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BRAGG BRIEFS

GI'S UNITED AGAINST THE WAR IN INDOCHINA

Bragg Brief's is published in the spirit of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution. It is a free press, published by active duty GI's stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Bragg Briefs is dedicated to realizing the vision of the American Revolution of liberty and justice for all peoples.

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roll over bob hope

Counter USO here in March

with dick gregory, elliot gould, jane fonda, donald sutherland barbara dane, peter boyle, jules feiffer, mike nichols, and more, more

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

The United States Serviceman's Fund, a non-profit organization, which is concerned with the welfare of persons who have served or are serving in the military, wishes to sponsor a free show for GI's on March 13 and 14 at Fort Bragg, N.C. The cast at the show includes: Dick Gregory, Elliot Gould, Jane Fonda, Donald Sutherland, Barbara Dane, and Pete Boyle (JOE). The show will be written by Jules Fieffer, and directed by Mike Nichols.

In order for this show to be performed on post, General John J. Tolson himself must grant permission to U.S.S.F.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED GI'S feel that if Bob Hope is allowed to perform on military bases then General Tolson should grant U.S.S.F. permission to perform the above show at Ft. Bragg.

We also feel that if the Army is really modernizing that EM's should have a voice in determining the type of entertainment on post.

AND WE THE UNDERSIGNED GI'S WANT THIS SHOW'

We hope the Congress of the United States will intercede in our behalf.

Name Unit Home State

please send petition to Bragg Briefs, P.O. Box 437, Spring Lake, N.C. or bring it in to the Haymarket Square Coffeehouse

Military Triples Lettuce Buying

For years the lettuce workers in the valleys of California have busted their backs long hours picking juicy profits for chiseling corporate growers. The sweat of the workers' labor, rung dry by the racist 'free' enterprise, continually undercut their income earnings and left the workers with a pocketbook of diminishing returns, scratchy wages, and no workers rights.

In past years with the grape workers, Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee used a strike and a national consumer boycott to gain recognition for the plight of the grape workers. The Pentagon was up to its usual tactics and threatened to smash the strike. Pentagon buyers went into the market and tripled their purchase of grapes.

The lettuce workers aren't sweating off profits nor pulling up lettuce heads nowadays. Existing off of an average income of $1900 and suffering the built in kickbacks from a system of greed and competition, the response of the lettuce workers was unanimous and determined-to follow in the spirit of the grape workers' struggle-to fight, to strike, and to fanshen for a contract! The response of Chavez was to call for a lettuce boycott against those growers unsympathetic to the workers' demands. The response of the Pentagon was to side with the rich lettuce growers and assume the role of arch-scab against the most honest union in the country.

Last year it was grapes, this year the commidity is lettuce, and the jack of all scabs, the DoD, is at it again, muscling down on a new set of victims and channeling their smash tactics through a new villian-

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pushers

Haymarket Square is the only GI coffeehouse in downtown Fayetteville. It serves the GI in many ways. It offers us a place to go and relax; to speak freely without fear of harassment. It offers the type of entertainment that you won't find in Fayetteville.

If it were to be closed down for some reason, the GI movement would suffer a severe setback. Unfortunately, it is now in that very predicament due to a few selfish people who feel that Haymarket is also a place to deal dope ranging from grass to heroin.

The first two coffeehouses in Fayetteville, The Other Side and The Apple House, were closed with dope as an excuse. Let's not give the man (authorities the opportunity to close us down again.

If you care about Haymarket, you won't hold, score or contact in or around the place. If you don't care about Haymarket, we don't want you to bother coming down.

Spread the word. Haymarket belongs to the people, and the people have to police themselves or the police will do it for us and close us down.

are pigs

letters to the editor

keep on truckin' Tal.

###The editors have been receiving a deluge of letters. Due to our desire to print as many of them as possible, we request the letters stay within the limit of 500 words or less.

GI Ripped Off

This is not a story about police brutality.

It is a story about how the system of justice in this country works for the rich but not for the poor.

It is a story about how Fayetteville exploits GI's.

One day in January a cook for the 28th Civil Affairs Company was arrested in downtown Fayetteville and kept in jail for a week before he had been convicted of any crime.

It's the kind of thing that could happen to anyone in Fayetteville. It could happen to you.

Here's what happened.

On January 28th PFC Mike Fraser went downtown drinking. Halfway into the evening the police stopped him, frisked him, and found a knife and a piece of hash. And so Mike was arrested on the dope charge and a charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

The magistrate said he would have to post a $400 bond before he could be released. Not many PFC's can put $400 together and so Mike was stuck in the 'drunk tank.'

This room was about 12 feet by 12 feet. There was one bench stretching across one end, one commode and one water fountain. He was kept in this room for four days (How long does it take to sober up?). Finally on the fifth day he was put in a cell.

Mike tried for four days to make a call.

Finally a bondsman came and offered to bail him out. He notified Mike's company which did not know where he has and which had him down as AWOL.

The bondsman's fee - $60.

Mike will be tried early in February.

Some reflections on justice in Fayetteville and justice in America.

