BRASS UNIFES

Against The War In Indochina

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BRAGG BRIEFS v TOLSON in Circuit Court of Appeals

On June 2nd, a district court decision ruling that Fort Bragg authorities are right in denying distribution rights for Bragg Briefs on post was appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in Richmond.

Arguing that denial of distribution rights has nothing to do with loyalty, discipline, and morale of troops but stems from the military command's disapproval of antiwar sentiment and activity, GI's United attorney Leonard Boudin urged the court to see itself, not the army, as the party qualified to rule on the applica-

bility of the 1st amendment to soldiers and to apply recent Supreme Court rulings which see the 1st amendment as "a curb on governmental abuse" to this particular case, forcing the Army to allow on post distribution of Branch Briefs and other printed matter.

Crew-cutted assistant U.S. attorney J.C. Proctor, presumably referring to Fort Brang GI's, argued that there is a "need for isolation of troops prior to combat so that no one can communicate" with them and that "the 1st amendment cannot be applied in a

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Blacks Begin Boycott

The Black Organizers from Fort Bragg are spearheading a major boycott of downtown Fayetteville merchants to pressure the town into
tearing down the "Slave Market", the brick building at the center of
the traffic circle on Hay Street which once was the site of the local
slave auction. Some city officials are quick to deny that the market
was ever used for the sale of slaves, though it is interesting to
note that the market has been important in maintaining Fayetteville's
'Old South' image. Funds were quickly secured for rebuilding it when
it was blown up several years ago.



About twenty black organizers have spent the last two Saturdays on Hay Street in front of the major department stores and clothing stores explaining the boycott and asking GI's and black residents of Fayetteville not to buy anything in the downtown area until the Slave Market is torn down.

One brother emphasized that the Black Organizers are asking for full support starting this payday and continuing as long as necessary.

he pointed out that once businessmen begin losing money they're going to begin asking what's causing this and if they begin to get hurt badly enough then they are going to want to see the Slave market torn down.

been made in the past to rid the town of the Glave Market. Once in the 19th century it was burned down and about ten years are it was bombed.

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in depth: S.E.ASIA

The following are excerpts from a story by John Everingham for Dispatch News Service which was first to release details on the My Lai incident. John has been travelling extensively in Cambodia:

Villagers in the Siem Riep area in western Cambodia, the site of the splendor of Angkor Wat, said officials representing the deposed head of state had been polite when visiting homes in the area, calling on the population to support the new government. Three government-employed temple guards in the outlying forest areas claim that more than 80 men whom they knew persually from villages nearby had taken to the hills to join the new Liberation Army.

"When the fighting starts, many in Lon Nol's army will change sides. They are forced into his army, but they really love Sihanouk," an old man explained, saying that he would fight for Sihanouk were he not so old.

A refugee from Saang, the town destroyed by government bombers hunting very few Viet Cong, came looking for work. The had left his wife and family in the countryside. He spoke warmly of the Viet Cong, telling how they arrived in his village as the "Sihanouk Mestoration Army" wearing Sihanouk badges and promising to restore the Prince of the people would support them.

He emphasized that the Viet Cong stole nothing and paid for

what they took.

A school teacher from Neak Loung, the Mekong River ferry town that has exchanged hands several times, said, "In the front they were Viet Cong but Cambodians supported them from behind."

South Vietnamese navy marines in Neak Loung on the Mekong River expressed the desire not to fight the Viet Cong or Sihanouk Cambodians who they also fought but to turn against the army of Lon Nol whom they hold responsible for the massacres of hundreds of Vietnamese civilians.

And at the army press relations office in Pnompenh, a Lon ol military spokesman admitted, "If we didn't have the Americans behind the South Vietnamese, we would have to do something to (continued on page 5)

Know your Chain of Command -

David Packard

(MI) The very rich think differently from you and me. David Packard, Deputy Secretary of Defense, who is very rich, ence said of his own class that "Profit is the monetary measurement of our contribution to society." We think his profit is the measurement of his theft from the people who work for companies he controls inside and outside the U.S., from taxpayers, and from GIs who have to use the products and protect his investments.

Before Nixon chose him to be Mel Laird's number one honcho, Packard was chairman of Hewlett-Packard Electronics, on the board of directors of General Dynamics, the board of trustees of Stanford University, adviser to Stanford Business School, Director of Stanford Research Institute, a friend of the Hoover Institute for War, Peace, and (counter) Revolution, and the Urban Coalition. He's only got about \$300,000,000.

Hewlett-Packard has about 13,000 employees and did \$266,500,000 of business in 1968 alone - most of it with the government, and most of that for the Department of Defense (DOD). That averages \$20,500 per employee, but no chance; Hewlett-Packard is non-union, and women assemblers in one of the Palo Alto, California plants sweat through poor lighting, hot solder, and robot treatment to get paid bare minimum wages. Their overseas plants pay much less, and Hewlett-Packard has set up a satelite company in predominantly Black East Palo Alto, just like any other colony.

Packard is into war and foreign policy, which are pretty much the same thing. General Dynamics built the F-lll for a whole lot of money, even if it has problems like the wings falling off. If you don't have to fly it or rely on it for air support, the F-lll is as funny as Lockheed's C-5A and Cheyenne helicopter, Chrysler's useless tank, and the M-16. General Dynamics Electric Boat Division also builds nuclear submarines like THRESHER.

Men like Packard see a lot of connections in their world. Take his relationship with Stanford, from which he graduated in 1934. That school produced a hell of a lot of top managers, lawyers, defense industry engineers, and ROTC wonders. Stanford Research Institute does defense research ranging from CBW (chemical & biological warfare) to counter - insurgency and riot control studies. The Hoover Institute (a joke to scholars) is staffed by professional anti-communists who can be counted on for a missile scare whenever profits for, say, General Dynamics, aren't fat enough.

Now, when Packard became Deputy Secretary of Defense, he put his money into a trust fund and took a lower salary than he got from Hewlett-Packard. He still has a 30 acre home plus a cattle

ranch, and since inflation or a depression just can't do that much to 300 million dollars, he can afford to be a "public servant", especially since his favorite companies will be served well. Dudes like Packard don't lack for "walking around" money. Packard says of the brass, "They're just as good as the kind of people you have at the top levels of a good business organization. We've got a good dedicated team, working together." The brass and the industrialists, it appears, are not only working together, they re falling in love.

