants to go on sick call he will walk down to his office and approach him. This so-called man let this prisoner lay in the bed from 2:00pm until 10:00pm that night before he authorized him to go to the hospital. He was taken from the stockade annex on a stretcher and admitted to our Ft. Devens Hospital. From there he was transferred to another hospital that had the facilities to care for him.

Tell me, what kind of human being or man, for that matter, would let any person needlessly suffer for eight hours without lifting a finger to get him any medical attention. Is this any way to run a stockade? --Ex-Prisoner Buckley--

Who's Who at the 18th Eng

Around 5:00 on Feb. 1, Stravinski returned to Eng. Co. HQ after 32 days AWOL. He went to the orderly room. The CQ called the staff duty officer and the staff duty officer was going to release him into the custody of the company. He got his bedding from the CQ and returned to the billets. The CQ came back shortly thereafter and said that he couldn't be released until the Lieutenant came down. Before the Lieutenant got there Spec 5 Vest went into the orderly room, called the captain, the first Sgt., etc. and had a confinement order written up on him.

Spec. 5 Vest is also testifying against Lefty. He was a "witness" to Lefty's refusing a direct order. Vest was on the other side of a closed door at the time....

If you want to be informed where Specialist Vest's head is at, take note. He can burn you. He fucked Strivinski and Lefty, and how many others??

DEAR SIR,

Dear Sir,

What makes you better than me? Is it your education or your social upbringing? Does that extra army training make the difference? Are you so close to perfection that I should be jailed for not showing you respect? Mr. Brass, you must be very important, because I was told to call you sir, and salute you when ever I see you. What does that do to your moral? Does it feed your ego? What does it feel like, Mr. Brass, when you send a man to his death? Is the cause so great? When you sentence a man to hard labor, do you ever think of his family? Are you so impersonal that the thought of a broken home doesn't have any effect on you?

Don't you make mistakes, sir? Sir, as long as the army is used as a machine to make rich men richer, at the expense of the common people; as long as the army is used as a political machine to suppress the poor, then sir, you are making a big mistake. Get your head out of the clouds sir, and come down to earth. When you die sir, you will be as dead as everyone else. So join us sir and maybe together we can still save mankind from himself.



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clinics, and doctors.

Tear this page out and keep it
in your wallet.

Morning Report

Fort Devens

4/26/72



General Armstrong:
War Criminal

General DeWitt Armstrong, Post Commander of Ft. Devens, spent two tours of duty in Vietnam. During both tours he was directly involved in, and responsible for, two different aspects of the so called "pacification" program. In both cases he inherited the programs at a time in the war when they were still being developed. It is clear that Armstrong was a central figure in establishing the growth of these programs.

There are three branches of the pacification program. The first is the psychological operations. It involves extensive propaganda to force the rural Vietnamese population into relocating to government controlled areas. When propaganda was not successful, the next step was to bomb the Vietnamese homes and terrorize their villages. Under Article 4 of the Geneva Convention this program is clearly illegal and immoral. Gen. Armstrong was, on his first tour, commander of J-5, MACV, the army's name for the psychological branch.

Another branch of pacification is Hamlet Evaluation System (HES). Reminding one of Nazi Germany's identification of the Jewish population, HES attempts with com-

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Dod Directive 1325.6
allows you to possess
one copy of this paper
legally. So don't
let them take this
away.

Command Influence

Convicts →

Devens GI



On Thursday, April 13, Pfc. Michael R. Daley was convicted by a general court-martial of 14 months AWOL and sentenced to 7 months at hard labor, reduction to E-1, total forfeitures of all pay and allowances, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Daley's case was a clear example of the total lack of impartiality in the judicial proceedings here at Ft. Devens. It also raised quite dramatically the questions of command influence at Devens, the prejudice against GIs who attempt to speak out against their oppression, and the current Devens (Brig. Genl. Dewitt Armstrong III) prejudice against AWOLs from overseas replacement stations (Vietnam.)

The case can best be understood in the context of the three pre-trial motions--all denied--raised by Daley's attorneys, Luther C. West and Capt. Matt Railey.

These were: (1) that the case be dismissed on the grounds that illegal command influence caused the denial of Daley's application for an administrative discharge for the good of the service

(2) that the case be dismissed on the grounds that the base command had prevented the defense from gathering information necessary to prepare the best possible defense

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SOME ENCOURAGEMENT FROM ACROSS
THE WATER

Hello to my brothers and sisters in the struggle for freedom at Fort Devens. This greeting is being sent from across the Atlantic Ocean in a cold lonely country known as Germany. Not lonely in the lack of friends or things to do, but lonely in the struggle for peace, justice, freedom and the true American way (revolution). For those of you who are hesitant and undecided on whether you should commit yourself in the struggle going on in your mist, heed these words...:

* Feel yourself very lucky & priveleged to be able to actively contribute to the cause of freedom.

* Feel yourself very lucky & priveleged to have people outside the system who give a damn about your troubles & the conditions you are forced to live with in the 'Green Machine'.

* Feel yourself very lucky & priveleged to be able to help your brothers & sisters who are held as political prisoners at the Fort Devens Stockade, PCF & other "confinement facilities" (glorified words for slave labor



camps--I know, being a vet of PCF & LBJ) around the world. Thousands and thousands of innocent people being held captive by the same organization that feeds your stomach, puts clothes on your back and gives you a bed to sleep in and in an expert way teaches you how to kill. Do they teach you how to die?...No, that's an act you do impromptu! Do you think all those "fine" things they

God forbid we should ever be
twenty years without a revolution.
Thomas Jefferson

do for you are really worth the end result? War, death, killing, dying, cold turkey, traveling, purple hearts and other valuable medals, girls, money, malaria, confinement, pension benefits, or maybe even a free plane ride back from Nam wrapped up nice and cozy in a plastic bag, in a ventilated tube on a red cross bird. Think about it really hard and you'll also conclude that it's not worth it just like about 50,000 of your brothers did, unfortunately, one bullet or one rocket too late. Or for our brothers in jail one court-martial too many. But, hopefully it's not too late to help them.

* Feel very lucky & priveleged that you're not alone to struggle with your frustrations, your pent up emotions, and your growing desire for freedom and justice.

* Feel very lucky & priveleged because brothers and sisters you definitely are lucky and priveleged. And also envied by those of us who have no organization to help us, only our own personal determination for freedom. A determination for freedom. A determination we all must share until we are finally free and rid of the warmonger lifers who run our country and the army that audits and suppresses our lives.

.....Alone? Yes, alone, yet united heart and soul with my brothers & sisters everywhere who seek true justice!

For those of you dudes who



are committed and active members in the 'Fort Devens United Front for Peace and Justice', may I wish you luck and moral support in your dedication to the cause. I have recieved reports on your victories and defeats. I understand that living conditions at PCF have improved miraculously, yet the pigs are still as much as pigs as ever. That's a bummer but we all know its going to take a while to change the attitudes of the racist, bi-goted, closed minded pigs who rule PCF. The company with the fence around it. It seems funny because the fence is obviously there to break moral and cause individual conflict, but instead causes unity brotherhood, and 'pig-rat' conflicts (for those who don't know, "rat" is the widely & freely used term used to describe the men confined in stockades and the men at holding companies like PCF).

Keep it together PCF!!

I was really bummed-out when I heard about Clady being sent to Leavenworth. I thought of all the hard work done, all the demands to release him, all the petitions signed, all the personal pe-

titions to the Post Commander and I.S., all the nights of protests and vigils, all the radio broadcasts and news releases covering his case, all the people involved in the effort to see justice done and see Clady free. I felt a deep feeling of defeat. But, but after a lot of thought I realized it wasn't a defeat at all, but a victory. Of course, it was an individual defeat for Rosevelt Clady, one we all feel personally, one that will never be forgotten by Clady or any of us who wanted to see justice through his release. Yes we all feel this defeat. Yet the victory gained by our effort is far greater than meets the eye. For we won a major psychological victory. From now on the brass know's we mean business, that we're through asking politely, that we are through sitting back and taking these injustices, that we are united in our cause. Oh yes, the brass knows... The brass know's that if they keep this shit up that they're lives are going to be so troublesome, so unstable, so insecure, so frightened, so hassled, that their lives will be the hardest thing to live with. You can bet your last dollar that they'll think twice and think hard before they try and hand us that bullshit again. So with every passing minute of every passing day, our victories become greater while our defeats become fewer. So until our final victory becomes past, we all must keep on truckin' until our victory is won and justice is done.

Although I've been gone for over 3 months, my heart is still at PCF and with the Ft. Devens United Front...

Your Brother, Tom O'Reilly
"Germany"

Dear Congressman,

I take pen in hand to complain about my piece. After months of assiduous care and maintenance of the weapon (M-16) it failed to function at a crucial moment endangering my life and the lives of the other men in this company. Last night, at 0300 hours I had a clear, unobstructed shot at the captian. To my chargin, the weapon misfired. It may be weeks before I get another crack at the bastard and in the meantime I am subjected to the ridicule of my associates and can kiss goodbye the \$2,000 in the company pool.

Signed,

One Mad G.I.

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Meditation and Rambling

Representative governments were in the past the fruits of revolution, today they are an economic consequence.

Education sows not seeds in you, but makes your seeds grow.

Kahlil Gibran

Living in new England I am reminded of our founding fathers and their great sense of patriotism and independence and above all, their strength of character. It takes a strong person to stand up for what he believes in. I think of this, then I think of how ironic it is that the very reason I'm here in Mass. is because the army ordered me here. Ironic because the army as an institution is doing more to destroy independence and undermine patriotism than any other institution--American or other--. It is also ironic that the army is responsible for protecting American ideals. The ideals our nation was based on all in the Constitution in the amendments. Get a copy...and read it. It's quite subversive by some standards. Some of these ideals the army is protecting are freedom of speech, freedom of the press, the right to assemble and petition and protection from involuntary servitude. Involuntary servitude--could that be like drafting? Yep, exactly. And as for assembling and petitioning, read this sign as you enter Verbeck Gates:

NOTICE

The following is prohibited on this installation

Demonstrations-picketing
Distribution of handbills
related activities

Ft. Dev. Reg. 210-31
etc.etc.etc.

To summarize, the army, not too discreetly ignores the very ideals it's supposed to defend.

For those of you who are still turning your backs and shutting your eyes to these facts, I hope you'll come around, but you're

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OPPRESSED
MAJORITY
SPEAKS
ITS MIND



really not the people I'm addressing here. I can't use valuable space telling you things you can see just by looking.

I'm more concerned with the people who look around and realize things aren't right here. They are the ones who can and will make the army change, and they are in a majority, from privates to colonels.

We are told that Volar is coming to Ft. Devens. A rebirth for the army, all signs past and present will be forgiven or ignored. The pay raise is a step in the right direction. But more money alone can't cover up all the atrocities and injustice. One of the biggest problems is that of quality leadership, especially in NCO career men. They're the backbone of the army and too many of them are overweight, undereducated and overbearing. Hardly qualities to admire.

But I'm really not telling you anything new. You know about these things. Now it's up to you to help remedy them. It seems that the saying, "give them an inch, and they'll take a mile" applies here. The army can push you around only as long as you let them. GI's have to quit talking about how bad things are, although that's a start, and start standing up for their rights. No one else can do it for them. This may mean putting yourself out on a limb and taking a few chances. Furthermore, you could even be the only one with the courage to do it. It's not easy, nothing worthwhile ever is, but before you slide back into your apathy remember it's better to light one candle than curse the darkness.

an army wife

On March 3, AIC Pat Turney got honorably discharged as a conscientious objector from Westover Air Force Base. She is the first enlisted woman in all the military services to get a C.O.

Pat believes that the military system is inhuman, that it exercises arbitrary and illegitimate authority over people's lives, that the Vietnam War is racist and immoral, and that being part of an institution whose sole reason for being is the destruction of human life is intolerable.

Pat went through all sorts of harrassment from the commanders on the base. She fought back in any way she could, given she was in the military. She would talk about the war, the military, and the role of women in the Air Force with anyone she came into contact with on the base.

The head chaplain, who is supposed to take care of personal problems for all the WAF, told her during her C.O. interview that she should talk to a woman friend of his who would help her straighten out her appearance, and undoubtedly her attitude as well. With her "new look" she would fit in and be more popular and thus would probably not want the C.O. anyway.

The WAF commander tried at every turn to control Pat. She objected to Pat's actions on and off base as "unladylike" by which she seemed to mean that Pat shouldn't speak at demonstrations, work for the Bummer (Westover GI project) and should wear makeup.

She was told by the commanders that the only legitimate political work she could do which would meet with the regulations of the Air Force is to work for Nixon!

Pat ended up spending a lot of time with the brass. Major Bergman, her squadron commander, ended up taking a lot of nerve pills whenever he had to see her. But in spite of this, she never got

an Article 15, which is pretty funny. She left the base with great piles of letters of reprimand.

Psychological harrassment and threats can get to people, and Pat is the first to admit that it was really hard to put up with all that crap practically every day. The fear that comes from it is bound to make you feel less strong than you might otherwise be, but speaking out and fighting back and winning is always an up!

Pat went through 3 jobs after she turned in her C.O. paperwork, and she was told she was being court-martialed for "dereliction of duty." All this was a neat trick to try to scare her. In her C.O. statement, she said it was getting harder and harder for her to work, that she had no interest in giving support to the military, that her work (even as a clerk) was in direct support of the military effort which she strongly disapproved. She worked only under direct order.

The brass just didn't want her to get that C.O. All her paperwork was done by November and was evaluated by the 12th. of Dec. At the end of Jan. the base had done nothing to move it on to higher headquarters. So Pat wrote to 6 Senators and Congressmen, and the Secretary of the Air Force.

All of them responded to her letters, and Senator Taft of Ohio and Rep. Bella Abzug of New York were most helpful.

A congressional investigation followed. Pat spent hours with the Air Force's liaison with Congress telling him what she thought about the base and how she saw her harrassment.

Her paperwork went off base right after that. Pat suggests that other airmen and WAF might do this too, but not to expect great miracles from Congress. People should be as much prepared as possible, with information and statements.

WOMEN IN THE MILITARY - WAF GETS C.O.

EM's Relieve C.O. of Duty

This past February a group of about 15 enlisted men succeeded in getting their nighttime commanding officer transferred out of the company.

The officer, a Cpt. Mearsarge, was fond of carrying around a bunk adapter (a piece of metal about two feet long) and enforcing his orders by gesturing and threatening with this object.

