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GI's UNITED Against the War in Indo China

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M-16 RALLY HUGE SUCCESS

On Saturday May 16th, Rowan Street Park was the scene of the largest anti-war demonstration in North Carolina history. Over 4000 persons - students, police, MI, a few Nixon loyalists, and 1,000-plus GIs - came to witness GI's United's Counter-Armed Forces Day rally.

The rally was in concert with a nationwide GI protest movement centered on discontent with the Indockinese war and a national assertion that GI's will exercise First Amendment guarantees.

Bragg's was the largest in the country, and remained very peace-

INVASION !!!

Following the May 16 rally to end military oppression and U.S. involvement in Indochina, Rennie Davis, Jane Fonda, Barbara Dane, and Mark Lane "invaded" the basic training center here at Ft Bragg. Civilians and GI's who attended the rally also took part in the so-called invasion, covering all major units on the post.

The idea behind the invasion was to communicate with GI's and trainees, informing them of their rights and enlisting aid to help abolish the military war machine. Leaflets and other anti-war, antimilitary literature were distributed to the GI's on post and many rap sessions were held. The response and enthusism were tremendous, as was the effect on the

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ful throughout. Fear of violence had prompted the military authorities to cancel Armed Forces Day.

Jane Fonda, Mark Lane, and Rennie Davis were featured speakers along with folk singer Barbara Dane. GI's from Fort Bragg, John Vail, Hal Noyes, and Vern Alexander also spoke.

Miss Fonda in a fiery, emotional tirade lashed out against the Cambodian invasion and praised the ousted Prince Sihanouk.
"He had established a successful Buddhist socialism in Cambodia, when all the countries were corrupt, were in war, were in financial crisis, Cambodia had known 9 years with no war... and Sihanouk was building hospitals, uni-

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BIRE

at the Quaker house

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STRIKE

do it!

On May 16th, GI organizations around the country announced what is to be called a GI strike. The tactic of the strike is to organize, through legal means, a work slowdown. It will not formally advocate that anyone break any law. To the contrary, it will be an effort to enforce every rule and regulation in every situation in which it might be applied. "We're going to follow the rules so close that the rule following and the law and order and the paperwork is going to paralyze this motherfuckin' war machine."

There are innumerable, largely unenforced, regulations which can be used to the GI's advantage and to the Army's disadvantage: bond turn-ins, IG complaints, congressionals, applications for classification or discharge as conscientious objectors, changing beneficiaries on life insurance policies to anti-war organizations, and so on.

The strike will formally begin on July 1st. However, as a preliminary action, an effort is being made around Fort Bragg to encourage soldiers to turn in their savings bonds. Savings bonds are war bonds. Bond turnins are unquestionably legal; harrassment by commanders over allotments for savings bonds is absolutely forbidden.

... bonds first

Now let's talk about another way our benevolent government has decided to use us against ourselves. There's a lot of sentiment in the Army against the Indochinese war, whether it's a guy who just doesn't dig the idea of American imperialism, or feels essentially opposed to genocide; or whether he just plain doesn't want to get himself killed in some Asian swamp nobody ever heard of ten years ago.

Sure, a whole bunch of G.I.'s have no use for the mess our government has gotten us into over

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WHO CARES?

I arrived in Vietnam on the 1st day of March 1969 and from the day I got there till the day I left, it was nothing but trickery by the Army. The first thing that in a way started all this was a guy - just another GI who got a letter from home saying that his girl was going to have his baby. So he did what is common - he started to go to people and pleaded for some way to go home and get married so his girl wouldn't have the baby out of wedlock. But would anyone listen? Hell no. He did everything by the book, but when it came to what he wanted the answer was still "no". But he still tried for the next three days. His questions all turned to "no", so he answered them his own way with an II-16 and 4 shells through his head. Who was he? Just another GI... But who was to blame?

During the following months changed one way then another. But this was a real change. My unit was going to have an IG. An IG inspection in Vietnam! Not an every day thing for a combat zone. The IG went real well. All the companies passed with flying colors. Barracks and motor pool were real good. Then, they said, if anyone has a complaint today you can talk to the IG. Well a few people did. A few people had their bitches about why haircuts and clean shaves, but one guy had a different story. Why is there a 290m pan, batteries, and hoods to 5-ton trucks buried in the motor pool of D company 36th Engineers.

Well this the man found hard to believe, so he got the commanding officer and the man with the mouth to investigate. The man with the story pointed to where the bulldozer should start digging. After about five feet of dirt was removed the colonel thought boy am I safe. Then about a foot later the bulldozer started bringing up hunks of metal. The light colonel looked like he had just lost his best friend.

That was dragged out for months to follow. And still it is pending results. And so is the G.I. who threw the gernade at his First Sergent. His first sergent pestered and rode him so much this man went temperaraly insane and one night while they were having a uso show threw a gernade at his first shirt. But mo-one then asked why. Two other G.I.'s were given 212 discharges from his company because they wouldn't play his game. They were real bad weren't they? Then how come no one asked any questions when the first sergent was relieved of his position and sent to Long Binh for a psychiatric evaluation after he almost killed a friend of mine. Who was he? Just another "leader"!

The things that followed in the following months were: A man from the 7/1st Air Cav. got on top of a water tower and started shooting his M-16. He didn't shoot any one luckily. But he still got up and showed someone he had feelings. Who was he?

Just another G.I. but how about the E-6 sergent who got drunk one afternoon and went down town and stayed all night. He was supposed to be working. He started to raise hell with the M.P.s and all he got was 14 days restriction. A G.I. PFC did almost the same thing but all he got was a General Courts Martial and 6 months confinement at hard labor. Who was he?