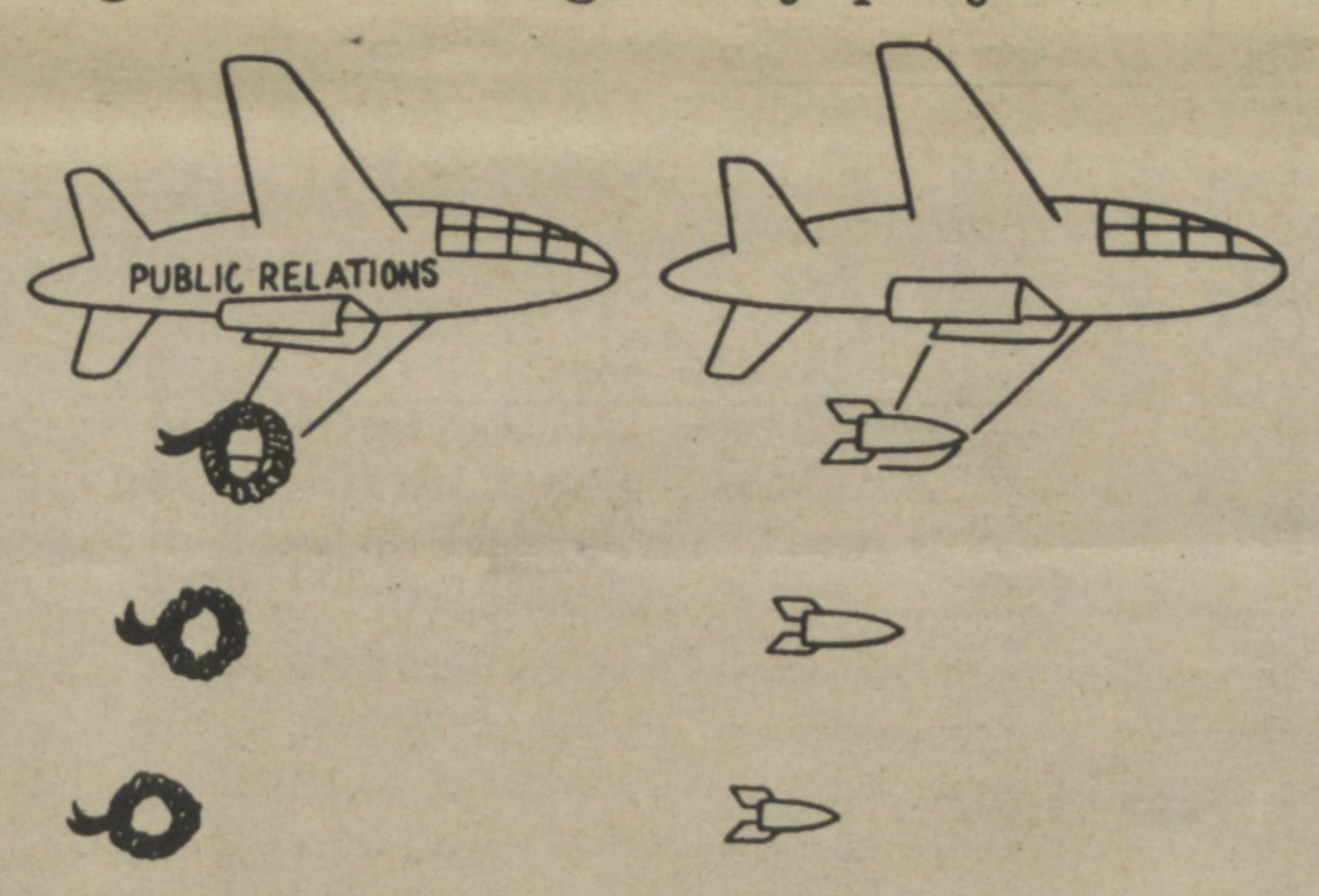
Packard isn't stupid though, he thinks he's got us coming and going. He's got us as taxpayers fattening Hewlett-Packard and General Dynamics profits, as workers who produce the value those companies get, and as men and women in the Armed Forces he helps control us so we can protect his interests. But Packard is worried, as all those people he has exploited for years are beginning to get together, he has started to feel the pinch. "I haven't felt quite the same sense of satisfaction" he says. Maybe we should take up a collection for him.

Brass & Business

Old generals never die, but what is worse they don't fade away either! Where do old generals go? Into the Elysian Fields of "Defense" Contracting.

2,100 retired high ranking officers are holding executive positions in the top 100 war contracting firms. These 100 firms
receive 68% of the Pentagon's
business. The ten leading "defense" firms employ 1,065 retired
officers. These ten firms ripped
off 25% of the war trade.

Almost 90% of the Pentagon's contracts and 98% of NASA's are negotiated without competive bidding. Cost increase above the original estimates on major weapons systems usually run 100 to 200% higher than originally projected.



Lockheed harbors 210 retired officers - more brass than any of the other defense giants. These include five former Air Force Generals and (because it has a major contract to provide the Navy with Polaris and Poseidon missiles) twelve former Admirals and three former Marine Generals. 88% of Lockheed's business comes from the Pentagon.

General Dynamics employs 113
ex-officers and has \$2.2 billion
in defense contracts; Boeing Aircraft Corp. with 169 ex-officers
had \$762 million; McDonnell Douglas Corp., 144, \$1.1 billion;
North American Rockwell Corp., 104,
\$669 million; General Electric
Corp., 89, \$1.4 billion; LingTemco-Vought Inc., 69, \$758 million; Westinghouse Electric Corp.,
59, \$251 million; TRW Inc., 56,
\$127 million; and Hughes Aircraft
Co., 55, \$286 million.

Now lets trace the careers of some specific officers. Major General Nelson M. Lynde Jr. was Commanding General of the Army Weapons Command from 1962 to 1964. He was responsible for the development, procurement, and field service support of Army weapons and negotiated the initial contract for the M-16 rifle. Five months after retiring from the Army he went to work for Colt Industries, the sole supplier of the M-16. The M-16 developed so many mechanical and financial problems that it was investigated by Congress. It was called a "worthless piece of junk" by the GIs who first used it in Nam and the jam-ups and other malfunctions in combat endangered lives. But the congressional sub-committe investigating the M-16 some how forgot to pass judgement on whether or not General Lynde's employment with Colt was a conflict of interest. In other words the congressional committee was too scared to get down to the real nitty gritty.

Assistant Secretary of Defense for Procurement, Thomas D. Morris retired from the Pentagon in 1968 and went directly to the vicepresidency of Litton Industries. In the last year of Morris' power as procurement boss, Litton's Pentagon contracts jumped from \$180 million in 1967 to \$466 million in 1968 - a 20% increase. In 1967 Litton was 36 on the list of top 100 defense contractors, in 1968 it became fourteenth. Senator Proxmire said, "So Morris" vice presidency can be viewed both as a payoff for the huge Pentagon business shifted in 1968 and as assurance of immense future influence for Litton." Again the Justice Department has not initiated any conflict of interest proceedings.

There are at least 2,000 more brass biographies that could be told, all with the same cynical plot - "From Military Academy to General to Defense Contracting In Three Easy Steps or, How I Learned to Take Orders and Make a Killing in Death."

Military Intelligence

Coke Boycott

In his speech on the national economic "crisis" Pres Nixon called on business to live up to its social responsibility by not raising prices and wages. It would be nice if they would, but the drive for profit prevents it. The National Council for Economic Action says that only financial action by the consumer will cause our leaders in the business community to pay attention to anything besides their ledgers. The business community has refused to take a stand on any of the moral issues of our time unless there is a clear profit in it for them. For example, the race problem has been worth a fortune to Insurance companies who were able to invests billions in slum areas in high interest loans guaranteed by the government as a part of the Black Capitalism program.

Auto makers in Detroit hire a few hundred hard-core unemployed Blacks and make all sorts of points in the community; points which might well have saved their companies from Black riots directed at their real oppressors.

Cheap Insurance!

