UP AGAINST THE IBUILIAID

INSIDE: Watergate, Enlisted POWs Charged With Collaboration, How To Fight Article 15s, Duluth Crew Protests Floating Deathtrap, Article 134 Thrown Out, and more . . .

98 Chenery Street, San Francisco, CA 94131

Number 15 / June-July 1973

Free to GIs

This paper cannot legally be taken from you. According to DoD Directive 1325.6, "Possession of unauthorized material may not be prohibited."



Sailor Charged With Charged With Sabotage Wins Acquittal

Pat Chenoweth Does
Ten Months Brig Time
For An Act He Didn't Do

After ten months of torment in the stockade at Treasure Island, Fireman Patrick Chenoweth, accused of sabotaging the aircraft carrier USS Ranger has been acquitted of all charges and honorably discharged from the Navy.

The 21-year-old sailor from Puyallup, Washington, was charged with having inserted a paint scraper and two 12-inch bolts into the Ranger's reduction gears last summer in Alameda, California. This paralyzed the carrier for three months and cost the Navy almost a million dollars to repair.

It was one of approximately 30 acts of sabotage which crippled the Ranger all thru last summer.

NO EVIDENCE

From the time he was jailed last August 2, the Navy seemed almost desperate to convict Chenoweth. Attorneys and others who had spent time observing military injustice said that they had never seen the

military so eager to put someone away.

The Navy had no evidence, but only two witnesses who reported hearing Pat claim credit for the sabotage. No witnesses said they saw Pat throwing bolts into the gears. The prosecution was unable to establish when, within a ten-day period, the bolts were thrown. There was no physical evidence, such as fingerprints, that linked Pat to the act. The defense showed that over 600 other sailors had access to the area where the gears are located. Even the Navy's star witness said that he thought Pat was "joking" when he made his comment about the sabotage. That witness also stated in court that he did not believe that Pat had done it. Finally, the defense showed that many others on the ship had made similar boasts, including the Executive Officer!

On this evidence, they charged him with sabotage in time of war, a charge used only once since WWII. It

Continued on page 7

B-52 CREWS PROTEST CAMBODIA BOMBING

Washington, D.C. (May 2) - At least a dozen crewmen who are flying B-52 raids from Guam to Cambodia, have written members of Congress protesting the raids. The staff workers who received the letters for Senators Fulbright, Kennedy, McGovern and Hughes, said the letters were especially heavy. One from a navigator said: "We are no more than a mercenary army fighting solely on the discretion of our President." Another said, "I enlisted to defend our nation, not to fight for some little countries that cannot settle problems in its own government." A common theme was that the bombing should have ended after American prisoners were released by the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (usually called "North Vietnam"). One letter from a co-pilot read, "this plea isn't a one man show. The majority of the crew force presently engaged in these operations are tired and fed up with the entire affair."

But other pilots have done more than plea. In November 1971, fighter-bomber pilots aboard the carrier Coral Sea-turned in their wings and refused to fly at a time when the enlisted crewmen had an active Stop Our Ships (SOS) movement going. As recently as December 1972, a B-52 pilot named Michael Heck refused to fly the Christmas raids over northern Vietnam. These pilots were at least guided by the history of enlisted people's resistance. They knew that they had the power to stop the bombing because they were the ones who flew them. As the Cambodian bombing nears its one hundredth day, maybe some of those fliers will stop writing their Congressmen and start taking some action themselves. (Source: Camp News)

VETS EJECT MARINE RECRUITERS

San Francisco, Calif. (February) - USMC recruiters came to the City College of San Francisco, and were greeted by an un-welcoming committee of students, most of them vets. A white captain and a black sergeant walked on campus and set up a literature table in front of the cafeteria. Someone told them that students were coming to picket them, and asked if they intended to stay. "Hell yes!" replied the sergeant. "We're staying." that their presence was an insult to the vets studying there, and told them to leave. Within fifteen minutes, the recruiters had packed up and split.

Veterans interviewed by Dan Borgstrom ex-L/Cpl, USMC, had a lot to say. "We might as well have Meyer Lansky here recruiting trigger men for the Mafia." "I eat chow in that mess-hall and lifers spoil my appetite." "It's like having the KKK burn a cross in your yard." Several vets also referred to Maj. Gen. Smedley Butler's famous quotation: "Recruiters are professional liars." (Source: Camp News and The Veteran Newspaper)

EXPLOSIVES FOR VIETNAM

Travis AFB, Calif. (May) - An airman told staff members of the Travis underground GI paper, "Travisty," that he had loaded explosives onto C-141s. Most were tagged for Thailand, he said. But others in that shipment were also tagged for Cambodia and Vietnam, in direct violation of the ceasefire agreement, signed January 27. Since the big-money mass press hasn't exposed these American violations of the cease-fire accords, we feel it's our job now to do that. Any other reports you send to us about transporting weapons, ordinance, planes, or advisers to Vietnam, will be reported in the "Bulkhead" as we receive them. (Source: Travisty)



WHO STOLE MY HAT?

Lemoore NAS, Calif. (May) - An admiral's hat, a \$50 gold-braided cap, was the object of an intense search at Lemoore NAS near Fresno, after Rear Admiral Clyde Van Arsdale reported it missing. The search delayed the weekend departure of hundreds of sailors and caused a mile-long traffic jam at the gate as all cars leaving base were searched inside and out. The hat was never found. This Van Arsdale character is the man who's head of the 7th Naval District! (Source: San Francisco Chronicle)



WHATEVER HAPPENED TO ARMED FORCES DAY?

USA (May 19) - May 19 was Armed Forces Day, but you'd never know it. Only three years ago the brass was having air shows, weapons demonstrations, opening their bases to the public. A real heavy snow job. But this year But then a group of veterans came, told the recruiters was a real retreat for the brass, though. Years of public disillusionment with the military, and contempt for the war they've been so hot to fight, have added up to almost no official Armed Forces Day at all this year. At Hamilton AFB, California, a sergeant summed it all up in an interview with the San Francisco Chronicle, saying, "I guess it's not the most popular thing in the world today, is it?" (Source: San Francisco Chronicle)

DON'T BUY FARAH PANTS

In May of 1972, the people who make Farah pants, walked out of the factory in San Antonio, Texas. Workers at plants in El Paso, Victoria, Las Cruces and Albuquerque soon joined the strike. They walked out because they wanted to have some control over the work they did. The company wouldn't even talk with the strikers. Instead, the company responded by issuing guns and patrol dogs to plant guards, surrounding the plants with barbed wire and telescopic cameras, and illegally rounding up citizens of Mexico to do the work the strikers refuse to do. 1500 people have been arrested in 14 months. Still the strike grows stronger. The following letter was sent by the strike committee to GI papers all over the country. It's a Chicano vet's view of what the strike is about.

Dear Brothers & Sisters in the military,

I am a Chicano worker. I worked until May '72 in the Farah Pants Company in Texas. I am now out on strike for the tenth month. 3,000 workers are struggling for dignity, better living conditions, and the end of dope.

discrimination.

I write to you, my military brothers and sisters because I was in the military not so long ago. Many of us are veterans, so we know what it means to be inside there, and why we think you'll understand and support

We went and served in the military, many believing in serving this country. One of the main reasons was that as Chicanos, most of us were working people and we couldn't find a job when we got out of school. The military was the way to survive. Many of us got killed in unjust wars. We were about 20% of the casualties. Those of us who came back to Texas with machinists, mechanics, and radio operators experience started the painful and humiliating task of seeking jobs that were reserved for white people. I looked for a mechanic job for six months; I was refused in many places, given A DAY TO HONOR OUR COUNTRY'S) ridiculous tests in others. Money started to run low and my family couldn't wait for changes in this society in order to eat. So I got a job at Farah, the largest manufacturer of pants in the country. There you don't need a trade. They train you as they like. You get a place to sit at any machine they acquire, and all that is expected of you is work; maybe I should say slave!

We are not supposed to talk with each other, or to go to the washroom. We are required to say, "Yes, sir" at all times and to "mind our own business"... that is, not

talk about the working conditions.

Any human being has a limit and a demand. The limit of our patience was over. We started feeling strong together and now our demand is the sky! We want not a raise but we want a future for our families. We want a decent society. So we started to organize and we found the bitter truth. The whole establishment was against us. Arrests, unlawful strike breaking and harassment faced us. So we turned to our friends. Workers all over the country are helping us with money, with solidarity, and with the boycott.

Now we turn to you. Where you are on the military bases Farah sells many pants in the PX. And those pants sold to you are hurting all of us.

Many times soldiers have been used against workers. But now, it comes to a time that we know more about each other than ever before. We now ask you to not buy Farah pants in your PXs!

We ask you to do whatever is possible to help us step toward self-determination for you and all other workers faced with the same threats and oppressive conditions. DON'T BUY FARAH PANTS! VIVA LA HUELGA!



TWELVE SAILORS ON NIXON'S YACHT CAUGHT SMOKING POT AIN'T THAT HOT

Washington, D.C. (May 26) - Twelve sailors assigned to the unit that operates Tricky Dick's yacht, the Sequoia, have been transferred after some of them were discovered smoking marijuana. The incident marks the second time in three weeks that Navy men assigned jobs near the President have been investigated for smoking



[A WORD FROM THE STAFF]

These two pages of letters don't include even half the letters we receive for publication. Don't get pissed off if your letter isn't here. We're holding the rest over to the next issue. So keep those letters coming. Because of space limitations, we've been unable to print the complete text of every letter. When we have to edit them, we look for the parts that would be of interest to other readers. Letters are not edited for political content. If we run your letter, it will say just what it said when you sent it to us.