1) Isn't pretrial confinement a way of assuming that a person is guilty? Did you know that 50% of all prisoners in non-Federal prisons have not been convicted of any crime but are in circumstances similar to Mike's?

2) Isn't bail just a way of punishing the poor and not the rich? The son of some businessman would have no trouble paying $400. It isn't so easy if you're a poor GI or any poor person for that matter. One justice for the rich and a different one for the poor.

3) Aren't bondsmen running a racket? For an investment of $400 they get back $60 in profits. Besides a bondsman can revoke bond anytime he wants to and back in jail you go.

4) How much does Fayetteville collect from GI's every year in fines? Why does Fayetteville look on every GI as a goldmine?

Some day after the American people realize that no politician and no rich businessman is much interested in justice for a poor GI, they will join us and together we will build a country with one justice for all.

patriots saluted

Right on, brother!

The next edition of THE CRUSADER, published by the Crusader's Press, a 'liberal literary digest', will be replete with quotations and excerpts from your excellent paper. Pete Gorczynsky's 'Socialism' was particularly excellent and will open the eyes of many of our readers.

For the past six months I have been personally involved in fighting for justice in the military.

With your permission I'll continue to 'steal' material from your paper. Most of my readers are middle-income, white, suburbanites who are concerned but not very involved. This educational process is turning some of them around and getting a few more into the Movement.

The real PATRIOTS of America, I salute you! Keep up the all-important but thankless job. Many families of the future will owe their very existence to your efforts--and not just American families.

All Power To the People
Sincerely,

Roy E. Fries
'Lone Crusader'

"EVEN IN THE NEW ARMY WE'LL STICK WITH THE OLD SALUTE, LIEUTENANT."

PLANE CRASHES CONTRACT SOARS

Washington (LNS)-- The U.S. Government is giving the General Dynamics Corp., a major defense contractor, an additional $17.1 million. The reason? The Air Force still hasn't figured out why its new F-111 fighter-bombers keep crashing. The new contract is tagged for 'minor, miscellaneous engineering changes' in the jinxed jet.

any *brother or sister* who can get into *TYPING* and is interested in this machine, has got to be a **freak**!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*and we need you!!!!!!*

who is responsible for this?

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SAY IT LOUD BLACK AND PROUD

Brothers,

Brothers, sisters, let's do it now! Let us express the pride in ourselves and in one another that is distinctly ours. We must become more aware of each other as Black People if we are ever to reach the goals for which we are desparately fighting. Whether we are part of Uncle Sam's 'slave machine' or not, we must all say it loud and let it be heard throughout this racist land.

We must face the imposing oppressor and be independent, regardless of the penalty which is so often illegally forced upon us.

So let's do it up brothers and sisters and let us show the lifers, grits, pigs, pimps, hustlers and whores what it really means to be black. Power to the People.

Brother E. Medley

platform endorsed

To The Editor of Bragg Briefs:

Your statement, "GI's United Platform," Jan. 1971, is outstanding and has my hearty endorsement. If you can ever substantially achieve these goals, you will have set a standard for all Americans to achieve and try to live by.

Also please extend my congratulations to Charles P. Arnold on his letter, "Spirit of Revolution." If people are unwilling to make a revolution when they are enslaved, then they will become and remain slaves.

The issues which I have seen of Bragg Briefs have established a very high standard. I wish the mass communications could and would set such a high one. Keep this up and you are certain to have a useful impact upon our society.

Best wishes and success in the cause of justice and peace.

Sincerely,
Hugh B. Hester
Brigadier General, U.S. Army (Ret.)

Brother Jack Alive And Well

Hi Everyone,

Well how is everything going at the coffee house? Wow, Viet Nam is really a bummer; if I had it to do all over again I would have stayed at Fort Bragg. The lifers around here are really down on the men, they took and locked all our rifles up because they were afraid we would use them on them. All the EM's are having a meeting tonight at 7:30 to decide what we are going to do about the lifers. The lifers are starting to hassle us about our hair and tapered fatigues and even up at the main PX they have lifers picking men up and giving them DR's because they don't look like soldiers and most of them are grunts who just came out of the field. We could really use a hell of a lot of your newspapers so we know what's going on back in the world. It would also hassle the lifers when they see the men reading them so here is my address:

Pfc. Jack Flanagan
HHB 3116 Arty
23rd Inf. Div.

Well people, I hope everything is going good for all of you, be good and take care.

Keep your heads,

Jack

vietnam, laos, and cambodia;

73% of the People say NO

"We will use air power as long as I am serving in this job. I will recommend that we use air power to suppliment the South Vietnamese forces, as far as the air campaign in South Vietnam, Loas and Cambodia is concerned"-----Melvin Laird, Jan. 21 1971 (New York Times)

There have been over *10 million tons* of bombs dropped on Indochina since 1965. (1½ million tons were dropped on all of Europe during World War II)

The month of January saw over *1000 B-52 sorties* over Indochina. The average daily bombing from B-52 runs is about 250 tons per plane.

B-52's alone account for some 5 million craters, 30 feet deep and 45 feet in diameter.

