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Desertions

Desertions from ARVN show a drastic increase over last year's monthly rate.

According to informed South Vietnamese sources, the desertion rate from ARVN averages 50% higher than last year's rate. Although actual figures are class ified, estimates are that 12,000 deserted last month; at this rate 12% of the army will have deserted by this time next year. And it's not the brass who are leaving, it is the troops, the fighting men.

American military spokesmen in the past discussed the problem openly, especially when the rate declined. They have refused to comment recently.

The official explanation of the high rate is that the men cannot survive on their tiny paycheck. On his basic monthly salary, a private in ARVN makes enough for 12 packs of cigarettes each month if he has no dependents. A private with 7 dependents makes about \$22 at the black market rate, the rate at which most transactions are handled.

The inflation which brought about this sorry state of affairs is the direct result of the war. the corruption of government, and an incredible group of American economic policies, which have totally disrupted the fragile South Vietnamese economy.

And it is indeed strange that none of the official explanations even memtions the possibility that the South Vietnamese Soldier is begining to realize that Thieu and Ky run a miserable government which does not earn the support of the people and which does not deserve to survive this present revolution.

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All GIs have the right to any written matter they desire in the mail, and have the right to keep any books, newspapers, or pamphlets they want.

GRAND OPENING

July 31st, August 1st & 2nd

On the weekend starting Friday July 31st and ending the 2nd of August, Fayetteville will play host to the Grand Opening of the "Haymarket Square" coffeehouse downtown. The coffeehouse is located on the corner of Bragg Boulevard and Hay Street.

After at least six months of constant searching, the building was found and the business deal worked out. The building needed a tremendous amount of work which began almost immediately. There was painting, carpentry work and lots of cleaning to be done before the place could be opened. It took about two months of intensive work to get



Harassment

On the 19th of July, Gary Horvitz (spelled Horowitz by the police) was arrested and charged with disturbing the peace. The warrent was issued by W.A. Pavis of the Fayettville Police Dept. Horvitz was charged that he did... Platurb the peace and tranquillity of other persons in the area by allow loud music, both from a band and a music machine (juke box) to be played that can be heard from a distance of two, (2) city blocks".

This charge shows the absurdity of itself in several different ways. Obviously the police dept. of Fayetnam cannot type very well. Then therets the fact that the coffee house has no juke box. Witnesses at the coffee house swear that the music was barly audible ousside the building, let alone two city blocks.

GI'S finally have a place in town free from money hungry merchants and should stand up against this repression.

Then came the final hassels, inspections: first the plumbing, then the electrical system, and finally the health inspection.

There had been hope of preparing and selling food prepared at the coffeehouse, but under a city health regulation a full ceiling would have to be put in the building. Food is now going to be prepared and packaged elsewhere and brought to the

coffeehouse for sale. A really great selection of books and literature is offered at the coffeehouse bookstore. Of course they are reasonably priced!

The typical schedule of events for any given week include music (rock-country, bluegrass, folkrock) about once a week, movies every Thursday night - free, and always good raps. And GI's United Against the War meets in the meeting room every Tuesday at 7:30 PM.

Haymarket Square is open from 5 PM until 11 PM on weekdays and from 1 PM until midnight on the weekends. It is closed all day on

Monday. There are numerous other similar projects at posts across the nation. The "Oleo Strut" at Fort Hood has been in existence for almost two years. The Shelter-Half at Fort Lewis has had some trouble with the brass but has managed to keep things going well. The only real problem arose recently at Columbia, South Carolina. The "UFO" serving Fort Jackson was busted in January and three of the staff members are now facing 6 years in prison for "creating a public nuisance."