[USS CORAL SEA]

Dear Friends | Hi, how is it in the land of the free and the home of the brave? The Captain dropped into Joe's compartment this morning and was horrified because the lights were out! Heck, half the division is on 6 & 6 [six hours on duty, six hours off], and it's Sunday besides. All snipes die in their bunks on Sunday, except for the card players. . . . Oh, I almost forgot. That black guy I put in a good word for at court-martial is out of the brig now. He could have gotten over a month and super restricted, but he got ten days and thirty days restriction with a \$196 fine. That's real rough, but he could have gotten worse. He's a cook now and seems real happy. I talked with him and he said he was sure glad I put myself in the picture at his court-martial. You can imagine how good that made me feel!

Well, I've got to go relieve Terrible Tom the Lifer for awhile. Peace, goodwill, and FTN. Keeping on -B.G.

[FROM EXILE IN CANADA]

Dear People at Bulkhead | I was very impressed with your article which argued that now is not the time for the GI movement to shrivel up and die. As an Army deserter I know that the racism and oppression that is the lifeblood of the military hasn't disappeared. I know also that American imperialism has not changed its ways, and that since the military is the tool by which policies of this imperialism are implemented, the struggle against US imperialism cannot end. Hence, you will find the enclosed donation.

Just as the struggle against imperialism cannot let up, there is another struggle which is just beginning — the one for universal, unconditional amnesty for war resisters. By no means should the struggle for amnesty imply that US imperialism has ceased to exist, but rather that now is the time to win back the rights and freedom of GIs, ex-GIs, and draft resisters so that they can fight again, and so that in the public eye it will be seen that to resist US imperialism is correct and proper.

Yours for universal, unconditional amnesty, —J.C.

[FORT LEAVENWORTH DISCIPLINARY BARRACKS]

Dear Bro S. | Some dude got beat up and they are charging me for the assault. They want to court-martial me again, you see, by me being black, they don't want to let me go. They want to bust me. Also, these guards in the base assaulted me when I came down here. About eight of them worked me over. But I'm alright now.

The inmate was beat up pretty bad in the morning when everyone was asleep. He claims he thinks I was there but can't be sure cuz the guys were all wearing masks. I should have my trial in three weeks. I don't trust these military lawyers, since I am facing five to ten years.

I don't know what's happening here lately, but I'm living in sixteen hours a day of fear because they keep threatening me. I am going to send you an article that I would like you to type up and send to my parents and as many papers as possible. We, the black people, have to stop these swine before they kill even one of us. They did kill a brother in 1969 when they hung him. But the case was closed in five minutes as a suicide case which was a bunch of bullshit.

They won't send a man back to jail when the public is aware what's happening. They just can't afford that. Because they want to hide the truth from the public. They have done that for too long. We've got to show the people what's really happening to our black brothers in this prison. Once these people find out the public is aware of the truth, things should cool down. . . .

Yours in the revolution -R.R.

[Editor's note: These are selections of letters from Ray Rasak, a black inmate at Fort Leavenworth Disciplinary Barracks. He is from Los Angeles, and was due out in October. But in early May of this year, he found himself framed on an assault charge, and almost framed on a drug possession charge. The best way to show support for Ray is to write him at this address: Ray Rasak, Drawer "A", Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.]



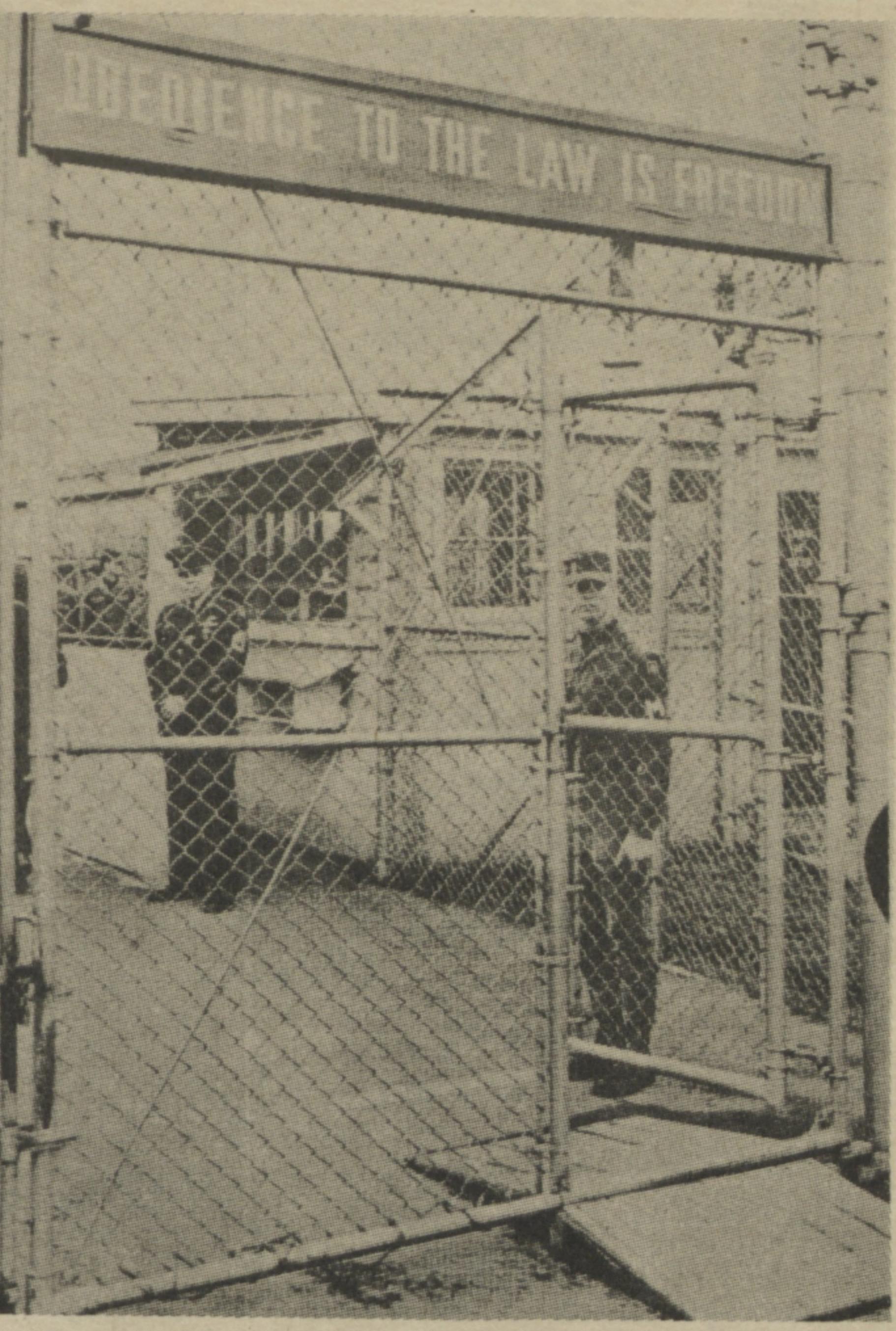
Daryl Larrabee, one of seven sailors off the USS Constellation who refused to deploy to Nam with the ship.

[USS WESTCHESTER COUNTY]

Brothers | My morale is at a peak not because of Navy efforts, but because of the truths you print. I do not oppose just the American government, but all governments because they deny freedom. I am for the people and some day the people will rise and crush our capitalistic government. I believe myself to be a socialist anarchist. I'm not new to the movement. I've had contact with it for many years now. The Navy was just a curiosity. Power,



The catapult crew of the USS Coral Sea collapsed asleep in between raids during the cruise of 1971-72.



The entrance to the Fort Dix stockade.

[A WOMAN FROM PLEASANT HILL, OREGON]

Hello | To whomever reads this first, let me introduce myself: Mrs. Pat Jacobson, 42 years young, mother of four (three boys) and a former member of the average flag-waving, apple-pie baker, housewifery conglomerate that makes up the put-together of this country. Thanks to the "education" my oldest son is receiving in the USN I've presently evolved into a radical nervous wreck that is slowly becoming unglued. Maybe I'm unique, but I LISTEN to my kids. If they have a better answer or solution to a particular problem than I do, it receives my attention. If I agree with them, I'm with them all the way; if I disagree, I respect their opinion and shut up!

Information about SOS was brought home by our son Jeff (presently aboard the USS Coral Sea) last November, along with pictures he took at the demonstrations before they deployed to 'Nam November 12. His choice of enlisting in the Navy (beause of a low lottery number) was not the smartest thing he's ever done.

Peace, -Pat Jacobson

[TREASURE ISLAND BRIG]

Bulkhead | In your April edition you said that Pat Chenoweth's trial was going to the Philippines [see story on page one]. The people out there that are fighting for Pat are wonderful people. It really helps Pat here in the brig knowing that there are people behind him. To say a few things about Pat, he is a beautiful person. He knows what he wants and he really has his head together. This brig changes most people, me included. But Pat stays Pat, through the strength of the people behind him I suppose.

I personally have been locked up for 7½ months without a trial so I think I know how Pat must feel. It is quite a weight on your mind 24 hours a day. Peace through love

—W.M.

[USS FOX]

Dear People | First of all I would like to describe life aboard the Fox (DLG33). Morale is very low. I, a radioman, am standing port and starboard watches while catching only four hours sleep a night. But my sympathy isn't for myself. It's for the BTs [boiler technicians] aboard the ship. It has come to my attention that they are also standing port and starboard watches with four hours sleep. But their working conditions are unbearable. Many are losing weight from skipping meals to get 45 minutes of extra sleep. Our minds are numbed and our body functions are retarded by constant fatigue.

Why not join forces to stump the enlistment rate of the Armed Forces. Picket recruiting offices!! Warn your younger brothers!! Many come into the service from lack of jobs. Give those brothers jobs so they won't have to sell their self-respect for a few dollars and a pack of lies!

We can make it happen.

[MARINE VET GETTING SHAFTED]

Dear Bulkhead | This is just to let you know how things are going with some of us "vets." I have been hounded by the Marine Corps off and on ever since I finally got out. At first I ignored them because I don't feel that I owe them anything more than they've already gotten from me — my'life for eight years with the great possibility of the supreme sacrifice. My father thought that this was an unfair action as it had also happened to my brother-in-law (former Sgt. Ed Snodgrass, US Army, of Spencer, West Virginia — spent his time in helicopters in Vietnam).