There has been an average of 27,000 United States air missions a month over Loas---the most intensive bombing suffered by any nation in history.

Between two and three million people are being moved from the northernmost regions of South Vietnam to the southern section of the country in, "the largest organized movement of peasants in the history of Vietnam". Vietnamese claim that it is a move by the government to gain control of the people of the northernmost provinces who have consistently resisted control by Saigon.

Along with the people move, to back up the rumor that there exists tactical plans, able to be implimented at any time, to make the northern area of South Vietnam along the DMZ a nuclear contanimated, "hot zone". There is also word of tactical nuclear weapons being shipped from the West coast.

United States' bombing is responsible for dropping the population of the Plain of Jars in Loas from 200,000 to 0, with zero productivity and completely destroyed ecosystems.

PROTECTIVE REACTION

There are, since American involvement, 300,000 to 1.5 million refugees in Laos, a country that has a total population of 3 million.

With these facts, available to the American people and the President still talking about "de-escalation", the question arises as to just what is the President trying to do?

Surely the news coming from Indochina, news of massed, American trained, equiped, and advised armies at the Loatian border, with American transportation and massive American air support is not a sign of any kind of "de-escalation".

The United States has overthrown a neutralist government in Cambodia, an act which gave birth to what is now a highly sucessful revolt which seems destined in the near future to restore Cambodian rule in Cambodia. This despite massive ficancial, tactical, and arms support by the United States for the government of Lon Nol in Cambodia and the South Vietnamese forces that we've shipped in to help him.

It's time that the people of this country took it upon themselves to question the functions of their government. It's time that the 73% of the population that the Gallup poll reports wanting complete withdrawel of all U.S. troops from Indochina by the end of 1971 makes the government listen to it.

The Peoples Peace Treaty in this issue is the first concrete step in that direction. It's a document that has to be taken up by every individual concerned about his future and the future of his country, and taken to everyone he knows. It has to be organized around, and the government of this country has to be forced to abide by the will of the people it's supposed to represent.

come visit the

QUAKER HOUSE

sometime

Three days after the huge May 16 Counter Armed Forces Day Rally in Rowan Park last year, the old Quaker House on Ray Street was gutted by a fire - suspected arson.

Just after the fire some anonymous caller told J.C. Honeycutt, who along with Bill Carothers takes care of the new Quaker House, that it was too bad she hadn't died in it.

As J.C. and Bill sat around working a jigsaw puzzle and talking about what they are doing at the Quaker House, J.C. said, "I can't believe that those people think I'm going to leave because they burn my house down."

J.C. Honeycutt planning trip to Cuba

After the fire the staff and their friends began to rebuild, but were stopped and threatened with arrest for violating building codes if they tried to make repairs. The building was condemned and the staff were homeless for 3 months while they tried unsuccessfully to rent another house. Finally Bill Carothers used his savings for a down payment for the new house.

So today the Quaker House is located at 223 Hillside (485-3213) - about two blocks up the hill from the Haymarket Square Coffee house.

The Quaker House is supported by several Quaker Meetings in North Carolina and every Sunday there is a local meeting at 1 p.m.

Most of the rest of the week the House is open between 2 and 10 p.m. to GI's and just about anyone who needs a little help.

This place is a favorite for members of GI's United to relax.

There is a fireplace where old October issues of Bragg Briefs are used to kindle the fire on occasion).

There is a beautiful but skittish young Shetland Sheep dog named Gurynedd.

When she was a puppy, a man kept her in a crate all the time, and even today she shows the scars of that trauma. She is continuously pacing the floor in nervous circles as if she was still in her crate.

According to J.C., Gurynedd is a feminist who doesn't like men or male dogs. "Sometimes," J.C. concedes, "Gurynedd likes Bill except when he throws sticks at her."

Sparkle, the cat, is much more approachable, but the cat has no qualms about farting in your face or doing worse things in your lap.

Fayetteville is hardship duty for any movement radical. But a woman's position is particularly difficult (three women have left the coffeehouse staff already).

J.C. recalls once when one of her friends was physically molested while passing out Bragg Briefs on Hay Street and bitterly commented on a GI who kept insulting her as she walked downtown one day.

She says she stays in Fayetteville because "It's important to be where you're needed." She wants to go to Baltimore sometime or maybe to Atlanta to work on THE GREAT SPECKLED BIRD, an outasight underground paper. But her immediate plans are to go to Cuba with the Venceremos Brigade to help harvest this year's sugar cane.

J.C. is thinking about getting a job because as she observes, "It's a real disadvantage if you're a professional movement person. You can only do real organizing if you share lives with people and share their problems."