Now comes the reason for me writing all of this. A friend of mine Sgt. Bill Ruff. Sgt. Bill Ruff was a great guy. He could talk and comunicate with the guys who worked for him, and he wasn't proud. He'd get down and work right along with everyone else at a job. But he didn't raise hell with anyone. And he didn't suck ass with all the lifers. So he was worked on from the chief honcho all the way down the line. The sergent major was always yelling for some reason. Even the first sergent, but one morning the man had a shake down. The Major

himself shook down Sgt. Ruff. Well after the inspection Sgt. Ruff was sort of watched because the man had found two tablets of somesort and they had put a check on them to find out what it was. But on the 26th of December it was too late Sgt. Ruff took his own life with a gernade. Then all was stopped. Some people said he was high on grass the others said it was a bad trip. But onestly he was as straight as day. But the two tablets were LSD that they found. Who was he now just another G. I. dead From Nam.

WHAT ITS ALL ABOUT

The day started out like any other day in Vietnam - an X mark on the calender, a curse at the incessant coughing of a swarm of choppers, assaulting mind and body like an unending bummer, a quick thanks, Lord, for another night without incoming. But this day would be different from the others, made different by a letter, a boy, and a picture on the wall.

The letter was from my mother, a good mother as mothers go - one of the 500,000 concerned mothers who write to their sons across the ocean. The letter tried to explain why my mother was a member of the "Silent Majority". The reasons given were good ones, valid not only to her but to many Americans: the carpeting was bad, the house needed redecorating, plans were under way for celebrating the festive holidays fast approaching. She did not have any answer to Vietnam, and with so many important things to worry about she just didn't have time to look for them.

"The president has more information than I do", she said, "so I still just have to go along

with things as they are."

The boy was 17 or 18 and frightened. Blood was being forced into his left arm from which it coursed thru his heart and out the torn vessels of his shattered right arm. Shrapnel had replaced the youthful flesh of his right side from neck to heel.

His convoy had been hit. "only one vehicle", I was told later. "T hat convoy going thru every week has a tremendous psychological effect on the local gooks."

And what of the psychological effect on the boy with the shattered right arm? Who cares! He will get his Purple Heart and be forever remembered on that vast, ever-changing scorecard which staff officers use to entertain visiting brass. "November 22, 1969: WIA - 1."

"I'll just have to go along with things as they are."

I put her letter down and stared at the next year. A vague likeness of a face etches itself slowly on my consciousness, a shadowy figure in black, drawn as a self-portrait by my three year old. Her two sisters remember Daddy as the man in the pictures

Mommy had placed all over the house. But she remembers when her first letter came from Daddy she tore it into little pieces and threw it away. She remembers the day Daddy turned his back on her and flew off in the airplane; and she knows Daddy doesn't love her any more because he never came back to play with her.

I looked at the letter again. "Stay calm, don't let this thing eat your heart out," she contin-

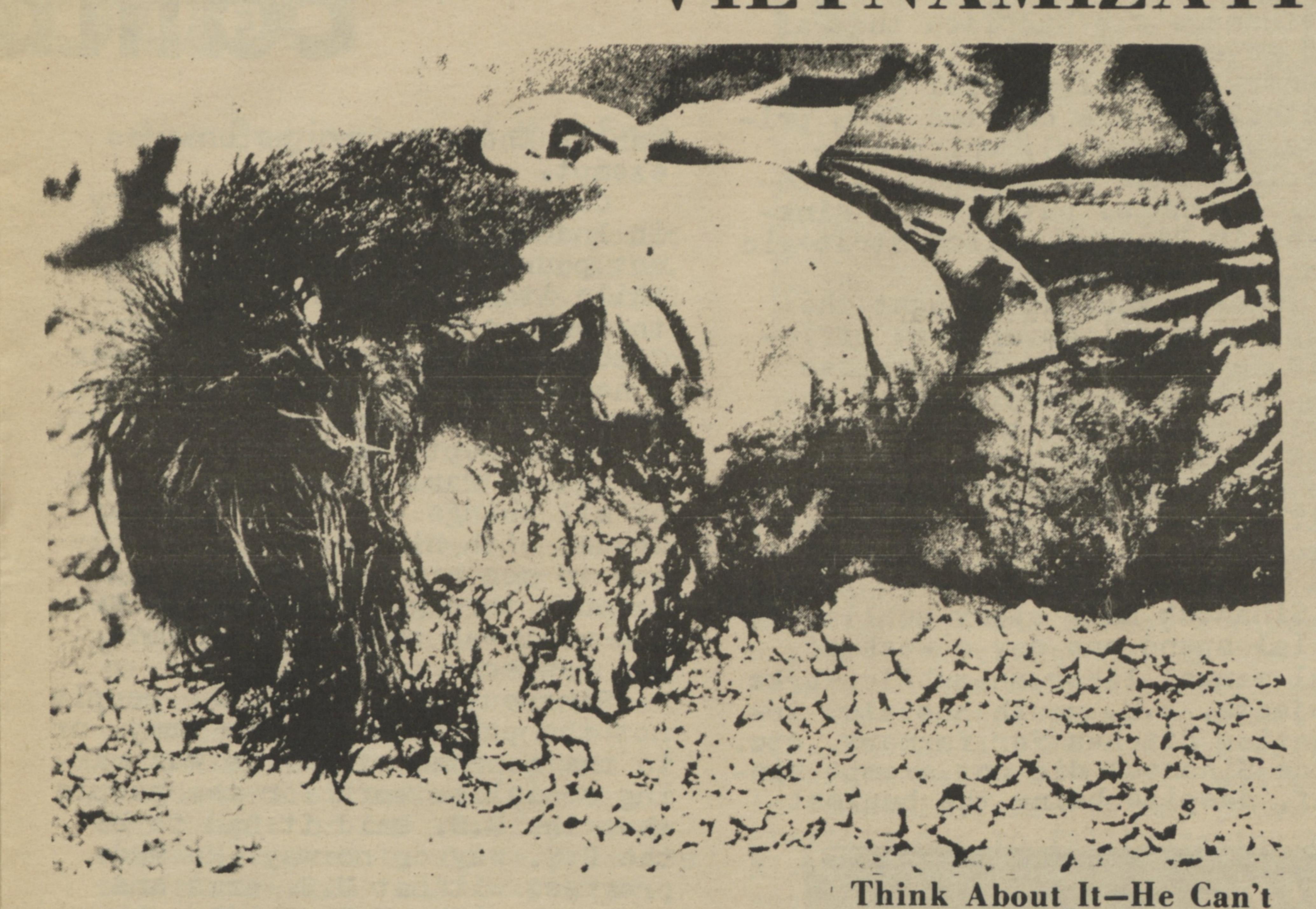
3 young boy sleeps tonight not knowing if he will ever see tomorrow.