I've heard from some friends that you are running short of cash now and I'm not able to help you out any. I'm busted too. The good old V.A. just isn't taking care of its own. Everyone told me that you have to pay the government when the say you owe them something. But I guess you really don't. They just do what they can to screw up the rest of your life. Well, I'm not paying and I wish that all the other ex-GIs would take the same stand. Most of the guys I know have gotten letters [from military credit unions] demanding them to pay back some alleged amount of money that they are supposed to owe. Once I finished that job I feel it should be over and any mistake that may have been made is their fault.

[Editor's note: The following letter was sent by Dan to the Marine Corps Finance Center. They claim he owes them over a \$100.]

To anyone concerned at the Marine Corps Finance Center | As you may know from reviewing my service record, I spent a little more than eight years in the U.S. Marine Corps in good standing. Three of those years were spent in direct involvement in your 'beautiful' war in Viet Nam and the other five in direct support.

I lost a home at a loss in San Diego in 1968 and a wife and two children while on my second tour in your Viet Nam war. I gained no money fortunes while in the service of my country and will probably not recover for many years if ever from the mental state in which it left me. I am very destitute at this time and see nothing better for quite a period in the future. I am a full time student trying to make a better future for myself. I have started into my second semester of college and have still not received a check from the veterans's administration for education. No money or time for any social activity at all, and you expect me to pay the richest government in the world for a mistake that it made while in full control of my person and records. I couldn't pay if I wanted to.

If it pleases you to try and mess up my future by screwing up a credit reference and adding a detrimental post-mortem to my service record, then so be it. You already ruined the last ten, so why not have a hand in the next. With no due respect,

—D.M.

[USS CONSTELLATION]

Sympathizers | Here I am a patriot in the eyes of many Americans, setting out on yet another seek and destroy errand in the name of "peace with honor." And their favorite slogan is "Love it or leave it!" Well, wake up you patriots with the white canes, for I have left it. And your idea of "love" is leaving your homeland to do battle with people who are truly willing to die for what they believe in. You wonder why I offer my utmost respect to the NLF and NVA . . . I wish American had something worth dying for.

During the transit over to P.I. [the Philippines], four main machinery room had a fire that put it out of commission for about two and a half weeks. Then two main's reduction gears and turbines lost lube oil and were "deemed" non-operational for the remainder of the first line period and much of this one. And we have real evaporator troubles. Had to turn off the water for a day. Salt water showers were open. So far, one man has been killed — sucked into the intake of a F4.

The pilots haven't hung any more planes over the side. I guess ESO ran out of USAFI courses on anarchy. But the pilots, with their neatly cut moustaches, pearl white teeth, and shiny golden wings are getting nervous. Nothing to kill and boost their egos for days. Could create a serious personality conflict.

It is good tidings to hear of Billy D. Smith's freedom [not guilty verdict in a fragging case at Fort Ord]. But this outcome puts an even greater strain on Jeff Allison and Pat Chenoweth [both charged with sabotage] for the military is now more than ever hungry for the blood of the heroes of the working class. So everybody, write to the heavies. The most powerful revolutionary weapon that anyone and everyone can possess is easily found in any store: a pen and paper.



A Marine double amputee in the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, California.

[29 PALMS, CALIFORNIA]

Dear S. | By the way, you know that book "Ask A Marine by David Osborne? Well, do you still have contacts with him? Cause my brother read it and has even started writing up a follow-up to it, and we want to know if D. Osborne would mind if we put it in print! I've read and helped a bit here and there, and I think it's far out! When we finish it I will send you a copy and let you think about it, and let us know what you think. By the way, my brother was in the suck for three years, so he knows what it's like.

In peace and freedom — Richard & Chris

[Editors's note: the book referred to was written by a Marine named David Osborne, while he was in the Pendleton brig awaiting a general court-martial for desertion. The pamphlet is available from the Bulkhead for fifteen cents.]

[GERMANY]

Dear Bulkhead | Remember us, okay? Those small units scattered through the German countryside. Twenty of us poor captives wardened by a handful of "superiors." Nowhere to go. Nothing to do. We can hybernate our way through our tour, or we can stand up to a totalitarian hierarchy of self-centered pigs. We sit and stagnate while the command speaks of the high morale of our unit and our brother units. I for one refuse to sit still and rot. If you could send me a dozen copies of the Bulkhead, maybe I can use them to get people together. Isolation is one of our big problems.

Keep truckin'. _T.M.



Members of Vietnam Veterans Against the War in a demonstration at the Republican National Convention in Miami, Florida in August 1972.

[CUBA]

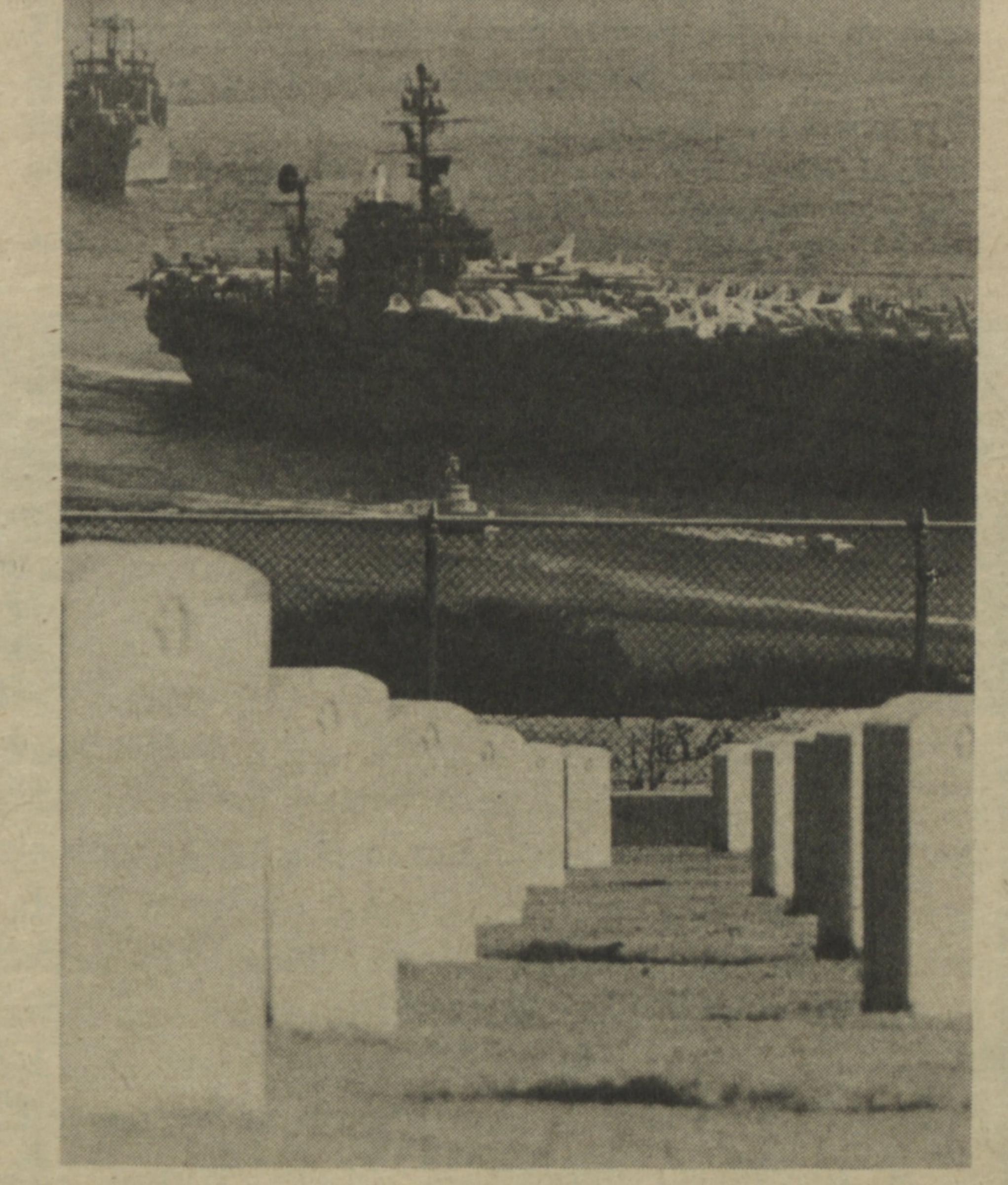
Sirs | Please send me info on a way to get out of the Navy by legal means. I joined the Navy because the Army was after me. I'm stationed in Gitmo [Guantanamo, Cuba] and these lifers are driving me crazy. Any assistance would be appreciated. -J.F.

[SOUTH KOREA]

Bulkhead | Incidents? Several fights between blacks and whites on the nightly buses that travel around the different posts. Two infiltrators murdered in the Korean sector of the DMZ. The G-2 pictures were gruesome. Two Yongsan soldiers (Americans) took over a police station on a hill in Seoul and held hostages with much ammunition demanding to be released from the Army and returned to the states. They gave in and the weapons and ammo that were captured still has not been officially accounted for. Where would one gather together enough weapons for an entire company?

Black marketing is some of the worst in the world, I suppose, since I have never run into such corruption and outright stealing as I have seen over here. The million dollars in aid poured in here annually is only a pittance compared to the amount of government property and PX items that are stolen and turned over on the market. It's a book in itself, but the people involved in stopping it are probably on the take also, because it never seems to make a significant change.