After a while the men of the 642nd Engineering Company got a little tired of this and began complaining on three fronts. Several men filed statements of complaint up through the chain of command to 18th Engineer Battalion headquarters. Four or five other GIs filed complaints under Article 138 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. This is a complaint procedure through which a GI can complain about an officer by filling out a statement and giving it to any other officer not in the immediate chain of command. (In your statement try to be specific about what articles in the UCMJ the officer violated.) This complaint must be turned over to the officer exercising general court-martial jurisdiction (Armstrong) who must deal with it and turn over an account of the proceedings to the Secretary of the Army. Others filed Inspector General complaints.

According to men in the unit, the complaints made directly through the chain of command were the decisive factor in the situation. (In your company, though, it might be different - doing it all three ways is a good idea.)

About two weeks after the complaints were filed, the battalion commander arrived at the company's afternoon formation and politely introduced a new captain, who, he said, would be the company's new nighttime CO--much to the delight of everybody.

ASA. POLITICAL PRISONER

Last December, a friend was unjustly confined for being 14 days AWOL. This person, who's name I will not mention, is from D Company, Army Security Agency. He wrote a story in the Morning Report (December 7, 1971) entitled "Imagine Me Working for You," which was about the 2nd Battalion CO god, Major Sims. Sims wanted this man to work for the C.I.D. and find on brothers who smoked gras...when he refused, he was brought before the court-martial board on trumped up charges. He was then sent to the stockade.

If he is not a political prisoner, then no one is. If this fascist, imperialist machine they call the army is allowed to continue f**cking over people, then there is no hope for the common soldier.

GI's UNITE!!

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Stockade Blues:

Unity in Confinement

It has almost always been that when people unite for a just cause it is to bring about a change. Recently the confinement facility at Ft. Devens has been struggling for that cause.

Since February 16, 1972 unity has been growing behind the barbed wire fence at the stockade. On that day prisoners staged a hunger strike against conditions at the stockade. They focused on one objective: to protest against inadequate legal counseling. Prisoners were in the stockade up to 50 days before seeing a JAG officer for legal assistance. That evening two representatives from the defense section came to interview the prisoners. Since then a JAG representative has been going regularly to see incoming men confined at the stockade. Following that day there were other instances. Prisoners petitioned the IG to present a list of major grievances about conditions in the stockade: inadequate medical treatment and facilities; undo harassment by guards and cadre; and guards being over-worked (guards were and still are working 12 hrs. a day up to 12 to 15 days straight). The prisoners also requested periodical drug abuse tests on guards and psychological testing of the guards. The inmates have been successful in bringing about changes. A doctor is either at the Annex or Bldg. P-6 each day. A new dispensary was built.

"The men who are in prisons across the nation lose most of there Freedom except the Freedom of idea.

"Long was the night, slow the coming of the red dawn. For a hundred years the Devil monsters whirled in advance, and there was no coming together of the Myriad People.

"Now the Cock crows, dawn breaks over the world. And from a thousand places arises a swelling music."

Mao Tse-Tung



P.C.F. DWINDLES.....

PCF is changing. Anyone who has lived there a month or 2 can see it. The presence of a threatening press (threatening because the army might have found it inconvenient to have had PCF's way of life unveiled in December or January) caused the army to bring in a crew of plumbers, electricians and carpenters in January (I think it was Jan. My memories are running together after 4 months). That meant changes and quite a few improvements. The place became much more livable.

As an example, I can remember several windows in the 3rd. platoon being replaced. They had been gaping drafty holes as far back as I can remember.

Then again there were those changes in the operations hierarchy from Cpt. Healy to Cpt. Maciolek to Sgt. Reed with parallel transitions in the positions of First Sgt. and Field First too. And of course Colonel Hierliet's replacement with Colonel Creel formerly of 18th. Engineers.

During these transitions it was rumored (and I've heard it now from more reliable sources in both PCF and 18th. Eng.) that Colonel Creel had come into command with a primary goal of cutting back PCF's average 350 strength to the point where it would be small enough to be easily merged with Ft. Dix's PCF. That is, gradually phased right out of existence at Ft. Devens.

Well, now with many UD and 212 discharges being approved and people being sent home on excess leave to await their discharges, the duty roster is reading at PCF strength at down near 130. It looks like the screaming sneakers are squeaking into that eternal sunset.

r.S. 200's are being given out in the slam also. Looks like anyone left will be going behind the fence.

BLACK GI FRAME-UP

On March, 15, 1971, at 0045 hours (12:15), a fragmentation grenade exploded in an officer barracks in Bien Hoa--killing 2 young lieutenants and wounding a third. Captain Rigby and First Sgt. Willis, who were to have slept in these barracks, arrived on the scene, decided they were the real intended victims--and that the logical guilty party could only be one Pvt. Billy Smith. Without hesitation, they informed the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) officer of their conclusion (verdict) and together they called a battalion formation. In spite of the absence of several individuals, without questioning Captain Rigby's "theory", and without a single scrap of evidence, Billy Dean Smith was called forward to the front of the formation, a heavy CID hand slapped on his shoulder, and was told that he was under apprehension for murder--the equivalent to a declaration of guilt before all the potential witnesses. He was also charged with resisting arrest and two charges of attempted murder. The Army is asking the death penalty.

From the moment of his apprehension, the entire effort of the military has been directed toward fitting the facts to the theory and tightening the case against Billy Dean Smith. The direct evidence consists of one item: When arrested, Smith was illegally searched and a grenade pin was found in his pocket (a circumstance in a 'line' unit about as unusual as finding a ball point pen or the latest letter from home.) The grenade pin was sent to a laboratory in Japan for tests against a grenade spoon found near the explosion. While the photographs of marking of the two items CLEAR-

LY show there is not the slightest matching between them, the Army claims there is. The circumstantial evidence shows basically that Billy Dean Smith hated the Army (normal), hated the war (normal), hated his C.O. and First Sgt. (also normal), that he had stated that all these were racist, and that he would 'get even' with them (how many times have you heard or said that?), that 'fragg-ing' was a good way to do it, and that he had access to a fragmentation grenade. To consider that as evidence, one has to overlook and/or ignore that perhaps nine or every ten men of the lower enlisted ranks in most line outfits have access to such grenades. Whether another person or persons might or could have done the 'fragg-ing' seems not, for the record, to have been part of the investigation. BUT BILLY DEAN SMITH IS FIGHTING BACK!!

Even while controversy over the trial of Lt. William Calley is still 'hanging fire', and the whitewash of Medina's responsibility has already been accomplished, the case of Billy Dean Smith exposes even more aspects of the war in Vietnam to public scrutiny and may well become more important and far-reaching than the Calley case. Smith and his attorneys, headed by Chief Counsel, Luke McKissack, are more than denying the charges. They are attacking the system of military justice, the rampant racism in the military structure, and challenging the legality of the war itself, the first time this question will be litigated since the advent of the Pentagon Papers. As one of their opening salvos, they have petitioned Pres. Nixon to continue the precedent established in this intervention in the Calley case and release Billy Smith from pre-trial confinement. Given a comparison of the facts in each case, on what basis can he refuse to do so?? Calley was charged with the murder of 102 persons and was convicted of the murder of 22, by a jury of his peers (military juries are, with rare exceptions, composed entire-

WAR IS JUST A RACKET

The following is an excerpt of a speech, delivered in 1933, by Major General Smedley Butler, former Commandant of the United States Marine Corps.

War is just a racket. A racket is best described, I believe, as something that is not what it seems to the majority of the people. Only a small inside group knows what it is about. It is conducted for the benefit of the very few at the expense of the masses.

I believe in adequate defense at the coastline and in nothing else. If a nation comes over here to fight, then we'll fight. The trouble with America is that when the dollar only earns six percent over here, then it gets restless and goes overseas to get 100 percent. Then the flag follows the dollar and the soldiers follow the flag.

I wouldn't go to war again as I have done to defend some lousy investment of the bankers. There are only two things that we should fight for. One is the defense of our homes and the other is the Bill of Rights. War for any other reason is simply a racket.

There isn't a trick in the racketeering bag that the military gang is blind to. It has its "finger men" to point out enemies, its "muscle men" to destroy enemies, its "brain men" to plan war preparations, and a "Big Boss"—Supernationalistic Capitalism.

It may seem odd for me, a military man to adopt such a comparison. Truthfulness compels me to. I spent thirty-three years and four months in active military service as a member of our country's most agile military



force—the Marine Corps. I served in all commissioned ranks from a Second Lieutenant to Major-General. And during that period, I spent most of my time being a high class muscleman for Big Business, for Wall Street and for the Bankers. In short, I was a racketeer, a gangster for capitalism.

I suspected I was just a part of a racket at the time. Now I am sure of it. Like all members of the military profession, I never had an original thought until I left the service. My mental facilities remained in suspended animation while I obeyed the orders of higher-ups. This is typical with everyone in the military service.

I helped make Mexico—especially Tampico—safe for American oil interests in 1914. I helped make Haiti and Cuba a decent place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenues in. I helped in the raping of half a dozen Central American republics for the benefits of Wall Street. The record of racketeering is long. I helped purify Nicaragua for the international banking house of Brown Brothers in 1909-1912. I brought light to the Dominican Republic for American sugar interests in 1916. In China I helped see to it that Standard Oil went its way unmolested.

During those years, I had, as the boys in the back room would say, a swell racket. I was rewarded with honors, medals, and promotions. Looking back on it, I feel that I might have given Al Capone a few hints. The best he could do was to operate his racket in three districts. I operated on three continents.



DMZ REFUGEES.



A CHILD OF THE REVOLUTION

"Pacification"



The war is escalating.
The government is continuing to force us --the youth, the workers, the dark skinned people of America-- to die in its battles. And we are continuing to obey, to murder an innocent and freedom-loving people (like ourselves), to drop our bombs

on them and infect them with the garbage of our society.
This war is not worth us risking our lives. We, the sons and daughters of America, will neither profit from victory nor suffer from defeat in Vietnam.



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We, the American people, are simultaneously the oppressors and the victims in this vicious system. We risk our lives in Indochina in order to murder people that are in no way a threat to us. And when individuals serve their tour and return, there is no dignity or pride involved; simply the relief of having survived.

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They wanted her off base so badly that they gave her an escort for the day, the WAF commander, to "help" her get through all the outprocessing. They obviously didn't want her going around talking to too many people. In spite of the fact that her escort was rude and nasty with Pat and her civilian friend, Pat couldn't help but smile and was very happy to leave.

The security police gave her an escort off the base and she was forbidden to enter the base again (which may be unconstitutional and which she is checking out).

Pat says that doing a C.O. was an eye-opening experience, and that she learned a lot from being in the military, but that she would never enlist if she had it to do over again.

From the 99th. Bummer, Westover AFB GI newspaper, April, 1972

RESISTANCE: in the NAVY

For the past three weeks the crewmen aboard the U.S.S. William R. Rush have been campaigning to keep their ship home. The ship, a 27 year old destroyer was scheduled to leave for a 6 month cruise on April 5, including stops in the Portugese colonies of Angola and Mozambique in Africa. 70-90 members of the crew signed a petition to Congressman Tiernan of Rhode Island detailing the alarming conditions on the ship and demanding a congressional investigation of the ship prior to departure. (Inadequate water supply, no water cooler and 170 degrees temperatures in the boiler room, no medical officer, many sections not water tight, etc., etc.) All Hands Abandon Ship, the GI newspaper from Newport, put out a special issue about the cruise and the ship, and Angola and Mozambique. On March 31, Congressman Tiernan came, was given a whitewash tour of the ship by the captain, and left. After that, 10 of the crewmen sent the following telegram to Congressman Diggs of the Con-

gressional Black Caucus, and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Africa of the House Foreign Affairs Committee:

"We the following protest the April 5th. deployment of the U. S.S. William R. Rush on a cruise which includes stopping in ports in the countries of Angola and Mozambique, in Africa. The people in these two countries are in revolution against the racist Portugese colonial governments there. We want a complete investigation of American involvement in the Portugese colonies in Africa. We want this cruise stopped. No more Viet Nams!"

To dramatize their demands, the crewmen sponsored a rally in Washington Square, Newport, R.I. at 6pm on April 4, 1972, along with staff members of All Hands Abandon Ship." The 60 or more people at the rally were evenly divided between seamen from the base and civilian supporters. They listened to two speakers from the crew of the Rush, a speaker from "All Hands Abandon

Ship", and the Rhode Island VVAW state coordinator. They also heard telegrams from projects around the country expressing solidarity and support.

As a result of their campaign, much of the ship was repaired before the ship left, and the cruise was changed from six months to three. It is still unknown whether the ship will stop at the colonies of Angola and Mozambique (against the wishes of the crew).

Right On Rush!



Vietnam War, Not Amnesty — the real issue

As the question of amnesty for deserters and draft dodgers gets more public attention it is curious to compare the reactions of the Nixon administration with those of previous administrations. When confronted with the question of amnesty, President Nixon, the president who promised to bring the country together again, has either shown a disdain to confront the issue or, by his actions has given evidence of a deep vindictiveness. This behavior is a clear contrast to the way previous presidents have reacted to the same question.

The first four presidents granted partial or full amnesty. George Washington even made no effort to punish those who deserted the army at Valley Forge. Colorful Andrew Jackson even granted amnesty, provided those who accepted it would not again serve in the armed forces of the United States.

Even though the desertion rate on both sides during the Civil War was about ten percent, there was no action following the war against deserters or draft dodgers. It is claimed that during 1864 there were more deserters in the Carolina Mountains than soldiers in Lee's army. But in spite of the Civil War being the greatest rebellion of the 19th. Century, not one leader of the south was brought to trial for treason or executed, there were no mass arrests, no punishments for officers in the U.S. armed forces who joined the Confederacy, and no expatriation by doing special service. Furthermore, Congress, in mid-1862 gave Lincoln specific powers of amnesty, which he used twice and Andrew Johnson used four times. Congress passed a general amnesty in 1872 which included all but about 500 high Confederate officials. Most of these were pardoned by 1898 through general disability acts.

In more recent times, there was no general amnesty following World War I, but there were piecemeal pardons starting with one-hundred thirteen in 1919 and almost all were pardoned by 1922. Coolidge finally granted

a blanket amnesty for all who had been, or were about to be, convicted of desertion.

During world war II there were few deserters or draft dodgers. At the end of the war there were about 1500 in custody. Truman somewhat ducked the question of amnesty by appointing a committee which recommended individual consideration of each case. The result was that about 10% were given pardons.

