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GI's UNITED Against the War in Vietman

This issue is dedicated to the victims of the federal judiciary, especially the Chicago Conspiracy 8 and the New York Black Panther 21; to those who have been brought to trial for political "crimes", for the exercise of the most basic of human rights, and for their concern for the happiness and welfare of their fellow men. Their experience has proven something essential to future planning of movement goals and strategies.

20¢ Donation Free to Servicemen Hoffman Sentences Chicago Conspiracy Eight

CHICAGO (LNS) - The cluttered defense table at the trial of the. Conspiracy Eight in Chicago was finally cleared of defendents on February 15th, as the last of the men on trial for conspiring to riot at the 1968 Democratic National Convention, along with defense attorneys, were sentenced to prison terms for contempt of Julius J Hoffman's court

Beginning with Dave Dellinger and reading verbatim from the trial's transcript, the judge scored Dellinger's shouted support of Bobby Seale when the Panther leader was shakled by the judge. Hoffman ran through instance after instance when Dellinger spoke out against the political nature of the trial, the lies, and the distortions.

When Hoffman was through, he gave Dellinger a chance to speak. Dave talked about the war against Vietnam and about racism in this country. The judge told him that the trial was not about politics. Dave told the judge that that is exactly what the trial is about. Judge Hoffman warned him not to that; but Dave kept on talking:

"You want us to stay in our place, Judge Hoffman, but we won't. Just like black people won't stay in their place, or poor people, or women won't stay in their place. First you wanted us to be like good Germans and say nothing about the evils of this decade. Now you want us to act like good Jews and go quietly to the slaughter. The record is an indictment of you, not us. If

you had any sense, Judge Hoffman, you'd realize that this trial will be the rallying point for a whole new generation."

Shouts of "Right on!" rang out. "Sit down, Mr Dellinger. Mister Marshall, have that man sit down," the judge said.

Dave's daughter, Tasha, applauded her father. Judge Hoffman looked at her, furious, and ordered her thrown out. Tasha gripped the back of her seat as a burly woman marshall pulled her to the ground.

The courtroom exploded. Several Conspiracy staff members hurled themselves into the middle of the melee to protect Tasha. Screams and shouts rang out and the entire room was on its feet. Dave tore himself from the marshalls and ran up to Tasha, shouting, "That's my daughter! They're hitting my daughter! Leave my daughter alone!"

Two staff members were arrested and held on a total of \$35,000 bail - one charged with a felony for "assaulting an officer."

As Tasha was dragged from the court, she shouted, "You fucking Hitler!" at Hoffman, while the marshalls, spectators, reporters (Continued on page 4)



[Except when such sprech is anti-Aouns tration] ... or abridging the freedom of speech or the press; or the right of (Except when diser Der might occur) the people peaceably to assemble . . .'

Rivers Letter Influenced Navy in Priest Case

The case of Roger Priest, who is currently charged with violating Article 1 4 of the UCMJ for publishing alleged "seditious" material continues to be postponed. Last month BRAGG BRIEFSexposed the comm- go on talking about things like and influence that was exerted to reinstate certain charges that the Navy had dropped apparently because they felt they couldn't make them stick. New information indicates that the powerful chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Mendel Rivers, had something to do with bringing charges against Priest in the first place. It seems that Roger printed a short "Parable of Bobby Seale" that included a slap at Rivers in the June, 1969 issue of OM. Rivers wrote a letter dated June 6,1969, to Rear Admiral Means Johnston at the Department of the Navy suggesting the Priest had committed a gross exaggeration of free speech. If Priest is convicted he faces 39 years in jail, and the conviction will, in effect repeal the First Amendment and freedom of speech for G.I."s. As a result, every G. I. publication will be subject to the same repression.

Anyone who follows Congressional Defense legislation knows that Mendel Rivers is nothing but an agent of the Pentagon in the House of Representatives. His district. in South Carolina is so full of defense installations that the city of Charleston practically owes its life to him. Roger Friest and the publication of every other antiwar G.I. newspaper represent a threat to the Pentagon, and a thr-(Continued on page 2)



continued from page 1 eat to the Pentagon is a threat to Mendel Rivers, Prior to the June issue of OM, the Navy had 25 spies sifting through Priest's trash and still didn't feel that it would be in the interest of preserving free speech to press charges. The June issue, however, promp ted River's letter and the charges that followed. It seems, then, that Mendel Rivers would rather repeal the First Amendment and put a man away for 39 years than let anyone make an ass of him. STOP THE TRIAL SAVE ROGER PRIEST

My Lai Repercussions

There is a new questionnaire that is designed to study "the opinions of officers and enlisted men concerning the treatment of POW's and foreign nationals on the battle field."

Although most of these answers were resolved by the 1954 Geneva Conference, the Department of the Army needs answers from G.I.'s. The following are examples:

1. "It is suspected that the girl has vital military information. May physical force be used to get her to talk?"