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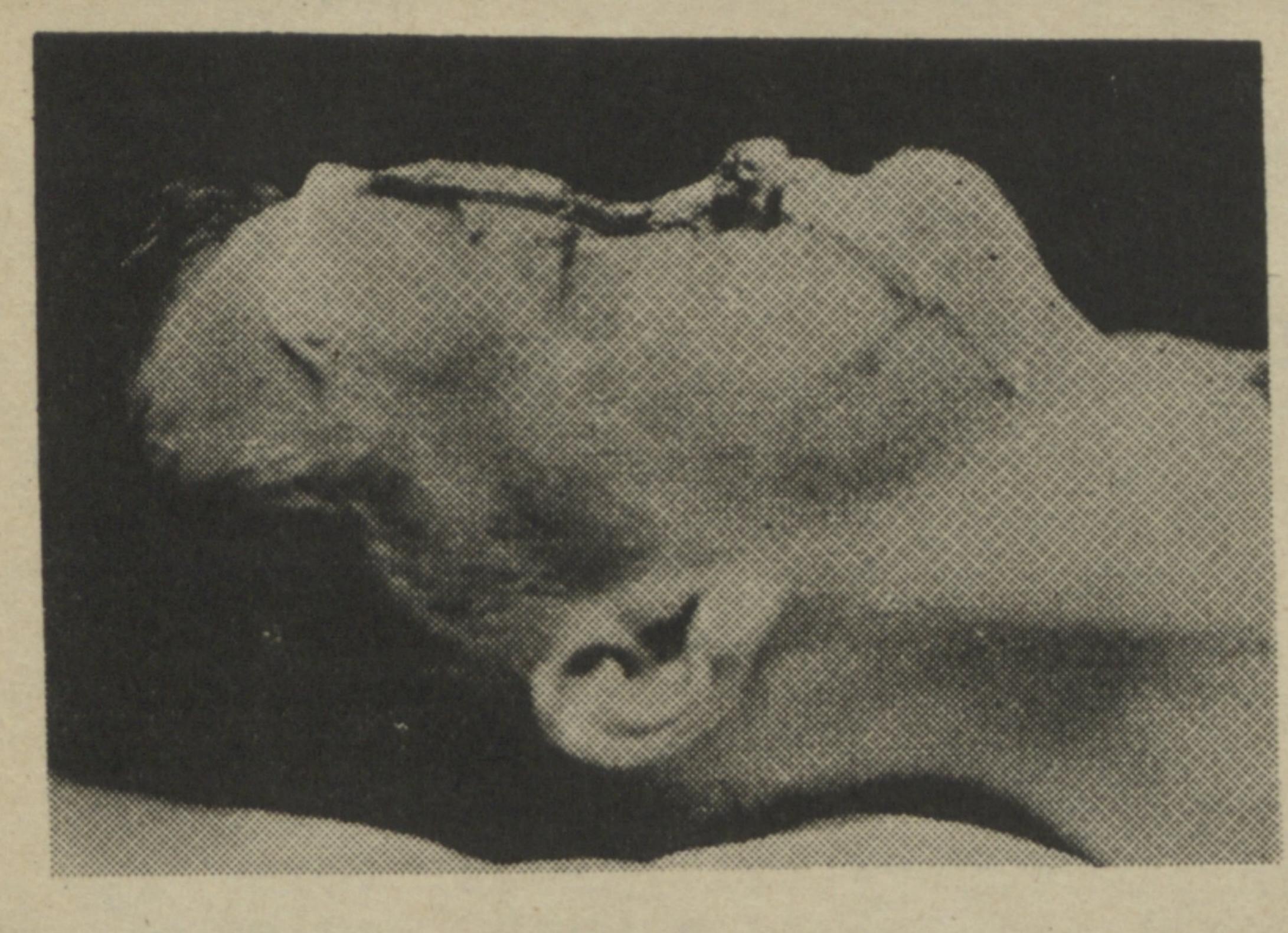
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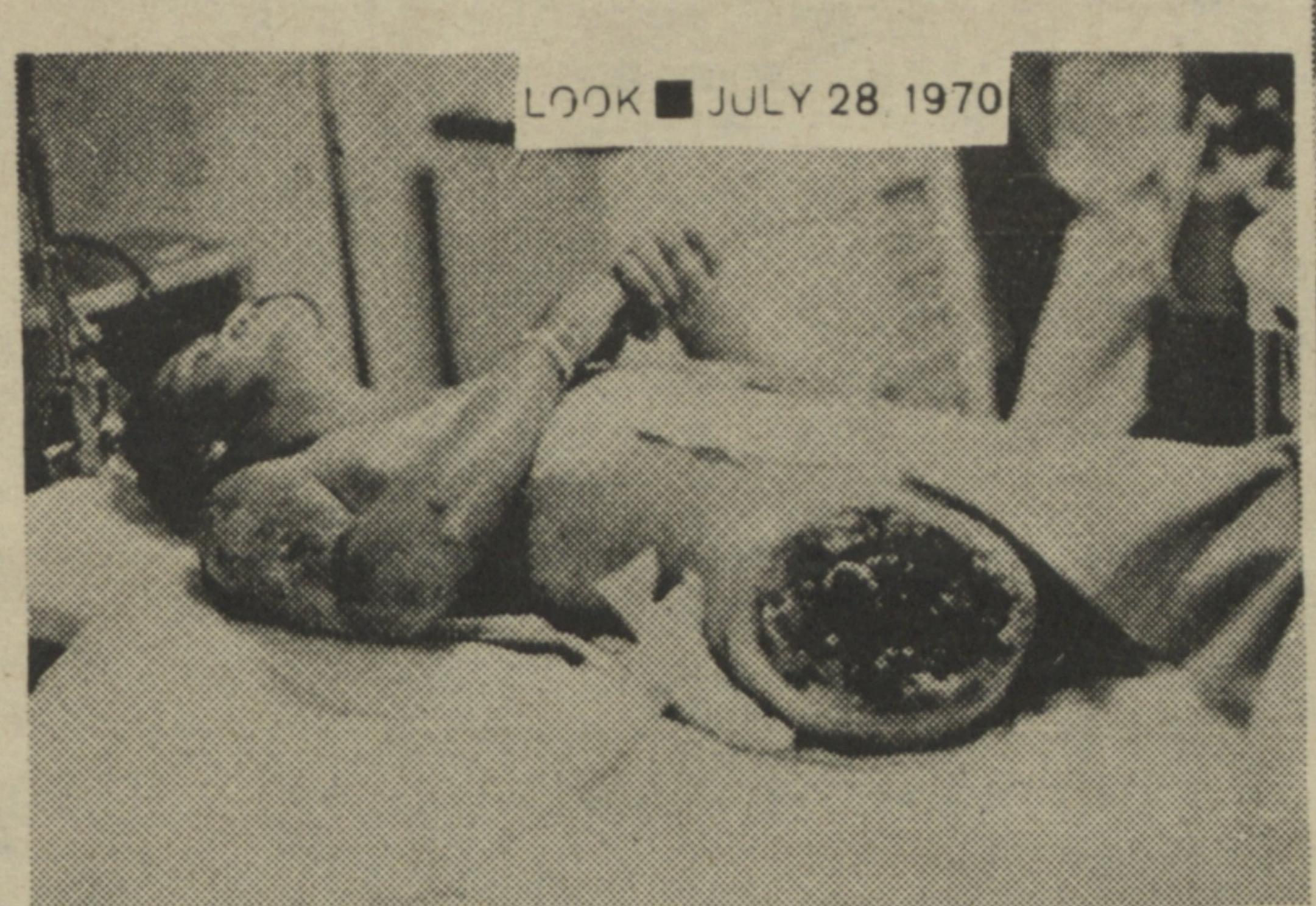
grisly pictures of wounded GI's he had treated in Japan.

The doctor concluded that these men "gave too much in that far-off place and we should not have sent them there.

2) Time, July 27, 1970. A good article. But what Time fails to ask is why the U.S. government has poured a billion dol-