There are two contemporary questions, one of which can be answered by our past amnesties. First, as a result of previous amnesties there has been no added difficulty in recruiting or drafting. As for the question of the lowering of morale in the armed forces by granting amnesty today, how can the morale be any lower than it already is? Perhaps some credibility would be restored if we stopped persecuting those who prematurely adopted the position on our Viet Nam involvement that the society and ultimately the government itself is coming toward — that our intervention into South East Asia was wrong to begin with, it is wrong today, and our only salvation is to leave immediately.



"It does frighten one. It is the special file on dissenters."

ARMED FARGES DAY MAY 20



1972: ORGANIZE!

Over the past year, the expansion of the GI movement into all branches of the service has made it a central force in the struggle against imperialism, racism and oppression. As a result of enlisted rebellion, the Army has had to phase out the ground war in Asia and to attempt the Madison Avenue hoax of VOLAR. At the same time, the continuing racism and macho-fascism of the Marine Corps has increased enlisted people's resistance. AWOL, dissent, and outright rebellion are at an all-time historical high in both branches.

By far the most dramatic growth of the GI movement in the past year, however, has taken place within the Navy and Air Force. Having overcome prejudices against what was once thought to be the 'elite' of the military, organizers have taken the struggle to the enlisted people of both branches with fine results. Within the past few months, Air Force organizing groups were able to co-ordinate one of the few national responses to the recent escalation of the air war in Indochina. At the same time, the 'Carrier Movement' against the Vietnam role of attack carriers based on the west coast has caused the Navy, now the most heavily funded branch of the services, to hold high-level conferences and to issue 'all is well' bravado claims.

Already this winter, GI movement organizations in Texas, the midwest, and in the Northeast have been meeting to plan work for the Spring, and beyond. Air Force and Navy organizations are also making particular plans. At the recent Versailles World Assembly for the Peace and Independence of the Indo-Chinese Peoples, there was general agreement among delegates from the American peace movement to back GI initiatives around 'ARMED FARGES DAY' both nationally and at the local level.

More than ever before, 'ARMED FARGES DAY' this year can be turned into an international people's holiday. Servicemen and women resisting American imperialism and its wars and destruction can unite with American and foreign civilians in a display of solidarity against that worldwide system of oppression and death. Recent attacks by America's ruling class on the living and working standards of the American working class make 1972 a year of real potential for alliances between the working class within the military and their brothers and sisters outside. The time is coming when temporary tactical retreats of the military brass in the face of the enlisted people's resistance, and of the ruling class in the face of the organized working class will be turned into a full rout. It is our task to turn this old militaristic holiday of the Cold War era over to the people.

IGLOO WHITE

"The ELECTRONIC
BATTLEFIELD"

The Automated War Back in the United States, dead GI's gave the war a bad name, so that by 1968 Nixon's electioneering pledge had to include a promise "to bring the boys home". The efficacy of air power in depopulating the countryside was indeed so great that this promise was easy to keep. But not until the Cambodian invasion of 1970 did the military leaders finally grasp the futility of employing American ground troops. GI's were never needed—a company of Girl Scouts would have sufficed provided they could use a radio and a map to inform the pilots when fired at by the enemy. By today even this function is obsolete, for there now exist electronic sensing devices whose information is passed through computers that automatically launch artillery or air-strikes.

The shape of things to come was predicted by Gen. Westmoreland in 1969 "... enemy forces will be located, tracked, and targeted almost instantaneously through the use of data links, computer assisted intelligence evaluation, and automatic fire control. With first round kill probabilities approaching certainty, and with surveillance devices whose information can continually track the enemy, the need for large forces to fix the opposition physically will be less important."

Aircraft carriers are an integral part of the new warfare—they are the United States' invulnerable sanctuaries on the sea. They have never been attacked by the enemy but still have many casualties through accidents.

Excerpt from the
book "Vietnam Inc." By Philip Jones
Griffiths

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"DALEY"

(3) that the case be dismissed on the grounds that the convening authority, Genl. Armstrong, is a war criminal, and Daley had an enumerated Constitutional right not to be tried by him.

Regarding motion #1 (improper denial of a discharge for the good of the service), the defense had unearthed a copy of Col. Robert Theriault's (the commanding officer of Daley's unit, Personnel Control Facility) disapproval of Daley's request for administra-

tive discharge several weeks before the trial. On this document was the following: "Pfc. Daley had been active in the Fort Devens United Front actions as well as the functions of the Common Sense Bookstore and various agencies in Boston. It would be in the best interests of the US Army to have this man stand trial by court-martial. It is the opinion of this command that Pfc. Daley should be considered for a punitive discharge by the proper judicial authority."

In other words, Daley was denied an administrative discharge because he was politically active and outspoken. (The "Fort Devens United Front actions" referred to were a series of demonstrations in protest of the conditions at Personnel Control Facility (PCF); the racist treatment of a black GI, Roosevelt Clady; the barbed wire fence constructed in late August 1971 which surrounds PCF; and the war in Indochina. These demonstrations were off-post and during off-duty hours. They were perfectly legal. Held in December of 1971 and January 1972, the demonstrations generated a great deal of bad publicity for the army and shot the news of the injustices which occur frequently at Devens into the public eye. They forced the command into cleaning up the poor conditions at PCF and created the spark of a potential enlisted men's political movement at Devens. Thus, it is quite understandable that Theriault (and Armstrong) would wish to give Daley, one of the leaders of these demonstrations, the maximum punishment.)

This denial of Daley's request for an administrative discharge took place in a time when men were (and still are) receiving administrative discharges by the score, many for AWOLs much longer than Daley's. With him, though the Army wanted to make an example. Several weeks before the trial this issue was raised by Cong. Michael Harrington, (D-Mass.) who complained vigorously to Armstrong that DALEY was being DENIED his First Amendment rights. Harrington

publicized the case in the press and also read a series of letters between him and Armstrong into the Congressional Record. Armstrong, however, was equally belligerent in dealing with Harrington as he and his staff were with dealing with Daley and other outspoken GIs.

The defense began its discussion of the 2nd pretrial motion (that the defense had been hampered in the preparation of its case) by calling a former army lieutenant and West Point graduate, Lou Font, to the stand. Mr. Font and a companion, Miss Amy Saltzman, it was revealed on the stand, had been at Ft. Devens on April 8th, passing out copies of a defense questionnaire. The defense resorted to this method of obtaining information after the Staff Judge Advocate's Office denied them information and statistics relevant to its case. Font and Saltzman were in front of the main post exchange peacefully passing out these questionnaires when they were physically accosted by Gnl. Armstrong's military police. Font was handcuffed and thrown into the back of a military police van. Amy, not handcuffed, but visibly shaken, followed soon thereafter. They were held for close to four hours in the Provost Marshall's Office, forcibly fingerprinted, mugged and repeatedly interrogated. During this time, Specialist Howard of the military police grabbed Font by the lapels and repeatedly smashed him against the wall.

In spite of this obvious harassment of the defense effort, the judge, Col. Robert Morrison, a man who civilian attorneys have claimed is as ignorant of the law as he is of the code of common decency, sustained the trial counsel's motion

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ly of officers). Smith is charged with--and presumed innocent of--the murder of two persons. Can he refuse to release Billy (who has been in solitary confinement for 23 out of every 24 hours since the date of his apprehension) because he is black and Calley is white?? Or because Billy is an enlisted man and Calley is an officer??? Or will he invoke the 'mere gook rule' and remind us that Calley's victims were, after all, only Vietnamese civilians and Smith's alleged victims were white American officers???

In the past, the military has tried to ignore, deny or otherwise shrug off what has become known as 'fraggings'--it was with great reluctance that they admitted 109 such cases were reported in 1970. This is the result, quoting Senate Majority Leader, Mike Mansfield of an "atmosphere that drives an American G.I. to kill his fellow G.I. or superior...Fragging, I fear, is just an outgrowth of this mistaken, this tragic conflict."

The defense of Billy Smith requires financial support. Billy's family needs funds for transportation between Watts and Ft. Ord. The lawyers have been paying for an expensive defense out of their own pockets. We should remember that Billy is not on trial for the isolated acts of some individual. He is on trial for the entire revolutionary movement in and around the Army. Support Billy. Support yourself...

Send contributions to:
**BILLY DEAN SMITH DEFENSE
COMMITTEE**

**SUITE 601, 6430 SUNSET BLVD.
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(Letters to Billy can also be sent to this address and will be forwarded to him, but because the Army doesn't want Billy to have support or make

any noise about his frame-up, you may not receive an answer, but he'd sure appreciate knowing that there are a lot of brothers and sisters who support his struggle.)



FREE BILLY DEAN SMITH



I hereby state that Billy Dean Smith is a victim of racism and bigotry on the part of the United States Army, and I demand that he be freed immediately.

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that this testimony was irrelevant and cut short Font's testimony, denied the motion, and refused to permit 7 answered defense questionnaires to be introduced as evidence.

The third motion--that the case be dismissed on the grounds that Armstrong was a war criminal--was the most potentially damaging. This motion was based on the testimony of Bart Osborne, an ex-CIA agent who worked with Armstrong in Viet Nam in 1969-1970 when Armstrong was in charge of the Phoenix program in Vietnam. This program was a disguised selected assassination program of South Vietnamese radicals which employed convicts to murder Viet Cong suspects. According to Osborne, several hundred such suspects were murdered in cold blood under Armstrong's authority during that time.

The legal basis for this motion comes from the so called Yamashita principle. This principle comes from a post World War II case in which General Yamashita of the Imperial Japanese army was convicted of murder in the Philippines. Yamashita's troops had occupied one of the smaller islands in the Philippines, but had been split in half by the invading American forces. Yamashita himself was on one side of the island and a large body of his men were on the other side.

Many crimes, including murder, were committed against the civilian population by the soldiers on the opposite side of the island. After the war a general court martial declared Yamashita legally responsible for these acts (even though he had given an order to his men not to harm the Philippines) and ordered him hanged. The U. S. Supreme Court upheld his conviction and his death sentence was signed by General Douglas MacArthur.

Using this as the basis for his motion, West called Bart Osborn to the stand, but as soon as Osborne began describing how he had received names of suspected enemy agents and passed them on to Vietnamese officials to be murdered under Armstrong's authority, he was taken off the stand. Such questions were not to be taken up by this court, the prosecution and judge both claimed, and the final pretrial motion was denied.

In the course of all three motions, West repeatedly asked that Genl. Armstrong himself be brought to the stand.

During the discussion of this request the judge mentioned that apparently Armstrong did have a policy of referring men AWOL from Vietnam overseas replacement stations to general court-martials.

West jumped on this point immediately. According to the "Hawthorne" case (mid 50's) and every similar case since then to come before the Court of Military Appeals, it is illegal for a commander to establish "policies" regarding military justice. A General's policy toward military justice clearly does influence the commanders below him. If a mid-level commander knows what the General's "policy" is regarding AWOL's, he will always follow that policy rather than make the impartial decisions the law requires him to make. Such a policy will have the force of a command, for no one wants to oppose the known wishes of the big man. Here the judge realized that he had made a serious mistake and retreated, saying "Obviously I should not have used the word 'policy.'" He refused to use that incriminating word further, saying "predisposition" instead. West feels this will almost certainly be grounds for overturning the conviction on appeal to the Court of Military Appeals.

This concluded the pretrial stages of the court martial. The judge had denied all the defense motions and granted only 2 of the 47 witnesses requested--the two he allowed to be called were low-ranking NCO's of little value to the defense. Without these motions Mike had no chance of winning an acquittal from this court, for the judge had ruled out all considerations except whether he had or had not been present at the Overseas Replacement Station when required. His absence was easily proved, for Mike even openly ad-

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mitted it in his testimony. The defense case would have been based on the right of the Army to court martial him, and their reasons for doing so, but all these questions had been effectively ruled out of order by a judge determined to convict Daley and prevent any embarrassment to the high Devens officers. All this was in spite of intense pressure from members of Congress--Harrington, Abzug, Dellums and others--and concerned GI's and civilians.

Michael made a long and beautiful statement to all present at the end of the trial. Yes, he had been AWOL. He was not sorry for it. He had thought of going several times before he actually did. He did not, and would not, apply for discharge as a conscientious objector, even though at the time he went AWOL he felt himself to be a selective CO, opposed to fighting in Vietnam, and he now feels he wouldn't fight in any war. Conscientious Objection is another way out offered to the educated, the literate, and the wealthy. If a man can afford a lawyer and express himself coherently, he gets out. If he can't, he rots in the stockade or kills or dies in Vietnam. Michael Daley has the ability to write a successful CO application but the wisdom to see that he belongs with his brothers.

Mike now had begun serving his seven months in jail. Within a month they will ship him to the U. S. Army Disciplinary Barracks at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. By the time his case is appealed, he will have finished serving his time, a sentence he should not have gotten. Only pressure from people, and from Congressmen, offers any chance of his sentence being deferred until the appeal has been acted on. General Armstrong wanted to hang Daley, and he wants to get Mike locked away in Leavenworth as soon as possible.

It is up to the rest of us to make sure that his kind of frame-up (so typical in the New Action Army) comes to a stop.

The military courts of Injustice have created another hero in the reeking pits of their shabby trail. Mike Daley, a friend and fellow man has showed myself and thousands of others what courage really means.

Some men have the power to see the truth and admit it. It is a rare and Brave individual who speaks out in the Heart of the Beast - takes a bite and still tries to hang on. Mike Daley has done this, and even though the Beast has trampled and stomped on him, he is still hanging on until that Beast falls.

Mike was asked, if given a chance to be a slave for the military in any way shape or manner, would he do it. He stated he would not, and could not, against his will and fellow countrymen. When asked about the people who would replace him in Vietnam he said, this is a decision those men would have to make.

My only hope in this question would be that the real heroes in this war (such as Mike Daley) would all speak their peace. Say no to old Sam, yes to your fellow countrymen and jump on the real Beast with all the Mikes (who are now locked up for numerous political reasons) and Heroes of the real war until it goes tumbling down.

RIGHT ON MIKE!

Richard E. Watson



ASA NEWS

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On March 16 Bob McClain, Delta Co., received an article 15 for wearing a t-shirt. On the front of the shirt was written "Fighting for peace is like f-cking for chastity." On the back was "If you like the Vietnam war, you'll love WW III."

McClain was off duty at the time and in civilian clothes. The shirt was almost entirely covered by a cpo shirt. He was in the office of Capt. Pelton, the company commander, seeing about some paperwork when Pelton noticed a peace symbol partially exposed by his open cpo shirt.