2. "Should she be killed if her presence jeopardizes your mission?" 3. "If an enemy soldier who is

carrying his gas mask is captured, may his mask be taken from him?" 4. "May a prisoner of war be

forced to clear a mine field which he admits to having helped lay?" 5. "If the prisoner is shot, can Lt. X be court-martialled even

though he did not personally do

the shooting?" Now who could Lt. X be? Its obviously Lt. William Calley of My Lai fame and the questionnaire is obviously in response to the My Lai incident and directed toward preventing similar incidents. But the Army misses the whole point. Atrocities are the natural by-product of war; the only way to prevent them is to end war as an instrumant of foreign policy. The entire system is to blame, Calley is only that system's product and naturally responds in ways consistent with his learning.



GI's United Goes International

Ckinowa now has the first overseas chapter of G.I.'s United. The group was started by Cpl John Dipple of the 441st M.I. Detachment 1st Special Forces Group, Okinowa and formerly of Fort Bragg. There are already other chapters of G.I:s United at Fort Jackson, Fort Gordon and of course Fort Bragg.

The Brass immediately tried to squelch the group on January 25 when they staged their first action. Cpl. John Dipple, Mark Malone and Sgt. Roger Kingsley began passing out leaflets on the Fort Buckner military instillation. The leaflets stated reasons why Vice President Agnew did not visit Okinowa on his far eastern tour.

The G.I.s were brought in by the M.P.s after handing out approximate ly 85 leaflets. They were charged with violations of Article 92 of the UCMJ which is just a holding action until they locate a more specific offence and USARYIS Reg 210-10 which deals with solicitation: After a brief questioning by the 526th det. M.I. to determine if any breach of security was involved, they were returned to their unit. The interesting point is that the post has never implemented any regulations prohibiting on-post distribution.

Cpl. Dipple was reassigned to a different unit and a flagging action wall, and tamper with the heater has been started to lift the MOS of Kingsley and Malone since they displayed "poor judgement."

By trying to squelch this latest organization the Army has again shown that they are afraid of people getting together and telling the truth. We support our brothers struggle against the brass, in Okinowa. This new organization shows how the G.I. movement has grown. Now G.I.'s are not afraid to speak out in foreign countries while on active duty.

You are either a victim or a rebel

RIGHT ON BROTHERS

-Richard Wright, author

WHOLIKESTOBEVICTIMIZED?WHOLIKEST



WRIGHTWTOWN, NEW JERSEY - On Feb 14th, a bomb exploded inside a coffeehouse here that has been a center of antiwar activity involving soldiers at Ft Dix. Three soldiers and a young woman were injured. An Army spokesman denied that the Army was involved in the bombing or in any earlier incidents at the coffeehouse and that military police were investigating. The coffeehouse is already facing eviction this month as a result of pressure put on their landlord by the military and local businessmen. A week before the bombing, an Army captain and three sergeants entered the coffee house and started to push people around until the GI's there threw them out.

When N.J. State Police Detectives Bureau agents came to investigate the bombing, the kicked all GI's and staff out of the building and proceeded to rip down posters, tear up GI papers, pull down boards that had been nailed up to fill cracks in the causing it to malfunction.

FT LEWIS, WASH - On Jan 21, GI's from Ft Lewis and McChord AFB put the brass and its Vietnam war on trial before an audience of 1,500 at the University of Washington. A jury of 12 activeduty soldiers found the military guilty on charges of genocide, crimes against humanity, and violations of soldiers rights.

Fifteen GI witnesses, most of whom had been to Vietnam, told of observing atrocities like the My Lai massacre. They also told of the full support given the NLF by the peasants.

The jury of GI's found the Army guilty on all counts and sentenced it to death.

Why Not Okinawa, Spiro?

OKINAWA - In his recent Asian tour, Vice President Agnew bypassed Okinawa - for good reason. He probably didn't want to face crowds of angry Okinawans who don't think much of America's "defending democracy" and supporting "self - determination" in the Far reversion won't give Okinawa back East. After all, they ve been to the Okinawans. ruled by a US military dictatorship for 25 years. They re tired of American bases - a total of 116 - occupying one-fourth of their island. They don't want B - 52's laded with nuclear weapons flying out of Okinawa. They don't want nerve gas stored in their backyards. They don't want to be treated as a "war prize".

Mr. Agnew didn't stop here because Okinawa is an embarrassment to the Nixon administration and its policy of withdrawing troops from Asia and reducing our defense commitment in this part of the

world. Colonizing Okinawa - and backing the Thieu - Ky clique in South Vietnam - makes a farce of the U.S. pledge to fight for "democracy" abroad. Reversion won't change the basic facts: reversion won't bring the Americans home;

If the President and his envoy, Mr. Agnew, are serious about letting Asians defend Asia, why not: -remove all U.S. troops from

Okinawa

-remove all nuclear, biological and chemical weapons from Okinawa

-end all B - 52 flights from Okinawa

-pledge true freedom and self-determination for the Ryukus

Perhaps Mr Agnew couldn't have answered these questions. Perhaps that is why he didn't stop in Okinawa.

GI MOVEMENT LYLL

columnia, S.C. - The operators of the UFO, a Ft Jackson coffeehouse which was forced to close on Jan 15th, alledged in a federal suit that they were arrested and the coffeehouse padlocked as a result of unconstitutional harrassment by local, state, and military authorities.