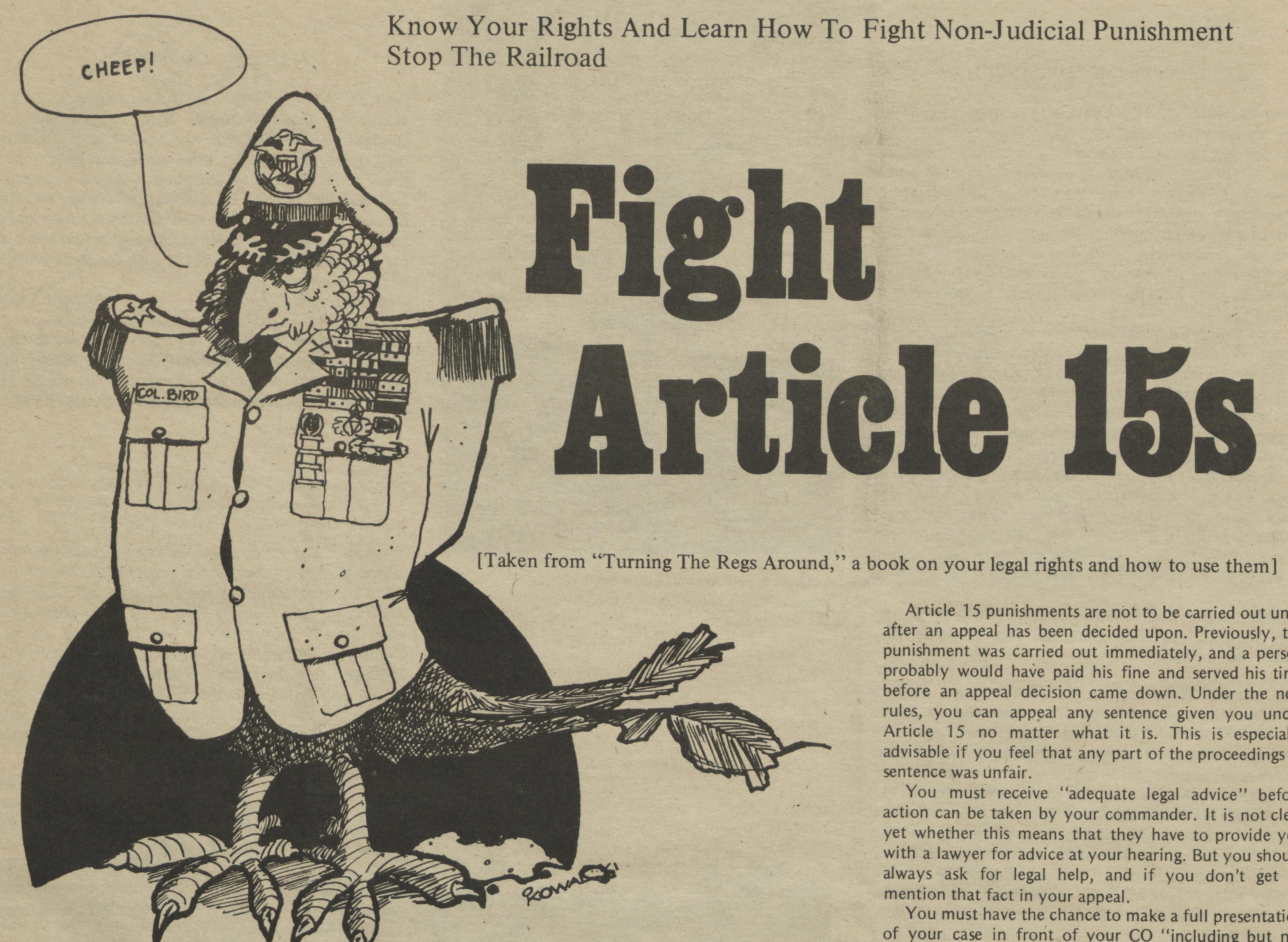
UP AGAINST THE BULKHEAD / JUNE-JULY 1973 / PAGE THREE



The USS Constellation deploying for Vietnam in the Fall of 1971.

-C.M.

S.



What Is An Article 15?

An Article 15 is described in the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) as non-judicial punishment. This means that it is punishment that can be administered without a trial or a judge.

The Army and Air Force call it Article 15. The Navy calls it Captain's Mast. The Marines call it Office Hours. It's all the same thing.

What Can Article 15s Be Given For?

Article 15 can only be given for acts or omissions that are against the UCMJ. Like refusing an order, drugs, uniform violations, etc. Article 15s are always given for acts that could be punished by a military court. It is used to intimidate the troops and keep them under control. Because there is no court involved they do not have to prove their accusations! It is much cheaper and takes less time for them.

Who Can Give An Article 15?

Only the commanding officer (squadron commander/ AF) of a unit, or a person who has been given the authority under the proper regulation (like a platoon leader in the Army) can give an Article 15. He must be in your chain of command. No NCO can give an Article

What Punishment Can Be Given With Article 15?

If a CO who is Captain or below gives the Article 15 (more likely in the Army and Marines) the maximum punishments are: (a) if imposed on a person attached to a ship, confinement on bread and water or diminished rations for not more than three consecutive days; (b) correctional custody for not more than seven days; (c) loss of not more than seven days pay; (d) reduction of one pay grade, if he has the authority to promote you to the grade you are now; (e) extra duty for not more than fourteen days; (f) restriction to a specific area for not more than fourteen days.

If given by a Major or above, the maximum punishments are: (a) custody up to 30 days; (b) loss of not more than half your pay for two months; (c) reduction to lowest pay grade, unless you are E-5 or above, then reduced two grades; (d) extra duty up to 45 days; (e) restriction up to 60 days; (f) holding of your pay, 50% maximum, up to three months worth, and they don't have to give it back to you for one year, unless you get out earlier.

Can They Give All These Punishments At Once?

No. Some punishments can be combined. For example, they can give 30 days custody, reduction to lowest grade and a fine. They can't combine restriction for 60 days, 30 days custody, and 45 days extra duty as punishments. They also cannot give a fine and hold pay

at the same time, unless they give an apportionment (see pages 26-7 and 26-8 of the Manual for Courts-Martial).

Does An Article 15 Have To Be Accepted?

No! If someone feels that the military doesn't have a really good case, they can refuse to sign. There are two ways someone can refuse: a person can call the military's bluff by refusing to sign and not requesting a court-martial. If the military didn't really have any strong evidence, they might drop charges. Or if a person wants to fight, they can request a summary or a special court-martial. If you simply refuse to sign, the brass can convene any of the three kinds of court-martials, depending on the offense you are charged with.

If you are on board a ship you do not have the right to refuse a Captain's Mast. This is unconstitutional, but it has not been tested.

There is much debate as to whether Article 15s should ever be signed. A strong GI movement on a base can hamper the Brass's power to inflict arbitrary harassment on GIs by waging a widespread campaign of massive refusal to sign Article 15s. This will clog up the military courts, since they could never handle that many court-martials, and force COs to hand out fewer Article

However, an individual GI should consider the different possibilities before refusing to sign. Many times, Article 15s are given for offenses that could warrant a much heavier punishment than an Article 15 could give. For example, many people are given Article 15s when caught with a lid or some joints. If it has been a legal search and they have the evidence, it would be crazy not to sign.

If You Accept An Article 15

The DoD has recently issued new provisions on Article 15s that give you a few more rights when you face your CO. The new rules are:

Article 15 punishments are not to be carried out until after an appeal has been decided upon. Previously, the punishment was carried out immediately, and a person probably would have paid his fine and served his time before an appeal decision came down. Under the new rules, you can appeal any sentence given you under Article 15 no matter what it is. This is especially advisable if you feel that any part of the proceedings or sentence was unfair.

You must receive "adequate legal advice" before action can be taken by your commander. It is not clear yet whether this means that they have to provide you with a lawyer for advice at your hearing. But you should always ask for legal help, and if you don't get it, mention that fact in your appeal.

You must have the chance to make a full presentation of your case in front of your CO "including but not limited to the right to call witnesses, present evidence and to be accompanied by a person to speak in your behalf." This gives you an opportunity to make a whole case for yourself both in challenging the specific charges and in showing harrassment, discrimination, etc. Also it probably allows you to have a friend, counselor or anyone else speak for you even if they aren't lawyers.

Article 15 proceedings will be open to the public except when security or "military exigencies" forbid publicity. Bring your friends! This can be a great way to educate people about the true nature of military injustice. A lot of people interested in what happens to you can have an effect on your CO's decisions. Our strength is in our unity and numbers.

Finally, they must advise you of your right to appeal nonjudicial punishment.

How To Appeal

An appeal has to be filed within 15 days after you sign the Article 15. You have the right to talk to a lawyer or legal officer to get help writing it. This appeal goes to the next superior authority through the legal office.

Remember, they can't give a worse punishment just because someone appeals it.

Once you have accepted an Article 15, you will get some kind of punishment from your CO. With that in mind, you should do everything psosible that helps your case. If you use these regs you can improve your chances and force the military to make an effort to appear fair.

If you accept Article 15 punishment, it will be on your military records but not on any civilian records. Nonjudicial punishment has no legal standing outside the military.

Fighting Article 15s

As of May 1973, groups of GIs at several bases were circulating this petition. Its purpose is to take away from the brass one weapon they use to intimidate people into submission.

PETITION TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES REGARDING ARTICLE 15, UCMJ

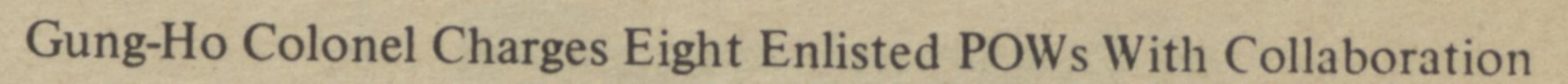
We, the undersigned GIs of [name of your base, ship, or duty station] demand that Congress completely change Article 15, UCMJ, taking the power to impose punishment out of the hands of Commanding Officers and putting it into the hands of enlisted people.

We propose that a board be established composed of three EMs, grades E-1 thru E-9, who would be elected every ninety days in company-wide elections. That board would decide on all cases that are now decided by commanding offivers. The board would hear both sides of a case, allowing the accused to defend himself before making its decision.