Pelton told McClain to remove his cpo shirt and McClain complied. When Pelton saw what was written on the t-shirt he gave McClain a direct order to remove the shirt. McClain refused on the grounds that such an order violated his constitutional rights under the first amendment and that this was his way of expressing his opinion.

Pelton gave another order and when McClain refused again, Pelton read him his rights under article 31 of the UCMJ. Pelton then escorted McClain over to 2nd. Battalion Hdqs. Once there Maj. Simms, the Battalion co then gave McClain another lawful (?) order. McClain asked Simms if he could make a telephone call and Simms replied, "No, young man, you can not." McClain then said that he wouldn't remove his shirt. Simms then threatened him with the slam if he didn't and only then did McClain comply with the order. McClain was given an Article 15 and released.

McClain now says, "I want all my brothers to wear right-on t-shirts so that they will know where civil rights are at in the army."

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puters to put information about every South Vietnamese on IBM cards.

The third branch is called the Phoenix program, or better "authorized assassination." Convicts from Saigon prisons are released with the understanding that their release is contingent on their killing, for the government, suspected Vietcong or traitors. The Phoenix program has been known to authorize four-hundred assassinations at a time. Gen. Armstrong commanded the Phoenix program during his second tour of duty. The cover name for the program is 2nd. Regional Assistance Group.

The American Congress has already established that the pacification program is clearly illegal and genocidal. Armstrong has, by his command of the two most immoral aspects of the program, established himself as an international war criminal.

And General Armstrong was the convening authority for Michael Daley's court martial.



'Listen, if you think any American official is going to tell you the truth, then you're stupid! Did you hear that? Stupid! —Arthur Sylvester (Asst. Sec. of Defense and chief of military public relations in Vietnam) spoken to Morley Safer (CBS newsman) in Saigon, July 15, 1965.

Luther Johnson
and more

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GI MOVEMENT



"Tonight the 2d Platoon is supposed to go out on night ambush. I'm not going. The 2d Platoon is not moving from their bunker. They will be staying." *Firebase Pace, Bravo Company*

GIs in a bunker at Firebase Pace pass around a petition in support of six other men in Bravo Company who just refused orders to move out on a suicide mission. After this photo was taken, two other units also refused to move out in solidarity with the six. When another company was flown in to replace Bravo Co., they, too, refused to move out.



Dod Directive 1325.6 allows you one copy of this paper. There's no way the man can take this away from you.

INJUSTICE

G.I.s UNITED AGAINST



Fire Base Pace, Vietnam.



Ft. Jackson, S.C. Ft. Jackson 8. GI's who organized an on-post anti-war meeting and were busted.



Ft. Hood, Texas. Ft. Hood 3. The first GI's to refuse orders to Vietnam



The Military and Women

One of the ways the brass controls GIs is by brainwashing them. Brainwashing poor and working class guys to believe that it is patriotic to napalm Vietnamese babies. Brainwashing whites that it's cool to kill blacks in the interest of maintaining "law and order". Brainwashing black GI's that the "new action army" isn't racist. And the heaviest brainwashing comes down during basic training--first your whole identity is taken away from you, then you're a piece of shit, and then you're told not to think and just to obey orders, and finally you're told what to think. Brainwashing!! As GIs have seen through this brainwashing--the lies about the war, lies about military life, lies about people of different races--the anti-war, revolutionary movement among GIs has grown.

One other area of brainwashing that is very heavy is how the military makes brothers look at and treat their sisters. The following article written by two ex-GIs breaks down the way this brainwashing comes down.

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anti-Women BRAINWASHING

All men who enter the United States armed forces, enter with some preconceived ideas and generalizations about women. For example, we have all seen countless women (some half naked) used in newspapers, magazines, and on TV to sell products of all kinds. Billboards, radios, and movies constantly blare out a message about women; women can never be trusted, they're stupid and weak, they must be protected and they are to be judged by the shape of their bodies. These ideas are fostered by those men in control of the society we live in.

In basic training, and on until we get out of the hated military machine, the Brass and lifer NCOs use and develop these prejudices and sick generalizations to suit their own purposes. THINK ABOUT IT.

A Sister speaks out!

Have you ever felt like stomping your recruiter? Recruiters are pimping for the system and they're well taken care of. They live off base in civilian style, have an expense account for traveling, and sit around waiting for someone to walk through the door. No inspections for them, no KP, no signing in or out, none of that mechanical bullshit. The only thing that they have to do is fill a quota

And that's where the trouble begins--for you. Those sub-human recruiters don't give a damn about you. They aren't filling those quotas because they have a "High regard" for the military. What hustling they do, make no mistake about it, they do for themselves, period!!

Those recruiters make it sooo good. They've got a sales pitch that would put most con-artists to shame. I know the sisters out there have heard the jive. Oodles of education, travel overseas, an "exciting wardrobe" (that's almost as bad as the army recruiter who said "I never met one WAC who wasn't happy in the army."), pleasant housing, medical care at government expense, a uniform that was "recognized", whatever the hell that's supposed to mean. And the spiel about all the people you'll meet and the friends you'll make. But they didn't tell that if your friend is a black sister, you separate when you hit town.

Then there's the whole bit about the respect men have for women in uniform and how they work side by side in mutual admiration of one another. HOGWASH! Especially when you find out you have a male CO, and men giving inspections, and you're not supposed to fraternize with male officers,

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Remember in basic training, how one of the worst insults that a sargent could give a trainee involved some kind of reference to women? "You sound like a bunch of old women!" "You're nothing but a bunch of pussies!" We heard this as often as we showed any sign of hesitation or what they considered weakness. One officer in basic liked to march to such songs as "Bang-Bang LuLu" and "Jody's got your girl and gone", songs designed to make us feel hostile to and distrustful of our wives and girlfriends. At the rifle range we were told by the range NCO to "squeeze the trigger like you squeeze your girlfriends tits", separating sex from love and relating it to violence.

GIs have always been ridiculed if they were married. Moreover, married GIs are encouraged to take out their frustrations on their wives and children. The chain of command is simple: the CO shits on the



ANGELA is FREE!

Acquitted on all three charges of murder, conspiracy, and kidnap in California.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

and men are majority on boards and court-martial hearings. AND, what's even worse, if you don't "lay" you're a lesbian, and if you do you're a whore; and if you have a good argument against both, you're mixed up or frigid.

If you think back, a lot of you will probably remember either your father or your brother tried to talk you out of going in, but they couldn't tell you why. Well that was the reason. The so-called reputation of women in the military that men have been so fast to uphold; in particular the lifers; the ones who are always on our brothers' backs.

When we joined the army most of us were looking for something better than what we had, which in some cases was pretty bad. All we got was a bag of lies and worse.

Lots of things are beginning to happen with our sisters in the WACs and lots more will happen. It's beautiful.

SISTERS: UNITE AND FIGHT!
POWER TO THE SISTERS!

lifer sergeants, they both shit on you, and you're supposed to go home and "fuck the shit" out of your wife or girlfriend. Is there any wonder that child beating is one of the most frequent reasons for admissions to military hospitals?

WACs singled out for special abuse by lifers, especially in basic training. According to the warped officers, a WAC is a woman who "couldn't make it" with men on the outside. These half-wits viciously slander our sisters in the military, calling them "lesbians, whores, pigs". We must reject this trash. Even to say that women who join up are something more gung-ho than men is to ignore the reasons for enlisting: no skills, no jobs, no money, a bad family situation, the outrageous lies of a true pig at the recruiting station. These are the reasons why both men and women enlist.

LOCAL JOB

→ DISCRIMINATION

About a month ago a local landlord called the Common Sense Bookstore complaining that one of his tenants was being racially discriminated against. Could we help out?

The woman, who shall be called Gail, for her own protection, had moved to this area to live with her sister and find a job. She is 18, a high school graduate with a B average, and has worked in an office and a factory. She is also Black. When she arrived at Christmas, she and her sister went to a local factory to apply for a job. Right after their interview a white woman walked into the employer's office and was interviewed. Two days later Gail and her sister saw the same woman come out of the factory at lunch hour. For a month Gail continued to go to the factory and ask for a job. Each time she was told that there were no openings or that she would be called. Then her landlord heard her story and started to go to the personnel office and calling the president of the factory (who he knew from working there himself). The response he received was that he was "just a trouble maker" and that there were no jobs available. At least once a week ads appeared in the local paper for workers in the factory. When Gail brought this to the attention of the personnel director, his response was that the jobs were recently filled or that they were for men. This is now two months after Gail first applied for a job. And this is when the landlord called the bookstore.

The women at the bookstore decided to test the factory situation out and hopefully construct a situation where the discrimination was open and clear. For a week we called at the factory to ask if there were jobs, and each time we were told there were. Three of us went and applied for jobs. We all said we were 18, single, had had some experience in factories and lived nearby. But unfortunately, for the sake of our goal, none of us were hired. However we clearly felt that the factory was aware of our purpose. They had become very angry at the landlord for his "trouble making" and because we came into the factory right after Gail, they probably had us figured out. What we wanted was to have one of us hired on the spot right after they had seen Gail and told her that there were no openings.

We then decided to threaten the factory. One of us is a newspaper reporter. This provided an opening for finding out more about the employment practices of the factory and also the possibility of shaking the factory up a little. A reporter can easily mess up the public relations of a factory. The reporter asked to see the personnel director on the pretext

that she was doing an article on unemployment within the area and wanted to get some ideas from him as to the hiring and firing and job markets. With questions such as: "Are there more people looking for jobs this year and how many openings have you had for unskilled people since the first of this year?", the reporter was able to find out some important facts. Useful ones too. After an hour with the personnel director, she had the following information: the factory had at that moment three openings for unskilled women. There were twenty people on file as wanting jobs at the factory, but only a handful were actively looking for a job and could be contacted. And of those five, one or two were qualified: i.e. had previous factory experience, lived nearby and looked like a serious candidate. Since the beginning of the year (when Gail started applying for a job) they had filled five openings for unskilled women. They didn't know how many Black people there were in the factory. "Only a handful, I think. I don't really know. We haven't given it much thought," said the director. He then suggested that the reporter might like to talk with the president of the factory. She said yes she would.

The president was very eager, probably feeling a story about his factory was good for publicity. But he asked that the reporter show him the story before publication because there were certain facts he didn't want known by the public. One of his workers was trying to get a union going in the factory and the less the worker knew, the harder it would be for him to organize.

When the reporter felt she had drained every bit of information out of the president, she then added: "There is another situation which my editor has brought to my attention, and I wonder if you would comment on it. I understand that you are accused of discriminating against a Black woman who wants to work here. Do you have a comment?"

For about twenty minutes, the reporter was thrown into a monologue about how the president was fully aware of the situation, that it was not true, that the woman, if she wanted to get hired, should not associate with trouble makers like her landlord. "Yes" he understood that the woman was filing with the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission and if anyone wanted to investigate, they were perfectly welcome. The final defense was that the woman in question was too short for the jobs that had been open. (Gail is 5'5", taller than one of the women who works in the factory and who had been keeping us in-

formed from the inside.)

The reporter then asked if the president was aware that one of the considerations of the EEOC would be that of the town's Black-white ratio within the population. The president responded that there were only 10 or 15 Blacks in town. "But that doesn't include the Army base, and did you know that Ft. Devens is almost half Black?" (This is not true, but a trick question that the reporter thought would help Gail's situation.) The president twisted in his chair to the side and mumbled that he didn't realize that. He paused for a while, then said that there was no way the EEOC could prove that Blacks had applied for a job because by law they are not allowed to put race on the application. The reporter responded that all the EEOC had to do would be to subpoena the files and contact all the people who had applied for a job at the factory to find out their race. The president spun his chair further around and never again looked directly at the reporter. She then thanked him for his time and help and promised to contact him as soon as she had written her article about unemployment in the area.

Less than 24 hours later, Gail was contacted by the personnel director while she was making a phone call in a phone booth in town. She was hired for the job!!



PSYCHOPATHIC MASS MURDERER LOOSE



"SOME OF OUR CITIZENS HAVE BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO THINKING THAT WHATEVER OUR GOVERNMENT SAYS MUST BE FALSE; AND WHATEVER OUR ENEMIES SAY MUST BE TRUE, AS FAR AS THIS WAR IS CONCERNED."

PRESIDENT NIXON JAN 1972

He's flipped out again. There's been lots of talk about bringing our boys home. Nixon has boasted proudly of Vietnamization and 'winding down the war' while he quietly increased air attacks on North Vietnam. GIs and civilians responded with a new wave of demonstrations particularly at air bases in the first four months of '72. Then suddenly, the Nixon game plan fell apart, overnight, just like that, a paper tiger as the Chinese would say. Viet Cong guerrillas supported by NVA troops in a month of fighting smashed Vietnamization beyond repair and the war was winding down - to the last desperate attempt by the maniacs in power to salvage their 'honor' (sick!) through a military victory. Now Nixon is desperate and dangerous. As usual everyone but he and the aging pigs who feed with him at the public trough will have to pay. Haiphong has been mined and all ports in North Vietnam are under American blockade. American planes have struck the dikes in rice-growing areas of North Vietnam, threatening the lives of millions. Up til now about 30,000 more troops have been dispatched to combat zones, and American casualties, even the official ones, are going up. One hundred and forty-two men alone, by US government count, were lost over Vietnam in April. An undisclosed number of ships firing on Vietnam have been hit by coastal batteries. Marine combat units have been sent from Okinawa on float off Vietnam. Their chopper pilots are already filling in for the US-backed ARVN pilots who have somehow failed to provide air support for their fleeing troops. Who knows what insane mission these brothers will be sent on: Raids into the North? A last desperate attempt to save the few remaining US bases in the South? B-52s have been sent from the states. Marine air squadrons have been moved from Iwakuni, Japan to DaNang. Ships from all over the world sent to blockade the North and pour fire into coastal areas.

Millions of Americans are totally fed up. This is insane! We have to stop them before they kill us all!

As always GIs and veterans are at the forefront taking the heaviest risks:

- The USS MIDWAY left early for Nam on April, but not without protest from members of one of the air squadrons on board. Sixteen people from VF-151 sent a letter to President Nixon condemning US involvement in Indochina. (There's a letter from a VF-151 member on page 2.)

196TH MUTINIES AGAIN!

Phu Bai, Vietnam (April)--Just south of Hue in South Vietnam is Phu Bai, a major US communications installation and radar station for guiding strike aircraft from carriers in the 7th fleet. As GIs were pulled out of the northern provinces of the south, and Saigon troops fled and defected, the 196th Light Infantry Brigade was sent in to protect Phu Bai. They were ordered out on patrol.