The war in Indochina is one issue concerning which the government is not about to give any incentive to anyone to discuss. Of course, no incentive would influence Kaiser Jeep, but there are many companies not directly involved in defense spending which could easily lobby for peace. Coca-Cola is an excellent example. As all major corporations do, Coke maintains a lobby in Washington to help its interests along. Therefore "all" we have to do is to make it worth Coke's while to have its lobbyist work for peace. The tactic is selective purchasing, and it means quit drinking Coke and switch to Pepsi, Canada Dry, or Dr. Pepper.

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will It Work?

Coke has 45% of the domestic market; and 70% of its income is from sales of Coke. Besides, their mother company only sells the syrup, the bottlers do all the work and have formed a lobby to work against the mother company. As soon as they start to hurt you can bet they will start to scream at Lama Coke.

Attacking Coke has other good aspects; because of the high degree of automation, few workers will be hurt, and because of the large number of substitutes the retailers will not be hurt. Thus the effects will be directed only

at the target.

One other significant fact is that 50% of the soft drinks are consumed by people under 25. This is a very important segment

of the population. Let's get behind the NCEA on this thing and see if we can't force our economy to end this filthy war before this filthy war ends US.

Economics & Empire

A bill recently introduced in the senate forbids the president to send American troops to other countries for more than thirty days to protect" anerican Interesits" without the consent of the senate. The key phrase here is American Interests. At least one lenator ininks that the lenate should have a voice in determining exactly what American Interests are.

le can see financial reasons for every war and every venture into other countries in American history. In fact, we might wonder if American Interests aren't identical to Eusiness Interests: after all, it doesn't matter to a dead GI that U. 3. teel is getting its tungsten more cheaply in Viet am than Bolivia.

Capitalism provides part of the motivation for our presence in Indochina. Economists say that there are three elements in production: Land, Lahor, and Japital. wand as used here implies not just dirt but various components of dirt, such as cold, bauxite, iron ore, and coal; in other words, natural resources. Labor includes all forms of human effort directed at production, and includes white and blue collar workers, and management. It also includes entrepreneurs, the people who take risks with their money and use their talents to make sure that the other elements of production are used efficiently, that is, for the greatest profit.

Capital includes all the machines and facilities needed in production. It does not include money as such; cash is regarded as nothing more than a medium of exchange, and as a measure of

work done.

In pure capitalism, it is assumed that everyone wants to make

as much money as possible. It follows that everything is produced as efficiently as the three elements permit, because someone who can produce more efficiently will make more money. It also follows that each element of the production is paid as much as she he, or it contributes to the final product. The entrepreneur is also paid; this is called normal profit.

The urge for profit, however, is the chief source of deformity in the system. Everyone wants to get the edge on his competitor so he can make more money. This is done in three primary ways: by getting a new market, by influencing the old market, and by getting laws passed to limit the num ber of companies producing the product. When a business accomplishes any of these ends, it gets an economic or windfall

profit.

How does the war fit into this picture? Indochina is an excellent new market for many American products form soft drinks to computers to bombs. Pepsi and Coke have important outlets in Indochina, particularly Cambodia, and are able to produce cheaply in view of the low labor costs. Com puters are important status symbols and even have a few legitimate uses as weak governments try to gain credibility among their citizens. Of course, the bomb makers are doing great business dealing out death to the peasants by the thousands.

In addition there are many valuable resources in the area, including the enormous labor market which permits cheap production of such things as tungsten, rubber, and rice cheaply.

Thus American Interests are very definitely involved in Indochina. But many people call: this programmed economic exploitation of these "underdeveloped" nations Imperialism, and rightly so.



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Chat with the President

While watching President Nixon's Dick: "Let me make this perfectly interview with the press last week, clear..." 1 decided to have my own little chat with Dick. If John Chancellor couldn't get answers, maybe a GI would fare better with the Commander in Chief.

Here's how it went: PFC: "Sir, PFC Singer reports." Dick: "Carry on; you do need a haircut, but let's forget that

PFC "Sir, you say the Cambodian invasion was a great success, that a great deal of supplies were captured, food taken, 15,000 enemy killed, prospects for peace enhanced, and that now Hanoi has no choice but to negotiate. What happens if they do not negotiate?" Dic: "Uh, your belt buckle is tar-

PFC "Suppose Phnom-Penh falls or is threatened by the enemy forces, what would be the action of the United States. Would we face another Vietnam on the grounds of 'protecting Cambodia's self-determination. If things really got bad, would the U.S. resort to nuclear weapons?"

Dick; "Those boots are a disgrace, I sugest you..."

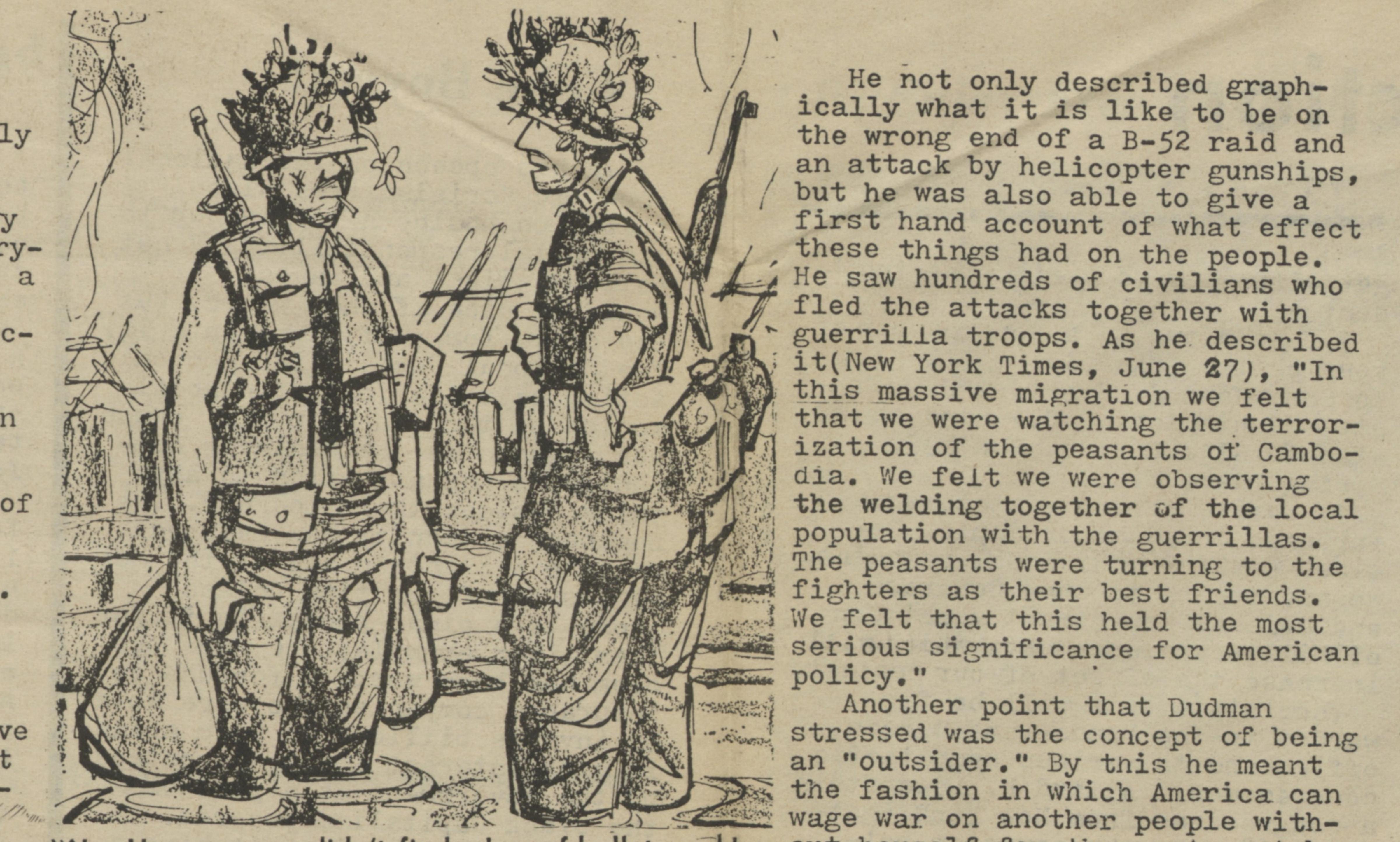
PFC: "Excuse me, sir, let's get to the point. You say, your Constitutional powers justify incursions such as Cambodia. Do they impede withdrawl? Seems the Constitutional powers do not permite the President to send 500,000 troops, how does rectifying this error by saying you must protect them make any sense? I suppose if you sent 300,000 troops to Argentina, you would back the war by stating they must protect themselves."