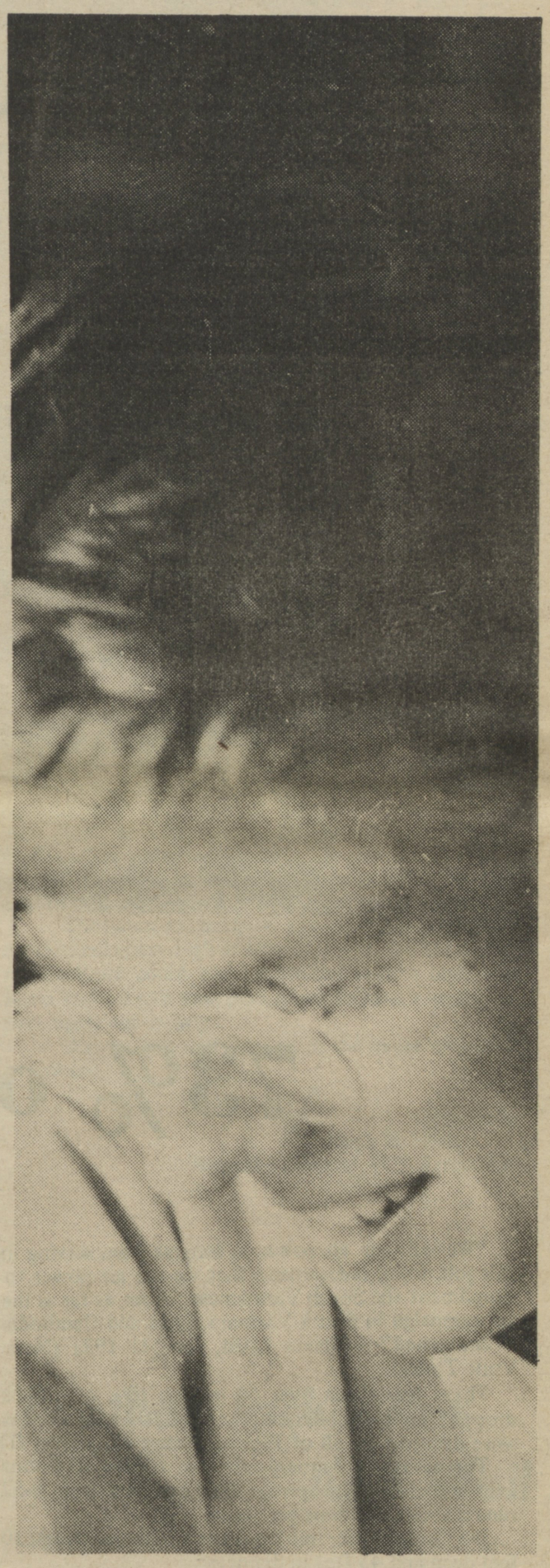
Bill Carothers is an ex-member of GI's United who served with 612th Quartermaster Co.

He is available to give advice to GI's who want to apply for discharges as conscientious objectors.

Lately he has been trying to visit CO's inside of military stockades though he hasn't been too successful.

(E.C. Crawford of Durham is authorized to visit any CO in any military stockade and is more than willing to come to Bragg.)

Inspite of the fact that he was turned away from the Bragg Stockade, he did attend the trial of Ronald Schmidt who has refused to wear a uniform.



Bill Carothers helping conscientious objectors

Bill laughingly recollects that Schmidt came to his trial still not wearing his uniform and the enraged officer had him forcibly dressed.

Bill says he ended up staying in Fayetteville by accident. He had a few legal run-ins before he ETS'ed, and he decided that the best place to use his knowledge of Army legal practices was by staying in Fayetteville and helping Ft. Bragg GI's.

AR 635-20 FOR $ALE

IF YOU'RE A GI YOU CAN APPLY IF YOU'RE A WHITE GI AND WEALTHY--YOU CAN WIN!

A G.I. can apply for conscientious objector after being drafted or after enlisting in the Armed Forces. The military, like the Selective Service, makes provisions for its members to apply for C.O. status while "doing their duty."

C.O. as a white, middle class tool

Even though "on paper" all G.I.'s share the same right to apply for C.O. it turns out that in practice that right is monopolized and serves mainly the interests of white middle class G.I.'s and college students. After all, lawyers cost money and a G.I. or college student whose folks got that kind of money power can use the federal courts in the event that their son's C.O. is disapproved by Uncle Sam. The large majority of G.I.'s, however, who don't have that power and whose C.O.'s get disapproved, run the risk of going AWOL and getting court-martialled because they can't pay for their sincerity.

Another built-in legal Catch-22 which makes C.O. a rich man's scheme involves G.I.'s organizing their thoughts on paper and then being able to verbalize them during an interview with an officer. In most cases, a white G.I. who has been to college and done a little philosophy or sociology can express his ideas better than a G.I. who didn't get the chance to attend college for the same reason he didn't get a lawyer.

Since G.I.'s have no constitutional rights, it is important that G.I.'s know about their right to apply for C.O. in the Armed Forces.

What is a C.O.

In the past, the military recognized as a C.O. only those G.I.'s whose beliefs stemmed from church religion. That has changed. A new regulation (AR 635 -20) has come dowm, effective August 1970. It has given G.I.'s broader grounds on which to apply, defining as a C.O. any given person who by reason of deeply held moral, ethical, or religious beliefs claims C.O. to participation to war in any form. This means *your own moral or ethical beliefs* are just as legitimate as those of a person who's beliefs are derived from the teaching of an orthodox church.

Two types of C.O.