Charlie Company grumbled but went when ordered. But Alpha company refused. Somehow this offensive and dangerous move came out of Nixon's master plan to give maximum protection to GIs still in Nam. The grunts didn't see it that way--getting blown away isn't protection. They argued with their Bird Colonel for 90 minutes, then finally agreed to move out to support Charlie Company.

- Leonardo, NJ--The crew of the USS NITRO, an ammunition ship, was hustled into action for the offensive. The ship needed repair badly--the evaporators weren't working well, and crewmen had to compete with the boilers for water. One quarter of the unrep equipment wasn't working properly. But work was stopped and the ship went to Naval Ammunition Depot Earle on April 18 for loading.

People from local groups in six canoes tried to keep the ship from docking, and held it up for 1½ hours. One sailor said, "I was really down before we pulled in, but when I saw you guys out there it was like an answer to a dream."

There were meetings all weekend, and by Monday things were really moving. That morning, 18 canoes and an old whaler mixed it up with the Coast Guard. It was a battle of paddles and boat hooks as canoes were towed out of the way, only to return.

Suddenly a brother, one of a crowd on the deck, stood up on the rail, threw a fist salute, and jumped off the ship. Four more quickly followed. As the cutters tried to pick them out of the oily drink, two others jumped. The seven brothers continued to give power salutes as they were taken back to the NITRO.



CTP The Boston Globe

NEW? VOLUNTEER (?) ARMY (!)

In recent months, the Army has allocated \$20 million to a new recruitment drive, added 500 new recruiting stations, doubled to 6,000 the number of soldiers assigned to recruiting, and launched a massive campaign to induce young men and women to sign on to the "New Volunteer Army." The core of this drive has been an effort to change the conditions of GI life — or, at least, to change the way those conditions are presented to potential recruits. Under the umbrella of the VOLAR (Volunteer Army) program, beer has been allowed in the barracks of some training posts, KP has been pushed off onto civilian "help," recruits have been able to accumulate "merit cards" (honest truth!) to be exchanged for privileges, and make-work projects — from picking up butts to white-washing stones — have been eliminated. Or so Pentagon news releases claim. Also, pay has been raised to just over the national poverty level: \$228/month, and heading for \$300, from \$134 a year ago.

How successful has this campaign been? Are the reforms real? And effective? And what does this "new volunteer" (or "elite mercenary" — depending on how you look at it) army portend for U.S. foreign policy and militarism in this country? We don't pretend to have answers to all these questions (as a matter of fact, USSF is organizing a research program to help us get some clearer answers). But we do have some preliminary responses — and a number of questions of our own.

The Pentagon has issued a series of optimistic statements about the "success" of its new recruitment drive since it began on July 1, 1971. Enlistments were up in six months — from 69,000 in 1970 to 75,200 — and more of those signing were high school graduates. The Army was particularly proud of the jump in enlistments into "combat" units — infantry, armor, artillery — up 765%, the Army crowed, from 3,106 in all 1970 to 26,874 in 1971. But those figures and the forces that have produced them must be looked at with some care.

In the first place, according to the *Boston Globe* of February 24, even with the jump in enlistments, the Army has been unable to fulfill its 5,000/month quota for those combat units. "Even in January, the best recruiting month," the *Globe* quotes Maj. Gen. Albert H. Smith, "with an all-out recruiting effort, with the new pay scale and choice of geographic assignment, we fell 1327 men short of our goal." In other months the Army has been more than 3,000 under its goal. To be sure, the assessment in the *Globe*, much more gloomy than wildly optimistic stories in *U.S. News* in January and March, had something to do with the fact that the Army was then pushing for Defense Secretary Laird to begin using a \$3,000 combat bonus already authorized by Congress as an attraction to potential recruits.

More important, perhaps, in the same period that regular Army recruiting has picked up somewhat, National Guard strength has plummeted. In six months the California Guard, the *Wall Street Journal* reported, has lost 17% of its troops and is looking around desperately to cajole men into its ranks — without much success. Guard units are in equal trouble across the country. Indeed recruiters now say they will have to turn to black and third world students — against whom mainly white Guard units have been used in the past — to fill in the ranks. That's a fine irony, because up to now the Guard has been a favored haven for whites trying to avoid the draft.

But the fundamental fact about the Army's recruitment statistics, talked about only in the most guarded ways by military manpower specialists, is the fact of unemployment. The cartoon on this page, brutal as what it acknowledges may be, still vastly understates the reality: up to 20% of unemployment among young whites of draft age, and up to 40% and 50% among blacks. It may well be, therefore, that the rise in recruitment can be attributed less to the Army's cosmetics than to the brutal facts of unemployment of young Americans.

GI's SAY

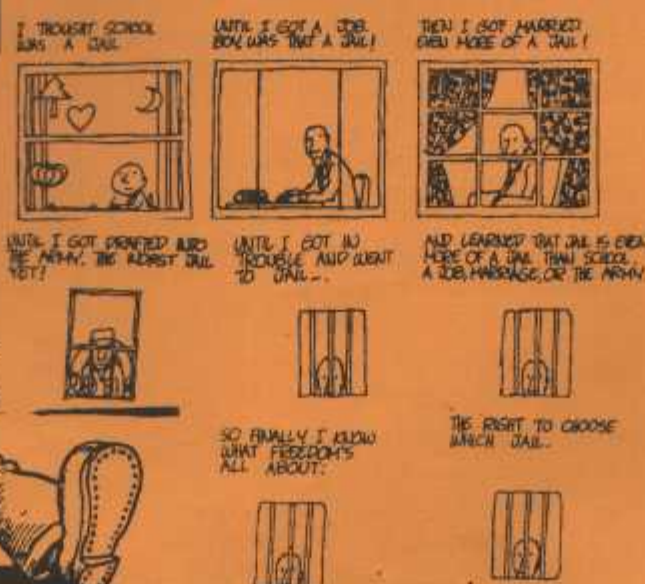
FUCK WAR



Peace plan:

The Great Speckled Bird two point peace plan

1. The U.S. unconditionally surrender to the Democratic Republic of North Viet Nam
2. The Democratic Republic of North Viet Nam supervise new elections in the United States to insure freedom and democracy.



'It's the Best Recruiting Poster We've Got!'



ARMY TIMES January 26, 1972

It may be, too, that the cosmetics are getting thin. USSF has had reports from projects that VOLAR reforms at a number of bases, though not all, are being cut back. Perhaps the Army has decided that after all economics will produce more manpower than barracks beer and that, as one officer put it, a "more Spartan environment" is desirable to mold young men into the military. Again, all the evidence is not in, and it may be that we're seeing the results of disharmony among the brass; but it is certainly clear that the "New Mod Army" isn't where it's at at Fort Dix, Fort Ord, or Fort Sill. In any case, as U.S. Representative Les Aspin (Wisc.), a member of the Armed Services Committee, said recently, "I don't see how the hell that painting the barracks is going to make a guy feel good if he thinks he's fighting an immoral war."

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The issue of how and why the Army gets its men also bears strongly on how and for what they will be used. A more fundamental change in the Army than the VOLAR reforms is its reorganization into smaller, more elite, and specialized units. *U.S. News* quotes Brig. Gen. Robert M. Montague, deputy assistant chief of staff for the Modern Volunteer Army (1): "In modern war, it is man and machine against another man and machine, and we need a kind of self-discipline for men operating in small groups." Translation: build the Army on small units, with lots of pressure to maintain small-group loyalty, lots of heavy fire-power and electronic gear to make killing seem remote and sophisticated. And ease out potential dissenters or "malcontents" with a minimum of fuss. Which, on the whole, is precisely how the Army is beginning to deal with sources of trouble in its ranks: a recruit, the Pentagon says, must demonstrate that he is "qualified" for promotion after the first 16 weeks of training or out he goes. The same after a year. No courts-martial, no agitation — up or out.

Seen in this light, the New Volunteer Army isn't quite the simple salvation from the draft it has sometimes appeared. It presents the dangerous potential of elite units, bound together by group pressures, purged of possible dissidents, and essentially isolated from civilianizing forces, ready to go off at an instant to Lebanon, the Dominican Republic, or Chile or Mozambique. To be sure, even without the draft, men in such units may still be pressured into them by economic conditions and thus harbor the seeds of resistance to military control. But those conditions work both ways: better \$300/month being bored at Fort Jackson than \$0 on a streetcorner of Patterson.

These reflections suggest, we think, how imperative it is to maintain programs of support, counseling and organizing at Army and Marine Corps bases. We hear a great deal about the air war and the increasing resistance to it within the Navy and the Air Force; and no one should underestimate the importance of what sailors and airmen and women are doing, nor of the support they need. But with the withdrawal of the bulk of the ground combat troops from Vietnam and the consequent reduction of U.S. casualties, and the ending of draft calls for many months, the most overt symbols of the U.S. military foreign policy in action have been removed from the consciousness of many people. It is thus easy to lose sight of a new instrument for new Vietnams in the new Army. While young men and women are being shaped into such instruments, we can not afford to be forgetful of their needs, their real desires, and their resistance.

The white man
Drafts the black man
To fight the yellow man
To defend the country
He stole from the red man

COUNSELING TIPS

Folks: If you have any information on interpretation of the new CO regs at your base, please let us know.

1. The Army seems to have re-sented the Article 138 blitz of the last year. They have issued a new regulation, AR 27-14, intitled "Reciepts and Processing of Complaints Under Article 138 UCMJ". While it does not contain any startling new developments, it was obviously designed to inform chains of command about 138's, since there were previously very few officers who knew anything about the subject. Its main provisions are:

(a) Article 138's have to be filed within 90 days of the alleged wrong (though this can be waived "for good cause shown").

(b) An Article 138 can be filed with any superior commissioned officer who will forward it to the officer who exercises general court-martial jurisdiction over the officer who committed the offense.

(c) The Article 138 complaints should contain a copy of any previous request for redress, and a copy of the commanding officer's refusal of redress; also testimony of witnesses and any other evidence.

(d) The processing of the Article 138 complaint can be delayed for not longer than two months if there is still pending action on a previous complaint concerning the same incident.

(e) Any officer who receives the complaint can grant the redress if he wants to, but still has to forward it to the GCM authority, with a note of whatever action he took.

(f) The GCM authority has to either (1) grant redress; (2) delay the action under conditions described in (d); (3) conduct an inquiry; (4) order an investigation under Ar. 15-6, (Board of Officers, etc.). He than has to send it on to the Judge Advocate General.

One other interesting point: the regulations says that "local supplementation of this regulation is prohibited." So local commanders cannot make up new base regulations (as they tried to do at Ft. Campbell.) to subvert 138 appeals. If they try it, AR 27-14 should be cited. Thanks to CCCO, for this information. Anyone desiring a copy of AR 27-14 can get one form CCCO, 140 Leavenworth St., San Francisco, Calif. 94102



2. Reserves and Guard: Two alluring new features have been added to the military's drive to beef up the undermanned Reserves and Guard. Reservists and Guardsmen can now fly on military standby if they wear their uniforms to the airport. Also, any Army person who agrees to join the active Reserves or Guard can get a six-month early-out.

3. Common Sense Bookstore would be interested in hearing from anyone who is having a problem with the Military. There are counselors available and also there are avenues of help available (i.e. Lawyers, Psychiatrists, and other) for those that find they have need of it. If you find yourself in need of help or advice or just want to rap, stop by at 116 West Main St. or call 772-0084, any time.

Can Congressmen help?

DID YOU KNOW...?

Members of Congress can do the following things in order to support the serviceman in the solution of his particular problem:

1. recommend special consideration;
2. demand justification of actions from the military;
3. insist that the military follow its own regulations;
4. influence decisions where fine distinctions or subjective judgements are involved;
5. obtain information on the status and official intentions in a case;
6. request a physical or psychiatric examination to get a ruling from the military on an issue involving erroneous induction/enlistment, medical discharge, disability, and claims of poor medical care;
7. counsel the individual concerning his alternatives and the procedures for solving his problem, to include informing him of his rights under various applicable regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice;
8. refer the individual problem to a competent and reputable counseling agency or to an attorney familiar with military laws and procedures.

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Free To GI's And Contributions
Are Accepted How-Binh

Every Member of Congress employs at least one case worker, and some Representatives have specialists in military affairs to handle their inquiries from military personnel. Keep in mind though, that Members or Congress have no direct power over the military other than through votes on specific legislation, but many times they are able to help out, particularly when the Army is falsely trying to screw you over and they don't want any one to know (which seems to be most of the time).

PFC ACQUITS PRIVATE

WASHINGTON (March 25) - A series of military trials stemming from a riot by prisoners at the Ft. Gordon stockade has resulted in six convictions, two discharges in lieu of court martial, and two acquittals. All of the men charged were EMs, and most were black.

One of the two men acquitted, Pvt. Cecil Turner, scored a first in military "justice." He had a private first class on his general court martial board. There was also a Sp/4, two sergeants, and two lieutenant colonels. He was represented by a civilian lawyer, Joseph Remcho of the Lawyers Military Defense Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation from Washington.

One of the foundations of military injustice in the past has been the trial of enlisted men by officers and NCOs. Maybe this victory by Cecil Turner will enable more GIs to get fair trials. (source: New York Times)

SAILORS SPLIT

CARRIER CREWMEN SEEK SANCTUARY
ALLOVER THE EMPIRE (Winter-Spring) - The USS Kittyhawk, attack aircraft carrier, left for Vietnam on February 17, one month earlier than scheduled and without at least seven of its crewmembers. Nixon personally ordered the carrier out early, hoping to cut short the Stop-The-Hawk campaign before it got up a good head of steam. Seven crewmen took sanctuary in local San Diego churches, rather than sail with the beast. In December, men from the carrier started putting out a paper, "Kitty Litter" which called for crewmembers to stop the Hawk from going to Vietnam. 150 crewmen showed up at a rally with Joan Baez in downtown San Diego on February to protest the ship's departure. The seven surrendered themselves to the Navy after the Hawk had pulled out... and were flown back to the ship the same day.

• In February, a crewman from the USS Midway, Rick Larsen, sought sanctuary in a church in Palo Alto, California. Federal authorities arrested him after he spent four days there, and he was later discharged as a conscientious objector.

• In March, a crewman from the USS Hancock, Todd Looney, stayed with Japanese anti-war activists in Yokosuka rather than sail back to the line. "I oppose the Vietnam war and the killing of countless Vietnamese people. By voicing my opinion I hope to support the people of Japan and throughout Asia that are also opposed to the killing of Vietnamese people." Looney surrendered himself to the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo after a press conference at which he condemned the air war as "murder" that he wanted no part of.