The suit, filed by the American Civil Liberties Union, asks the court to declare unconstitutional the South Carolina commonlaw offense of "maintaining a public nuisance", to dissolve a state court injunction against operation of the UFO, to restrain prosecution of the coffeehouse operators and to forbid further harrassment. The "UFO in exile" has opened on the University of South Carolina campus.

FT JACKSON - Seven GI's here have filed suit in a local district court claiming that the Army has violated their first and fourth Amendment rights in denying their discharge as conscientious objectors, whiel forcing them to serve in the Army that is waging an immoral, unjust, and illegal war in Vietnam.

In the suit the GI's charge that the officers who conduct the interviews are prejudiced against their views and that the sincerity of their claims "requires objec tive consideration not generally shared by persons in the military." The cases will come up in Columbia some time this month.

VIETNAM - The Army has withdrawn court martial charges against SP5 Robert Lawrence who was reassigned after revealing during a radio broadcast that he was ordered to suppress unfavorable news. The Army telegramed Attorney Leonard Boudin, Lawrence's cousel, notifying him that the charges had been dropped and that any further action would have to taken by his new command.

Lawrènce told an audience of soldiers on Jan 3rd that the news they were receiving was censored and he hoped they would help do something about it.

The latest G.I. protest against censorship and distortion which characterizes official news policy relative to the war in Viet Nam is being covered-up by the Army brass

Just as the Song My massacure was "investigated" so are charges of deliberate screening of news broadcasts, being dismissed on the grounds that they arose "through misunderstanding on the part of the young and inexperienced broadcasters."

In reality for example Sp/5 Robert Lawerence whose charge of news suppression has brought about the latest storm, was manager of a radio station in Atlanta for seven years before entering the

As Sp/4 Bob Hodieine, a reporter for "Stars and Stripes" and former war correspondent for UPI explained, "You are on pretty shakey ground when you can't tell the truth about the war for fear they wouldn't fight if you did."

MEMPHIS, TENN - The prosecution has rested its case in the trial for conspiracy to riot by four black marines stationed at a naval air base near Memphis.

"A tumultuous disturbance of the peace...commited in such a manner as to cause public tertor" is the military definition of a riot. There has been no evidence to substantiate this charge and there has been no evidence that the black marines conspired to

The star prosecution witness is Lance Corporal Herbert Lassiter. This Lassiter turns out to have a history of fighting with blacks and whites. Government witnesses on cross examination have testified that Lassiter's reputation for veracity is not

Oh! How strangely the forces of justice work in this country, when in a so-called race riot where there has been a physical confrontation between black and white, four black marines are signaled out of the melee to face criminal charges.

FORT HOOD - Bruce Petersen, victim of the heaviest sentence ever given out in the Army for possession of marijuana (.006 gram) walked out of Leavenworth military prison a free man last December.

There were political overtones to the case. Petersen was actively working with the Oleo Strut, Fort Hood's GI coffeehouse, and was the editor of the Fatigue Press, Fort Hood's GI paper. The Army went all out to get him once it discovered what he was doing. Three times, he found little bags of weed in his possessions on base, but was able to dispose of the evidence. Eventually the plant worked, even if only a microscopic trace of marijuana, and Bruce was busted.

A general court Martial in November, sentenced him to 8 years and a Dishonorable Discharge. But last December, the Judge Advocate people with the National Libera-General's office overturned the court martial, affirming that Petersen had been the victim of illegal search and seizure, that due process of law had been violated in trial procedure, and that when compared to sentences for similar offences, 8 years was "cruel and unusual" punishment.

MONTREAL - The U.S. Army is attempting to suppress figures concerning desertion - both the amount and reasons for it. A recent Pentagon statement says there are "576 American deserters in Canada" and that in "only 107 cases" was there evidence the desertion was in protest of the war in Vietnam. The American Deserters Committee estimates there are 3 to 6 thousand deserters in Canada and records show that in over 50% of the cases men have left the military and the U.S. after they

had received orders for Vietnam. Paul Petri of the ADC says, "the Pentagon believes that the American people will accept anything it says. Well we don't; in this case, we know they're wrong.



HANOI (LNS) - "I am now in the service of the Vietnamese people in their struggle against the imperialist aggressor. You may think I am a traitor; yes, a traitor to the U.S. of Rockefellers and Morgans and all the rest. I have never been nor ever will be a traitor to the American people, for they are opposed to this brutal war."

This is a small portion of an open letter from a black rebel marine who has left the American forces in Vietnam to fight for the liberation of the Vietnamese tion Front. It is written to his former comrades-in-arms. Paul M. Sweeney, the former marine, also proposed that American soldiers should stage a march on Saigon, further stating that "soldiers from the puppet army would probably join us." He said Nixon can't fight alone!

SOLDIER, YOU LOOK LIKE THE MAN WE NEED-HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON RADIO ...?"



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and staff exchanged punches and shouts. Bill Kunstler made his way up to the bench tears running over his cheeks, and accused Judge Hoffman of destroying his life and everything it stood for. The judge sat imperiously and kept asking for order in the courtroom.