PFC: "No, instead of making it perfectly clear, or with a heavy heart, tell the truth. Tell everyone you've got this hangup with a victory over Communism in S.E. Asia; and a desire to get reelected. So you stage this Cambodia wilt, and 3) in the atmosphere of polarization politics, you can Americans to your point of view. Ie., they still go for that allowing S. Vietnam to gain selfdetermination nonsense." Dick: "You're out of order!" PFC: "Let's forget our respective roles for a second. Can't we get to the truth, discuss things openly, admit failure, focus on domestic problems, set some rational precedents for the future course of this nation. End the damn charade." Dick: "That's subversive."

PFC: "So be it, we will question as long as people are dying. Cambodia, just exemplifies years of failure, death, deceit, and elicits delusions of peace... What happened to so called COSVN head-How about ignoring for a moment and the repeal of the Gulf of Tonkin resolution?

a phone call." "Hey Westy, low crawl up here in a hurry, I got some questions to ask."

Saigon's Population Fights Thieu and his American Friends



"No, Hanson, you didn't find a box of bullets and two out herself for the most part bebags of rice. You captured an ammo dump and a

Cambodia

Richard Dudman, a correspondent for the St Louis Dispatch, was captured by the enemy forces in Cambodia quarters? How about the looting by on May 7th and released on June 15th. S. Vietnamese troops in Cambodia? He is a man that is known not to have any partiality toward the Communist bias and discussing Cooper-Church, regimes; but having seen the indiscriminate devastation that American technology and fire power brought up-Dick: "Err, excuse me, I must make on other human beings that he was with while captured, he has given a vivid account that rings throughout with his own vehement opposition to our activities in Cambodia.

He not only described graphically what it is like to be on
if he looks within himself. The

IN DEPTH: S.E. ASIA the wrong end of a B-52 raid and an attack by helicopter gunships, the people he loves. I don't but he was also able to give a first hand account of what effect these things had on the people. the welding together of the local population with the guerrillas. The peasants were turning to the fighters as their best friends. We felt that this held the most serious significance for American

stressed was the concept of being his injustice. ing personally involved in this war or having to suffer the full supply depot." consequences of war as a country. This he feels is symbolized by our use of air power in the war. Naturally the average man would probably have reservations about plunging his bayonet into a baby's throat, but he may be very capable of heroically pressing a button or throwing a switch a great distance away from where the savage effects of that little

button are brought to bear. It was announced during the week that ended June 27 that the U.S. would go on bombing Cambodia bringing treason charges against The others must stand guard duty after the promised withdrawal of American troops June 30.

I think there is a basic conclusion that every person should

dearest thing to any person is think there is an instrument or system of any kind which will cause a man to dedicated himself more intensely to a cause than for him to see the objects of his love callously destroyed before his very eyes.

government "has an agreement with I'm an American GI and I know some people that I love very much. to stop it." Personally I don't think there is anything that would evoke a deeper commitment irom me, even against insurmountable odds, than if I saw the people I love deliberately made to suffer and die. All I can feel for the man that is my supposed enemy is sympathy and I cannot help but hope that

AFTERTHOUGHT:

Nixon seems to have kept his against the state for which peopromise to withdraw all U.S. land ple would be court-martialed and forces from Cambodia by June 30th.

The operation was a big hoax. Nix
executed. He was, in effect, hange ing a threat of execution over on sentenced several hundred more GI's to death so that he could keep a promise. American troops are withdrawn only to protect them from the saturation bombing which will follow on Cambodian villages. The worthless Lon Nol government is left, almost certainly to fall to either Thieu's bandits or the pro-Sihanouk forces who should never have been ousted -and would never have been arms. Some volunteered for serhad it not been for the treachery vice, were given a few days traiof AID and the CIA. Lon Nol is ning and then sent out to war. Prince Sihanouk -the hero of the Cambodian people. It is amazing how easily the United States can screw up a country.

"then reaccomble and continue

stop them. If we can't make the South Vietnamese leave, perhaps the Americans can do something." He also said that reports of ARVN soldiers raping Cambodian women, killing civilians, looting and stealing in the occupied east were probably true and that his

the South Vietnamese government Pnompenh, a beautiful city of leafy boulevards, cool street restaurants and n; merous parks, has been captured by a grim military atmosphere. Few people dare speak against the military govern-

ment in public.

General Lon Nol, when imposing martial law June 1 threatened, someday he will be able to avenge "All those who oppose the government will be killed." He then read off a lengthy list of crimes anyone who acted to assist the "restore Sihanouk" movement.

To mark the introduction of martial law in Pnompenh on June 1 the army imposed a surprise one hour curfew at four in the afternoon with the explicit warning that anyone who ventured on the streets would be shot....

All high school and university students, along with their teachers, have been forced to take up in the city and take military instuction in the city parks.

The militarization of the country has been thorough. All police in the country have been drafted. Every civil servant,

Who have not been able to col-

when news of the arrested student

Gl's Plan for Action

-Let Congress Know-

GI's United has begun a program to stimulate massive support from the U.S. Congress to take action on grievances and war protests. Many of us have gripes, or have witnessed injustices, but for one reason or the other have remained silent. July is time for GI Strikeback. Picking up pencil and paper is one way to begin.

We will attempt to collect all statements from GI's concerning injustice and present them to different Congressmen who have shown sympathy to the cause. Also they will be sent to the newly formed GI grievance -lobby- office headed by Jane Fonda, Mark Lane, and Donald Duncan. Some action will be taken. The anti-war senators and representatives have not been reluctant to initiate investigations in the Defense Department and other areas for remedy.