• In April, the USS Midway left NAS Alameda for Vietnam, months earlier than scheduled as part of the build-up of American airpower. It was also minus hundreds of crewmen. One of them, John Powers, took sanctuary in a Berkeley church. John was also welcomed to Berkeley by the city's mayor, Warren Widener. Men on the Midway had only one weekend's notice to prepare for departure. And they were so short of men that they had to get replacements from the Enterprise and the Ranger, as well as put a call for crew over local radio stations.

Non-violent RESISTANCE

On May 30, 1972, Memorial Day, several United States Air Force Transport planes were made unusable as they sat on the runway at Willow Grove Naval Air Station in Pennsylvania. The Citizens Commission to Interdict War Materials has carefully chosen non-violent ways to ground these planes—incontrast to the murderer of hundreds of people each day by the Nixon administration in its desperate effort to impose the Thieu dictatorship on the people of Vietnam. Electrical, hydraulic and mechanical components of these transport planes were removed and others were made inoperative.

This action occurred appropriately on Memorial Day, the day we remember those killed in war by protecting the lives and rights of those who are not its victims, yet.

Also on Memorial Day, in the night the words "Bread and Bombs" and the omega (Ω) sign and Peace (☺) symbol were painted on fuselage of one of the planes visible from outside the Willow Grove Base.

It is apparent that the effects of these actions are limited—the war, devastation and injustice persist. We must continue to work together in diverse types of actions, not only to impede the U.S. war against Indochina, but also to build a more just and humane society.

Citizens' Commission to Interdict War Material. May 31, 1972

Things to do.

Sunset Series on the Common is made possible by the Falstaff Brewing Corporation. The Sunset Series is grateful to the Boston Parks and Recreation Dept. for the use of the Boston Common. Proceeds from the series will be donated to Summerthing to enable it to put on more free events throughout Boston neighborhoods during the summer. For people using public transportation, nearby MBTA stations are at Park St. (to all points), Arlington St. and Boylston St.

Concerts are Mondays and Wednesdays at 6pm at the corner of Charles and Boylston St. on Boston Common. Tickets are 2:50\$ and may be purchased at the Sunset Series Ticket Trailer adjacent to the Park Street MBTA station on Boston Common open Monday through Saturday from 10am to 6pm and at these other ticket outlets—Hub and Tyson in downtown Boston; Out of Town in Harvard Square, Camb.; Soundscape in Back Bay. Generally rain dates will be Tuesdays and Thursdays. For further info, call 423-3608

The Demobrates or Miami Blues are Coming!

All the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't put Hubie back together again. Even with tinted hair and a face lift, Humphrey, the man who lost to the nation's most famous loser in 1968, can't really make it. He has said that he is more qualified to be president than any other candidate. He has even said he is nicer than any other candidate. But if Hubie can lie about his past Vietnam stance, then he can have the audacity to lie about anything. Maybe Hubie just ain't so nice.

1972

George McGovern moves more to the center with every stumping day. He needs to. He wants to be president. He has retreated on positions on abortion, marijuana, and amnesty. He wants to make friends with George Meany and Mayor Daley. The state of American politics today is such that a candidate must gravitate to the center. George McGovern made a mistake. He outlined specific plans for fiscal policy as president. This is unheard of. Usually we don't find out how things will be coming down until after a man has assumed power — at which time, of course, it is too late. George has given Hubie the opportunity to attack him for his plans, while Hubie develops none of his own. It's safer not to have a policy. It's hard to be put on the defensive when you've said nothing.

The day to day changes of this election campaign suggest at least one righteous alternative — GO TO MIAMI!

IMPEACH NIXON

CLIP & SAVE

JUNE 19
Tom Rush
Bill Withers

JUNE 21
Mahavishnu Orchestra
with John McLaughlin
Loggins & Messina

JUNE 26
Smoki Robinson and
The Miracles
Labelle

JUNE 28
Arlo Guthrie
"Doc" Watson & Son

JULY 2
Seatrain
Billy Preston
Special Guest Star: Strawbs

JULY 5
Association
Jackie DeShannon

JULY 10
Lou Rawls and Donny
Hathaway

JULY 12
Deep Purple
Special Guest Artists: Malt
Curved Air

JULY 17
Kris Kristofferson
Rita Coolidge

JULY 19
Buddy Miles Band
Special Guest Star: Merry Clayton

JULY 24
Curtis Mayfield
Dennis Coffey and the Detroit
Guitar Band

JULY 26
B. B. King
Paul Butterfield
Blues Band

JULY 31
Canned Heat
Special Guest Star: Captain Beyond

AUGUST 2
Richie Havens
Pamela Polland

AUGUST 7
Blood, Sweat and Tears
Chris Smither

AUGUST 9
To Be Announced

AUGUST 14
Savoy Brown
Fleetwood Mac
Rory Gallagher

AUGUST 16
The Doors
Dr. John, The Night Tripper

AUGUST 21
To Be Announced

AUGUST 23
Beach Boys

JULY 22 SPECIAL!
Virgil Fox Plays Bach
on the Big Organ



The Conscientious Objector

Conscientious objector would seem to me to be a symptom of a socially healthy development which involves, simply, a person who after a moderately involved period of introspection to admit formally, through documentation, that they just don't want to be placed in a position supporting warfare, thinking of warfare, men organized to kill other men, organized or otherwise.

UCMJ Reg 635-20 outlines the format that is used. Its questionnaire that through essays lets the individual stick to the pertinent part of his belief. The attitudes have to ripen after entry into active duty to qualify. None of this has seemed to be a stumbling block to me, but was always hard to explain to the potential or habitual killers.

The actual writing down of the ideals was pretty hard though, as was talking to a professional officer. You too might at first feel a bit eluded by the constant wondering of why doesn't everybody quit all this?

During the first three interviews (chaplain, shrink, and Captain, not your chain-of-command) there is an air of doubt even here. But sincerity and conduct improve, and when you talk to the Batt. or Brig. Officers, there is more a mood of respect and hope around. Once you feel you know what your doing, you will act that way too.

Most people are scared off more by the waiting and KP even though it should be thought of as marking the end of that decidedly enachronistic training.

There must have been quite a lot of half hearted efforts until now, because the well prepared CO will probably find the system really won't mind discharging some one who would only upset it otherwise.

COUNTER ARMED FORCES DAY

On this past Armed Forces Day, May 20th, Fort Devens opened its gates for its annual display of propaganda and self-advertisement.

This year, however, the army's exhibition of masturbatory might did not go unopposed. There were over 200 people who showed their contempt for the military, and they showed it with special vigor by ignoring the three days of freezing downpour.

MARCH



They marched on foot from as far away as Fitchburg (15 miles), they pitched their tents for a three day Unarmed Forces camp-out in nearby Harvard, Mass., and they stood in the mud and rain outside of Verbeck Gate to hear active-duty GI's, Vietnam veterans, and several active voices in the civilian movement expose the lies and deception of the Army.

There were arrests made, naturally, but even the military had to admit that they were illegal and was forced to rip up the fingerprints and mug shots of three arrestees in their presence. By arresting people for peacefully telling the truth and exercising their First Amendment rights (the brothers and sisters were never officially charged with anything) the military once again exhibited its contempt for anyone who challenges its lies. If the military hadn't arrested some of us we might have been forced to wonder if, indeed, perhaps the "New Army" was possibly a reality.

The 3 day action May 18-20 was called in conjunction with Vietnam Veterans Against the War and supported by People's Coalition for Peace and Justice, Medical Aid to Indochina, American Friends Service Committee, Cambridge Women's Center, and many other groups from across eastern Massachusetts. It was organized locally by the Ft. Devens United Front - a group of GIs and local civilians. Local residents in Fitchburg, Ashby, Townsend, Groton, Littleton, Harvard, Ayer, Shirley, Pepperell, and Concord also participated.

On Thursday the campsite, donated by a family in Harvard was ready with a barbecue pit, and food donated by people in the area. Friday morning people started marching to the base from local towns, arriving at



"Bring the GI's back out"

4pm for a rally at Verbeck Gate. Active-duty brothers, Vets from Fitchburg and Cambridge, Jim Pitts, a Chisolm delegate to the Democratic convention, Lou Font, an anti-military West Point graduate, and Dr. Howard Levy, an ex-army doctor court-martialed for refusing to train Vietnam bound Green Berets, all spoke to the marchers after a hassle with the CID and mili-

TOGETHER



An oppressed people are authorized whenever they can to rise and break their fetters.

Peace



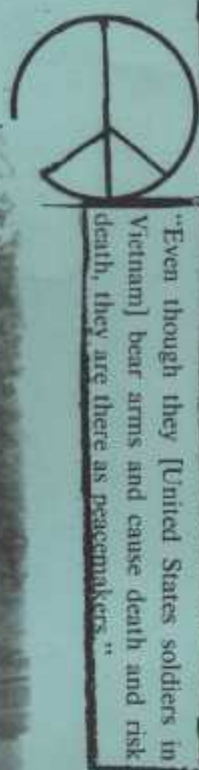
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POWER

tary police. The speaking platform had to be lifted and moved 20 feet to avoid our being busted on military property. It didn't matter to the military that the move meant many of the demonstrators were forced to stand along the street, slowing up more traffic. Once again, the military must crush the truth, and especially within the boundary line of the base property.

The Fitchburg marchers, one of whom was an 80 year old woman, had brought with them three coffins with flags draped on them of North and South Vietnam and the United States. At the head of their march four women dressed in black "boxed in" a Vietnam Veteran. The coffins were laid on the bank across from Verbeck Gate and remained there until Saturday. The military's symbolic stance at the gate entrance was to assemble its MP's on the road in and out of the base and back them up with busloads of more MP's and National Guard.

Friday night a vigil with the coffins was maintained at Verbeck Gate and about 30 people decided to join General Armstrong for dinner at the Rotor Club in Ayer. The Chamber of Commerce had invited him as their guest of honor and they had to feed a few extra MP's and civilian police too just so Armstrong was safe from the



public. We weren't allowed in the club because "the bar was full" and this excuse meant all other visitors had to be turned away. Once again, the military and those who have an economic interest in Ft. Devens being in Ayer had to lie. Leaflets were passed out which explained Armstrong's involvement with the Phoenix program in Vietnam - the man organized and commanded the program in 1970 and according to the Geneva Accord, Armstrong is a war criminal for his authorization of indiscriminate assassinations.

Saturday's march from the campground was cancelled because of rain. There were Harvard and Ayer police stationed from the campground to the base who couldn't believe that there was no reason for them to remain every 200 yards along the proposed march route. People grouped at Common Sense Bookstore and started the march on W. Main Street. There were children in baby strollers, professors from Boston, Vets from all over the state, mothers and fathers from Cambridge, workers from local towns, high school students, theologians from surrounding towns - the usual "young, bearded hippies", who as you know, are the only people who demonstrate against the war and the military.

The marchers arrived at Verbeck Gate just after a WAC major had argued with some people at the vigil, ripped off the DRV flag from a coffin, and then hit a leafletter with her car as she drove away to the base. The MP's and police turned their backs, apparently feeling the safety of the public was not at stake. Their only concern was assisting the traffic which was coming to the base and in making sure none of the leafletters stepped on to military property.

It was estimated that 15,000 people came to see the display of the military that day. But there were many people who saw another display. Booths had been assembled across from Verbeck Gate which were countering the propaganda inside the base - exhibits on how much of our tax money goes to the military and how to resist it, the air war in Indochina, and General Armstrong's Phoenix program.

After the rally, people went on base to mingle with the visitors. Their "mingling" took the form of open debates with the personnel who had been assigned to the military exhibits. The post chaplain's exhibit had a steady flow of people questioning how a religious man could, by his affiliation, support the military and asking a chaplain what his counselling policies were to men who felt participation in the Vietnam war was immoral and counter to the Judao-Christian ethic. His response was the usual "God is on the American side", and "we must support our fighting men."



There is nothing more common than to confound the terms of the American Revolution with those of the late American war. The American war is over but this is far from being the case with the American Revolution. On the contrary, nothing but the first act of the great drama is closed.

Benjamin Rush, 1787



At the recruiting exhibit, housed in the same vehicle which had struck a leafletter earlier that morning and staffed by the WAC major herself, the VVAW staged a "search and destroy mission. Ten "VC suspects" were rounded up, beaten and executed by four veterans

who fired into the group with milk-filled water pistols. After the massacre, William Homans, coordinator for VVAW-Boston, addressed the crowd which had gathered and explained that what they had just witnessed was a typical army operation in Vietnam. Before he had finished, the MP's moved in and arrested him and 13 other people. Some who were arrested had merely applauded the guerrilla theatre group.

In another section of Willard Field, where the Army's display was located, General Armstrong was seen surrounded by MP body guards. A woman approached him and asked: "General Armstrong! Tell us, sir, just what did you do in the Phoenix program in Vietnam?" She was immediately taken away by MP's, fingerprinted, photographed, and ushered off base.

(General Armstrong? Just why are you so up-tight about your involvement with the Phoenix program?)

Since it was still raining Sat. night, the Celebration of Life, scheduled to take place in an apple orchard, was transferred to the Unitarian Church in Harvard. Bill Homan's Blues Band, Bonnie Raitt, and Fabulous Fiddling Frank contributed sounds, and many generous people in Harvard contributed food and liquids.



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PEOPLE'S HOLIDAY

Sunday, 12 people went to the stockade to see prisoners during visiting hours. They were all turned away and given the excuse that they had to be on a prisoner's visiting list in order to see him. (No such regulation exists in civilian prisons.) Further questioned, the stockade commander, Capt. David O'Dea, explained that he had been ordered by his superiors to watch out for any people who might have been involved in Saturday's demonstration and to restrict anyone who wasn't on a list or didn't have an ID. As a result of this paranoia, wives of prisoners who had had nothing to do with the demonstration, and who had driven long distances to see their husbands, were turned away. Also turned away was Amy Salzman, fiancée of political prisoner, Michael Daley, who had been visiting him regularly without incident for the four previous Sundays. (see article on page 15)

Since the Unarmed Forces Day actions, one of its organizers in the Ft. Devens United Front has been called in by the Ayer police chief and told if she tried to live in Ayer he would personally see that she was busted. Other less blatant but equally mysterious situations have occurred at the Common Sense Bookstore, such as the building being broken into during a 1 hour period when it was not covered. Police from other towns have indicated

they know the bookstore will be raided soon. All are idle threats to try and intimidate, perhaps. But they also indicate the military recognizes the Ft. Devens United Front as a group of people who refuse to accept their authority and their lies.