As Dave was taken from the court, he turned, raised his fist, and said, "Right on, beautiful people! Right on, black people, poor people, young people. Right on!" Just before he got to the door, he turned, smiled, and said, "Not to mention Latin Americans!" Several spectators and reporters clapped, and were ejected from the court.

Rennie Davis got 23 counts (which amounted, he said, to 22 minutes of "disruption" in a trial of $5\frac{1}{2}$ months), and he was sentenced 24 months in prison.

"I've heard enough about Bobby Seale!" shouted a purple-faced Hoffman at one point in Rennie's statement. "Do you know what that man called me':"

"A racist, a facist and a pig," shouted Rennie.

"You know how many times he called me that?" the judge asked.

"Many times," said Rennie, "and not enough," adding: "You represent all that is old. uglv. re-

sent all that is old, ugly, repressive and bigoted in this country, and the spirit at this /defense/ table is going to destroy
you."

Tom Hayden's contempt sentence will keep him in prison for 14 months, on 11 citations - for raising a fist in greeting to a friend, for refusing to stand for the judge, for mentioning, in front of the jury, how former Attorney General Ramsey Clark was barred from court as a defense

witness. mentioning also how Jus-

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examination what I was wondering
about at a certain time. I've
never been on trial for my dreams
before. How can I have respect
for what you call the highest
court in the land when it puts me
on trial for my dreams? The people
are the highest court in the
land!"

Judge Hoffman was tired, so Abbie was the last defendant for that afternoon. Jerry Rubin, John Froines and Lee Weiner were saved for the next morning, a Sunday. Their sentences ranged from 2½ to 25 months. Hoffman then turned to the defense attorneys William Kunstler and Leonard Weinglass.

Attorney Kunstler gets over four

Hoffman cited Kunstler for contempt for asking questions "designed to delve into the substance of a document" after being ordered not to; for referring to the chaining and gagging of Bobby Seale as a "disgrace" and a "medieval torture"; for defying a court order to sit down after protesting that Bobby's chains and gag were reminiscent "of 300 years of slavery"; for asking witness Mayor Daley "83 questions which were objectionable"; for accusing the judge of prejudicing the jury against the defendants and saying, "I'm sitting down under protest"; for interupting Assistant U.S. Attorney Shultz, who was arguing to exclude Ramsey Clark as a defense witness, and saying, "Mr Schultz can't represent anything in its proper perspective", for calling a ruling by the judge "outrageous" and adding that he was going to "say my piece and you can hold me in contempt right now. . . You have violated every sense of fair play in this courtroom. This is not a fair trial. If I have to lose my



license to practice law and go to jail, I can think of no better cause to go for. These men are going to jail on a legal lynching, and you are responsible for it."

Kunstler got 4 years and 23 days. Weinglass got 20 months. Kunstler remarked, "I may not be the greatest lawyer in the world, but I think that I am, with my colleague Leonard Weinglass, the most privileged - being punished for what we believe in." Weinglass said that the court for the past five months had provided him with the "richest, warmest associations in my life." He praised the people who "slept on the floor of my house and made do with only

\$20 a week" to work for the defense.

Hoffman gave Len an admonishing glance; your conduct in court,
the judge said, must have caused
the people you worked with to
lose respect for you.

Ann Froines, the wife of John Froines, jumped up and shouted, "There's no man in this courtroom I respect more than Len Weinglass" and she walked out. Immediately, Mickey Leaner, of the Conspiracy legal staff, a young black woman, got to her feet and exclaimed, "Judge Hoffman, you are a racist and a facist and a pig."

The trial was over except for the verdict. The following note

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thing as "a police riot", urged the Chicago Grand Jury to prepare indictments against several of the Chicago police. These men have since been tried and acquitted. Incidentally, Clark was not allowed to testify for the defense in the Conspiracy trial.

It was the Nixon administration, including Attorney General
John Mitchell, who first gave serious consideration to prosecuting
any of the demonstrators. They
picked eight men whose ideology
was most inconsistent with their
own, and the trail began.

Panther 21 conspiracy trial opens in New York; Judge Murtagh determined to stop Panther Party

The Chicage trial is not an isolated case. As the Conspiracy trial closes, the Panther 21 trial begins in New York. The Panthers under charges have already spent 10 months in prison without trial. They were held in different prisons making it impossible for the defendents and their lawyers to meet together. Judge Murtagh has has forced the Panthers to sit on the opposite side of the courtroom from their attorneys. The defense was denied court transcripts for the 1st week of the trial, making it impossible for them to respond to specific points made by the prosecution. Bail has been set at \$100,000 for 11 of the defendents. The trial is obviously an attempt to stop the Panther Party as a political force in this country.

What now?

It is clear that rights for the American people have become meaningless abstractions, existing only where they are not exercised. It is clear that the courts will be used as a tool to give the so-

J.C. PEELE, M.D. RINSTON, M.C. SHIMM PORCE

U.S. Aggression into Laos

PLAIN OF JARS, LAOS (LNS) - The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency has evacuated the entire civilian population from here in the last few days. Anticipating a Pathet Lao offensive to liberate the Plain of Jars, the CIA piled near ly 20,000 people - mostly women and children - into "Air America" planes and shipped them to resettlement camps along the Nam Ngum River, about 25 miles north of Vientiane.