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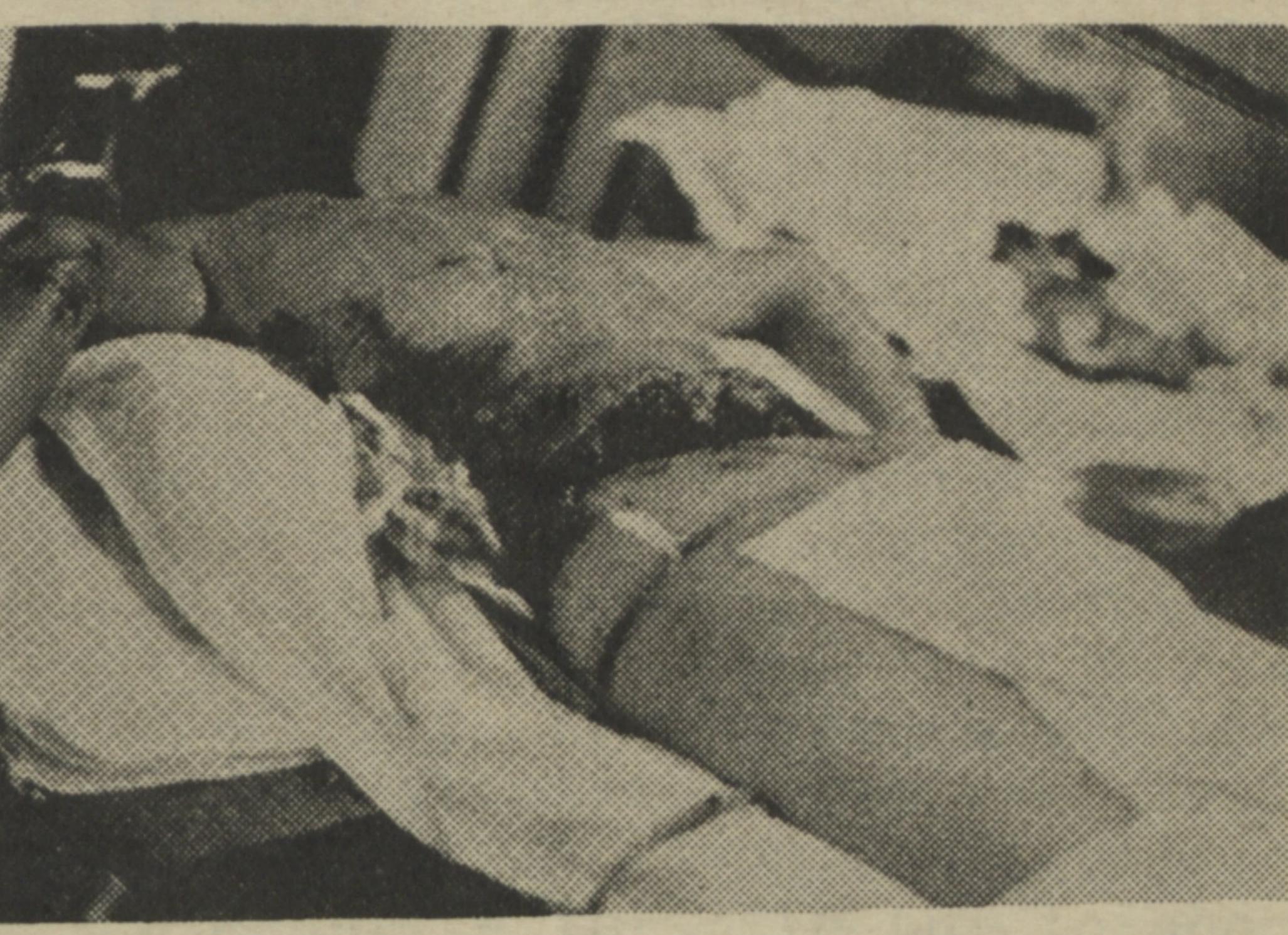


All of this upsets many people Thus Spiro Agnew is applauded

But Life did not paint their pictures of the prison cages. Time did not create torture in Brazil. Nor is Look responsible for young men who don't come back with two arms, two legs and one undivided head.

Americans may not like to face up to these unpleasant facts. The truth about this governments policies and this governments choice of friends hurts any American who wants to believe that this country supports decency and justice in other parts of the world.

But the "straight press" is beginning to report the whole We commend them. truth.



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To From the Parrot's Perch Only now is information starting to trickle out about the atrocities against

political prisoners in our country. We 3 o can assure everyone that torture does exist in Brazil. What is more: all that has been said about the torture is very little compared with the true facts.

The U.S. State Department has also expressed concern, partly because Brazil has received close to \$1 billion in AID funds since the 1964 military takeover, some of it in the form of technical advice for Brazilian policemen.

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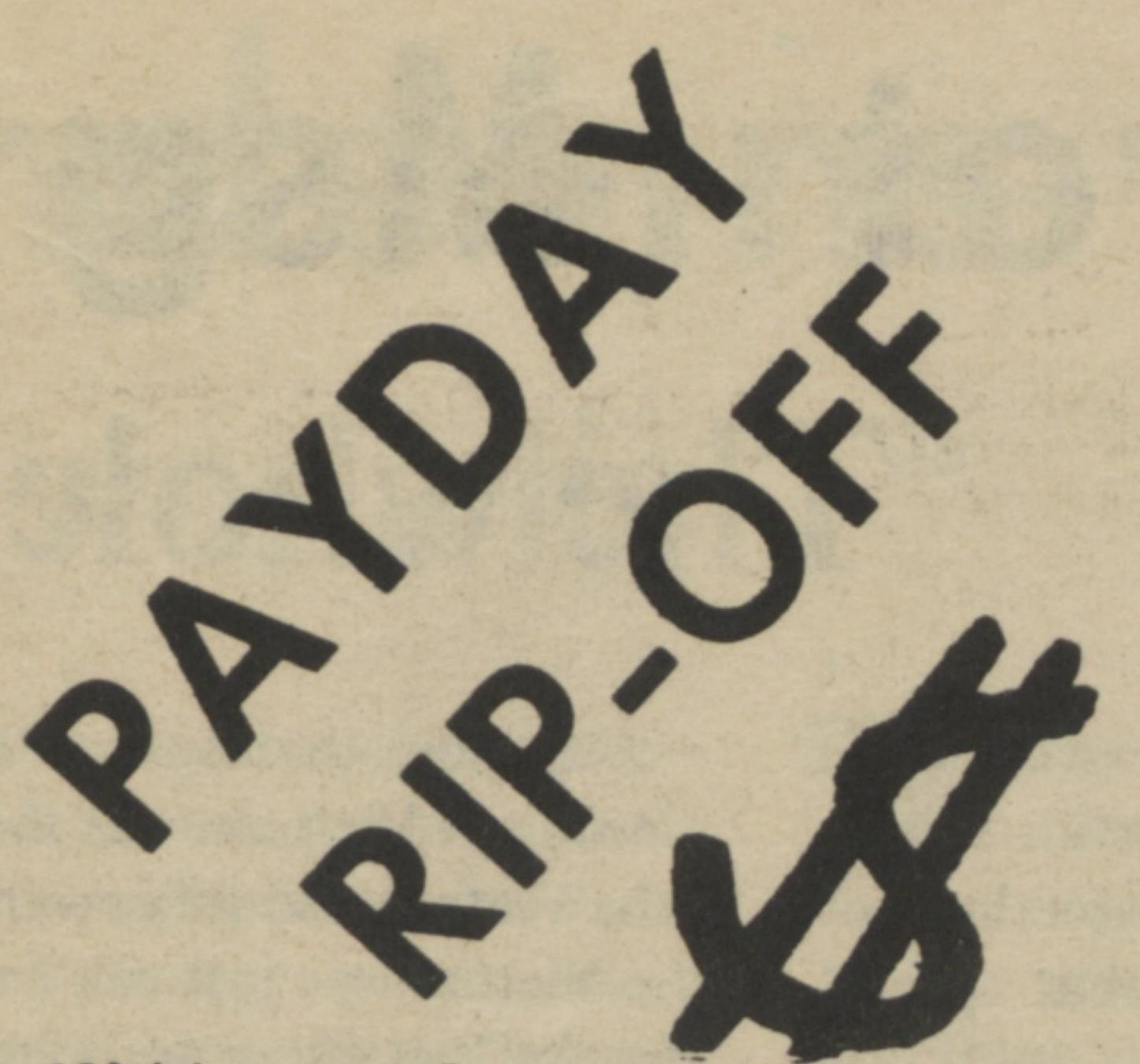
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The best part is that this form of blackmail is legal. Corps Reg 350-1 provides that commanders may authorize up to 1 rull holiday per month for "outstanding performance." Perhaps their idea of outstanding performance includes giving away part of your

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Officers are in even worse shape. It is not enough for them to play the game, no Sir, they have to love it and say so at every opportunity. This Howard Levy and Henry Howe learned the hard way, and so have an enormous number of bitter but silent Lieutenants. Each of these facts is demonstrated in case after case.