Article 15 is now used to intimidate and harrass GIs. It violates the Constitution of the United States by denying GIs due process of law. It is used in a racist way against Third World GIs. It gives company commanders absolute power to punish EM under their command who they don't like.

A democratically-elected board would change the present system of intimidation and harrassment to one of fairness and justice.

PAGE FOUR / UP AGAINST THE BULKHEAD / JUNE-JULY 1973





Washington, D.C. (May 24) - Eight anti-war POWs have been charged by a senior POW with refusal of orders, collaboration with their Vietnamese captors, acceptance of "privileges," and making anti-war broadcasts and statements. The GIs who have been charged are all enlisted men - three Marines and five Army. Two are black, and one is Chicano. These eight are supposed to have been part of the "Peace Committee" while confined at the "Plantation," a prison camp in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (what we call "North Vietnam"). The ranking officer in the camp, an Air Force Colonel named Theodore Guy, is the one who is pressing the charges.

If the Dept. of Defense had its way, Col. Guy would never have been able to press charges. As far back as January, the DoD said that no POW would be punished for having made anti-war statements while in prison. After all, the DoD got what it wanted from the POW return: all that "God bless America, and God bless our President" stuff was just what Nixon needed to mask the fact that he got his ass kicked in Indochina.

What the DoD doesn't need is a series of court-martials which would show that many POWs had deserted to get out of combat; that some had defected because of their opposition to the war; that their anti-war statements reflected their real feelings about the war, and were not a play for privileges; and that the American POWs held by the Vietnamese in the north and the south were treated ten times better than the soldiers of the National Liberation Front (the so-called "Vietcong") held by Thieu's prisons in south Vietnam. Court-martials would also encourage more anti-war POWs to speak their mind. Up till now they've been encouraged by threat of court-martial to make no public statements. Once court-martials begin, the Pentagon would have no more threats left to make.

ENLISTED POWS SPEAK UP

Some anti-war POWs have already spoken up. Sp/4 Richard Springman of Cottonwood, Arizona, got off the plane wearing beads and a large peace symbol. When he was restrained by MPs for talking to the crowd at the airport, he smiled and gave the crowd a clenched fist salute. Springman's grandmother, Mrs. Carroll Dagget, said in an interview, "He served his eleven months until he became so sick of the bloodletting, and the stuff he saw and the things that were going on that it turned him sick unto death and he couldn't go on with it." She also said the Springman had told his parents that he purposely gave himself up to the National Liberation Front during the Cambodian invasion because he was "tired of killing, sick of it."

Sp/6 John Sparks, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, was at

I no longer want to fight for you or anyone like you. In fact, I won't ever fight for your kind of American people.... I cannot support the killing of innocent Vietnamese men, women, and children, or the destruction of their beautiful country." Army Special Forces SSgt. John A. Young, of Waukegan, Illinois

the "Plantation" prison camp, and knew members of the "Peace Committee." He was quoted by the Washington Post Service as saying that, "It was at a time when there was a lot of bombing going on and some of the men disagreed with the way the war was being conduted." He went on to say that he felt their actions were based on disenchantment with the war, not a self-serving play for privileges.

Sp/4 Michael Branch, of Highland Heights, Kentucky, told the Associated Press that, "When the war was coming to an end, and this is my own opinion, Colonel Guy and the other officers started making a show of order." Staff Sergeant James A. Daly, Jr., said that Colonel Guy filed his charges to cover his own ass. Nobody in the prison camp received packages from home unless they did something for the Vietnamese, said Daly, and nobody in the camp received packages from home except Colonel Guy.

ANTI-WAR OFFICERS

Even though Col. Guy filed charges against the eight enlisted men, no charges have been filed against those officers who made anti-war statements. At least a dozen SSgt Robert P. Chenoweth SSgt King David Rayford, Jr. officers made anti-war statements while held prisoners by the Vietnamese. Three defended their statements after their return.

Navy Capt. Walter E. Wilbur, in anti-war boradcasts over Radio Hanoi, said, "I was always for peace. I felt if we were going to wind it down, why don't we stop it now?" When asked on his return as to why he made these statements, Capt. Wilbur said he was trying to inform the American people about the war.

Air Force Capt. Lynn Guenther also made anti-war appeals on Radio Hanoi. He defended those statements

when he returned to the states. "You know as well as I do, we allow free speech in this country. . . . I have my own personal views on the war." When asked what he thought of the anti-war enlisted POWs, he responded, "They took a lot of heat and stood up for what they believed in."

Marine Lt. Col. Edison Miller defended his anti-war statements to newsmen by saying, "I did what I knew to be right, what my morality told me was the correct thing to do."

Some officers, angered by the floor show staged by Nixon and his crew, spoke out against the war when they returned. Air Force Major Hubert K. Flesher, a fighter pilot, said after his return that the U.S. "butted its nose into somebody else's business . . . I don't think we really won the war at all... It was a conflict between the Vietnamese people, and whether you like it or not, it should have been theirs to decide." Major Flesher also supported amnesty for war resisters. And Army Chief Warrant Officer Daniel Maslowski of Chicago told the Chicago Tribune of his reaction to radio broadcasts of anti-war demonstrations in the U.S. "From the broadcasts it seemed like the anti-war movement was getting stronger and I was really happy the American people were trying to put an end to the war. It didn't hurt my morale at all."

WHAT CAN WE DO?

It's typical that the wheels of military injustice turn only against enlisted people. These eight did what GIs do every day. They stood up for their beliefs, and refused to follow the orders of their commanding officer. The fact that they are POWs may not protect them from prosecution.

Our job is to support these brothers, demand that charges against them be dropped with no recriminations, and demand no further charges against any anti-war POWs. It's men like Col. Guy who should be charged with war crimes and tried by the people of Indochina. We suggest people write the eight at their home addresses which follow below:

Sp/4 Michael Branch 2302 Wilson Road Highlands Heights, KY Sgt. Abel L. Kavanaugh 7340 N. Dakin St. apt. B-308 Westminster, COL

c/o Crown 7227 SE Flavel Street Portland, OR 97206

SSgt. James A. Daly, Jr. 532 Madison St.

Brooklyn NY 11224 Pvt. Frederick L. Elbert, Jr. SSgt. John A. Young 471 Mayflower

Brentwood, NY 11717

c/o Lovie May Rayford 3547 S. Federal Chicago, ILL 60609

SSgt. Alphonso Ray Riate 6075 Priory St. Bell Gardens, CA 90201

302 E. Belvedere Grayslake, ILL 60030

Taken from the Santa Barbara News & Review, this is a description of the release of National Liberation Front and "North Vietnamese" POWs]

"Unlike their American counterparts, these POWs were in shockingly poor physical condition. Wrapped in bandages, almost every figure missing limbs, they hobbled on crutches and carrying each other, yet took the time and effort to pull off their clothes their captors had given them. As these men were, for the most part, quite recently captured, one could only speculate on the fate of the long-term inhabitants of the "Tiger Cages." Although they seemed pitifully weak and on the verge of collapse, when the group reached a border checkpoint marked by the flag of the Thieu government, they stormed the flagpole and tore down the flag. Then, as the cameras whirred, the POWs stripped away their bandages, forced open the wounds, and used their own blood to spell out: "Vietnam is one country!" This was the new flag they left behind them."



Watergate

If they held a poker game every four years to settle which set of thieves get to rob the people for the following four years, that would not be much different than the way presidents are elected now.

Of course, there has to be a gentlemen's agreement about the rules of the game. What Watergate shows us is a severe case of gentlemanly disagreement and what happens when cheats catch each other in the act.

The result is more spectacular than any Hollywood extravaganza. And why not? These producers are playing with a national budget of some two hundred billion a year or so.

But why? Why are they at each other's throats right now?

The sources of Watergate are deep in this sick society that we live in. People who feel that it's not just this special problem, but one real big smelly mess, are right.

At the surface, floating right on the top is Richard Milhouse Nixon, President of the U.S. His career is a product of our times. The rise and fall of Tricky Dick is the scummy froth, not the tide. It does show the motion of the ocean, though, and reveals that something is happening underneath.

Right now not only Democrats, but even some of Nixon's heavy backers are debating whether the Nixon government can be cleaned up and salvaged or whether it should be written off as a failure. Some politicians are even worried about people losing faith in the Presidency itself as well as the two party system.

Press and tv coverage and the Senate hearings give some idea of the action. But there are still heavier crimes and charges to be exposed and understood. How does the lawlessness of the Nixon government exposed by Watergate relate to heavier social crimes that were presided over not just by Nixon, but were going on under Lyndon Johnson and others before him?

ONGOING SOCIAL CRIMES A SUBJECT NEITHER NIXON OR HIS CRITICS WISH TO TALK ABOUT

Racist and genocidal wars have been waged against Red Indians, Black Africans, Brown Filipinos, Japanese, Chinese, Koreans, Vietnamese, Arabs, Mexicans, Cubans, Puerto Ricans, and more.

Now no weapon is too horrible to use in Asia. Atomic and ordinary bombs and guns and fire and napalm, and within the ghettos and reservations and resettlement camps of the U.S., cold and starvation and disease and humiliation, oppression and discrimination and ill-treatment in prisons, courts and hospitals, and heavy drugs, clubs and tear gas on the streets.

Within the U.S. there is always exploitation of poor and working people, but the most intense exploitation and oppression (and the greatest profits) comes when looting the raw-materials and resources of weaker countries, and by flooding their markets with worthless commodities and by cheap labor.

There is also systematic looting of culture; our museums are full of other people's art. In return, we give them Coca-Cola.