The Plain of Jars, about 100 miles northeast of Vientiane, was under firm Pathet Lao control until last summer, when massive American bombing permitted the CIA's clandestine army to capture the area for the Laotian government.

Since then, the dry season has started, simplifying the logistical problems of the ground-bound guerillas, and the local Pathet Lao have been reinforced by about 10,000 newly arrived North Vietnamese troops.

The liberation forces have already started nibbling toward the Plain of Jars and have seized Pho Nok Kok hill and several other small government outposts. Most observers here believe that the Pathet Lao can capture the Plain if they undertake a sustained drive, but the Americans are determined to make the prize not worth winning.

Bombing has already destrived most communities in the Plain and had forced this latest group of refugees to live in caves and tunnels for the past year.

Since last summer, when Amer-

Labor Petition

The following petition is being rculated on Ft Bragg and nation de by G.I.s United;

We, the undersigned active duty rvice men, recognizing our right Americans to equitable wage and ving conditions, do hereby petion the Congress, the Department. Defense and appropriate instaltion commanders for:

1) A forty hour work week while garrison and not on alert or ring an emergency situation;

2) A Federal minimum wage and imination of wage increases sed on rank and time in service 3) A maximum of eight hour work ift for kitchen police and simir details.

Servicemen are guaranteed the ght to petition the Congress by e First Amendment to the Constition. However, certain lifers at rt Bragg do not seem to realize is fact.

Two members of GI's UNITED were tting signatures in the basic aining area on February 15th, en several sergeants started rrassing them and the soldiers o were signing the petition. ey got very excited and tried to ag down a passing MP jeep. Finly, they called the MP's who nt a jeep, but when they arrived ey didn't disturb the petition-

Not knowing what to do, the MPs lled headquarters who in turn lled JAG. Approximately half an ur later, a squad car with an MP d a JAG lawyer pulled up. The MP ked to see the petition, but en returned it and asked for the mes of the two petitioners. They en left.

The two petitioners collected er 100 signatures that afternoon d by the end of the week, GI's ITED had collected over 500 sigtures. The drive will continue til there are over 2,000 signares, then the petitions will be and carried to Congress by GI's.

People ask me who my heroes 'e, I have only one - Adolph .tler

Marshall Ky, dictator

CISTFACISTFACISTFACISTPIG



"Do you want a wage increase or would you rather be a patriotic American?"

Restraining Orders stop court-martials

At the present time, there are four individuals at Ft Bragg who have stopped the Army from courtmartialing them.

If a soldier exhausts his administrative remedies when filing for discharge and is unable to secure release, he can file suit in the federal courts to contest the legality of his detention in the military. During the time his case is being reviewed he can obtain restraining orders stopping any court-martial from proceding.

In Feb 1969, the first such restraining order was issued against the Bragg officials and as yet the court-martial of the individual involved has not taken place.

Since that first restraining order at Bragg, there have been three other such orders issued. These four individuals have been successful in preventing their court-martials and hopefully they are helping to end the power of the Army to court-martial anyone. Perhaps the army should have limited power to punish by restraining or fining a soldier. However, they should not have the power to imprison especially now when court martials are political trials.

If a person has committed a crime serious enough to be put in jail then he should be tried by the court of his country and this does not include the military courts. Most people who have been

Write On!!!

David Wachter and Richard Yahr, two very active members of GI's UNITED have been honorably discharged from the Army. With early outs for school, they are now on campus, confident that GI's UNI-TED will continue the work they helped start. Right on brothers; free the campus. OURFOUNDINGFATHERSOURFOUNDINGFATH

under the control of the military realize its difficult, if not impossible, to receive a fair trial,

by court-martial.

Roger Friest faces 39 years in jail for writing a GI paper. If Roger can be tried for UCMJ charges amounting to 39 years in jail, then he should be tried by the courts of this land - the federal courts. How can the brass be objective when Roger's charges result from his opposition to the military and its goals?

A conscientious objector won't receive a fair trial if he refuses to train in the methods of killing and has to appear before brass who have supported war and killing for years. A person can't receive fair treatment if he's known as a political dissenter trying to change the very system that will pass

sentence upon him.

A recent example of the brass' fear for security is the case of Lt Calley. No matter whether or not a person feels he's guilty, its difficult for anyone to feel that Calley will receive a fair trial, especially when the brass know our Commander-in-Chief said Calley would be punished if he is found guilty. Perhaps a civilian court would expose more individuals that might be involved even if it is higher ranking brass.

We must act now to end a system which denies a fair trial. If the brass must "cover their own asses", then let them find some other way than being able to imprison people. Its possible they may pass legislation ending this kangaroo court system. However, until it is passed we must work together to stop the UCMJ. Four guys at Bragg have stopped the UCMJ, so now we need hundreds of others who will face future courtmartials to get restraining orders stopping their tastes of justice military style.