Those of us who live with these fascinating rules and regulations know just how heavy the army hand is. But so do the two million veterans and they never do anything about it. One excellent conclusion to be drawn from this concerns the socializing effect of the services. The veterans are so accustomed to taking orders that it never occurs to them that things could be otherwise. Taking orders, or, for officers, giving them, is so much a part of life that it is unquestionable, that it seems obvious and natural. It will take more than a book detailing the nonjustice of the military to end

PEACE RHETORIC

Hail the generals With their shiny bright stars Hail politicians And their big brown cigars Hope on for everyone the moment they cease For then the beginning, and the summertine Of peace

Sing glad songs for those With love in their hearts Sing songs of hope For others to start Next to the beginning there's only the end Just think of each other, for

we're your best friend

Look on to the future Where all our hopes lie Inside my intentions I'm wondering why Believe me we all have the same color skin The ones that battle, are never to win

Lay down your weapons Bring a smile to your lips Politicians can be happy Generals may have ships Believe its for someone and your love will increase For then the beginning and the summertime of peace

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Ex Green Beret Msg Condemns Vietnam War

"The whole thing was a lie!"

by Donald Duncan

HEN I WAS DRAFTED into the Army, ten years ago, I was a consider such actions good strategy when the tables are reversed. When militant anti-Communist. Like most Americans, I couldn't teaching Special Forces how to set up guerrilla warfare in an enemy ginning in Vietnam was the condemnation of ARVN as a fighting force: conceive of anybody choosing communism over democ- country, killing unpopular officials is pointed out as one method of "the Vietnamese are cowardly... the Vietnamese can't be disciplined... suppose, due in part to my being Roman Catholic, in part to the stories assassination teams be set up for this purpose. in the news media about communism, and in part to the fact that my stepfather was born in Budapest, Hungary. Although he had come to the United States as a young man, most of his family had stayed in Europe. From time to time, I would be given examples of the horrors of life under communism. Shortly after Basic Training, I was sent to Germany. I was there at the time of the Soviet suppression of the Hungarian revolt. action are the segregated bars. Although there are exceptions, in Saigon, Everything I had heard about communism was verified. Like my fellow Nha Trang, and Da Nang and some of the other larger towns, Negroes soldiers I felt frustrated and cheated that the United States would not go into white bars except at the risk of being ejected. I have seen to the aid of the Hungarians. Angrily, I followed the action of the brute more than one incident where a Negro newcomer has made a "mistake" force being used against people who were armed with sticks, stolen weap- and walked into the wrong bar. If insulting catcalls weren't enough to ons, and a desire for independence.

While serving in Germany, I ran across the Special Forces. I was sc impressed by their dedication and élan that I decided to volunteer for duty with this group. By 1959 I had been accepted into the Special Forces and underwent training at Fort Bragg.

NE OF THE FIRST AXIOMS one learns about unconventional warfare is that no insurgent or guerrilla movement can endure without the support of the people. While doing research in my job as an Area Specialist, I found that, in province after province, the Viet Cong guerrillas had started as small teams. They were now in battalion and regimental strength. Before I left, the Viet Cong could put troops in the field in division strengt i in almost any province. Such growth is not only impossible without popular support, it actually requires an overwhelming mandate

We were still being told. both by our own government and the Saigor. government, that the vast majority of the people of South Vietnam were opposed to the Viet Cong. When I questioned this contradiction, I was always told that the people only helped the Viet Cong through tea-Supposedly, the Viet Cong held the people in the grip of terror by assassination and torture. This argument was also against doctrine. Specia. Forces are taught that reliable support can be gained only through friendship and trust. History denied the "terror" argument. The people feared and hated the French, and they rose up against them. It became quite obvious that a minority movement could not keep tabs on a hostile majority. South Vietnam is a relatively small country, dotted with thousands of small villages. In this very restricted area companies and battalions of Viet Cong can maneuver and live under the very noses of

racy. The depths of my aversion to this ideology was, I gaining friends among the populace. It is recommended that special the Vietnamese just can't understand tactics and strategy . . . etc., etc."

ANY OF OUR MILITARY, officers and enlisted, have exported the color prejudice, referring to Vietnamese as "slopes" and "gooks" — two words of endearment left over from Korea. Other fine examples of American Democracy ir



ions, mounting a ferocious fight and breaking loose. I have seen evidence hopes of an Asian Hungary. of the Viet Cong attacking machine-gun positions across open terrain with terrible losses. This can't be done with undisciplined bandits. For is the only choice the people in the village have. This is why most of many years now the tactics and strategy of the Viet Cong have been so them have embraced the Viet Cong and shunned the alternative. The successful that massive fire power and air support on our side is the only thing that has prevented a Viet Cong victory. These are all Vietnamese. What makes the difference? Major "Charging Charlie" Beckwith, the Special Forces commander at Plei Me, used the words "dedicated," Special Forces commander at Plei Me, used the words "dedicated,"
"tough," "disciplined," "well-trained," and "brave" to describe the Viet Cong — and, almost in the same breath, condemned the Vietnamese on our side.

T BECAME OBVIOUS that motivation is the prime factor in this problem. The Viet Cong soldier believes in his cause. He believes he is fighting for national independence. He has faith in his leaders, whose obvious dedication is probably greater than his own. His officers live in the same huts and eat the same food. His government counterpart knows that his leaders are in their positions because of family money or reward for political favors. He knows his officers'. primary concern is gaining wealth and favor. Their captains and majors eat in French restaurants and pay as much for one meal as they make in a week. They sleep in guarded villas with their mistresses. They find many excuses for not being with their men in battle. They see the officers lie about their roles in battle. The soldier knows that he will be cheated out of his pay if possible. He knows equipment he may need is being sold downtown. His only motivation is the knowledge that he is fighting only to perpetuate a system that has kept him uneducated and in poverty. He has had so many promises made to him, only to be broken, that now he believes nothing from his government.