There are no irrelevant injustices. Certain areas of Army practices are definitely held in contempt by the Congressmen and the nation. These are political repression, racism, corruption, abusive administration of military justice, and the disclosure of war crimes and atrocities. The following outline is intended to be a general guide as to what our statements may focus upon:

Political Repression

A. Restriction from anti-war protest activity like the May 16th rally.

Harrassment for anti-war

views

C. Transfers due to anti-war

views

D. Loss of security clear-

ances

* It is supposedly your constitutional right to freely express viewpoints. You're a citizen; the military at least by word recognizes this status. Off duty you may participate in anti-war groups and may exercise your inalienable right of free speech. Any instance of harrassment intended to threaten you and thus prevent free expression should be reported

Racism

A. Discrimination in any aspects of treatment: MOS, promotions, punishment

B. Views on the racial sem-

inars

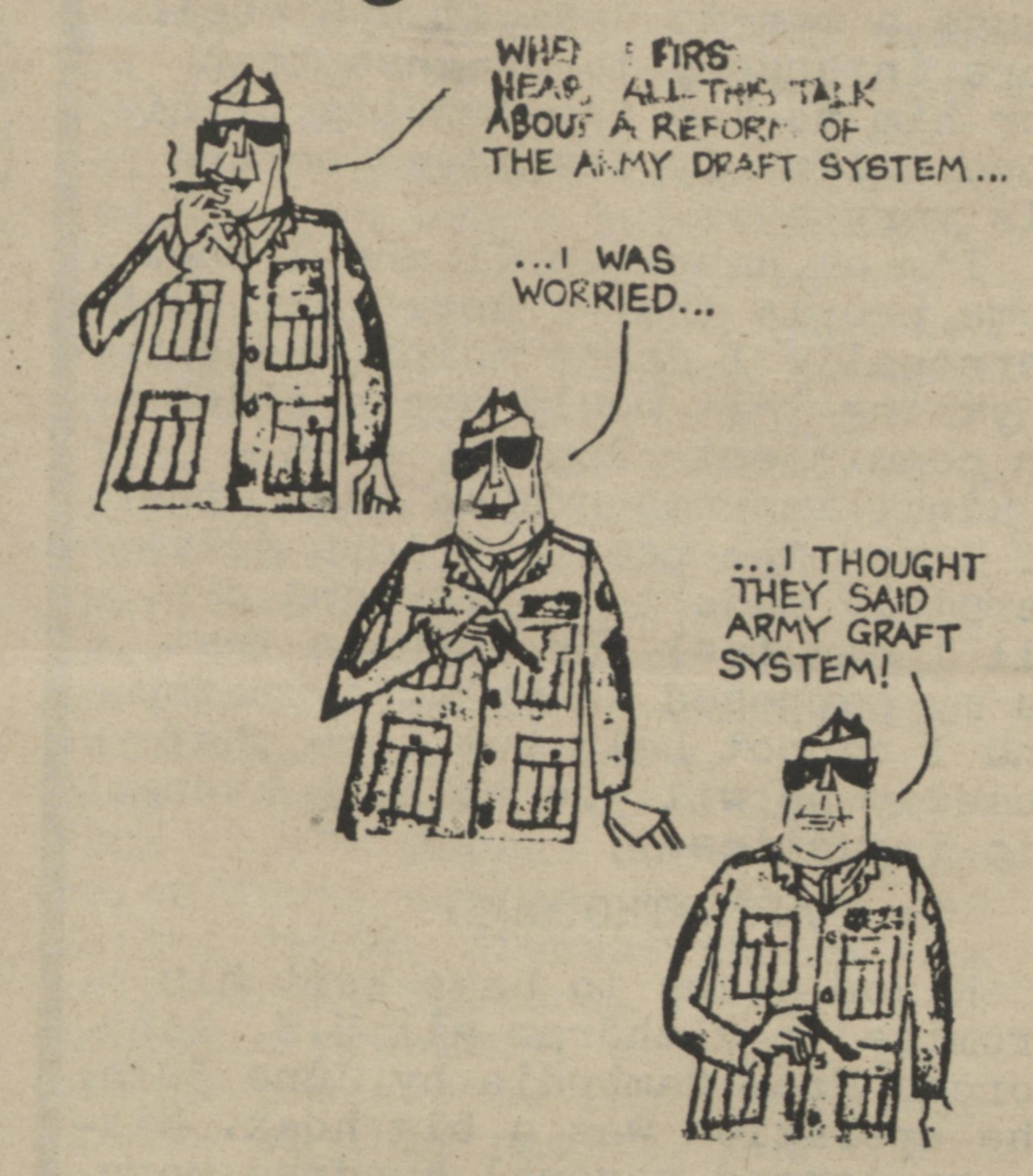
C. Suppression of cultural identity.

* There is a viewpoint stemming from Black ideology towards reluctance to deal with the Congress of the U.S. However, we feel this program may help bring needed reform - why not give it a shot.

Military Justice

A. Unfair Article 15's, court-martials, etc.

Stockade conditions



Corruption

A. Officers using Army property for there own use B. Misappropiations of

Unit Funds

C. Harrassment to participate (money wise) in Army functions (Y.A.C. etc.)

War Crimes

A. Witness to My Lai type murders, or other unscrupulous activity

B. Treatment of prisoners of

C. Any statement by Vietnam returnees involving abuses of good justice - ie. working in inproper MOS's, extended front line exposure, command incompetence, stockade conditions

Vietnam

A. Statements critical of U.S. policy in S.E. Asia

B. Letters disclosing illegitimate activities by the U.S. in say Laos, Thailand, Cambodia, South America, etc.

If you have been a victim or have witnessed incidents of injustice like those mentioned above here's what to do:

1) Clearly state the incident, with brief explanation of the background in the case.

2) If you're a victim, try to

get witnesses to verify the incident

3) Send one to a Congressman of your choice (example: mailing it to Hon. John J. Senator, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.) Send one. also to GI's United, Box 437,

Spring Lake, N.C.

4) Write separate statements for each incident or topic. Besides seeking individual remedies, we are trying to show Congress and Defense Department a pattern of Military misconduct, which will increase the effect of our protest.

Your statements will be forwarded to the Fonda-Lane-Duncan office and to various sympathetic congressmen. Allard K. Lowenstein a congressman from New York (got the 1968 McCarthy campaign rolling) has been in contact with us, and has expressed keen desire to be of assistance. Senators have initiated inquiries in most of the topics mentioned.

Don't hesitate to bring forth any basis of grievance. Really, all it takes is \frac{1}{2} hour of your time. Who knows it just may help. It is definitely worth our efforts to at least try. Write On!