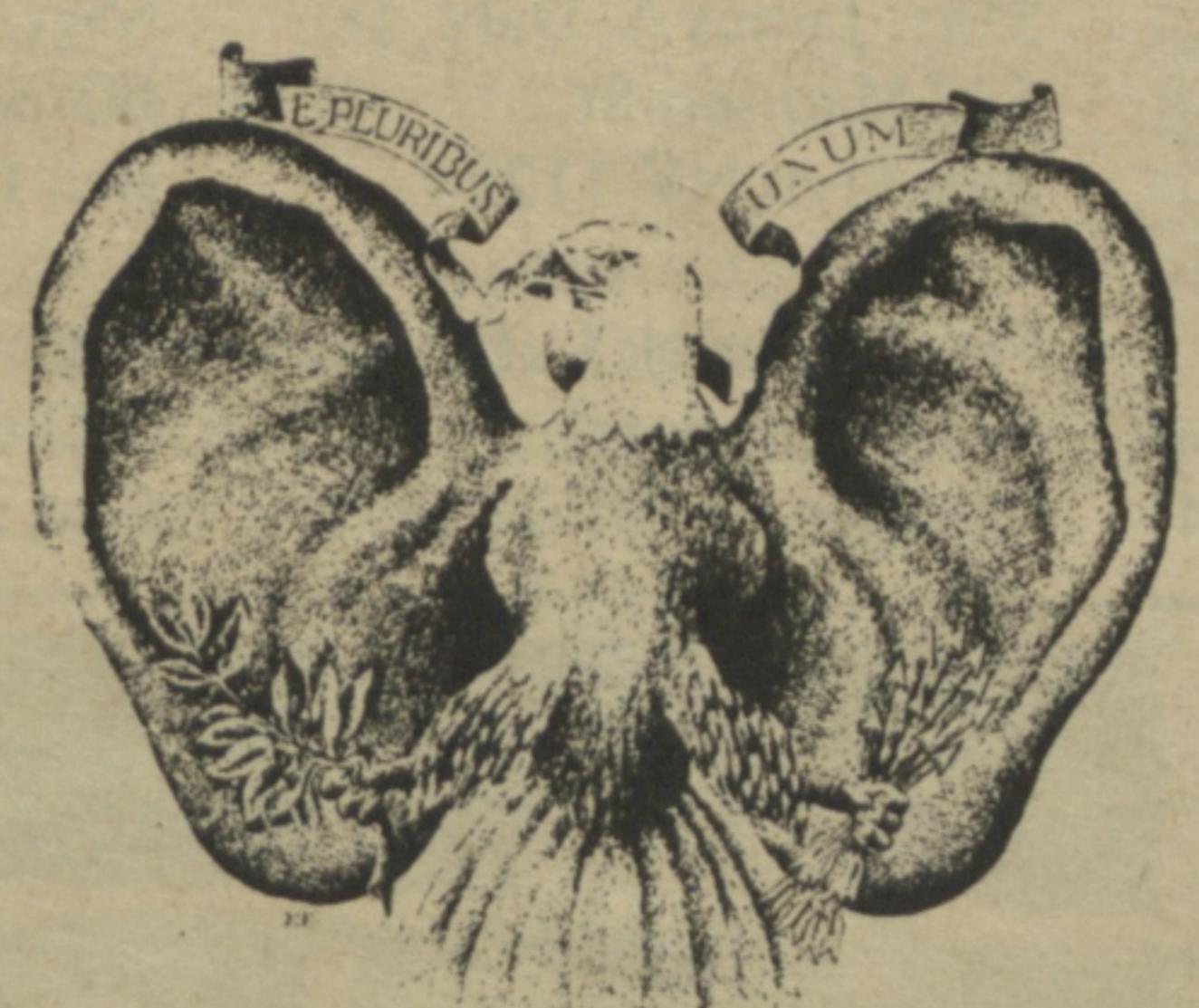
There is persecuting the young for wanting something better; turning schools and the media into a brainwash and a big lie factory for the system.

There are the frame-ups and false justice coming down on the people from the same courts that excuse and reward the powerful and the rich, the officer corps, and the racists. There are special persecutions of political opponents and protesters of court martials and the brig for people who acted for GI rights or against the war.

There is the sexist system that degrades and oppresses and exploits women as a prime condition of the power control of the men who run things. At Watergate so far women have appeared only as powerless un-political shit-workers.

There is militarism - using people in mercenary and impressed armies and police and prison forces. Bribing and corrupting some to oppress and control all.

Even just on wire-tapping, Watergate scratches only the surface. The government jealously keeps things from the people which we need to know, but it claims the right



to pry into all our private affairs - in the name of "national security, 600,000 conversations have been "legally" wire-tapped in five years, and 300,000 more were illegally tapped on Presidential orders.

WHY NOW?

Dismal conditions are not really new. Why is there a crisis just now? Watergate itself is not the crisis. It is a symptom of it. In order to put the overall crisis in perspective, we have to backtrack through history. We need to examine sixty years of defeats suffered by Nixon's class, the defeats which made Watergate appear so spectacular. These years are made up of more than big and little wars. Our times are also full of great and small resistances and revolutions and successful wars of liberation, of uprisings and rebellions of people, of oppressed classes, sex, race, nationality. Old classes and groups and ways are losing power and new ones are gaining power. Nixon represents a losing cause.

Watergate Charges

The Nixon-Republican elephant wiretapped the Democrat donkey.

Big campaign money was secretly raised and spent. Offices were burgled. Phoney names and ID were used. Bribes were offered and taken, payoffs made.

Criminals were protected and witnesses were silenced. Evidence was concealed and destroyed.

The Congress was ignored and humiliated. Congress fiddled while the White House broke its laws and decisions.

Watergate revealed White House burglary in an effort to punish Ellsberg-Russo for exposing the Pentagon-White House lies to the people about the war in Indochina.

ing illegal and dirty deeds and accused of knowing about illegal acts and of covering

up crimes.

The President is charged with stupidly claiming to know how to run the whole country and the world but not seeing the caper right under his nose.

Questions are being raised about the President's rags to riches personal fortune, about his real-estate deals, his millionaire, Mafia, and Teamster connections, and about their phoney stock and pension deals.

Important figures in the CIA and the FBI and former Cabinet members are deserting Nixon and badmouthing the opinions and the acts of their former boss. It seems that at this moment, about all Nixon can count on is part of the mili-The President is suspected of instigat- tary Brass, Wm. Randolph Hearst chain newspapers, and the POWs.

THE 20TH CENTURY

In the 1920s, the U.S. as a victor of World War I, became one of the big financial and economic and military world powers. As such it joined 13 other countries, sending troops over to try to reverse the Russian Revolution of 1917 and restore the old system. They failed in that.

In the 1930s the U.S. had the worst economic crisis and depression ever experienced by an industrial nation. People began to question the system.

In the '40s came World War II. The U.S. used it to expand its world power. After the war it supplied and backed Chiang Kai Sheck against the Chinese Revolution. U.S. failure in this effort was followed by a big debate about why we "lost" China (as if it was ours to lose in the first place).

Many other Third World revolutions and wars of liberation. Civil war in Greece, aid to Turkey, the Marshall Plan, intervention in Cuba (Bay of Pigs), supporting U.S. puppet dictator Singman Rhee in Korea, the French puppet Bao Dai, and then Ngo Dinh Diem in Vietnam, Moise Tshombe in the Congo, Trujillo in the Dominican Republic.

For a time in the Congo, Greece, Dominican Republic, the U.S. had some success in its efforts. Elsewhere, direct counterrevolution failed. In Korea, the U.S. suffered its first major military defeat of the century.

Inside the U.S., the '50s were marked by reaction, repression and witch-hunting, McCarthyism and the execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, framed as atomic spies for the World War II ally, the Soviet Union. Liberal and left movements were in retreat and disarray.

In the '60s and early '70s, new resistance began to develop partly in response to Third World successes, the failures of the cold war to solve anything, and the decline of the "red scare." Black and Chicano movements for liberation when frustrated and repressed led to riots and uprisings from Watts to Detroit. Students and youth movements gave support and found their own causes. The growth of intervention in Vietnam tended to pull everything together into a militant anti-racist, anti-war, anti-empire opposition. There began to be draft resistance, desertions, a GI resistance within the Armed Forces. There were huge demonstrations and police riots. Washington, D.C., Chicago, Berkeley, San Francisco State. Government terror at Augusta State, Kent State, the murder of Fred Hampton and Mark Clark, hundreds of frame-ups and trials.

After World War II, the U.S. bid openly for world leadership and control. In spite of organizing 2000 military bases around the world and an initial nuclear monopoly, this effort failed. In part the failure was also marked by loss of clear technological and economic superiority. But this failure was also marked by the similar failure of American air and naval power to make up for the weakness of unmotivated soldiers when fighting against men and women from "smaller, weaker" countries with a just cause.

The Rise Fall of Tricky Dick

THE RISE

Nixon clawed his way into Congress; he red-baited New Deal Congressman Jerry Voorhees to get elected to the House, later did the same to Helen Gahagan Douglas to make it to the US Senate.

To Nixon, all his opponents were Soviet spies or dupes. "National security" already appears as his first and best loved racket. Once in the Congress, he worked with Whitaker Chambers, a one-time friend of Alger Hiss, to frame Hiss as a spy by planting micro-filmed documents in a garden pumpkin. The "Pumpkin Papers" were a sensational part of building up the red-scare and cold war witchhunts of the '50s. Hiss was convicted of perjury, not spying, but the damage was done.

THE FALL

Once re-elected he backs out of Vietnam truce and horrifies the world with one of the most criminal acts ever - the December 1972 bombing of northern and southern Vietnam.

There is international revulsion against his terror bombings. Sweden, West Germany, the Pope, Australia, and much of the socialist world all protest. The allies have pulled out of Vietnam. Never was the U.S. so isolated.

The air offensive flops, the National Liberation Front ("Vietcong") do not collapse. Nixon makes an uneasy and grudging peace. But Nixon goes right on bombing in Cambodia dn denouncing the Vietnamese and denying responsibility for Watergate.

He calls for re-instating the death penalty, for death to saboteurs, more power, total power for himself and his cronies. He sees himself not simply as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, but of everybody.