According to AR's their are two types of C.O. If a G.I. finds that he can't "serve"within the Armed Forces, he can apply for a 1-0 discharge (AR 635-20) This type of C.O. carries with it an Honorable discharge. The other type of C.O. is a 1-A-0 and means that you will stay in the Armed Froces provided you are not ordered to bear arms to kill another person. AG.I. who is classified as 1-A-0 (660 -20) will be asaigned a noncombatant MOS, usually a medic. A G.I. should not be lead to believe that mere classification as a 1-A-0 keeps him out of a combat zone. It doesn't! See a C.O. counsellor if you're having a rough time deciding your own position.

When Can A G.I. Apply

The rule of thumb is that a G.I. can apply for C.O. anytime, anywhere, whether it be in a combat zone like *Vietnam* or stateside duty. However, *once a GI is put on orders for overseas duty he has 7 days from the day he receives those orders in which to hand in the entire C.O. application, including letters of support.* That's not much time to get all the info together. Tactically it would be better for a G.I. to start working on his C.O. when he comes down on levy or sooner. However, regulations state that any additional information can be added to the original application even after it has been filed.

The Initial Step

In order to inform your Company Commander of your intention to apply for C.O., you should *submit a typewritten request.* This request doesn't have to be typed on a DF, plain paper will do. Make sure to retain a copy for a personal file along with any copies of correspondence with the Unit Command. This way if the Company Commander doesn't act on the request you can lodge a formal complaint under Article 138 of the UCMJ to the Secretary of the Army or else complain to the IG about a particular officer who was "derelict in the performance of his duty."

C.O. as a political tool

The political implication of a G.I. applying for a C.O. in the military is dynamite. Whatever a G.I.'s moral or ethical position against war, by refusing to align himself with the politics of the war machine and and by refusing to support their business-product-war a G.I. automatically becomes labeled a trouble-maker and a security risk to Uncle Sam. It is probably the only recognized right of dissent that a politicized G.I. has within the military. A G.I. who uses this power can ORDER Westmoreland and the other links in the chain of command to cancel his trip to Vietnam and get away with it. For a G.I. to be able to control his life in this way is to have political power. No wonder the lifers refer to most C.O.'s as 'those commies'. They're paranoid!

The 3 Interviews

Before a G.I.'s application is forwarded to the DA in Washington D.C., where the actual decision is made, he will be interviewed by a *military* chaplain, a psychiatrist, and an officer in the grade of O-3 who is knowledgeable with C.O. in the military. In all of these interviews a G.I. has the express right to have a lawyer or witness present for counsel. The lawyer can be either military or civilian. If this isn't possible, bring a tape recorder along--it's a good defender of justice and threatens the interviewer's power to goof on your mind and mix up your words.

This action is completely legal and looks bad when that particular officer comes up for a promotion.

Your Company Commander is then obligated, under AR635-20, to follow up on the request and place a C.O. applicant in a job that "minimally conflicts with his beliefs." What this means in practice is that a G.I. is not to handle weapons, ammo, or be assigned guard duty. A good pressure tactic for a G.I. here to bring out this point is to inform his Commander about AR635-20 at the same time he submits the C.O. request.

Military Chaplains - Hypocritical in War.

Don't be shocked during the chaplain's interview if you become aware of his antagonism towards your position, especially if you are requesting C.O. discharge. The plain fact of the matter is that most military chaplains are hypocrites first, officers second, and human beings at some other time. They sold out their human rights for a position and a shiny piece of metal. Naturally, when a chaplain interviews a G.I. it gives his "christian conscience" negative waves and distorts those patriotic defense mechanisms.

The psychiatrist's interview, on the other hand, isn't really an interview, just a preliminary psychiatric evaluation to determine whether a G.I. is sane. The psychiatrist doesn't throw those notorious what-if questions at a G.I., just asks a little personal history about the family.

The last interview is the O-3 interview where a G.I. should have his head together. The O-3 officer decides whether a G.I.'s beliefs are legal enough to meet the criteria for C.O. His decision weighs heavily upon the outcome. If the O-3 officer approves it, DA usually follows suit. G.I.'s have the right to waiver their O-3, but its not a cool tactic, since the review board in Washington regards it as a cop out move. A lawyer here isn't necessary but can help tremendously.

Miscellaneous

Once a G.I. has completed the interviews his paper work will be sent to DA and within 6-10 weeks he should have a decision. In the event that a G.I.'s C.O. is disapproved and he can't afford the cost of a civilian lawyer, he has the right to re-submit a second application or as many as he wants, as long as their exists a substantial change. A G.I. also has the right to rebutt any statement made by an interviewer.

Women as C.O.'s

The same military regulation making provisions for men to apply for C.O. in the Armed Forces, also extends to Women in the Armed Forces. A women can use C.O. as a political tool and express her oppression and be given an Honorable discharge in the event that she applies for 1-0 status.

The regulation requires DA to state reasons in writing for denying any C.O. application. In practice, the Army uses such vagary as 'lacks required sincerity' or 'lacks necessary depth of conviction'. If the C.O. goes to federal court, the Army will be required to defend their reasons. The chances of winning in court vary with the particular judge who hears the case.