More on Haircuts

In compliance with an article' appearing in last months issue of Bragg Briefs regarding the "haircut letter" and certain commande: ers° failure to comply with the provisions of that letter, a 2nd "haircut letter" was sent out from XVIII Airborne Corps Headquarters stating that the Commanding General "desires the strictest possible compliance with the /original/ letter as well as the intent of the new haicut policy."

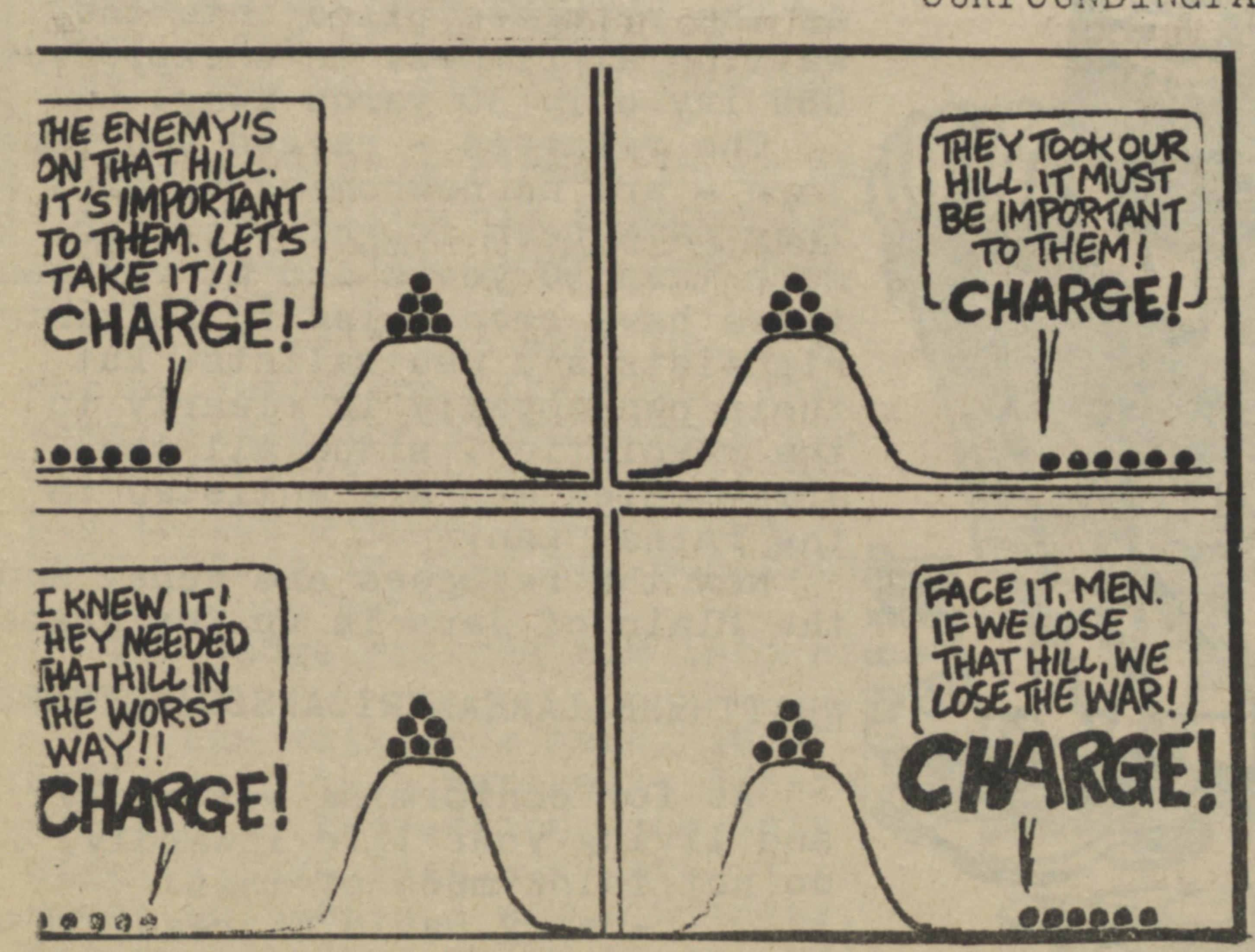
General, your tank is a mighty vehicle. It smashes down forests and crushes a 100 men. But it has one defect: It needs a driver.

General, your bomber is powerful. It flies faster than a storm and carries more than an elephant. But it has one defect: It needs a mechanic.

General, a man is very useful. He can fly, and he can kill. But it has one defect: He can think.

- Bertolt Brecht

BOYCOTT TABLE GRAPES



The men huddled by a fire, the

side-heef stewing in the pot, the children listening to words their hearts do not understand. The baby has a cold. Here take the blanket-It was my mother's - take it for the baby. This is the thing to bomb. This is the beginning, from quarterly dinner meeting held at the I to the we.

this, you might survive. If you He described the Army as "not a could know that Paine, Marx, Jefferson, and Lenin were results, not causes, you might preserve yourselves. But this you cannot know, for the quality of owning freezes you forever into the "I", and cuts you off forever from the .. M.E ..