As Malcolm X once said, the chickens do come home to roost. The MyLai's, the invasions of Laos and Cambodia, and their failure, the growth of disunity and dissension spreading to all sections of the population, refusal of the government to respond to people's needs and things like the assassination of John and Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King all go to show that this crisis is not just at the surface and it won't be solved by putting a few underlings in jail.

It seems clear already that Nixon has over-reached himself. His grab for total personal power and rule by the Nixon gang is not going to come off. There are some such as Hearst, with his newspapers who are still trying to save Nixon. Many former supporters are now

concerned that Nixon just can't make it. At this moment the most popular position with traditional democrats and republicans is that Nixon is damaged but not the Presidency. The Democrats want mostly to see Nixon crippled but not removed. They use the excuse that they don't like Agnew, but what they really don't want is for the probing and exposure to go deeper, to the underlying crisis, which involves both parties and the entire system. For on the issues of power and control they are much like Nixon, they want power too, but they want it more widely held. They fear that openly crude and bloody exercise of personal power is

too visible, too vulnerable. Nixon will be removed only if the people force it. And if his removal seems unavoidable, there will be an effort to substitute some other reactionary hero. Agnew doesn't quite fit. Their trouble is after all this heavy going, they are very short of heroes.

For people, heroes are not the problem. The problem is to get through all the flack to ask the right questions so there is a chance to find some real answers. Changes are going to happen - but people have to do their own pushing. No one with their investments in the same places as Richard M. Nixon is going to do any real favors for the rest of us.

MEWS...

GI MOVEMENT SHOOTS DOWN ARTICLE 134

bring discredit." This civilian court decision applied to closer to witnesses on the Ranger) was no longer valid. all branches of the service, and was put into action on the spot.

The court ruling wiped out Article 134 because it was innocent man spent ten months behind bars. too broad. It was used to prosecute people for anything from passing bad checks to making "disloyal" statements. The only reason the court made this ruling was because four different enlisted people fought for years in out of Pat Chenoweth? It should be rembered that in the courts to have their convictions for violating Article July, 1972, the U.S. was engaged in another all-out 134 overturned. Howard Levy, Ken Stolte, Don Amick, attempt to save the government of Thieu in Vietnam. and Mark Avrech were all busted for GI movement activities. Levy, a doctor, refused to train Green Beret Thieu's own army demoralized and defeated, the Nixon medics, and spoke publicly about this refusal. Stolte and administration escalated its savage bombing of Indochina Amick distributed leaflets at Fort Ord to other trainees to unprecedented levels. The Navy was anxious to send about the Vietnam war. And Mark Avrech was busted the Ranger for the attack. They couldn't afford more for "attempting to publish a statement disloyal to the ships out of action because of "discipline problems." United States" while a Marine stationed at Da Nang in 1969. All four have already served time. But because they continued to fight to have their convictions overturned, no more GIs should have to go to trial for violating Article 134. (Source: Travisty and Camp News).

DESERTERS NO LONGER WELCOME IN SWEDEN OR CANADA

USA (Winter-Spring) - If you're planning to leave your chains behind and head for greener pastures in another country, read this first. American military deserters can no longer expect automatic asylum in Sweden. Kjell Oeberg, general director of the Swedish Immigrant Board, announced that "Sweden has no reason to accept deserters now that the Vietnam war is over. . . . "Oeberg apparently hasn't read the newspapers or talked to any of the enlisted people applying for entry. Sweden's new policy is that deserters now in Sweden can stay, but new deserters will be stopped at the border and turned over

This move follows a Canadian immigration authority policy change last November which said that no person can apply for legal landed immigrant status from within Canada or at its border stations. Since GIs can hardly be expected to write ahead for reservations, this move blocks what has been a legal way of leaving the military for tens of thousands of GIs and their families. If you have questions about these changes in Sweden, write to: "Up From Exile," Birger Jarlsgatan 27, 3 tr., 11445 Stockholm. For information about the Canadian changes, write to: "Amex," P.O. Box 187, Station D., Toronto, Ontario M6P 318.

Chenoweth ...

Continued from cover

could have meant 30 years in jail.

After the court-martial started getting a lot of publicity in newspapers across the country the Navy decided to move the trial to the Philippines. It was the first time in anyone's memory that the prosecution had requested a change of venue. Had they succeeded, it would have given the military a precedent for sending any controversial trial to one of its strongholds in another area of the world. The military and federal courts agreed with the Navy that the trial could be moved. But luckily, all Washington, D.C. (May) - Article 134, the catch-all pro- the appeals and motions took several months and the vision of the UCMJ, was ruled unconstitutional by the military judge was hospitalized for chronic alcoholism U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. This article is the one and retired. By the time a new judge was selected the which covers "disorders and neglects to the prejudice of Ranger was already on its way back from Asia and the good order and discipline" and "conduct of a nature to Navy's official reason for transferring the trial (to be

> Both the Navy and federal courts denied Pat his right to release from pre-trial confinement. Because of this, an

THE NAVY'S PROBLEM

Why was the Navy so anxious to make an example With most U.S. ground troops out of Vietnam and

RESISTANCE

While ther were dozens of law students, lawyers, and others who worked hard to free Pat, the people most responsible for the victory were the GIs who withstood the brass' attempts to force them to fabricate evidence against Pat. Testimony in court from people on the Ranger and at Treasure Island brig documented that Naval Intelligence and brig personnel had threatened and bribed over a dozen people to turn against Pat. Five people in the brig told Pat that they had been offered reductions in sentence (one was even told he'd get a medal) if they would get a confession from Pat.

In his victory statement Pat said, "First, I would like to thank the people aboard the Ranger and in the brig who did not knuckle under to the Navy's attempts at intimidation. I know that the pressures they faced were tremendous and that it took great courage to overcome

He said, Today I feel we have won a great victory against the most dehumanizing machine in the world. At a time in history when the United States military is the major genocidal force around the globe, it is particularly gratifying not only to be free, but to have beaten the Navy in its attempt to frame me.

Unfortunately military prisons are still brimming with people imprisoned unjustly, with flimsy evidence against them and little access to lawyers and others to work in their behalf. And their numbers will probably growbecause armies involved in fighting racist and imperialist wars will, by their nature, have to continue repressing their members.

To my brothers and sisters in America's jails around the world I say... keep struggling... soon we shall all be

Power to the People.

Subscribe!

rank and name military number

military address/unit

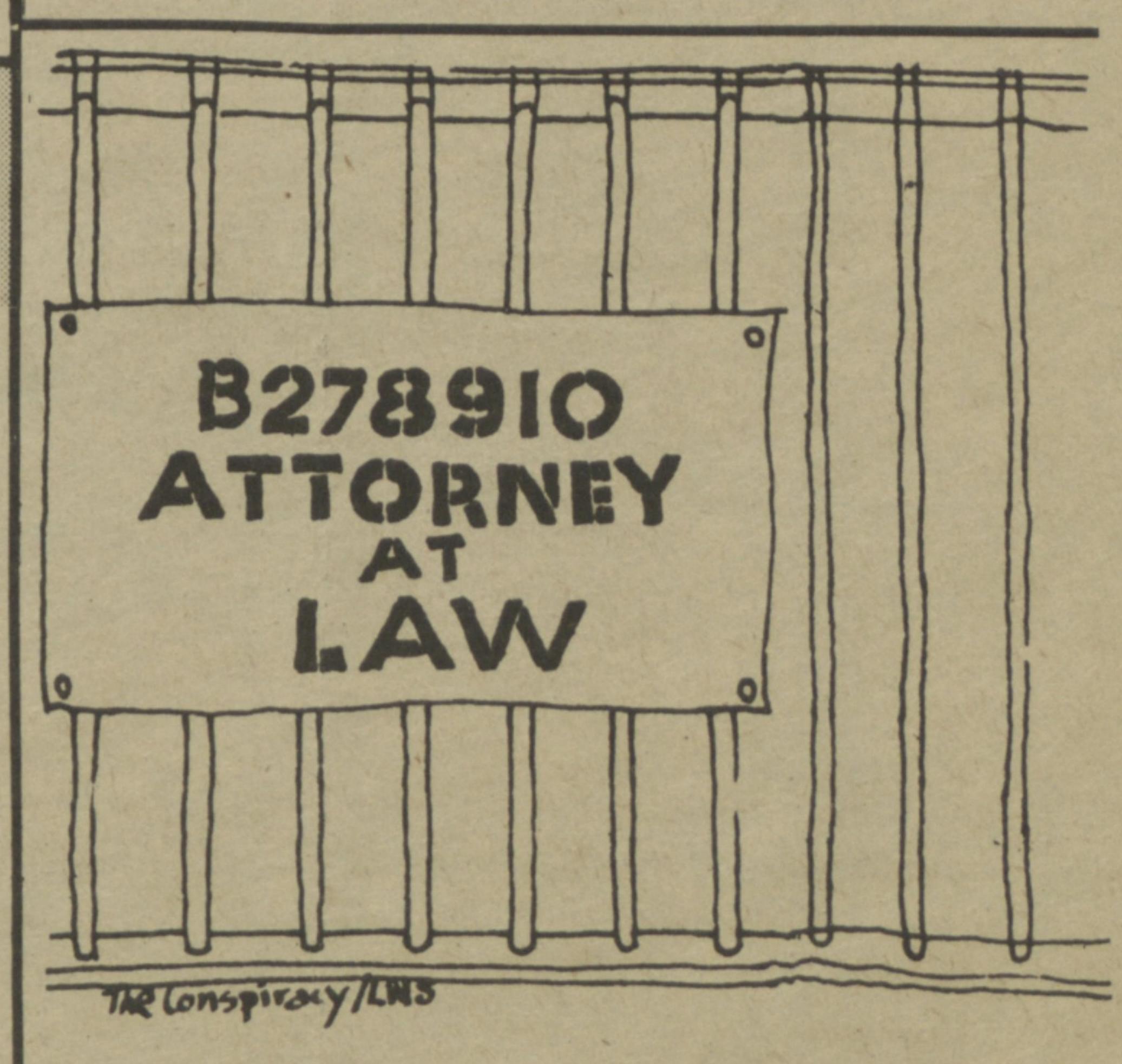
branch of service

release date

- I am a captive of the US Armed Forces and want to get this free.
- will distribute Bulkheads on base. Send me (5) (10) (25) (50) (100)

Here's the name and address of a friend in the service who ought to be getting this paper:

98 Chenery Street, SF, CA 94131



REGS AROUND

Military Law as a Tool For Organizing

Available for one dollar from: P.O. Box 40614 Station C

San Francisco, CA 94110

Meu fram

New 7-25-73 Ecopy up against Achold UNITED FRONT PRESSoner

J.C. PEELE, M.D. KINSTON, N.C.