Can you win?

Barely. The Army quotes figures of 75% approval of 1-A-0 applications, and 25% approval of 1-0 discharges. In reality, the figures are much lower because these numbers include people who went to federal court and were successful in getting the Army to reverse its decision. Even if the chaplains report and O-3 interview are favorable, a disapproval can be expected, but this should not deter the potential C.O. This is only the first step.

If you win?

A person who obtains a 1-A-O almost invariably becomes a medic. A person who obtains a discharge receives an honorable discharge but waives his veterans administration benefits. If a person has served less than six months before being discharged, he will be assigned to the Civilian Alternative Service program thru his draft board for a period of 2 years. This can mean time in the Public Health Service, a job as a librarian or a hospital administrator.

If you lose?

You can reapply, go to court, or quit. The letter of disapproval reminds authorities that you are to be returned to full regular status and that all pending personnel action may be taken. On occasion, a denial of a C.O. application has been successfully used as a court defense at any subsequent court-martial for not being a good soldier.

PEOPLES PEACE TREATY

CONFERENCE CALL!!

Statewide conference
around Peoples Peace Treaty
work, use, emphasis, etc.,

Feb. 20-21

Haymarket Square

coordination around Armed Forces Day.

housing available

now is the time to get it together!

On September 17, 1970, Madame Nguyen Thi Binh of the Provisional Revolutionary Government put forward in Paris a comprehensive eight point proposal for peace in Vietnam. As this peace initiative was being reduced to a wine and bottle joke by U.S. negotiator David Bruce, it was celebrated by other nations as a face saving device for Nixon and a document whose content probably had majority support in the United States.

Following Madame Binh's proposal, on September 27, the editor of Saigon's largest daily newspaper and a prominent member of the South Vietnamese National Assembly, Ngo Cong Duc, announced in Paris the demand for total, immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops, an end to U.S. support of the Thieu-Ky-Khiem regime and the creation of a provisional coalition government which could organize free elections in South Vietnam. The significance of the Duc statement was that these treasonous words were immediately endorsed by powerful personalities and organizations inside South Vietnam's cities that President Thieu has until now needed to survive.

The Duc statement has been followed by the creation of a popular front, MSVN, representing over 1000 national and regional organizations not affiliated with the N.L.F. who are now in open political struggle against the Thieu-Ky-Khiem government.

A delegation of 16 students, acting on a mandate from its 23rd National Congress, organized by the U.S. National Students Association recently traveled to Vietnam to investigate the feasibility of framing a treaty of peace between American and Vietnamese students. Because of the peace initiative of the P.R.G. and the new mass anti-war movement inside South Vietnam cities, the Vietnamese said that a separate peace treaty was necessary not only with American students but with all people in this country. They strongly welcomed this initiative, coming at this dynamic moment in their own history, when American and Vietnamese coordination has the potential of ending the war.

Despite efforts by the Thieu-Ky-Khiem government to stop the student delegation from making contacts in South Vietnam, one delegate member was able to slip through Saigon's security net and engage representatives of non-NLF student organizations in the drafting of the treaty. At the same time, student leaders from the DRV and NLF developed a treaty draft with the US student delegation in Hanoi. The two documents were formally joined into one statement in Paris. The final document represents the hopes and demands of every respected Vietnamese leader in North and South Vietnam.

JOINT TREATY OF PEACE BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND NORTH VIETNAM

Be it known that the American and Vietnamese people are not enemies. The war is carried out in the names of the people of the United States and South Vietnam without our consent. It destroys the land and people of South Vietnam. It drains America of its resources, its youth and its honor.

We hereby agree to end the war on the following terms so that both peoples can live under the joy of independence and can devote themselves to building a society based on human equality and respect for the earth.

1. The Americans agree to immediate and total withdrawal from Vietnam and publicly to set the date by which all American forces will be removed.
   The Vietnamese pledge that as soon as the United States government sets a date for total withdrawal:
   2. They will enter discussions to secure the release of all American prisoners including pilots captured while bombing North Vietnam.
   3. There will be an immediate cease fire between US forces and those led by the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam.
   4. They will enter discussions of the procedures to guarantee the safety of all withdrawing troops.
5. The Americans pledge to end the imposition of Thieu-Ky-Khiem on the people of South Vietnam in order to insure their right to self-determination and so that all political prisoners can be released.
   6. The Vietnamese pledge to form a provisional coalition government to organize democratic elections. All parties agree to respect the results of elections in which all South Vietnamese can participate freely without the presence of any foreign troops.
   7. The South Vietnamese pledge to enter a discussion of procedures to guarantee the safety and political freedom of those South Vietnamese who have collaborated with the United States or with the US supported regime.
   8. The Americans and Vietnamese agree to respect the independence, peace and neutrality of Laos and Cambodia in accord with the 1954 and 1962 Geneva Conventions and not interfere in the internal affairs of these two countries.
   9. Upon these points of agreement we pledge to end the war and resolve all other questions in the spirit of self-determination and mutual respect for the independence and political freedom of the people of Vietnam and the United States.