- John Steinbeck ***********

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-Eugene Debs, 1904

Tell it like it is, general

Lt. Gen. Albert O. Connor, commanding general of the Thrid Army, recently addressed the Braxton Bragg chapter of the Association of U.S. Armys (AUSA) Fort Bragg. The general explained If you, who own the things that to his audience he was going to people must have, could understand "tell the Army story like it is". parochial, self centered and self

serving organization".

The general failed to mention Major Rowe, a former POW, who is presently touring the United States in uniform, giving speeches supporting the war and attaching such antiwar critics as Senator McGovern from SWD. and Senator Fulbright from Arkansas. The army has a regulation prohibiting such activity, but only enforces it against GI's who wear their uniforms in antiwar demonstrations. General, is not this parochial, self centered, and self serving? The general continued saying "the army did not make the war in Vietman or the draft laws". General Connor didn't mention that the army had advocated intovention in Vietnam ever since 1954 or that in 1962, report by the then army chief of Staff, General Maxwell Taylor, encouraged President Kennedy to increase our troop strenght in Vietnam. The prsent Army Chief of Staff, William Westmoreland, is even more visible, constantly giving speeches in support of the war.

Though it is true that congress passed the draft laws, Connor did not state how the Pentagon influences legislation. WHen ever there is an important vote in congress, like the ABM system, Pentagan lobbyists are out button holeing congressman and Senator, Pentagon lobbyists also contact friendly businessmen telling them to call their congressional representatives Such capitalists as the grape growers feels fighting for what his cour can not refuse such a request, especially after the army increase purchasing their grapes by 300%. The increase in the grape buying was primarily aimed at breaking a strike against the vineyards. With an increasingly effective strike and boycott, the farm workers are developing into a strong antiwar union and are becoming a potent political force in American politics.

Although Congress passes the laws, on all matters pertaining to defense the Pentagon is the major influence. Be it through reports, lobbyists, contracts to businessmen, public relations manipulation, or defense spending in congressional districts, it is the Pentagon that has prevailed for the last twenty-five years. Don't try to pass the buck, general, tell it like it really is.



"I can't see the objection to spraving people with napalm if it makes the world a better place to live in."



Failings of Racial Seminar

Somebody has been trying to something about the racial probl in the Army today. They started eliminating the block which requested race on information shee which was later changed. They tried again by allowing Afro-ha cuts. Again an attempt was mad and probably the best one - racia seminars. Everyone knows that t best way to relieve tension and to get things out in the open i to talk about it. But let the black man talk, He is the one w knows his problem.

At one seminar headed by a white colonel, containing seven other white officers and two bla ones on a panel, the colonel cal ed upon one black man in the au ience who stated that he couldr. see going to Viet Nam to die ir the white mans war. He wasn't called upon for the rest of the se inar. At still another, a diffe ent colonel sat on a stage and gave his view of why everything was amiss. Both colonels are pr bably still saying I can't unde stand those colored people. Wh can understand how a black man ry says is right in Viet Nam, while his brother is being shot at in the ghetto for voicing hi rights?

The Brass shouldn't moderate these seminars, they shouldn't even be sitting on a discussion board. No one wants to know how they feel about the situation. Putt a black man in charge, put the black man up front, let the white brass sit in the rear and fight their way through the crowd to be heard.

These individuals couldn't be gin to understand the black man problem because when the roits break out they court-martial blac soldiers who refuse to invade t ghetto and fight their brothers Rather then thinking about the length of Afro hair cuts they better start thinking about why the majority of stockade prisoner are angry blacks. If they want: know what the problem is then lo (if they have the courage) for th real answers . ask Hewy Newto ask Bobby Seal, ask the black youth who is forced to exist in the ghetto created by a white ruling class.

Freedom is the word, and whe you hear how it sounds to a man who has been trying to grasp it for a century, maybe then you c begin to understand the word sou

hey That Live By The Sword...

We are committing a crime for hich we will be judged. We are condeming ourselves to death for e are the judge, the jury, the lefendent and the executioner.

here is no defense.

From Vietnam to the Congo, rom the Dominican Republic to he Middle East the interests of number of corporations linked to the military determine how many ill die. The combined assets of S. Steel, Metropolitan Life, AT T, General Motors and Standard il are less than one hird that of the United States Defense Dept. ur institution for saving the "free world" is the worlds largest organization. Over 50% of the ross national product is devoted so so called defense. It is time to inspect exactly what we're lefending with some three thouand military bases around the orld. A complex of this size has monstrous effect on the political spirations of our nation.

We control for 6% of the world opulation 60% of this planets catural resources. In the words of

resident Eisenhower

"Now let us assume we lost Indonina. If Indo-China goes the tin nd tungsten we so greatly value ould reasercoming.

We are after the cheapest way o prevent the occurrence of some hing terrible, the loss of our bility to get what we want from outh-East Asia."

The billions of dollars spent n defense contracts have led us o the point where war or armed onflict are necessary to econmic stability. Consider that 200 retired service officers o include 261 generals and 1-g rank officers are employed y a number of the corporations hat receive these contracts.