A little girl hugs her doll and wonders why Daddy never tucks her in any more.

The "Silent Majority" sleeps, content to "just go along with things as they are."

But I lie awake, my thoughts punctuated with the frequent reverberations of artillary rounds, eating my heart out over a letter, a boy, and a picture on the wall. Irvin S Roger, CPT MC

VIETNAMIZATION



What are we doing about the mass murder in Vietnam today? As American citizens we demonstrate against the war so as to let our higher officials hear us. But instead of listening they call us radicals and broadcast that we are strongly influenced by Communists.

As GI's we feel that it is our duty to let the American people understand our viewpoints of Viet Nam. So we have obtained a pic. ture of a Vietnamese soldier. This can also be a picture of an American GI and in many cases often is.

The American government is supposedly run by the people. Then for God's sake why won't our government cease this war machine and stop this so-called police action, better known as the Indochinese conflict?

Stop It

There are many cases of constitutional rights being denied military and civilian personnal on Fort Bragg and other military instalations. On May 16th a sergeant from the 503rd M.P. Battalion saw a trainee about to sign a petition to congress and ordered the trainee not to sign it. There are many reports by trainees that they can not sign petitions due to the fact their superiors will impose extra duty or other punishment on them.

GI's United is interested in stopping these unconstitutional practices. If you know of or were involved in any instances where someone was denied his rights, please send us a statement giving names, situation, etc. These statements will be delivered to sympathtic congress men and women and not given to the Army who may use further repression to stop

these efforts.

and cannot control.



T.R. Fehrenbach

THIS IS REPRESSION

Klimaski shipped

2LT James R Klimaski, an active member of GI's UNITED, was hurridly shipped to Ft Lewis, Washington on May 9th following receipt of word that a request for discharge as a conscientious objector had been disapproved.

Jim, a McCarthyite during the '68 presidential campaign, was on temporary duty here at Ft Bragg. He applied for discharge as a CO in April, feeling that he could no longer participate in the US Army, especially in light of the conflict in S.E. Asia.

Due to his involvement in GI's UNITED and newspaper interviews in several straight press publications in which he voiced objection to the war and the Army, the application was shoddily expedited to the point of denying Jim due process under existing regulations.

DA returned the denial after less than two weeks (normal is approximately 1 month). In spite of Ft Bragg regulations stating that personnel will be properly cleared from the post, Jim was cleared in 3 hours (a Psyops major signing for several post facilities) and given a direct written order to sign out of Bragg by midnight of the 9th.

A congressional investigation originating from the office of Rep Allard K Lowenstein revealed that Gen Tolson, the post commander, had refused to have Klimaski assigned to his post.

Jim has already begun antiwar activities at Ft Lewis.

RE

Last week the Quaker House, a house of worship, and a meeting place of GI's United was destroyed by fire. Surrounding events lead many to a conclusion of arson.

The fire was last Wednesday morning. Three days after Fayette ville witnessed the biggest antiwar demonstration in North Carolina history. Ten hours after the largest crowd ever attended a GI's United meeting. During a period where threatening phone calls were common at the House. Hate calls were made to the neighbor's home who alerted the fire company.

The police department of Fayetteville in a seemingly reluctant manner have been investigating, but have yet to find any concrete evidence toward the arson.

The fire caused over \$3,000 worth of damage to the building, and \$1,000 in personal loss, and forced the permanent closing of the Quaker House. A city ordinance prevents repair.

GI's United and the Quakers will not quit. These groups have always battled the ridiculous and petty community attitudes. When people must resort to fire-bombing when there is dissent, it only reminds us of the sickness in the nation and justifies even more the need to reform.

Quaker House will find a new home. GI dissent will mount. And we will win.

J.C. PEELE, M.D.

KINSTON, N. C.