opposition to the government meant jail or death. Neutralism was forbidden and punished. Newspapers that didn't say the But the Viet Cong are Vietnamese. United States military files in Saigon right thing were closed down. People are not even free to leave and Vietdocument time and again a Viet Cong company surrounding two or even nam is one of those rare countries that doesn't fill its American visa three ARVN companies and annihilating them. These same files docu- quota. It's all there to see once the Red film is removed from the eyes. bandages. ment instances of a Viet Cong company, surrounded by ARVN battal- We aren't the freedom fighters. We are the Russian tanks blasting the

It's not democracy we brought to Vietnam — it's anti-communism. This THEN I RETURNED FROM VIETNAM I was asked, "Do you

Donald Duncan Saturday, August i Fayetteville

HE WHOLE THING WAS A LIE. We weren't preserving freedom in people remember that when they were fighting the French for their South Vietnam. There was no freedom to preserve. To voice national independence it was the Americans who helped the French. It's the American anti-Communist bombs that kill their children. It's American anti-communism that has supported one dictator after another in Saigon. When anti-Communist napalm burns their children it matters little that an anti-Communist Special Forces medic comes later to apply

> resent young people who have never been in Vietnam, or In any war, protesting it?" On the contrary, I am relieved. I think they should be commended. I had to wait until I was 35 years old, after spending 10 years in the Army and 18 months personally witnessing the stupidity of the war, before I could figure it out. That these young people were able to figure it out so quickly and so accurately is not only a credit to their intelligence but a great personal triumph over a lifetime of conditioning and indoctrination. I only hope that the picture I have tried to create will help other people come to the truth without wasting 10 years. Those people protesting the war in Vietnam are not against our boys in Vietnam. On the contrary. What they are against is our boys being in Vietnam. They are not unpatriotic. Again the opposite is true. They are opposed to people, our own and others, dying for a lie, thereby corrupting the very word democracy.

There are those who will believe that I only started to feel these things after I returned from Vietnam. In my final weeks in that country I was putting out a very small information paper for Special Forces. The masthead of the paper was a flaming torch. I tried in my own way to bring a little light to the men with whom I worked. On the last page of the first issue were the names of four men — all friends of mine — reported killed in action on the same day. Among them was Sgt. Horner, one of the men I "procured" for Special Forces when he was stationed at the Army Presidio in San Francisco.

To those friends I wrote this dedication:

"We can best immortalize our fallen members by striving for an enlightened future where Man has found another solution to his problems rather than resorting to the futility and stupidity of war."

eletters to the editor

The Supreme Court And Conscientious Objectors

The Supreme Court of the United States announced it opinion in
the case of Welsh v. United States
on June 15, 1970 reversing a conviction for refusing to submit to
induction into the armed forces.
This opinion caused a great deal
of comment in the press and elsewhere. The immediate reaction of
many was, "Won't this open the
floodgates? Won't everyone be
able to avoid military service
just by saying he is a conscientious objector?"

What does the Welsh decision mean for conscientious objectors serving on active duty? The short answer at this time is probably very little, within the Army sys-

tem.

Taking Advantage Of The Decision

As a mater of fact, a commander recommended disapproval of an application for discharge as a conscientious objector two days after the decision was announced, giving as his reason, that people were just taking advantage of recent Supreme Court decisions by submitting applications for discharge.

That the man's entire paperwork had been completed and formally submitted serveral weeks before the decision of the Supreme Court evidently did not occur to this high ranking officer, or if it did occur to him he did not see the glaring illogic of his response.

The Welsh case does not make any huge change in the standards for determining who is a conscientious objector. It reaffirms the decision in the Seeger case to allow an exemption to those who do not adhere to any formal religion. It adds to this in that it says that the objector himself need not consider hid belief to be religious even by his own definition of religion.

It appears to be saying that it is up to the draft board to substitute its judgement that the deliefs of the applicant are "religious", even though he may say they are moral or ethical. What this does is it allows the applicant to use the words moral and ethical, political, sociological, and philosophical without having

use spoil his claim.

Guidelines For Draft Boards

The Selective Service Director. Dr. Curtis Tarr, has published guidelines for draft boards, for the first time ever. The principal provisions are:

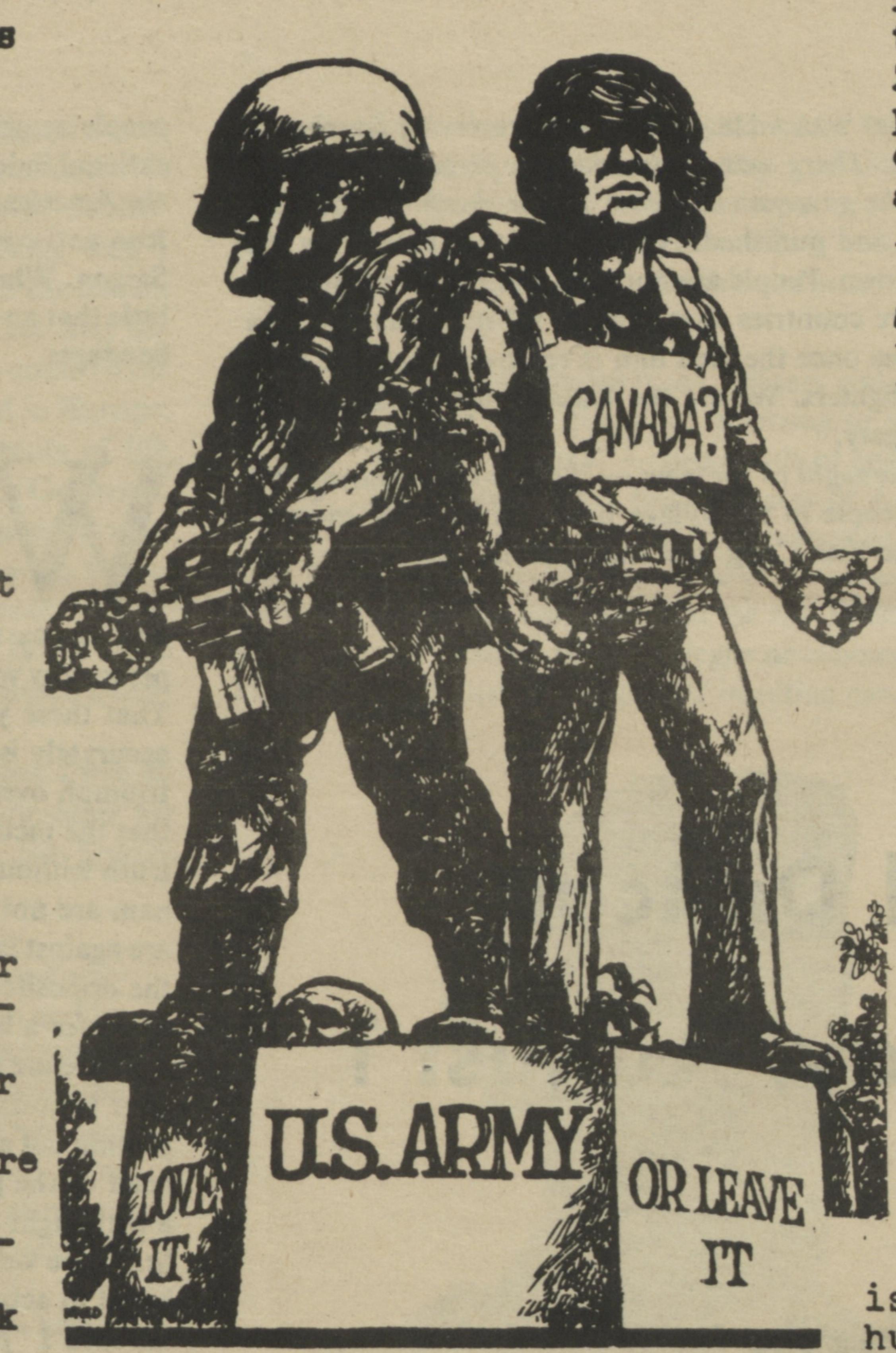
1. "The primary test is the

test of sincerity."

2. "The belief upon which conscientious objection is based must be the primary controlling force in the man's life."

3. The objection to war must stem from beliefs abour right and wrong held with the strength of traditional religious conviction.

4. "Bosrds are not free to reject beliefs because they consie



der them incomprehensible."

5. The registrant need not express his beliefs in "formal or traditional language.:

6. The registrant "must demonstrate that his ethical or moral convictions were gained through training, study, contemplations or other activity comparable in rigor and dedication to the process by which traditional religious conflicts are formulated."

The Army provides both for 1-0 discharge and 1-A-O noncombatant status reassignment for consciencious objectors whose belief has become ficed since coming on active duty. Army Regulation 635-20 provides for discharge of both officers and enlisted personnel. AR 614-106 provides for assignment to noncombatant status for officers and warrants. AR 600-200 provides the same for enlisted men. These regulations have not yet been changed in any way to reflect the decision in the Welch case.

The Army has chosen to follow the standards of the Selective Service in theory at least in its regulations. It is likely that the Army will not adopt the more liberal policy of the Welsh decision; the Army has not followed Court decisions in the past.

Because, however, the regulations use the very same wording as the Selective Service Law, an interpretation of the test of who is a conscientious objector different from that of the Supreme Court in Welsh as elaborated upon in the Selective Service guidelines would probably be improper if the issue were treated by the Supreme Court.

This all means that one who applies for discharge without a traditional religious claim, or

who expressly deny that his claim is religious, should look forward to a Federal District Court suit in order to be discharged. Experience shows, however, that discharge withour at least starting a suit in Federal District Court is extremely rare.

Applications for discharge are generally denied the first time they are submitted if there is the very slightest excuse in the

paperwork to do so.

In summary, the Welsh case will probably do little to broaden policy towards conscientious object tors within Army channels. In fact, the paranoia of the brass about openint the floodgates will probably hurt applicant's chances for a while. Where the decision will make a difference is in the Federal Courts, where those who feel that they are not "religious" will get a better chance at being discharged.

FUND FOR C.O. APPLICANTS

Today among young people there is more of a committment to be human in our concern for each other. Consequently, as the War of Indochina drags on, and young men continue to be "legally" forced to kill the number claiming to be opposed to war will also increase.

Those GI's who apply for conscientious objection often become victims of the rigid, unjust, and outdated interpretation that is contained in military regulation. A GI can be "militarily" eligible and stands a much better chance of getting approval if his beliefs are based in the teachings: of a specific, church religion, To a GI who today feels the depersonalized nature of the institution church, and who objects to war on either moral and/or ethical grounds the likelihood of getting military approval is "dark shadows."

In an attempt to alleviate this injustice of military justice a group of GI-conscientious objectors at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas have organized a fund-The IMP Fund Fer Indigent C.O.'S. This fund provides the money for legal assistance in event that a GI is forced to take his case into the courts system to get that human justice. The serviceable intention of this fund is to be made applicable to all GI's in all of the forts across the country.

Since this Fund is in the early stages of its development, you people help either make it or break it. Please "Do it" for the movement. If you want more information about the C.O. Fund or if you want to send over some movement money our central office address is: The IMP Fund For Indigent C.O.'S, 109 W. Jurango, San Antonio, Texas. In addition, we are currently setting up a chapter of the Fund in Fayetteville, N.C. The address is: The GI Coffee House, 545 Hay St., Fayetteville N.C. Lets get down to it:

Coke

The State

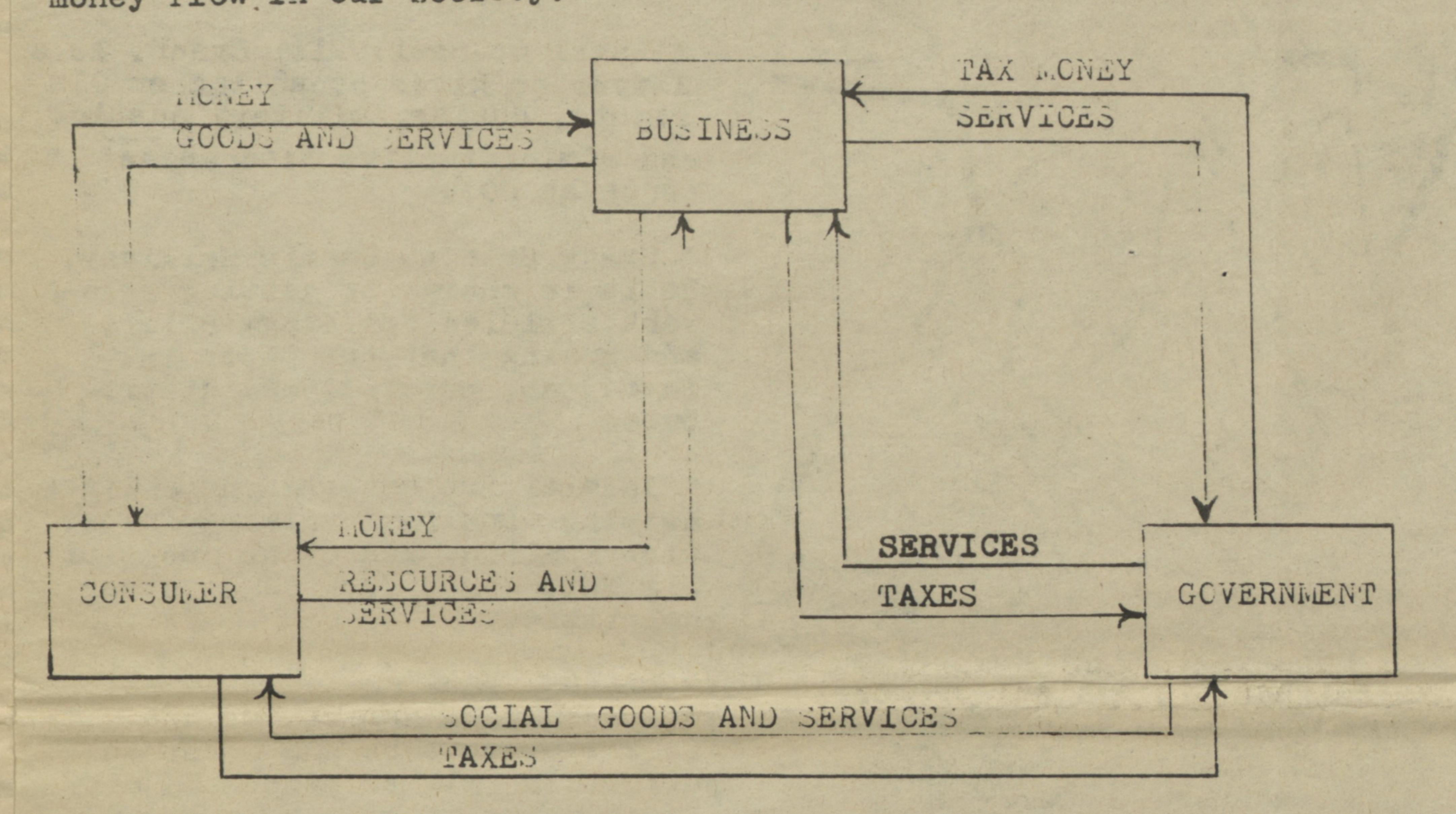
Last month the economics column discussed the nature of the profit motive in capitalism, the key to the capitalist system. The ideal way for things to happen then is that the producers, urged on by this motive, attempt to sup plythe buyer with the things he wants. The size of want is indicated by the amount of money the consumers as a group are willing to pay for the product.