The fact that General ymamics has had 187 retired fficers, 27 generals and admirals nd the former Secretary of the rmy on its payroll is not a mique coincidense.

Our terribly efficient "instruent of death" allows regimes subervient to our gluttonous econmic demands to remain in power 11 over the world, Brazil, Peru, enezuala, Thailand, South Korea, apan, and an area which is refered to as South Vietnam are a few f these.

FREE ELECTION 212

The Myth that our actions trive to give the oppresed their ree choice of government has een exposed. In 1956, the year n which by Geneva Agreement, ietnam was to have free elections ne United States decided that nis was not possible due to he "disturbed state of the ountry." What is convieniently mitted from that aproach is the act that the Geneva Agreement wo years previous had enisooned such a state and had rovided for an international ommission to take necessary teps in providing an atosphere in which a free elecion could be held.



AND HAVE NOTS



In 1956 80% of the people beneath the 17th parallel were in favor of Ho Chi Mihn. Free elections would have to wait until a more convienient time. Tens of thousands of American deaths later furled its banner for the purpose and such a time has still not

The paranoia of a world wide 'Communist Plot' unleashing itself upon us at H hour has been found to be low on communists and high on Wall Street.

It is easy for some to dismiss murder when you classify it as "necessary to National Defense" For those who would like to reand 'survival of the Free World for ceive Bragg Briefs, mail for your monsters will always be made for charming Prince Valients to slay. Especially if the local armorer has anything to say abilut it.

This pen is much to humble to expect that all said here will be taken on faith. The evidence comes in black white and red, and found not in glossy covered bocks with pictures depicting right or left wing symbols but in plain covered bindings. The Geneva

Commission and Libernational Commission f. sworvision and Control in Vietnam and the annual reports of a number of certain large corporations to include the United States Defense Dept. and it's subsideraries.

Read it for yourself. It's in quotation marks and it's in English but if you go in waving a flag you're in for a bust because it's not like they ve been selling it.

You don't murder people on the other side of the world and send your sons as sacrifice to the God of Economics and live in peace and harmony, you pay and we're paying.

We will change our nation's methods of achieving econmic stability or we will watch as ilise methods are accepted as a means of solution on lower levels of our society. In areas of race, education, industry and every day confrontation.

The killing does not end in a far-away land. To justify murder, is to do just that, the naming of the victims and the tolling of the bell is left to whom.

If you don't want to watch don't turn on TV, don't go to dillege, stay off the streets... and lock your doors.

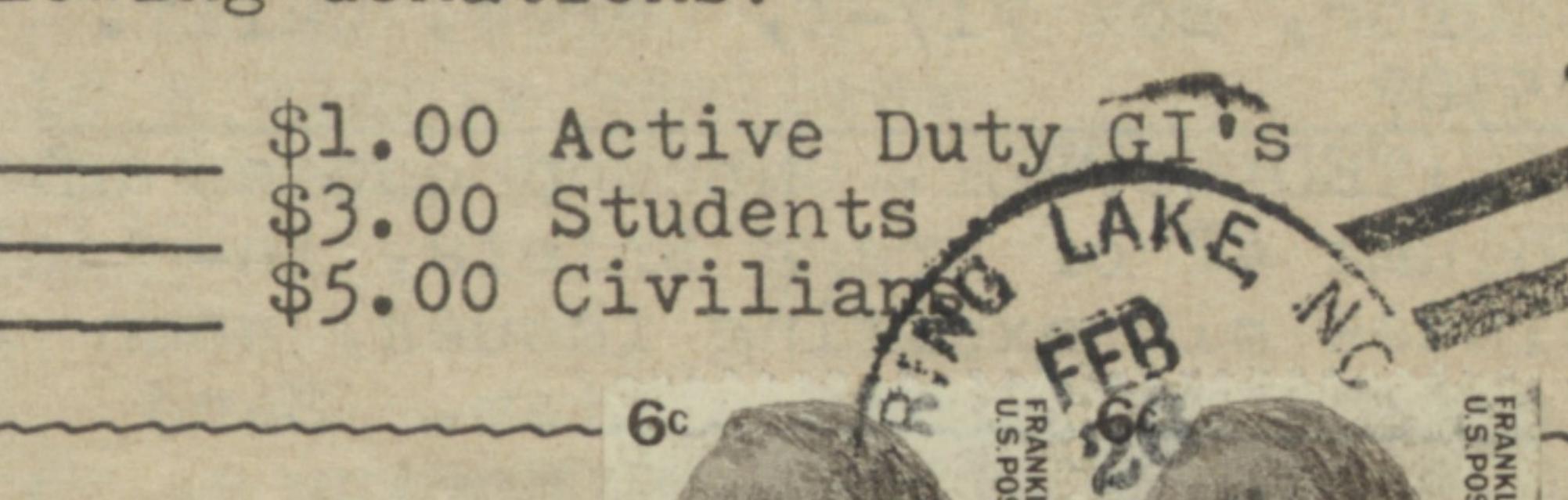
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