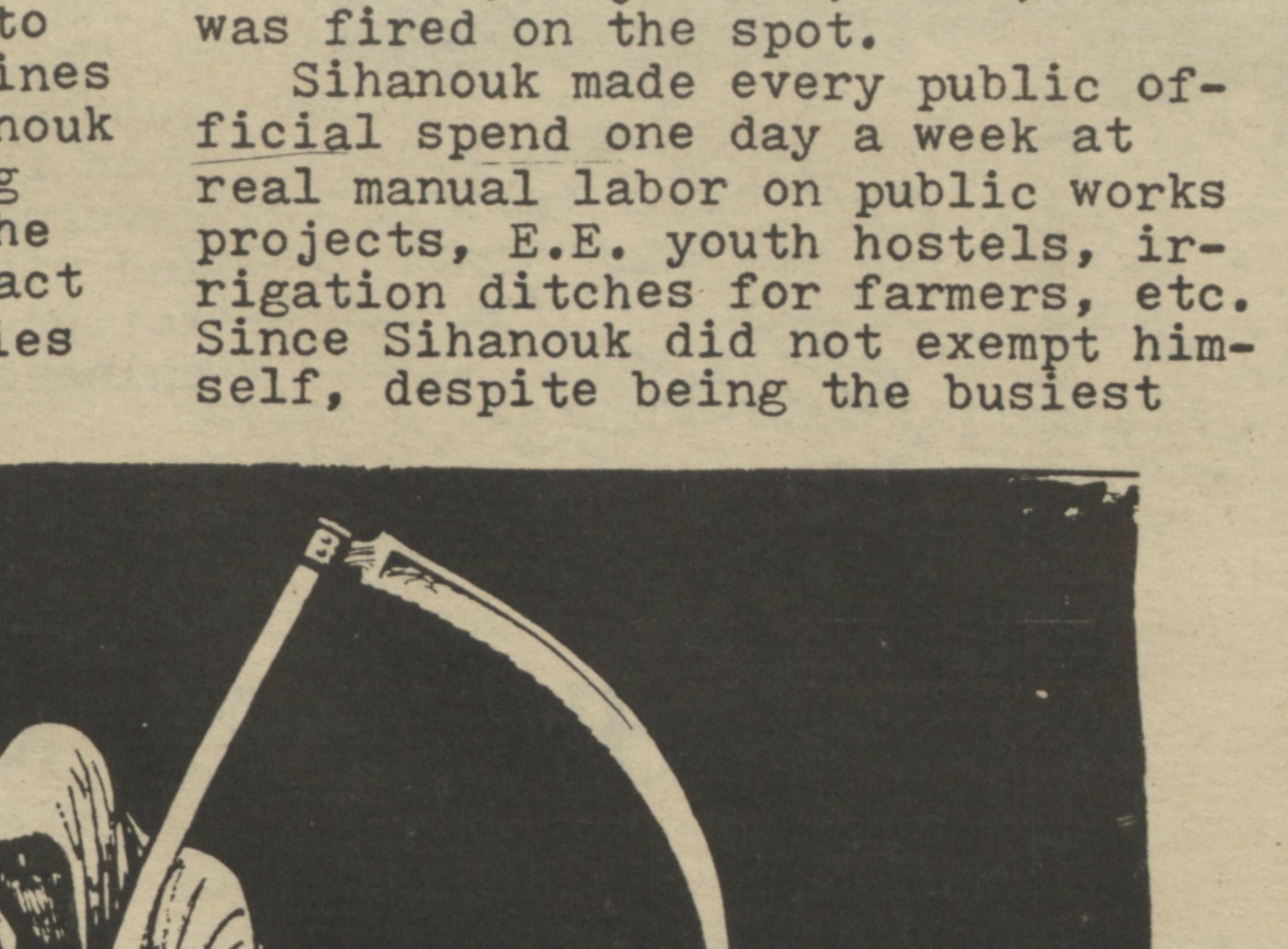
The following are excerpts from an article by ex-Green Beret Don Duncan dealing with the CIA inspired overthrow of Prince Sihanouk of Cambodia. It was written prior to the US invasion of

Sihanouk gave up the throne to become head of a socialist party. While Cambodia's neighbors were arming to protect themselves from their own people and becoming ever deeper enmeshed in American foreign policy, Sihanouk was building schools and hospitals. Sihanouk was willing to accept aid for his country from any source so long as it came without

While ARVN was being used to extort taxes and haul guillotines from village to village, Sihanouk set his small army to clearing jungle for new farmland for the people. He made his generals act out their militaristic fantisies in home-movies.

Under Sihanouk's direction refugee camps were set up for Vietnamese who had fled the war and government in their own country. Actually model hamlets (materials were cajoled from private businessmen), which came complete with farm land and financial grants, put the CIA sinkholes in Vietnam called Strategic Hamlets to shame.

Twice a year he brought the people and all government officials face to face. The purpose was to let the people point accusing fingers at the shortcomings of those serving them. If the official could not defend himself against the charge of graft, extortion, injustice, etc., he



cambodia

man in the country, no one was

Cambodia is the only country in Indochina into which we have not poured billions of dollars. While its neighbors destroyed themselves under U.S. direction, Cambodia progressed in all areas - health, wealth, food, industry, education. Walking a narrow line, Sihanouk kept his country directly out of war. He was the rarest of all things - a truly popular leader with his people. One only had to see him wade unescorted through throngs of people to see how real was their mutual love and respect.

Sihanouk related to the people not the politicians, the Army, or to the moneyed elite. He was making socialism work for the people when the U.S. said it had to be the U.S. way or no way. He made progress without U.S. arms and money when the U.S. said such a thing was impossible. He kept his country aloof from the war when the U.S. said neutralism was death. He was proving a country could remain independent and yet be cooperative with many countries of various political persuasions. He was eradicating racism...

The Beginning of the End

June 1970

The ominous puzzle and political game continues in SE Asia. President Nixon has again befuddled the populace, foreign policy experts, and other nations with his excursion into Cambodia. The move has elicited numerous interpretations, but mainly it has created a great world guessing

Assuming President Nixon wants out of Indochina, either by his Vietnimazation program or by negotiated settlement, the move in to Cambodia perhaps follows his inane logic. It fails as an act of wise decision-making when weighing all considerations.

Dissent at home is peaking. The people of the country were again betrayed by false promises and clandestine military planning. The Commander-in Chief had conveniently squelched dissent with promised draft reductions, phased withdrawls, and statements like "a just peace around the corner", in speeches from November thru April.

Apathy has been severed. The anti-war forces have begun a mass

wave of "within-the system" political activism such as lobbying Congress, nationwide petitioning campaigning, and school strikes. A great constitutional battle reigns in the Senate concerning the President's power to wage war. Though a clear-cut majority favors a measure to curb action in Cambodia, efforts may prove abortive due to filibustering by Nixon loyalists, and escaperoutes accesible to the President.

The Achilles tendon of the administration's war effort may well be the current financial crisis, influenced predominantly by escalation of the war and nationwide protest. As the stock market tumbles, the war is gaingator of inflation and recession.

Though the Cam dian move protects American troups (to quicken withdrawls as Nixon claims) the ramifications in a tense world situation are dangerous. China? Already the Asian giant has called together the revolutionary forces of Indochina for united action to oust the imperialist invader. She has already pledged more financial and military support to Hanoi. Russia, who seemed to be urging Hanoi toward conciliatory bargaining with the US, now has cooled to such ideas.

Military experts also assail the mission. How many times in the past 9 years has a President promised to end the war with one dramatic step. The Tet offensive in 1968 was preceded only four months by an American "crushing blow" to Communist sanctuaries.