By ratifying the agreement, we pledge to take whatever actions are appropriate to implement the terms of this joint treaty and to insure its acceptance by the government of the United States.

Signed . . .

United States National Students Association
South Vietnam National Union of Students
North Vietnam National Union of Students
South Vietnam Liberation Student Union

WANTED
FOR AWOL

(lns)--"Up Against the Bulkhead", a G.I. paper in the Oakland area, picked up the following item from the San Francisco Chronicle of Sept. 15. It was distributed by the UPI:

The Pentagon said yesterday it will start using computers and cash rewards in dealing with deserters and servicemen who go AWOL.

New regulations, signed August 24 by Deputy Defense Secretary David Packard, for the first time brought all branches of the Armed Forces under a unified system for handling deserters and those absent without official leave (AWOL), a Pentagon spokesman said.

Under the new rules, a deserter is classified as anyone who is AWOL for more than 30 days, is absent for any period after being convicted under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, or seeks asylum in a foreign country.

A serviceman is considered AWOL under the new rules when he is absent without authority for fewer than 30 days.

The regulations set up a $15 cash reward for the apprehension and detention of absentees, deserters or escaped prisoners. It also set a reward of $35 for anyone capturing and returning to the military an absentee or deserter.

But Packard said no one could recieve both a $15 and a $35 reward.

WHY?

Fort McPherson, Ga. (LNS)--The United States government calls the North Vietnamese'barbaric' because they impose mail restrictions on prisoners of war and, the U.S. claims, refuse to disclose the names of all the U.S. war criminals they have captured.

But a captain in the United States Army (who is now head of a military jury that will try a soldier charged with murder in the My Lai massacre case) believes that in an 'unconventional' war like Vietnam it is proper to summarily execute enemy prisoners of war if the order comes down.

'We have to forget propriety', said Colonel Robert A. Koob, who also said that news reports about My Lai were 'incredible. It is hard for me to believe that any of our troops would go in and murder people without having a reason'.

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Earlier, the judge in the trial whose jury Koob now heads, admitted another Army colonel to the jury. Colonel Donald M. Laffoon called the massacre 'a matter of poor judgement rather than a criminal action'.

He also commented that 'a soldier must become a tool in the hands of a leader--an unreasoning agent for his commander'.

The soldier being tried at Fort McPherson is a non-commissioned officer, Sgt. Charles E. Hutto. He is charged with responsibility in the deaths of between 102 and 310 South Vietnamese civilians.

Ed. note: Sgt. Hutto has subsequently been cleared of all charges.

MODERN ARMY

Time magazine's article on the changes in attitudes within the military establishment was quite enlightening. It seems strange I haven't heard too much about things considering that I am an active duty GI.

It shows a picture of barracks at Ft. Carson, they should show some pictures of the firetraps many of us here at Ft. Bragg are forced to live in. You can check with post authorities as to the exact number of lower grade enlisted men who burned to death in them in the last 2 years; I think the figure is seven, though it may be higher.

The article quotes General Tolson saying that Ft. Bragg has the most liberal haircut policy of any post. The regulations say that you cannot be forced to get your hair cut shorter than one inch, and that you cannot wear it any longer than three inches on top and one inch on the sides. The unit commander has it at his discretion how long, between these limits the men in his company can wear their hair. Believe me, many commanders like hair *short*. Some have been known to carry rulers around to measure hair with.

Admittedly, these are small points, but these are the points that both they and the Department of Defense choose to deal with.

Of more importance to us are the much larger inequeties we are forced to live under, such as being transferred, sometimes to Vietnam, because a high ranking officer personally dislikes you or someone in a high position doesn't want guys to hear what you have to say. This has personally happened to me.

Then there is the promotion system whereby those with the most time in the Army and/or most time in their rank, and/or "good" military attidude (those most likely to reenlist eventually) are promoted ahead of those who often have a much greater ability to perform the job.

On top of these daily injustices we are forced into an environment that can best be judged as hostile Look at almost any small town near an army base. What do you find in these towns---high prices, poor housing, shoddy merchandise, high interest rates, high pressure sales, and a high crime rate. As one man recently said, "this town exists solely to separate a GI from his paycheck as quickly, as easily and as cheaply as possible."

These might be small matters to many people, small until they realize that we have to live with them daily.

Until the military does something to correct the more important problems how can we believe that they are honestly trying to help and not just trying to buy off the growing dissent in the military with such inane things as selling you two beers in the mess hall to go with your supper. We must act accordingly, dissent will grow, until the military treats us as men& women, and not as numbers, machines or even more commonly, as criminals.

STRIKES AGAIN

I.G. EXTRA COST... EXTRA LABOR... EXTRA MONEY

Are IG inspections really necessary or of any value? First of all, let us examine what a soldier must go through in preparing himself for an IG. The soldier must spend a lot of extra time doing the work that should have been done throughout the year to keep the military machine running the way it is supposed to be run. He must stand inspection after inspection to make sure that he is in order so that the company will pass the real IG, because let's face it, it would look pretty bad for the brass off the company if they were to fail the IG. In fact it would mean that they aren't doing their jobs properly. The soldier then has to make sure that he has every piece of equipment that was issued to him from the beginning of his military obligation. If for some unknown reason he is missing anything, the soldier must then use his or her money to replace the items. The soldier then must purchase some items that are in no way related to how he does his or her job or that are in no way related to how good a soldier he or she is.