-Learn the Facts -

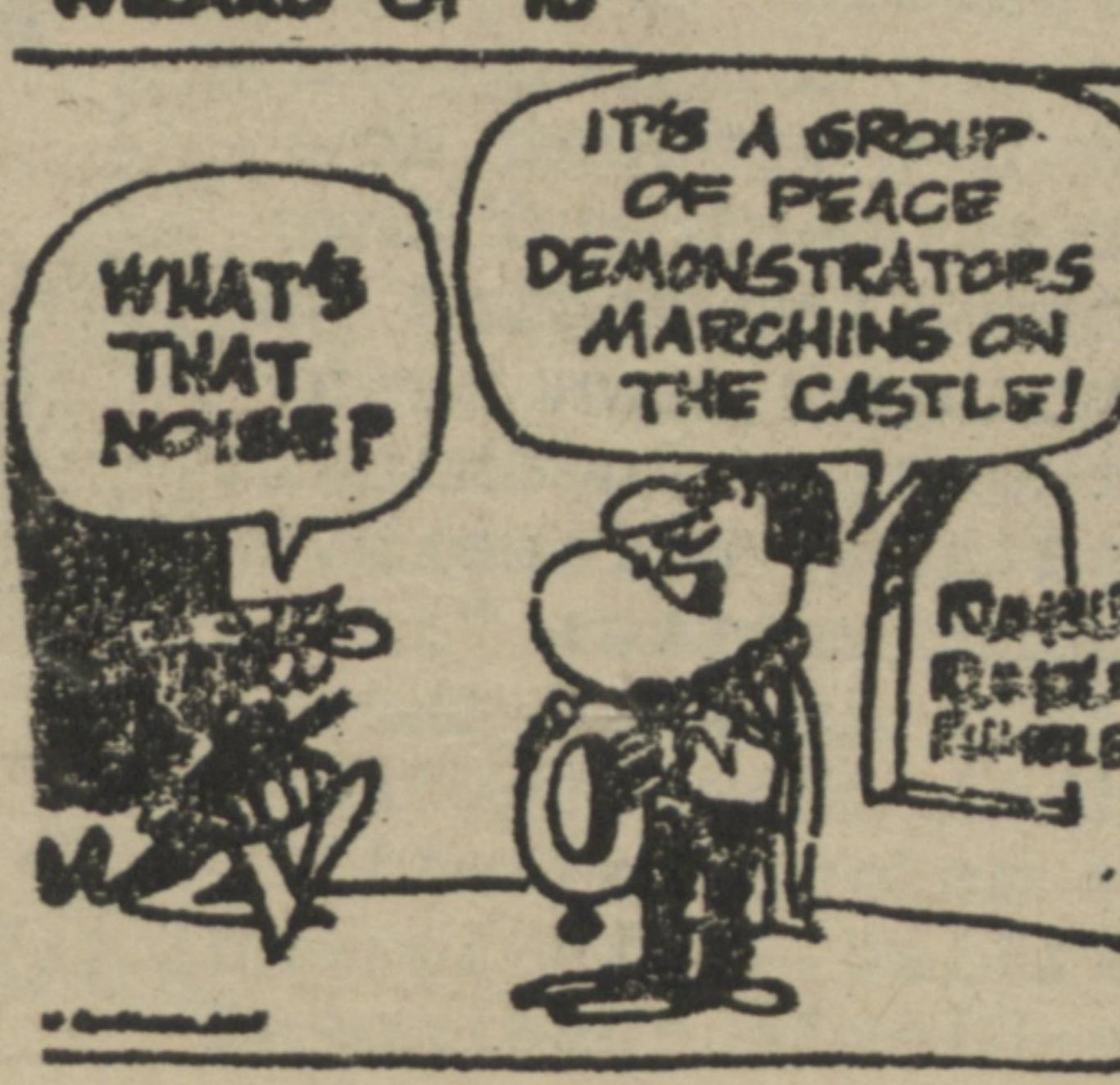
GI's United has initiated a new educational program which will bring major issues to focus at weekly meetings. World crisis should be a time for a quest for information and meaningful dialogue.

Dick Olson heads the educational committee, and hopes to provide a wide range of topics for discussion. All facts of the Vietnam War crisis, are of grave concern, and will hopefully be covered. This includes the history of Vietnam, Rand Reform, U.S. Foreign Policy, up to date coverage of the progress of the war, Vietnamese culture, and prospects for peace.

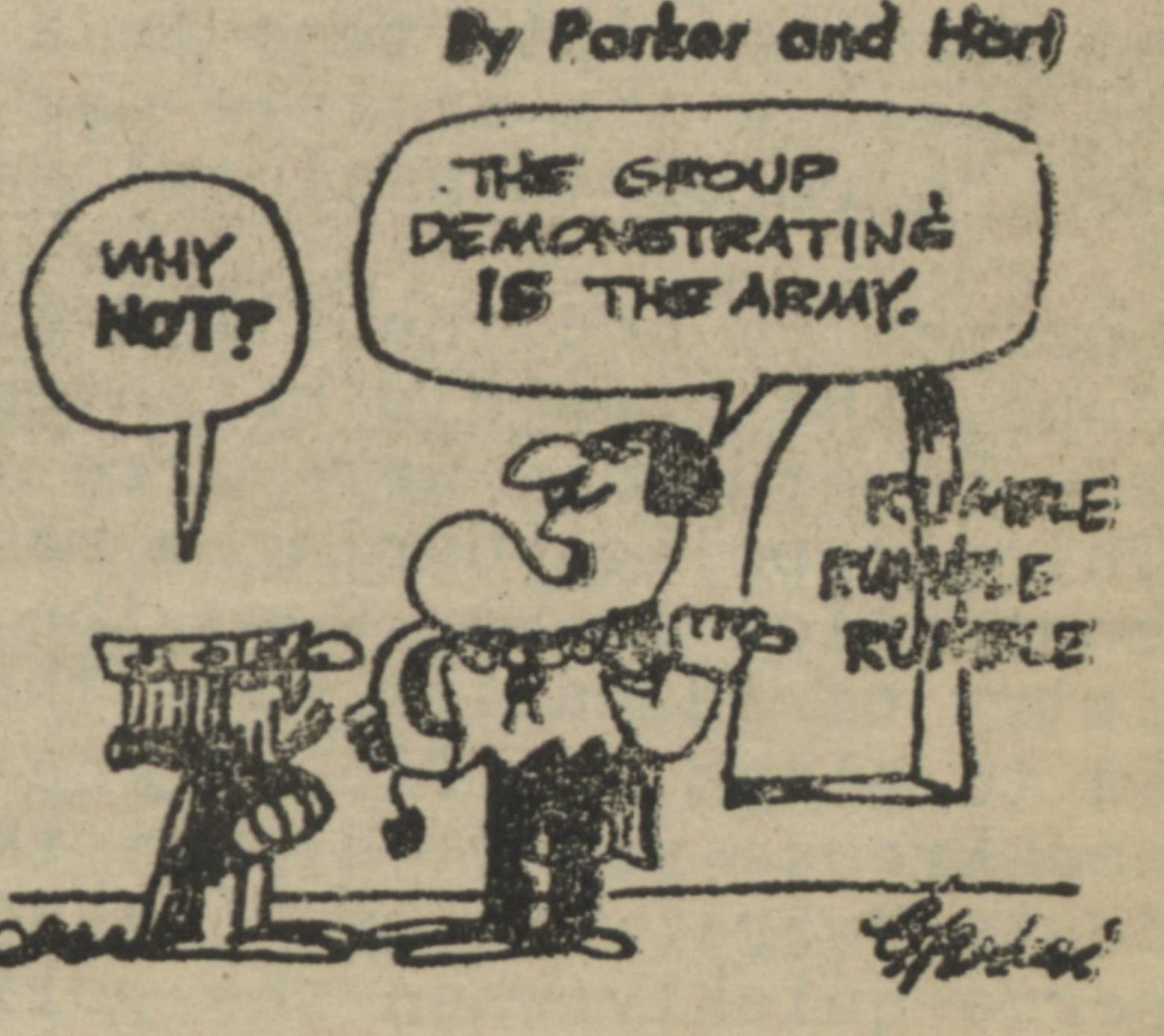
Other relevant 'today' topics as Women's Liberation, the Black crisis, Latin America, Thailand, Politics in America, GI rights, and ecology will also be stressed. There will be lecturers, and of course all are invited to join in discussion.