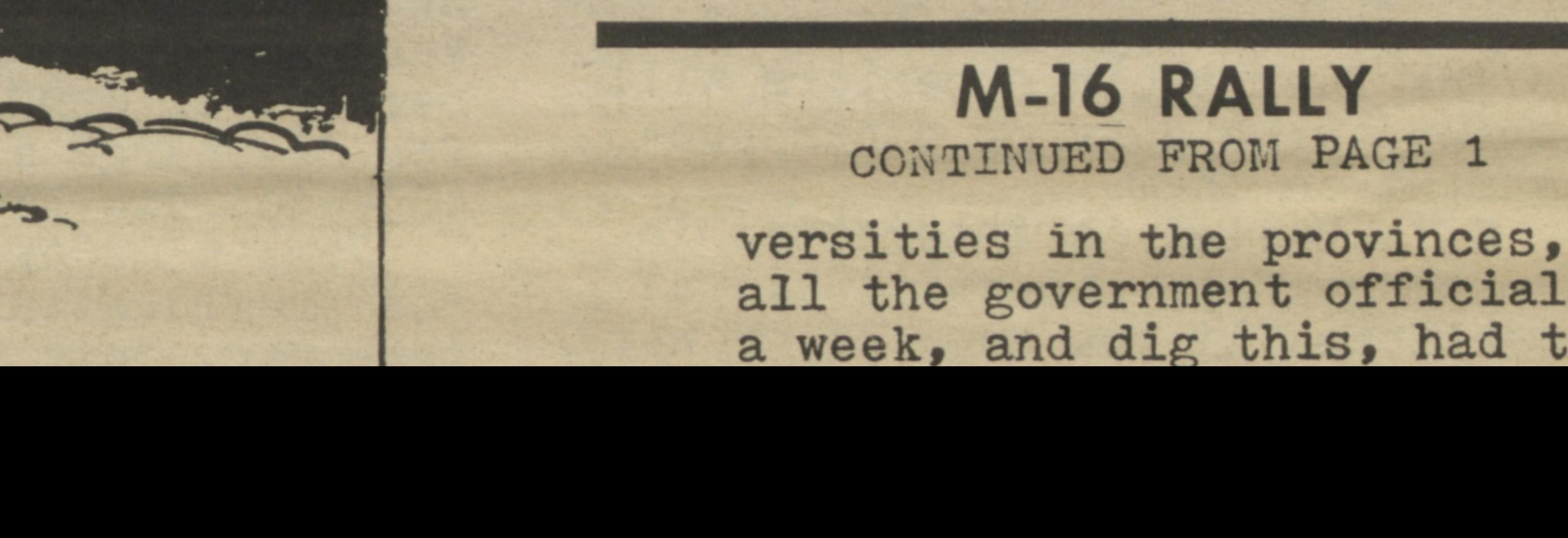
The administration's policy dictates such myopia. The silent majority will accept any move to "protect our boys over there". The logic of Johnson and Nixon naturally produces this endless debacle. There can be no just peace, there can be no victory. Rational must be changed. Why continue Gulf of Tonkin elusiveness in justifying American troops to kill Indochinese people destroy its land, tear apart this country, and further protract world discord. We must restore sanity at home before its too

versities in the provinces, and all the government officials once a week, and dig this, had to go

tags by saying "it will come from nam veteran who had witnessed all the punks, outlaws, bums, re- atrocities. He also mentioned a

he chided the establishment's name ing of an interview with a Viet-





GI Movement News

UFO Shut DOWN

Columbia, S.C. (LNS)...Three operators of the UFO coffe house near Fort Jackson have been convicted of maintaining a public nuisance and sentenced to six

years in prison.

The coffee house, used as a gathering place for anti-war GI's and students, was described as a place where drugs were commonly sold, where "obscene" material was available, where young people were corrupted, where persons of "evil repute" congregated and where loud music which disturbed the peace was played. The state's case rested on the testimony of four witnesses, all convicted drug dealers who had been given immunity.

"The UFO was throwing drug dealers out. But the state was giving them immunity to get rid of the UFO," said defense attor-

ney Robert Boult.

The three organizers, R. Duane Ferre, William Balk and Leonard Cohen, are all out on bail, while the case is being appealed.

ATTITUDE CHECK (Camp Pendleton)..

Actress Jane Fonda and Black
Panther leader Robert Bryan appeared at a Movement for a Democratic Military open house.

MDM held the first of a series of open meetings at a park in Oceanside, California. About 50

marines attended.

DUCK POWER (San Diego Naval Base)
Racial trouble has broken out
at the North Island N.A.S.E.M.
club. The paper
charges club manager Chief John
Ryan as a racist and demands EM
control over the club.

Liberated

After being in the Army for eight months, Pvt. Larry McCleary has finally been liberated from

military bondage.

Pvt. McCleary was once assigned to A-10-2, but transfered to HHD 2nd Bde. after he refused to be part of the war-machine. Naturally, he was court-martial for refusing a direct order and given six months Ft. Riley. However, with his firm and dedicated stand Pvt. McCleary showed the Brass and lifers he would not submit; so they gave him a 212 discharge. This all proves: "Dare to struggle, Dare to Win."

THE PAWN (Maryland area bases)...

It was reported that there is an officers Resistance "bustin out all over". A captain spoke at a GI rally for peace held in Lafayette park just across from the White House.