The speakers at Saturday's rally were:

Mike Roach - coordinator VVAW, New England

Steve Lindenmeyer - GI stationed at the Army Security Agency Training School, Ft. Devens, recently discharged as a conscientious objector

Nguyen Hoi-Chan - South Vietnamese student at Harvard University

Kay Litchfield - anti-war Gold Star Mother

Bart Osborne - ex-CIA agent recently returned from Vietnam

Noam Chomsky - professor of linguistics at M.I.T.

Howard Zinn - professor of politics, Boston University

Dick Brown - military counsellor working with self-retire veterans in Toronto

Eric Mann - political activist recently released from two years in Massachusetts prison for an assault charge stemming from a raid on Harvard's Center for International Studies in 1969. The following is excerpted from his remarks:



.. When there are 80% of the American people against the war in Vietnam, why are there only 200 here today? The answer is that Nixon is convinced that the only way to win the war is to mine not only Haiphong Harbor but also to mine the harbor of any people against the war. As we have seen recently, there are people who feel the way to end the war is to mine the Pentagon.

.. We have been the best liberals that the U.S. has ever produced. We have pushed Nixon to say, when announcing the mining of Haiphong, "I know most of you are for complete withdrawal but you're not getting it." That is what we have pushed him to be able to say.

.. People are forced to either deal with the question of the war or go home. Many have gone home, no longer believing that this country can be changed peacefully.

.. The Vietnamese have created a model that is an alternative to the kind of oppression we have in the U.S. They have showed us that we too live under U.S. imperialism.

.. The movement is going through a period of deep re-assessment. Nixon has said there is no room for feeble protests, there is no room for going through the motions. It's all or nothing. He has set the terms. At the Pentagon the other day, some people have begun to answer him.

.. Those who believe that demonstrations alone will end this war must look to the Vietnamese. The Vietnamese begin by infiltrating the 30,000 members of the opposition government. Then they move from there to organizing some of the most liberal organizations. They do not just pick up the gun. The Vietnamese are non-violent, partially violent, pre-violent, and violent. They are not people who are solely militant. They are not people who are solely passive. They use any means necessary. We, here in the U.S., can't get trapped into debates between passivists and violent people. That's a bum debate.

.. Look over there (across the

street at the base). There is an army of losers. Not an army of killers, but it's an army of losers. Check out when the Russians came into Berlin. Where were those Nazis going? Underground. Check out where the crowds were. Where were all the people when the tide turned? The point is, understand that "the man" lost.

.. These people are a bunch of losers. That's what's important about them. The Vietnamese are a bunch of winners. That's what is of primary importance about them.

.. If we say we want a victory for the NLF, what we are saying is we want victory for ourselves. If you read their poetry, if you listen to their music, and if you check out how they treat each other, and if you check out their family life in that physically battered country you will see that the Vietnamese people have built the most advanced civilization in the history of the human race. And what they have to teach us about our own liberation is nothing short of incredible.

.. A demonstration took place at Deer Isle Prison, not over bad food, not over the racist guards, not over the denial of parole, not over the beating of the men in the hole, not over the blatant racist treatment there, not over the vicious locking up of people at 3 in the afternoon until 8 in the morning as regular treatment - but against the war in Vietnam. A brother from Deer Isle wrote me: "I might have blown my parole, I might have blown my scholarship to this college I was accepted in. But, man, we had to do something about the war."

.. I would hope that some of us would understand that at least for people like this brother, the war is still an issue and that we can help to bring it as more or an issue to the people out in the streets.



GI SOLIDARITY

we
KNOW
who
you
are

Strike!



THIS IS IT

Winning Hearts and Minds

War Poems by V V A W

I Am A Veteran of Vietnam

I
am a veteran
of Vietnam.
I've been from
Hamburger Hill to the DMZ
and back again
with a mere flick
of my wrist.
Through my own eyes
I've seen people
Tortured
Bombed
Burned
Destroyed
Beyond hope of recovery
While I
sit contently
watching...
and let it
go on

--- Sue Halpern---

i fail to be mesmerized

i fail to be mesmerized
by the american flag
or churches,
or temples,
or synagogues,
or men no better than i
or you,
bent on no other purpose
than to hear themselves
shout
from heavenly pulpits,
i wonder if at times
the president
ever takes a moment to weep.

---Julian Knaster---

And Then There Were None

Men bled
Many dead

A world safe for democracy
but not for life
Rather funny
In an unfunny sort of way

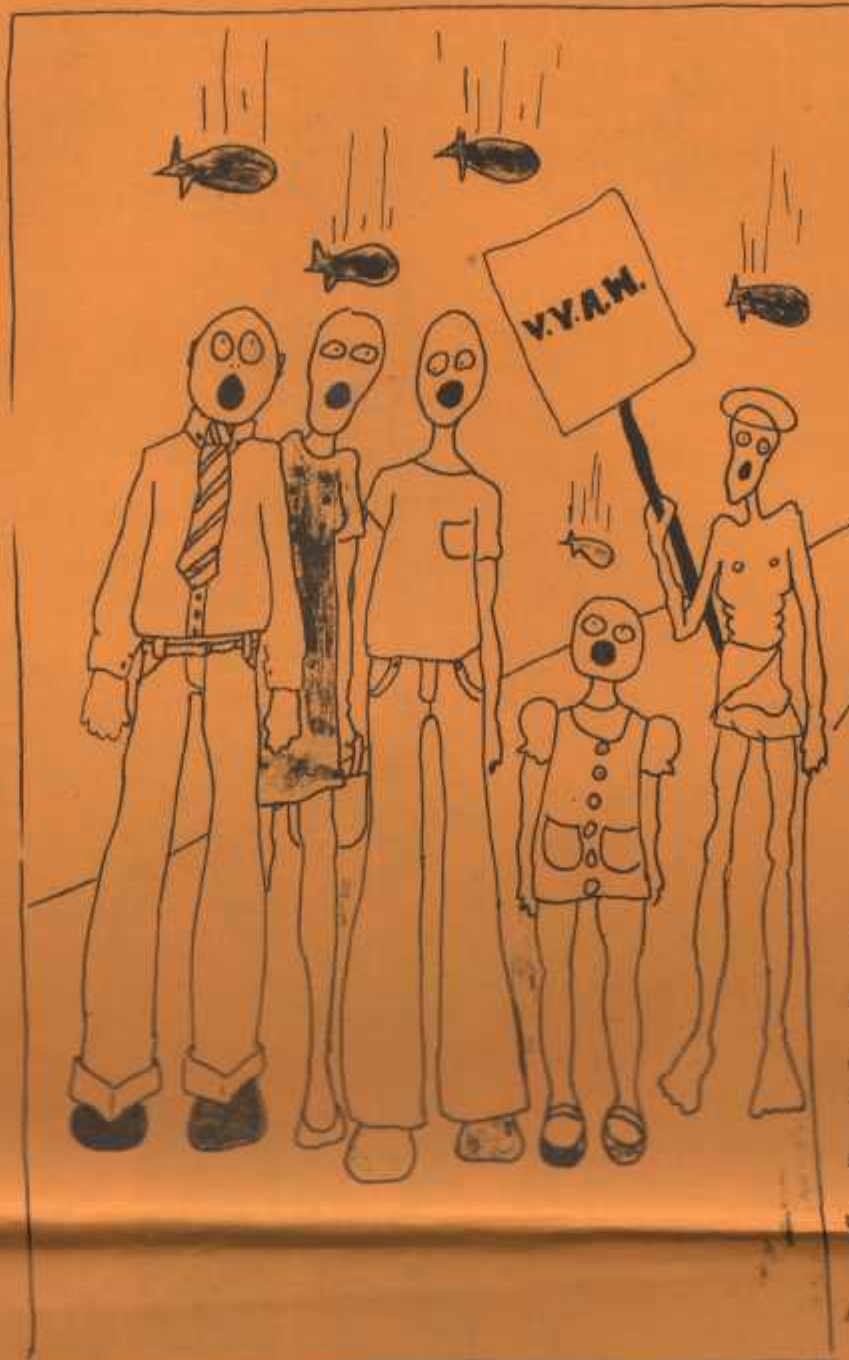
And the Bible said
That when He came
Everyone was dead
no one left to claim

Men bled
Many dead

Yea as I walk through the valley
of death
I shall fear no evil
For the valleys are gone
And only death awaits

And I am the evil

---Stan Platke---



Cobra Pilot

Cobra Pilot
Plastic blue eyes
and hair
the color of toggle switches
He flies his cobra-shark
with the precision
of a god
or a gunfighter
(Hickok
with a 38 in his armpit)
His Nebraska smile
is a mini-gun
and his bowels
are full of rockets.
He hunts
the Indian-gooks
in the Wild West
of his mind

-Don Receveur

The way stands high in the
light of ones eyes.
and leaves a rose colored
complexion
on situations of hesitation.
Seeing frozen men on grey
toned fields.
such a monochromatic puppet
show,
unfortunately the strings
broke.

A hanging man smiles with
relief
he always was enchanted with
cadavours parties.
He loved to play the puppeteer.
Oh, such glory he possessed,
and power.
play God Nixon, play God.

Lyn

Basket Case

I waited eighteen years to be-
a man.
My first woman was a whore off
Tu Do street, but I wish I never
felt my first wild Gliding lust
because the rage and thrust of
a mine caught me hip high.
I felt the rip at the walls of
thighs,athousand metal scythes
cut me open,
My little fish shot twenty yards
into a swamp canal.
I fathered only this-genderless
bitterness of two stumps, and
unwanted pity
that birth the faces of all
who will see me till I die delir-
ously
from the spreading sepsis that
was once my balls.

---Basil T. Paquet---

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Gut Catcher

Have you ever seen
a gut cather?
perhaps not
if you never had to use one

There is no patent on them
they're makeshift
Depending upon time
and place

I've seen ponchos used
and a pack
and a canteen cover
or your hands

you catch the guts of your buddy
as they spill out of his body
and try to stuff them back in
But they keep sliding out

For a face blown in
For an eye blown out
For an arm blown off
For a body blown open

...A gut catcher

--Stan Platke--

NAPALM STICKS

NAPALM STICKS TO KIDS

A group of AF and Army GIs assigned to the First Air Cavalry sat down one night in a hootch in Namland and wrote a poem. It expressed their bitterness about the things they had done and towards the military that had made them murderers. They called the poem "Napalm Sticks To Kids" and agreed that they would not rest until it was published. The poem was first published in the June 1971 issue of Helping Hand, POB 729, Mountain Home, Idaho, 83647. Each verse depicts an actual event that at least one of the men participated in.

We shoot the sick, the young,
the lame,
We do our best to kill and
maim,
Because the kills all count
the same,
Napalm sticks to kids.

Flying low across the trees,
Pilots doing what they please
Dropping frags on refugees,
Napalm sticks to kids.

Flying low and looking mean,
See that family by the stream
Drop some napalm and hear
them scream,
Napalm sticks to kids.

A group of gooks in the grass
But all the fightings long
since past,
Crispy youngsters in a mass,
Napalm sticks to kids.

Drop some napalm on the barn
It won't do too much harm
Just burn off a leg or arm,
Napalm sticks to kids.

Gather kids as you fly over
town,
By tossing candy on the
ground,
Then grease 'em as they gather round,
Napalm sticks to kids.

Ox cart rolling down the
road,
Peasants with a heavy load,
They're all V!C! when the
bombs explode,
Napalm sticks to kids.

Cobras flying in the sun,
Killing gooks is macho fun,
If one's pregnant it's two
for me,
Napalm sticks to kids.

There's a gook down on her
knees,
Launch some fleshettes into
the breeze,
Her arms nailed to the trees,
Napalm sticks to kids.

Blues out on a road recon,
See some children with their
mom,
What the hell, let's drop
the bomb,
Napalm sticks to kids.

A baby sucking on its mother's
tit,
Children cowering in a pit,
Dow chemical doesn't give
a shit,
Napalm sticks to kids.

Eighteen kids in a "no fire
zone"
Books under arm as they go
home,
Last in line goes home alone
Napalm sticks to kids.

They're in good shape for
the shape they're in,
But I wonder how they win,
With napalm running down
their skin,
Napalm sticks to kids.



This poem can easily arouse sympathy for the Vietnamese people, but they do not need or want sympathy. The Vietnamese are fighting for their lives and their land. Sympathy will not stop the slaughter, nor does it lead to a better understanding of the causes behind it. What is needed from us is our support and our action against the common enemy

DARE TO STRUGGLE!

DARE TO WIN!

ALL POWER TO THE IMAGINATION!

Pvt. BILLY DEAN SMITH is a POLITICAL PRISONER

ON MARCH 15, 1971, AT 0045 HOURS, A FRAGMENTATION GRENADE EXPLODED IN AN OFFICERS' BARRACKS IN BIEN HOA, VIETNAM. TWO LIEUTENANTS WERE KILLED AND A THIRD WAS WOUNDED. CAPTAIN RIGBY AND FIRST SGT. WILLIS, WHO USUALLY SLEPT IN THOSE BARRACKS WERE NOT THERE. WHEN THEY ARRIVED ON THE SCENE, THEY DECIDED THAT THE FRAGGING WAS MEANT TO KILL THEM, AND THAT THE GUILTY PARTY COULD ONLY BE PVT. BILLY DEAN SMITH, A BLACK GI WHOM THEY CONSIDERED A TROUBLE-MAKER.

Pvt. BILLY DEAN SMITH HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH THE "FRAGGING" DEATHS OF TWO WHITE OFFICERS IN BIEN HOA, VIETNAM.

THE ARMY IS ASKING THE DEATH PENALTY.

Pvt. BILLY DEAN SMITH IS INNOCENT OF ALL CHARGES EXCEPT THAT OF BEING OUTSPOKEN AGAINST THE BUTCHERY OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND IN FAVOR OF THE FREEDOM OF ANGELA DAVIS AND ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS.

ALL OF US, ESPECIALLY BLACK AMERICA MUST SEE THE FRAME-UP OF BILLY DEAN SMITH AS AN ATTEMPT TO SILENCE ANY AND ALL DISSENTION AND MOVEMENT WITHIN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY.

THE ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT IN THIS COUNTRY MUST SEE THIS FRAME-UP AND ENCOMPASS, AS PART OF ITS PROGRAM, A MOVEMENT TO FREE BILLY DEAN SMITH.