Everyone is invited to these meetings, and urged to participate.

WIZARD OF 10







GI's Enjoy Free Concert at Rowan Park



-Legal Protection for YOU-

Many of us do not have access to Army regs; or just do not have faith in adequate assistance concerning legal or administrative rights. GI's United now offers guidance in areas from discharges to court martial rights.

Headed by Bill Lynch(a lawyer prior to induction) the counseling committee will attempt to either all questions, or at least guide everyone to proper channels toward desired remedies. Efforts are being made to provide a collection of people well versed

in all facets of military justice and Army regulations. We also call out for anyone who help as a counselor.

Here a just some of the fields of the endeavor: CO classification or discharge; 206, 200 and 212 discharges; compassionate reassignments; Civilian litigation information; Article 15 rights; court-martial and other military justice related problems.

Got a problem, don't hesitate to call the following numbers: 485-1570 or 497-6526.

Training Center Extorts Money From Trainees

For the past three pay days and bout 1 to 50,000. Not very good the days immediately following there has been a flurry of activity at company formations through- remains in the fact that the out the Training Center as Company officers and cadre "persuade" trainees to buy thousands of dollars worth of Youth Activity Carnival tickets. These tickets are sold under the super hype of winning a car or a number of other small token prizes. There is only one car being given away and even the number of ridiculous "bubble gum machine" type prizes are highly limited. Especially when you consider the amount of trainees which are cajoled in every way but physical force into buying these tickets. Even they are in competition with the rest of the post for prizes. That limits chances of winning anything to a-

G.I.S UNITED MEETINGS

GI's l'hited reets every Tuesda; at 7 Pil at the old Quaker House, 324 Ray Ave., right across from the USO. For information and catra capies of Bragg Briefs (for both friends and general distribution) call 497-6526

odds. The pitiful and disgusting aspect of the entire situation trainee, the most underpayed and exploited soldier in the service, does not, in reality have a definate choice as to whether or not he will buy tickets. To quote one Company Commander whom I heard addressing his troops "You will cooperate in these sales". Having been associated with the selling of these tickets on a Battalion level for about a month I witnessed many of the ways in which trainees were intimidated into buying tickets. Some examples are: Group punishment, such as pushups or low crawling, taking down a list of names of men who did not buy tickets or did not buy enough of them, threatened restriction to company area over weekends, and the list could go on and on. I know of companies in which there were five tickets to every man in the company and the sales were 100%.

This 4th of July ticket sale situation serves as another prime example of the trampling of human rights and dignity which is so much a part of the military today. Not until all GI's stand up and demand their rights and refuse to be exploited will this sponging of individuality cease.

A bit of advice

You open your wall locker and scratch another wasted day spent in the army off of your calender. You take off your fatigue shirt and lay it on your bunk. As you glance at it you notice the combat infantrymans badge above your breast pocket and the combat patch on your right shoulder. Once again your mind conjurs up the memories of the atrocities and senseless murders against the Vietnamese people that you had witnessed. You are not proud of having been in Vietnam and yet you wear trite cloth patches glorifying the senseless killing. Finally in a rush of emotion you rend the cloth brands from your uniform and hurl

them into space.

This fictitious account of a soldiers internal struggle of conscience can be mirrored by the feelings, thoughts, and beliefs of many of our Vietnam veterans. One needs but talk to them to see that there are many who are ashamed, not proud, of our governments actions in Southeast Asia. It is only logical then that they should strip their uniforms of all paraphenalia and decorations that deal with this unjust conflict. This is simply one more way in which an individual can assert his opposition to war. Don't parade infront of the world daily covered with blaring patches and ribbons for all to see that you are proud of your former presence in Southeast Asia! Instead, before you put on any uniform again make sure you have removed all evidence of your participation in war. On your fatigue shirt remove the combat out fit patch from your right shoulder. Take off the combat infantry mans badge above your pocket and any other patch or badge which you may find objectionable. When wearing greens or khakis don't pin on a combat infantrymans badge or any Vietnam campaign ribbons. Also leave off a purple heart ribbon or any other decoration which you may question.

In this small, but significant way decry the farce and pity that is Amerikan policy in Vietnam and Cambodia. Now wear your uniforms with a little more pride and a Lot Less guilt.



G.I. ALLIANCE

On the weekend of May 28th, GIs representing over 30 bases met in Atlanta to set up a much needed

national GI organization.

The representatives agreed on a proposal to start a national clearing house. The basic activities of the national office are; information center, establishing a network of communications between bases, acting as liason between GI and civilian organizations, coordinating (through regional conferences) national activities, contacting lawyers and organizations interested in doing GI work and making contacts with national media with press statements from the various bases.

The office has been set up and is opperating in Washington D.C., staffed by the former 'GI Task Force' of New Mobe. This office and staff is completely disafiliated with New Mobe now, and is functioning for and in the inter-

ests of GIs.

The first two regional conferences have been held and the office has distributed its first

newsletter.

The Southeastern conference was held in Atlanta, June 13 + 14th. Ft. Bragg was represented in this region. Those present expressed their backing of the alliance and laid plans for the GI Strickback action, to begin June 30th and extend through the entire month of July. Proposed actions in Washington were discussed and agreed to initiate a Washington vigil that would call GIs on leave to Washington to express their dissent for current government policies.

BLACKS BEGIN BOYCOTT

Continued from page 1 "We feel that it is downgrading to our people and we feel that the white people are using it to let the blacks know that they were once slaves and because we don't control anything we will always be a kind of slave. The black sisters and brothers that are coming up will look at the slave market and ask questions and when they find out that it was used to sell their sisters and brothers back in the 1800's and it still stands today, they'll automatically feel that whites are superior to them. This is what we are trying to get rid of.

Another brother added, "As long as Market Square stands it will remind black people that we have been stepped on. The more black people think of such things the more hatred will develop in

our hearts."

The Black Organizers also plan to circulate petitions among the black residents of Fayetteville to try to get the Slave Market

torn down.

He pointed out that once businessmen begin losing money they're
going to begin asking what's causing this and if they begin to get
hurt badly enough then they are
going to want to see the slave
Market torn down.

Several attempts have been made in the past to rid the town of the Slave Market. Once in the nineteenth century it was burned down and once about ten years ago it was bombed.