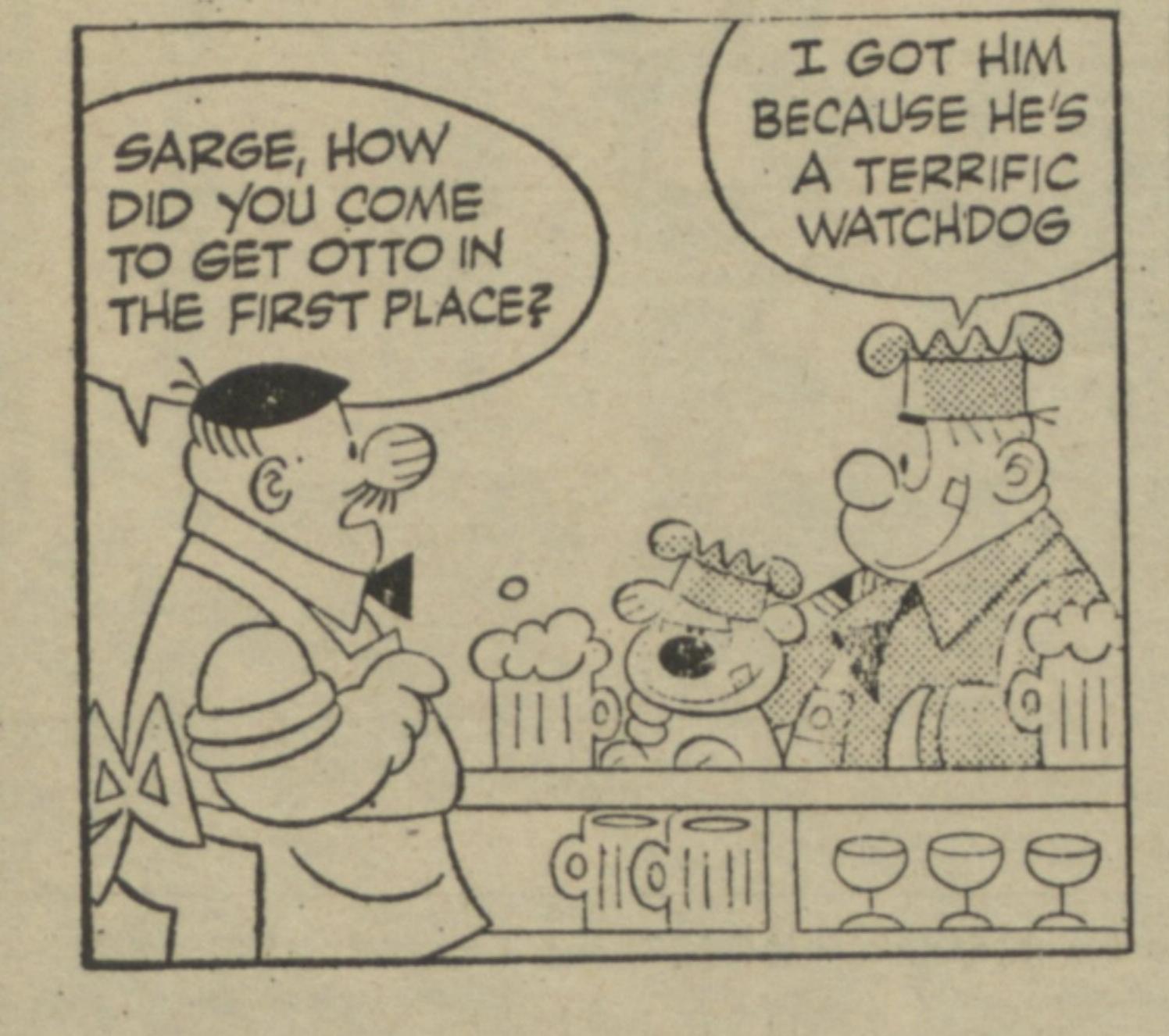
ABOVE GROUND (Fort Carson)...

Above Ground, listed by name, rank, and job all of Fort Carson's Military Intelligence officer personnel. This was a follow up to a previous listing of C.I.D. personnel.

F.T.A. (Fort Knox)...

The April 8th, 1970 issue of the Wall Street Journal in an article on the editorial page discussed GI organizing in general and Fort Knox (FTA) in particular. The article raises such issues as GI civilian organizer relationships and the problems of movement relevancy to the local GI. These issues are critical, and must be aired and we urge reading,







We must look funny to someone, tumbling through the universe locked in a death grip with our tiny ball Earth and ripping her busily to pieces, trailing a stinking film of gas and pieces of satellites and mushroom and dust clouds.

Think of her new. An unspoiled country lying open to the sun. Think of oceans of beauty, instead of scattered puddles, muddy and drying up...

J. & T. Russell

"Rebellion is of two sorts: it may be purely personal or it may be inspired by a desire for a different kind of community from that in which the rebel finds himself. In the latter case his desire can be shared by others; in many instances it has been shared by all except a small minority who profit from the existing system. This type of rebel is constructive not anarchic; even if his movement leads to temporary anarchy it is intended to give rise in the end to a new stable community."

--from Power by Bertrand Russell (1872-1970)

M-16 Action

The results of the anti-war activities of May 16th, Armed Forces Day, varied a great deal. The most obvious result was that the military was forced to cancel twenty-four out of forty regularly scheduled Armed Forces Day celebrations at posts around the country.

Although the objective was not just to shut down these celebrations, it was still a fantastic display of power and solidarity between GI's and civilians.

The reaction of the military and certain elements of the local communities were consistently repressive:

- At Fort Dix, N.J. an attempted march on post was stopped by tear gas and all GI's there were restricted;

- At Fort Benning, Georgia the commanding General is offering three-day week-day passes to anyone who turns someone in for distributing their paper, "Rap", on post;

- At Fort McClellan, Alabama one of the key civilian organizers had his water turned off by his

landlord;

- At Grissom Air Force Base, Indiana some of the local community actually armed themselves with clubs, sticks, and rocks; - At Fort Ord, California there is a new reg banning the fist and "V" signs on post, whether in uniform or not.

Repression at some posts was harsher than at others, but at most it took the form of extra duty, restrictions, riot control,

and threatened busts.

GI's refused to be intimidated by such actions. Their presence in unprecedented numbers at rallies across the country showed that the GI has become the new focus of the anti-war movement. After all, the objective of May 16 was not just to stop some celebrations, but to shut down the war machine.

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Reservists

RESERVISTS WANT CONGRESSMEN OUT WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) -- In an unprecendented lawsuit filed in Federal Court May 11, the Reservists' Committee to stop the War moved to expel 122 Congressmen from the Armed Forces Reserves and the National Guard. Claiming that it is an unconstitutional conflict of interest for a congressman to hold any military position, the committee cited Article1, Section 6 of the Constitution: "...no person holding any office under the United States shall be a member of either house during his continuance in office."