THE BLACK, ASIAN, AND LA RAZA COMMUNITIES MUST BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT. THE SLOGAN "FREE BILLY DEAN SMITH" IS THE VEHICLE BY WHICH THIS CAN BECOME A REALITY.

THE WAR IN VIETNAM EFFECTS THE BLACK COMMUNITY AS MUCH OR MORE THAN ANYONE. -BLACK GIs, WELFARE RECIPIENTS, WORKERS, STUDENTS-ALL PEOPLE MUST SEE THIS WAR AS BOTH GENOCIDAL AND DETRIMENTAL TO THE GREAT MASSES OF OPPRESSED PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES. A MOVEMENT TO END THE WAR IN VIETNAM SHOULD BE STARTED AND BUILT IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE CASE OF BILLY DEAN SMITH
AND/OR THE WAR IN VIETNAM CONTACT:

GI EDUCATIONAL COUNSELING PROJECT AT THE COMMONSENSE BOOKSTORE
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On March, 15, 1971, at 0045 hours (12:15), a fragmentation grenade exploded in an officer barracks in Bien Hoa--killing 2 young lieutenants and wounding a third. Captain Rigby and First Sgt. Willis, who were to have slept in these barracks, arrived on the scene, decided they were the real intended victims--and that the logical guilty party could only be one Pvt. Billy Smith. Without hesitation, they informed the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) officer of their conclusion (verdict) and together they called a battalion formation. In spite of the absence of several individuals, without questioning Captain Rigby's "theory", and without a single scrap of evidence, Billy Dean Smith was called forward to the front of the formation, a heavy CID hand slapped on his shoulder, and was told that he was under apprehension for murder--the equivalent to a declaration of guilt before all the potential witnesses. He was also charged with resisting arrest and two charges of attempted murder. The Army is asking the death penalty.

From the moment of his apprehension, the entire effort of the military has been directed toward fitting the facts to the theory and tightening the case against Billy Dean Smith. The direct evidence consists of one item: When arrested, Smith was illegally searched and a grenade pin was found in his pocket (a circumstance in a 'line' unit about as unusual as finding a ball point pen or the latest letter from home.) The grenade pin was sent to a laboratory in Japan for tests against a grenade spoon found near the explosion. While the photographs of marking of the two items CLEARLY show there is not the slightest matching between them, the Army claims there is. The circumstantial evidence shows basically that Billy Dean Smith hated the Army (normal), hated the war (normal), hated his C.O. and First Sgt. (also normal), that he had stated that all these were racist, and that he would 'get even' with them (how many times have you heard or said that?), that 'frag-

ging' was a good way to do it, and that he had access to a fragmentation grenade. To consider that as evidence, one has to overlook and/or ignore that perhaps nine or every ten men of the lower enlisted ranks in most line outfits have access to such grenades. Whether another person or persons might or could have done the 'fragging' seems not, for the record, to have been part of the investigation. BUT BILLY DEAN SMITH IS FIGHTING BACK!!

I hereby state that Billy Dean Smith is a victim of racism and bigotry on the part of the United States Army, and I demand that he be freed immediately.

Signed:

Address:

I am enclosing \$_____ for Billy Smith's defense.

Discharges for Deserters and AWOLs

by Dick Brown Military Counsellor Toronto Anti-Draft Programme

Since the beginning of April, some military counselling groups in the US have reported certain military bases particularly in the Army have adopted "de facto" policies in which a returning AWOL/deserter will receive less harsh treatment than in the past.

Despite some obviously excited newsletters sent to military counsellors at Canadian aid centres by their American counterparts, the reality of what is going down is still bleak: a Bad Conduct Discharge (BCD) or an Undesireable Discharge (UD) after very thorough counselling and legal preparations prior to turning oneself in to military authorities in the US for processing.

Even at that, there appears to be no guarantee of an easy BCD or UD at some of these bases for someone who split the military with orders for Vietnam or someone who split after being in any kind of effective political organizing in the military. A Dishonorable Discharge (DD), federal prison, or a stockade sentence would still be a possibility for self-retired GIs in these two categories.

Some extended AWOLs in Canada are eligible for a general discharge, but this takes weeks sometimes months of intensive preparations in Canada and the US for those who may happen to be lucky enough to have the grounds for such a discharge. At that, the AWOL still has to return to US military control for a period of time.

Two things appear to be happening at the same time in America leading to this somewhat loosened situation regarding these so-called "AWOL discharges."

The first is the general disarray of morale in the Marines and the Army in particular--although the other branches of the service are now beginning to feel it.

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The GI Movement has had enough success in Army ranks that the Army cannot deal with large numbers of AWOLs harshly without seriously risking open revolt. The stockades are full of potential and actual revolt as is.

DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 1972

Secondly, when Congress passed the new draft bill last fall, it set ceilings on the number of men allowed to be in each branch of the service. The Army for instance, announced at that time it would be discharging about 65,000 virtually immediately. Other discharges have followed.

The deadline to meet the Congressional manpower limits is June 30, 1972. The Army's solution, then, to this Congressional quota is to discharge the potential revolt sitting in the stockade for AWOL and other offences before June 30 of this year.

This neatly solves two problems for the Army; what to do about these growing numbers of AWOLs and what to do about the Congressional quota.

But don't think the military got a sudden case of benevolence. In "solving" their AWOL problem, the military is actually given the GI a raw deal; a BCD or UD makes the discharged GI unemployable at a lot of

jobs in addition to eliminating any possibility of VA benefits in many cases. Not to mention no chance of disability pay.

So, for the privilege of gambling on a court martial and a military jail term, the military gives you one fast kick in the ass which will follow you the rest of your life. How in the hell this could be called a "de facto amnesty" (as one US military counselling group said) is frankly beyond me.

Medical & Psychiatric

Project Place 1-267-9150 32 Rutland St. Boston, Mass.

help 1-426-5200 4 Dartmouth St. Boston, Mass.

These two services will supply you with lists of hospitals, clinics, and doctors.

Tear this page out and keep it in your wallet.

Nonetheless, under very limited circumstances, this small loosening of policy may have some small relevance for a few AWOL/exiles in Canada.

SEE YOUR MILITARY COUNSELLOR

Most aid centres in Canada now have military counselling in addition to draft and immigration counselling. Before any AWOL in Canada decides this brief trend in the States is for him, he should see a military counsellor at a Canadian aid centre.

Even when grounds for a discharge do exist (and most won't have grounds outside of a military jail term), extensive preparatory work is necessary in Canada prior to returning to the States. No matter what kind of non-jail term discharge it is, it's going to be even more difficult if the AWOL is in Canada and returns to the US.

The American military has never given any suggestion of leniency toward returning AWOLs from Canada. If anything, it will be a lot tougher for the person going through it if the military knows he was up here.

None of this is to suggest that any Canadian aid centre has a "hotline" for discharges. We don't. Nor is this to suggest we suddenly are part of any "amnesty" or "repatriation" project. We aren't. That's not what's happening.

The AWOL/deserter has borne the worst brunt of American war policy in the US, and the need simply exists for specialized counselling to deal with problems encountered by the in-service resisters.

What has happened in Toronto, for instance, is a recognition that immigration is not always necessary or possible to help solve an individual's problems with American militarism.

For some, military counselling provides options which the individual may not previously have been aware of. It's up to the individual which options to take, but we try to present as many options as possible both here in Canada and in the US.

While this recently developed situation in the States might be of interest to a small number, the military counsellors I've had contact with in the US agree on one point: this trend in discharges probably will end on June 30 when the Congressional quota is met.

Since the discharges being handed out are heavily punitive to the resister (a BCD or UD is not unlike a felony criminal record in the US), with a risk of stockade time still present, the AWOL/exile should think twice before letting the military have another opportunity to fuck him over again.

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Army Backs Down

Amy Salzman, fiancée to a prisoner at the stockade annex, has forced the army and general Armstrong to admit to their prejudice and inhumanity.

For a month, following Michael Daley's sentencing on April 13 to 7 mos. of hard labor and a BCD (for refusing to fight in Vietnam and for participating in two legal Ft. Devens United Front demonstrations last winter) Amy had been allowed to see Michael during the regular Sunday stockade visiting hours. On May 21, she was met by Capt. O'Dea, commanding officer of the stockade and told she had been debarred from the base, could not see Michael and would face 6 mos. in jail and a \$500 fine if she tried to come on base again. O'Dea stated that the reason for the debarment was Amy's activities on base over a month ago when she was detained by the military police for passing out leaflets to assist Michael in his court-martial defense. The leaflets consisted of the Congressional Record in which Michael Harrington (D-Mass.) exposed Ft. Devens' prejudice in Michael's case, and a questionnaire which would have been used as evidence in Michael's trial of the racism and illegalities in the base chain of command. Detained for over 2 hours, Amy was released from the MP's, no charges were pressed and she was told she would not be restricted from the base in the future.

Coincidentally, a week before Amy was refused entrance to the stockade, her father had written a letter to general Armstrong about Michael's case. The letter, printed in full in the Boston Globe, criticised Armstrong for not removing himself as the convening authority on Michael's case since the general had in the past clearly demonstrated his prejudice against AWOL's who refuse overseas replacement in Vietnam. Salzman, a physics professor at U-Mass., called Armstrong the real criminal and praised Michael for his honor and strength. Salzman questioned the general, a man with a Ph.D. in political science, for failing to see how history will judge him and asking him to show his guilt by admitting that he was commander of the Phoenix program during his last tour of duty in Vietnam.

Amy's response to O'Dea and Armstrong and the illegal debarment was to fight back. She wrote letters to the Boston Globe, ACLU, Michael Harrington, Edward Brooke, general Hutchins at Ft. Meade, as well as Armstrong, Pearson, Van Atten, and Lighthall. In her letter to Armstrong, she stated, "my supposed debarment serves no security purpose, and can only



"SO FIRE ME"

be understood as blatant harassment of, and discrimination against Pvt. Daley. Vindictive cruelty on the part of the Ft. Devens command is the only explanation for preventing me from visiting my fiancée, threatening me with arrest for having come to see him as I have for five weeks in a row, and the effective breaking off of all direct personal contact between me and Michael Daley.

Armstrong's reply to Amy repeated the excuse that her debarment was based on her leafletting activities. He also stated that a letter of debarment had been sent to her April 28 at "your Cambridge address and was returned as 'addressee unknown.'" Amy has never lived in Cambridge and has never given her address as any other than her home in Brookline.

Amy's response was to catch Armstrong on both lies by asking him if she had been debarred April 28, why she had been allowed to visit Michael April 30, May 7, and May 14 after the letter of debarment had been returned to the base. She also challenged him to explain the debarment when she had been told she was not charged for leafletting and had been told she would not be restricted from the base. She also said she had received no order forbidding leafletting after she had written the general that she would be distributing the material for Michael's defense. Her final comment to Armstrong was to state that "the strange time sequence of events together with the lack of cohesive explanation given by any military spokesman so far suggests that the army's real desire in this case is not so much to keep the dangerous and high-risk Amy Salzman off Ft. Devens as to prevent a prisoner from maintaining contact with people who love him and support him."

Two days later Amy was notified by Lighthall by phone that she would be allowed to visit Michael at the stockade from 1-4 on Sundays.

To all the Amy's in this country - KEEP RIGHT ON!

A CALL TO ACTION FROM ALTERNATIVE RECRUITING COMMITTEE

Check out the following list of war crimes and see where you (consciously or unconsciously, willingly or unwillingly) fit into your country's criminal acts taking place every day in Vietnam. By not openly opposing them, you are an accomplice.

WAR CRIMES

1. Bombardment and artillery strikes against non-military targets, particularly undefended villages. (Violation of Hague Convention IV Art. 25)
2. Designation of Free Fire Zones (artillery fire and/or bombardment within large land areas directed at anything that moves). (Violation of Geneva Art. 3.1)
3. Battlefield policies which systematically deprive civilians of their dwellings and ancestral relics (burning them to the ground). (Violation of Hague IV, 23G, IV 46, Geneva 53)
4. Collective reprisals against whole villages for suspected support of guerrilla activities. (Violation of Geneva 33)
5. The forcible transfer of refugees from homes into camps (pacification). (Violation of Geneva Art. 49)
6. Reliance upon weapons that cause great suffering (such as NAPALM). (Violation of Hague Convention IV 22-E, Hague 22)
7. Search and destroy operations which result in the killing of unarmed civilians: men, women and children (Lt. Calley was prosecuted for this type of operation). (Violation of Geneva Art. 3.1)
8. Training and indoctrination at military camps in preparation to engage in unlawful actions. (Violation of Geneva 3.1)

The Alternative Recruiting Committee, a Boston-based group, will be picketing all military recruiting "each day and every day until the war in South East Asia ends." Their position statement is:

"We oppose this criminal war being fought by a drafted army on the land. We oppose this criminal war being fought by a volunteer army in the air and sea. The indiscriminate bombardment of a land and a people is genocide. We ask all young men to refuse to volunteer for service in this genocidal war.

If you volunteered for military service you have joined a force that is daily committing the criminal acts which are defined by international law as war crimes."

You can join the Alternative Recruiting Committee for their picketing. Contact Common Sense Bookstore (772-0084) and we can go together.

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WHAT IS COMMON SENSE ?

About two years ago a group of GIs, ex-GIs and civilian friends' opened up a house in Ayer called the Common Sense Bookstore. Here we have tried to offer a place at Fort Devens for people to get together with their friends, to begin to struggle with the hassels they encounter in the military. The Common Sense Bookstore is a place with no rank, no harassment and no lifer mentality. But our house is not a hip USO; its not here just to make it easier to live with the Army's shit, but to help to change both Army and our society to better serve all our sisters and brothers.

More specifically, here's some of the things that go on at the Bookstore which we hope you can get into--

Military Counselling for GIs who are working on discharges, having legal hassels, or are interested in liarning about their rights. If you have questions call or come by. There are counselors available and also there are avenues of help (i.e., lawyers, psychiatrists, and others) for those who find they have need of it.

Newspapers and books on the GI movement around the world, on the war, and on the liberation struggle of Women, Blacks Third World People, and all others who are fighting to win their freedom. These are for sale and there is a lending library.

The Morning Report, is written by and for GIs and their civilian friends. This is your paper, and it needs your support through articles, letters, donations, and your work. If your interested drop by the Bookstore.

The Bookstore belongs to the sisters and brothers at Ft. Devens If that's you come by any time, it is always open, and check it out. There is an organization at the Bookstore-The Fort Devens United Front, which is a coalition of GIs, Vets, and civilians who are interested in working together at Fort Devens and the Bookstore. We're at 116 West Main St. Ayer, or call 772-0084.