We saw that business can distort the market; now let us see how the government distorts things and begin with a picture of the money flow in our society.

inefficient lifers.

But the state manages to waste billions with its professional corps of idiots at the Pentagon, men perfectly willing to pay \$33 million for the C-5A while Boeing produces the 747 for \$17 million, men convinced that a \$10 billion ABM system is not enough.

At the same time, urgently needed things, decent housing for all Americans, food and clothing, all are cut back. A bill for increased hospital building was vetoed by Pres Nixon and a bill to help people to go to college races the same rate. Migrant



We divide the system into 3 sectors - consumers, business, and government. Obviously, consumers work in the other two sectors; but there they are producers. Consumers are taken as owning all resources and labor used in the production process. This simplification is explained by the fact that consumers own the stock of those resources they don't own outright. Thus consumers sell resources and services to business for cash and spend cash for finished products. Businesses pay taxes and receive certain services from the gonernment. Government takes in tax money and uses it to buy certain things for the people.

The things the government buys are called social goods. They include such things as Saturn rockets, roads, schools, and such. They also act to redistribute part of the wealth of the country to those who aren't capable of taking care of themselves. This is a real benefit to the people if done properly. No one could possibly buy a Saturn or a road from South Bend to Fort

Unfortunately, the government is a very bad agent. The Defense of Cur Country costs \$60,000,000,000,000,000 or so per year, a stargering amount, boosted as we all know by the incredible waste of money at Fort Bragg, sponsored by

workers and poor people in Appalatia starve; our nation is drowning in pollution and the filthy war goes on.

The government spends \$200 billion a year, over 20% of our GNP. Consequently they have an enormous share in determining what is produced. Every dollar they spend is a vote cast to determine what is produced.

Practically everytning the government buys costs a lot of money; and the main reason is the expense of hiring all those scientists and engineers who spend it. They command enormous sala? ries because of their educations and training. But those educations were gotten because once upon a time some slob worked himself to the bone to produce enough food for 100 people while the rich man supported someone to study about things. Educations consist of knowledge earned while millions sweat blood in the field.

This is still happening. Part of the money earned by every line worker, every GI, every school teacher, and every police officer goes to support this minority of educated people in their search for such useful pieces of information as now to shoot down one rocket with another.

This is our wonderful government deciding what we need. Ten years ago Edward Morrow tried to awaken Apathetic America to the plight of migrant workers with his TV special. "Harvest of Shame." This show documents the horrible conditions which migrant workers accepted without any apparent attempt to get them changed.

Oh, the bleeding hearts poured forth enormous quantities of brood, out rittle or nothing has been done to correct the conditions endured by our fruit and vegetable pickers, as was snown in a recent NBC white Paper on migrants. They still have no unions, they aren't covered by any minimum wage laws, they still nave no unemployment insurance or compensation, their children still nave to pick at the family is to survive (a fact which insures that there will be another generation of undereducated workers), and they still live in raunchy, rat- and roach-iniested hovers.

Daughter of Coke

NEC as one of the chief offenders in Florida. They narvest millions of oranges each year for their Orange Juice, and they use hundreds of workers. These people live in shacks rented to them for \$40 to \$70 per month. They generally have 2 rooms with no running water and no inside toilets.

Minute Maid is a subsidiary of

the Coca Cola Company.

When the NBC interviewer tried to talk to some of the inhabitants of Coke's "dormitories" they were run off by goons employed by the makers of the real thing. Last month we ran an article suggestaing that GIs boycott Coke in an attempt to get them to lobby for peace, and to take a clearer stance in regard to pressing social needs. This is one of the needs which must be corrected now.

"To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards of men."

Abraham Lincoln



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About 60 miles west of Wasnington D.C. there are the Blue Ridge Mtns. For those of you who love camping or out door activities this would seem to be a lovly site I've been across the tops of these Mountains before, along Route 601, 1/1 the area is really out or sight but I ralled to realize one thing. peneath the road is a mimiature wnite House. A hang out for all the top brass in the U.S. to go in case of a nuclear attack or even better a complete over throw of the government.

This Underground White House is composed of a complete military command-communications center, offices, nospitals, careterias, and an underground lake for water supply big enough for a person to water ski on. It's got it's own power supply and a radioactive decomtamination chamber. The entrance 1s protected by a 34 tea door.

The people who work inside this "Hall of the Mountain King" can't live with their families because there is just enough room for them and nobody else.

The huge assembly hall contains a stage, giant world map showing locations of SAC planes, navel vesssels, missile sites, etc. The whole underground city is covered by the hardest rock in the country and it took 21 years to blast this place out.