The split loyalties of a legislator-reservist to both his local constituency and the Pentagon was, until cold war cases, no problem, but now it would be well if both the Senate and the House forced members to choose between their seats in Congress and their military commissions.

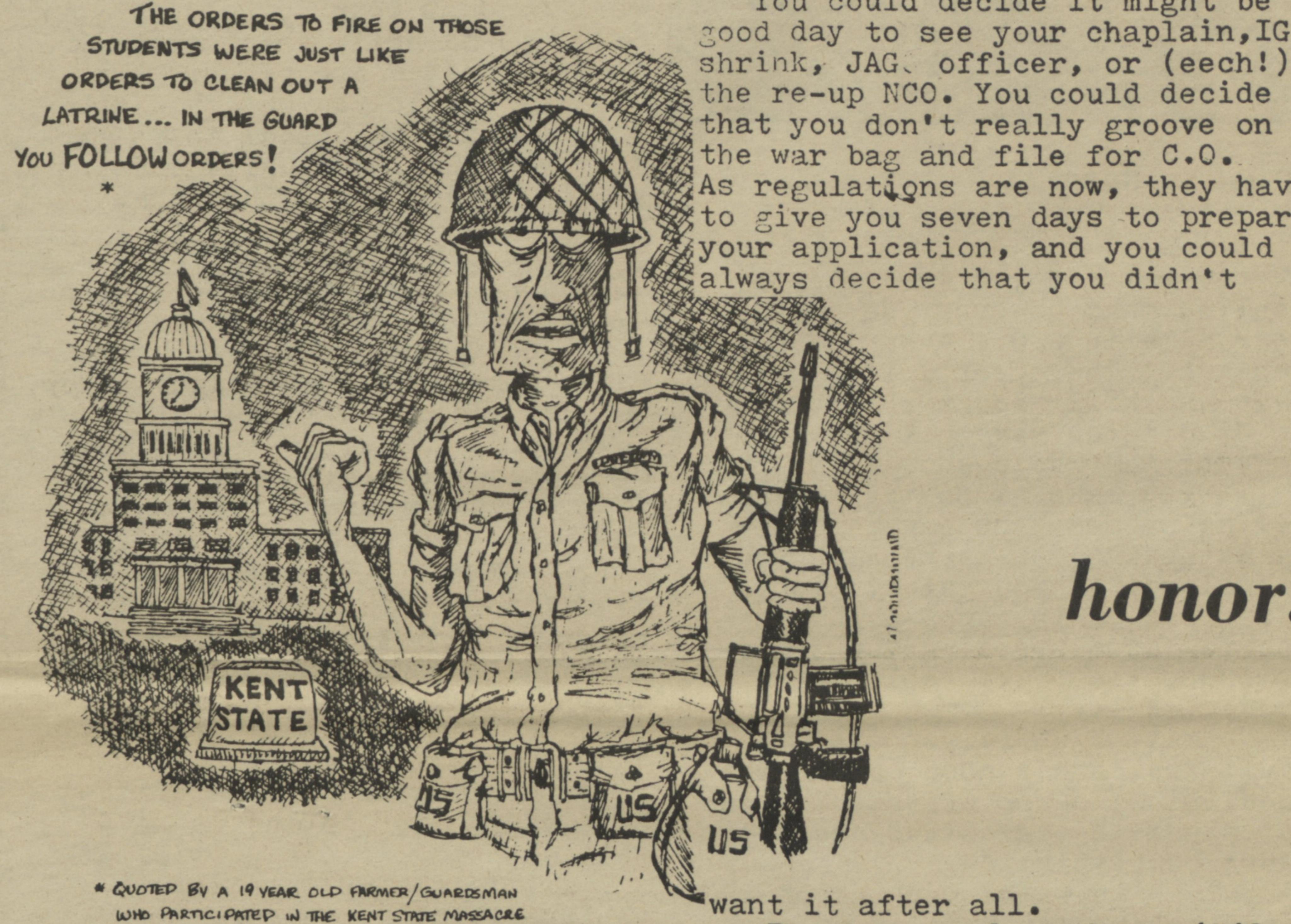
As a member of the 82nd Abn Div, I have had considerable opportunity to study the phenomenon known as "RIOT CONTROL". Let's take a look at this peculiar activity and see if we can find out what is behind 1t.

We are told that our function is to protect the lives and property of the people in cities torn by "civil unrest". From the actions taken recently by National Guard elements in Ohio and Georgia, and by police in California, it becomes obvious that these priorities are a bit confused. The concern shown is primarily for property as opposed to life. This points up to me a fact of American life that is worthy of consideration. We have been on a materialistic kick for so long that we are more concerned with a dorm, an administration building, or a bank than we are with the lives of the people whose existences are oppressed by these institutions. We would, it seems, rather kill our brothers than help them to throw over the yoke which oppresses us

It doesn't matter what I say, though, because it won't really come home to you until you see it happening in your own home town and then have to go in and play substitute pig, putting down your own friends and neighbors. When this happens, you may finally come to realise that the fight isn't against you or "America's Guard of Honor", but against the same system that puts you on KP, on guard, on extra duty- the system that holds you in bondage in the world of O.D. The system that has you working 24 hours a day for less than they pay a page-boy in congress (he's the one they base their minimum wage laws on). The system is using you to put

americas

guard



down the man who is fighting to make you free.

Wake up, brothers, "The Man" is trying to make you a pig in the name of peace. Ask yourself what you'd do if it was your brother on the far end of that bayonet. It is, you know.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

(to avoid killing your brother)

There are several means open to you if you want to miss the chance of participating in one of these little "peace keeping" expeditions You could, for example, have a recurrence of that old"football injury" or a heavy toothache, and go on sick call.

You could decide it might be a good day to see your chaplain, IG, shrink, JAG officer, or (eech!) the re-up NCO. You could decide As regulations are now, they have to give you seven days to prepare your application, and you could always decide that you didn't

honor

nixon vs. people

Nixon cries out for peaceful dissent after ROTC buildings are burned and four students are murdered by trigger-happy week-end warriors. He says he'll listen to peaceful dissent, but he couldn't hear hald a million people in Washington, D.C. above the roar of the crowd at the Purdue game. What indication does he give that he'll listen to us "bums" now.