"The people who run this country have one cold lesson from Vietnam staring them in the face: You can't fight a war without an army." -- from the Introduction.

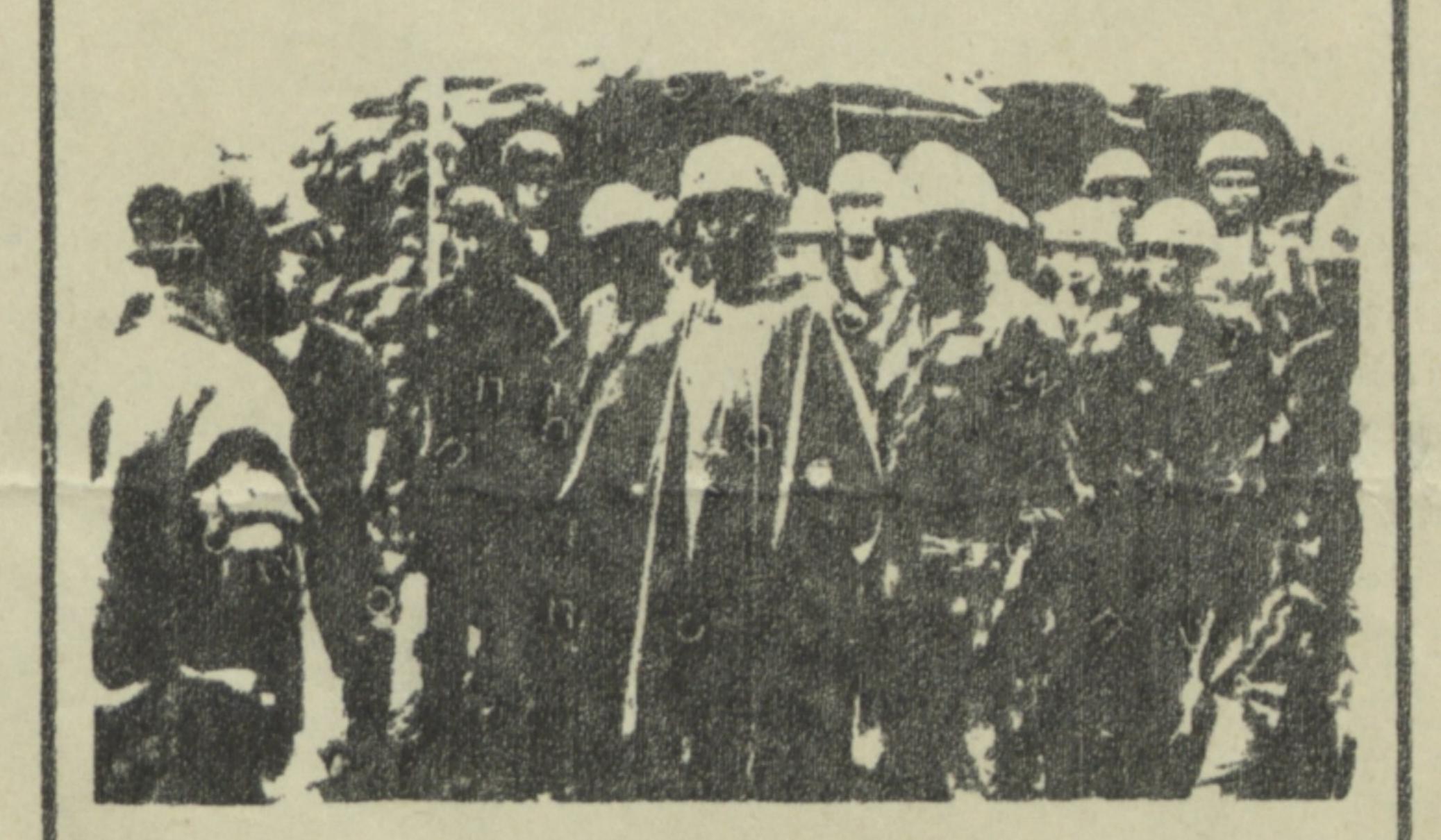
GI resistance was one of the major forces behind the withdrawal of U.S. ground forces from Vietnam. GI Revolts contains two eyewitness accounts of resistance to the war and the Army. One is about a Black medic, fed up with racial harrassment, who shot his top sergeant.

The second is about the mutiny of a company of infantrymen near the Cambodian border in 1971. The revolt was triggered when 15 men were ordered out on a suicidal night patrol against regiment sized NLF-NVA forces. War reporter Richard Boyle was on hand to slip out an anti-war petition and a tape recording from Pace.

The pamphlet's conclusion analyses stateside G1 resistance, the recent rebellions in the Navy, and the impact of G1 revolts on the Vietnam war and future U.S. intervention abroad.

GI REVOLTS

The Breakdown of the U.S. Army in Vietnam



By Richard Boyle

400

Order from:

UNITED FRONT PRESS P.O. Box 40099 San Francisco, CA 94140

40¢ each

BULK RATES

20% off on 10 or more copies 40% off on 50 or more copies

Also available from United Front Press

INTERNATIONAL RUNAWAY SHOP: Why U.S. Companies
Are Moving Their Plants Abroad, by Mitch Zimmerman and
the United Front Press staff

40¢

DETROIT TO DURBAN: The Big Three Auto Companies in South Africa, by the Black Workers Organizing Committee

25

SOLDIED AND STRIKERS, 1877-1970, by Vince Pinto

40¢

WAGE CONTROLS AND HOW TO FIGHT 'EM, by the Workers' Controls Wage Controls

100

Six On and Six Off, Plus Watches, Makes Even Chief Go UA

Free Duluth

[Thanks to "Up From The Bottom" for this story]

San Diego (June) — Sailors on the USS Duluth have started a campaign to expose conditions on the ship, and to keep it from sailing until the ship is made safe for its crew.

Conditions on the ship are so bad that even a Chief went UA, and men have been sent TAD from other ships to get the Duluth ready for its next WESPAC cruise, now scheduled for early June.

Several months ago, the Duluth got a new Captain, one of the most decorated Captains around. Evidently, he want the crew to boost his reputation another notch – all the way to Admiral.

Capt. Hill is responsible for the crew's extra load of harassment and overwork. He's decided that the crew had to work six hours on and then six hours off, standing general quarters when they were off, so they couldn't get much sleep, even when they weren't working.

AMPHETAMINES

This all work and no sleep policy led a lot of guys into speed, just so they could stay awake when they were working. The command has been using urine tests to deal with this "drug abuse."

One guy was ordered to do a lot of work in a short period of time. His division officer knew he was eating speed to stay awake the extra hours it took to do the work. After the job was over, the division officer had him busted for speed!

A lot of guys were recently transferred off the ship, leaving a lot of inexperienced guys in their places. The work load and harassment have made things worse for them.

LEADERSHIP

shown their own incompetence. For example, the Duluth hit a sailboat coming into the harbor and knocked its mast off! In a real crisis decision, a junior officer managed to foul up the boilers with salt water.

This kind of leadership by the command has led some of the Chiefs, who were observers for refresher training, to say that even they were afraid to sail with the ship.

POOR REPAIRS

Equipment on the ship is in bad shape. The crew of the Duluth put in a lot of extra hours during its yard period, but it was all under pressure to get out of the

yards on time. Since it was the first ship to get out of the yard on time in two years, that may look good on the Captain's record. But it means that the ship was not adequately repaired. With an inexperienced crew and incompetent officers, more and more of the faulty equipment is failing.

So much has been going wrong with equipment that there's been a lot of talk of sabotage aboard the Duluth. It seems that the command won't admit to any mistakes of its own so they're looking around the ship for saboteurs. They've even had new locks installed in the engine room compartments.

The Captain's low opinion of people other than himself comes out in other ways. There's a Navy regulation 1121.1 that requires contaminated oil to be dumped 50 miles off shore. The Duluth dumped part of a 17,000 gallon tank of contaminated oil while at the pier at 32nd Street. One guy was told to pour some soap overboard, and turn a hose on it, to cut the oil. Finally, when all the water around the ship turned black, they stopped dumping the oil.

FIGHTING BACK

All these things piled up on each other, and men on the Duluth decided to fight back.

When a Chief went UA, one guy was harassed because it was said that he knew where the Chief was. So twenty other guys in the division signed a petition saying they'd all seen the UA Chief while he was gone.

At the end of April, a newspaper appeared on the ship called the "Free Duluth." The paper points out what's happening on the ship, and shows some ways to fight back against the conditions that exist on the ship.

A bulletin as we go to press tells us that right after the second issue of the "Free Duluth" came out, the ship had a change of command. The new captain immediately promised to correct the poor conditions on board. He also promised to deal with all grievances within 24 hours. But he also promised to bust anyone caught distributing the "Free Duluth." Some crewmen thought this new captain was an ally, while other thought he smelled fishy. The argument was resolved when the more active crewmen in the movement were either discharged, or put on restriction pending Captain's Masts or summaries. But as soon as one set of guys were ripped off, another group went to the Center for Servicemen's Rights to talk about ways to continue the movement. The Duluth sailed June 4 on its WESPAC cruise, with the movement still growing.