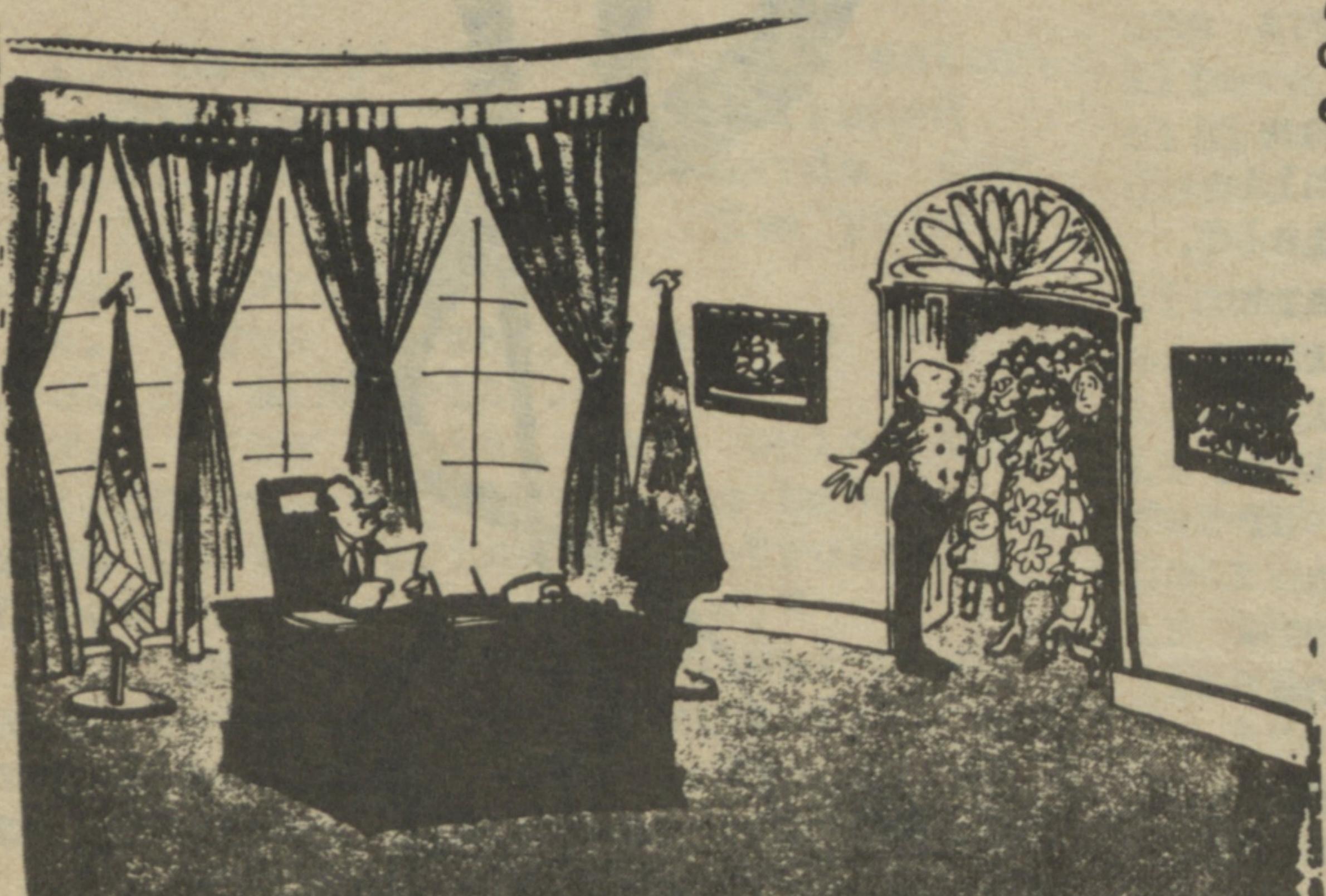
Should the "officials" in Washington rail to make it to this site the personell inside would take over complete control of the coun-

It is not publicized but there are a few tell tale marks that make it completly abvious such as a cylone fence with barbed wire along the top which completly surrounds the whole thing. There is a shack you can see from the road which houses an air shaft for ventilat

tion. At night you can spot landing lights which make it stand out like a sore thumb.

Instalations such as this must be made public knowledge for if the people don't know where the power of the land lies they will not have the right to govern their own lives. A citizenrey must be armed with facts as well as weapons if it expects to be strong.

The Military Machine is doing it's best to keep the people ignoront of facts which we need!!



"And in this very room Presidents Polk, Pierce, Fillmore, and Coolidge made some of their worst decisions!"

STOP the KILLING! G.I.S UNITED OUR CHILDREN ARE DYING ALL OVER



DOPE or POLITICS

Many GI's are fed up with the system. To escape from the system they turn to dope. Unfortunatly this only delays everything for the few hours that you're stoned.

We of GI's United feel there is a better way. Why not try to change it.

The time has come for action against the repressive system which put you in the position that you're in now. Dope won't make you free but political action and organization will. We of GI's United urge you to work for your freedom. Do something useful.

GI's United meets Tuesdays at 7:30 PM at the Haymarket Square coffee house, 545 Hay St., Fayetteville, N.C.

BRAGG BRIEFS

P.O. Box 437

Spring Lake, N.C.

GI's United needs your help. GI's United is presently organized into seven committes. This 118 a list of the committees, commitee heads, and the function of the committee.

- * Congressionals: Al Singer. He is collecting statements of evidence by GIs or ex-GIs against war atrocities, racism, and repression in the armed forces. This information will be sent to Congress.
- * Education: Rich Olson. He will help organize weekly presentations of information on the world situation, with emphasis on the Indochina war.
- * Legal Counsel: Bill Lynch. As a lawyer he gives conseling on GIs rights, duties, military justice. and administrative discharges (such as CO).
- * Bragg Briefs: Dennis Halliday. He is in charge of getting relevant articles for Bragg Briefs and seeing that the paper is layed out, printed, and distributed.
- * Special Projects: Wayne Kelly. Helping with fund raising, paper distribution, and other needs of GIs United not covered by other committees.
- # Liason: Pete Gorczynski. Helps to coordinate efforts of the different committees and makes an leffort to talk to people in different units to broaden the support of GIs United.
- * Administrative: John Vail. This committee handles finances, mailing, etc.

We urge all GIs to attend the meetings of GI's United. We meet every Tuesday hight at 7:30 at the Haymarket Square coffee house. The location is 545 Hay Street. Fayetteville. Come on down and join in. You can do nothing but help yourself.

The Decision-Making Process

Hugh Sidey recently reported in LIFE magazine that President Nixon liked the movie Patton so much --he identified with Gen. Patton as a man who acted boldly in a crisis-- that he asked to see it again. Five days later he

Let's hope he doesn't see