In his estimation, anyone who doesn't see through the same disa bum. At last count there were quite a few bums as 58% of the country opposed the use of US troops in Cambodia and only 21% approved.

He speaks of the "Silent Majority" equating apathy with assent. The apathetic supported Hitler, the apathetic support anyone in power. This country was founded on a revolutionary minor-

ity, the history books lauding the fact that at no time during the war were more than 1/3 of the worlence, cause the deaths that people in favor of the revolution. we'd get blamed for. It was treasonous then to speak out against the government of George III; its treasonous today to speak out against the government of Nixon and Agnew.

King Richard was supposed to come to Ft Bragg on Armed Forces for his cancelling his trip? Why torted window he looks through is did he cancel his trip to Stone Mountain, Georgia? Why did Pat cancel her trip to Mary Washington College? Could it be they re afraid of the people and the power they have.

> protect him from the American people. Who will protect him from & still some room in this country ian Guard killed many a Caesar. How much longer will the 82nd continue to protect the palace?

There are a lot of possibilities in the rega to keep you off the streets. Just look for them.

If, however, you do get stuck on a long green line somewhere, what and do? One thing you might try is seeing that the pigs stay within the law while you're in the area. In many of these scenes, it's the pigs themselves who, by over-reacting and unnecessary

If you think you can do it, and I make no b nes about it, it's ilmight try simmoly laying down your weapon. I am't, myself see turning it on the Ilifers around you (though I can't mblame you, if that's your bag.), Day. Does anyone know of a reason & but the simple act of laying down wayour weapon seems to me to be both an eloquent gesture of protest at * the oppression that the lifers are trying to force you to represent; and a plea for the reason that seems to be lacking on both sides effected.

Nixon uses American troops to W I can't tell you what to do. and despite popular opinion, there is the American troops? The Praetor- 3 for free choice, and in this case, we the individual who must make the s final decision is you. Think about it. It's your brother.



Turn in Bonds

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there, but did you ever stop to realize that however you serve your time in O.D., even if you don't get the opportunity to go over and kill "gooks", our boys in Washington have got you paying for the whole shooting match.

If you make it to the "scene of the crime", you can pay with enemy bodies, or maybe with your lifeblood. If you get stationed stateside or in a non-combat zone, you pay by supporting the troops in Indochina or by replacing a "body" on levy.

No matter where you are, you pay taxes, and a good 60% of that goes into the war effort. You can not fight the tax structure short of revolution.

But while we're working on that, ing G.I.'s closer together in there is one way many of us are helping to pay for this little imperialistic adventure that we can do something about, and that is savings bonds.

You know how the bond thing works. Every G.I. is supposed to have an allotment taken out of his monthly check for savings bonds. This way the idiots in civilian bond commercials can tell the public that the American Fighting Man backs up his country where it really counts, namely with money: so why shouldn't John Q. Average kick in too? Bullshit! You know as well as I do that G.I.'s buy bonds because they are harassed into it.

Sure, your CO will tell you that he can't force you to buy bonds, but spending two hours

rapping to you about the advantages of bonds when you were supposed to be in town with your girl, or sending you back for that third haircut because "it just doesn't look right", or cancelling that three-day pass you'd counted on for a month can't really be called "forcing" you. Like hell it can't!

But why is he so concerned that you should buy bonds? He's maybe patriotic or something?

Not lately. It's just that if he doesn't get his bond quota up over 95% he might as well kick it for promotion. No kidding, it's really that important. That little blue flag in front of your Battalion Hq. means a lot to the lifers, and they're really in a hurt if they don't get to put another star on it now and then.

So okay- you should buy bonds. It'll keep the lifers off your back. But then why are we saying you shouldn't? Lots of reasons: Bonds support the war; bonds support the lifers; your buying bonds is a selling point to get civilians to buy them; and last, but certainly not least, It's a lousey deal money-wise. You could make more money by starting a bank account than by holding your bonds to maturity, because bank interest rates are higher than bond rates. So you see that by coercion and an appeal to patriotism your co is actually causing you to lose money rather than save it.

So we are organizing for a mas- Bragg Briefs is published by: sive bond allotment cancellation by G.I.'s who wish to express their sentiments, be they antiwar, anti-harrassment, anti-lifer, Post Office Box #437 or just plain pro-money. All you have to do is get an appointment with the allotment section of your finance group and request to cancel your bond allotment.

This will have several effects. own unit!!! It will definitely mess over the minds of the lifers, who are in the middle or a bond drive at the moment; it'll show them that not everybody is afraid of the shit they put out; it might make the government aware of some of the dissatisfaction in the ranks as well as bringing the participattheir resistance to the lifers; and if enough people get involved, ************************* it could cut a fair piece out of the government's war budget.

One final comment that might bear consideration- to mature a bond takes about six years; and in order to cash it in, there has to be a government around to pay it off. Considering the way our boys down in Washington have been working lately, do you think anybody stands much of a chance to collect?

For how can a tyrant rule the free and the proud, but for a tyranny in their own freedom and a shame in their own pride. Kahlil Gibran

-ODGENITY JUSTICE TRIUMPHS

On May 16, after the Anti-War Rally, the local pigs arrested Rennie Davis and charged him with obscenity, because he had the balls to tell the G.I.s to paralyze the Mother-Fucking War Mach-

The local authorities thought they had done their fascist duty, but they didn't figure on George Paly (no relation) an attorney from Charlotte. Mr. Daly attacked the statute under which Rennie had been arrested on the grounds that it was unconstitutional. He said that a workman who struck himself with a hammer and swore could be arrested. Or a man and wife in the privacy of their own home could be jailed. Mr. Daly argued that the law was unenforcable and therefore unconstitutional.

Suprisingly enough, the judge agraid and he set Rennie Davis

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