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BRAGG BRIEFS v TOLSON

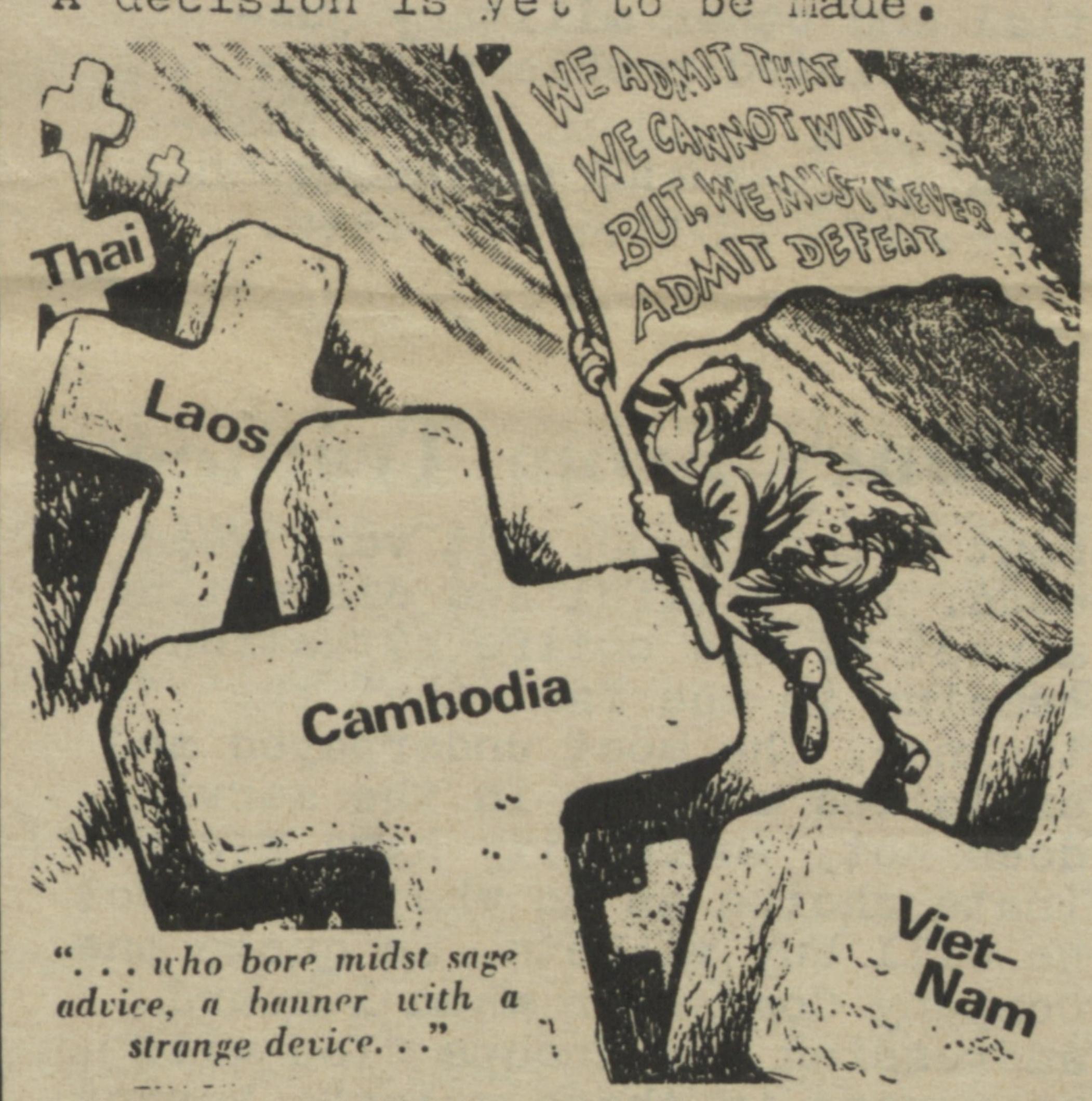
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military context." He also made
lengthy mention of his own experiences as a military command-

On the same docket was a case involving the right of Fort Jackson soldiers to hold public meetings on post. Another crew-cutted US attorney provided the highlight of this case when he ar wed that the only thin; objectionable in meetings by Fort Jackson coldiers was the fact that they were held on the military reservation and that soldiers had been and would always be allowed to meet and be involved in political activities off post in nearby Columbia, South Carolina without interference by the army. CID arents and uniformed NCC's patrol the streets of Columbia warning trainees from the fort not the take newspapers and other antiwar literature, saying that they might get article 15s or court martials for doing so; army agents were also involved in harrassing and eventually closing the UFO - an antiwar GI coffee-

The main problem in both cases lies in working out conflicting provisions in the U.S. Constitution, one which provides for the establishment and maintenance of an army and the other which occassionally provides for certain basic rights. The government argues in both cases that GI's have no constitutional rights at all. A decision is yet to be made.

house in Columbia.



FORT LEWIS -- PVT Willie Williams is facing general court martial charges for making a poster for his wall locker which says "I will no longer be an emissary for this imperialist military machine. Freedom - or death to Fresident Nixon. He has spent about five months in pre-trial confinement.

On June 15th, four Ft Lewis
GIs and four civilians were arrested for dedicating the main
post chapel to St Maximilian during the regular 11:00 service.
St Maximilian was executed in
295 A.D. for refusing induction
into the Roman army.

FORT PCLK -- A stockade rebellion left the library ransacked and several fires for authorities to contend with.

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FT LEWIS CG GOES BANANAS

fear could be the first steps in a military coup in the US, Major General Willard Pearson has placed himself in contempt of 6 US Senators by refusing to recognize congressional holds barring shipment of 13 conscientious objectors from Ft Lewis.

The whole problem arose over the probable procedural errors and denial of due process in the processing of the 13 CO applications. After the applications were denied, the 13 enlisted the aid of senators Muskie, Goodell, Munson, Percy, Granston, and others to investigate the manner in which the applications were processed.

Pearson, who travels in a staff car with LP cars in front and back giving DR's to GI's who don't salute, has bungled similar cases in the past perhaps causing him to be denied promotion to Lt. Gen. de refused to process article 138 investigations initiated by the 13 against himself and company commander CPT Lelvin Gingery questioning the use or misuse of their powers in the CC cases. There would be no legal recourse in the local federal court as Judge James Bolt, a retired colonel, has never judged against the Army.

By direction of Pearson, 8 of the 13 were put on orders for Viet Nam. - 2 are now AWOL, 6 refused the orders and are now in pretrial confinement, one of the other 5 with only 50 days left in the service was finally taken off orders. Efforts were made to use force to shang-hai several of the CO's to Vietnam, a practice not

unknown at Ft Lewis.

It was rumored that Department of the Army was going to send a Pentagon "heavy" to Ft Lewis to look into the possibility of relieving Pearson of his command. As for the threat of a coup, it seems that Pentagon officials are upset that Pearson had taken premature and independent action and will try to eliminate Pearson from their future plans. In all probability, Pearson will be given a psychiatric examination and be processed for elimination from the service under the provisions of AR 635-212 (Unfitness and Unsuitability).

CAMP PENDLETON -- PFC Jesse Woodard, while sitting in a Movement for a Democratic Military staff house along with 25 other GIs and civilian organizers, was wounded by a burst of automatic weapons fire from a passing automobile.

Official memoranda have been sent around the post urging tighter er security on aerosol paint which has been used to paint slogans on buildings and other government property.

SNEDEN -- Reports indicate that many who desert to Sweden collect reenlistment bonuses and Army loans before leaving. Far out!

KELLY AFB -- A 2nd Roger Priest, George Edge, is to be tried for "soliciting and counseling troops to desert" and "promoting disloyalty and disaffection."