They must purchase the following items that they cannot use until after the inspection because it might take away from their display if the items are not brand new. A bar of soap (that cannot be taken out of the wrapper), a toothbrush, razor, shoe brush, shaving cream, toothpaste, and shoe polish. His or her clothing must not even have the tiniest hole in them or they must be replaced.

Now when you think about it, all those items that must be purchased run into quite a bit of money, and how much money does a private make in a month? No matter what, he has to survive and have a little money for himself, but he usually spends the month of the IG broke.

Some nights the soldier stays up until 1 or 2 in the morning cleaning the barracks and laying out his or her field gear and then has to get up and hour or two early so he or she can begin cleaning again. Eating in your own mess hall is not allowed on the day of the inspection because we are such animals we would undoubtedly dirty up "their" pretty mess hall.

The majority of the inspection appears to be a lot of undue harassment. They tell us about all the bad things that will happen if we fail the inspection and how it won't hurt the CO if we fail but instead it will hurt us. Bull shit, you realize I'm sure what would happen to the CO of a company if his unit failed to put on a good show.

IG inspections do not seem to have any real purpose that will benefit the Army in any way. The brass gets all the credit and the EM's do all the work in preparing for the great annual inspection!!

'Right On, Sir!'

Last month 'Bragg Briefs' published an article about an Army dentist whose CO application had been denied. Shortly after that was published, Dr. Berk filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus in federal court, whereupon Judge Algernon Butler ordered the Army to show cause within twenty days why Cpt. Berk should not be released.

On February 1, a government lawyer from the United States Attorney's office called Mr. Berk's lawyer and informed him that the Army was willing to confess error in evaluating his application.

Although elated at the outcome, there is a strong stench about the whole proceeding that Cpt. Berk objects to. It seems as though the Army is not willing to contest people in court for fear of getting an adverse decision which would then become precedent for future cases. So their apparent policy, which has now repeated itself several times, is to wait until the CO files his federal suit before approving his application.

This means that the potential CO must have the bread to get a lawyer and into court to get his rightful status. Therefore, this makes CO status unavailable to most people-people without money-people without rank-most people in the Army.

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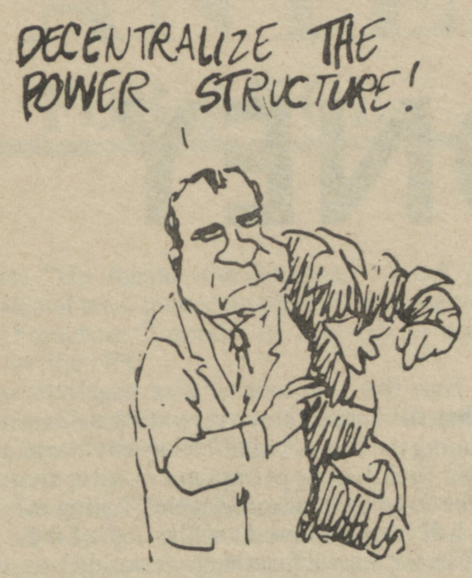

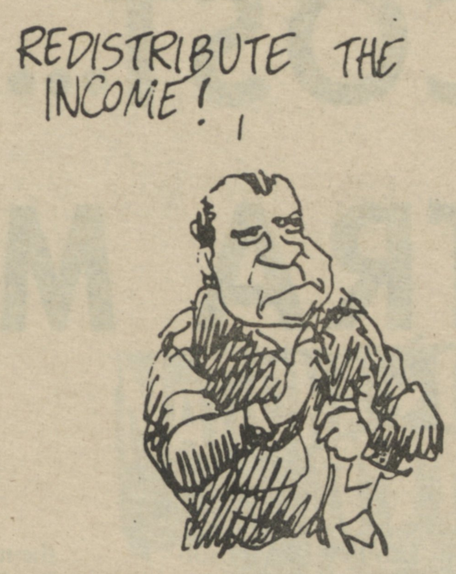

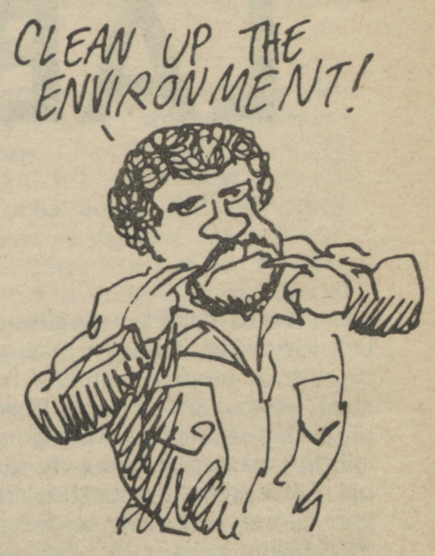

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FREE ANGELA DAVIS

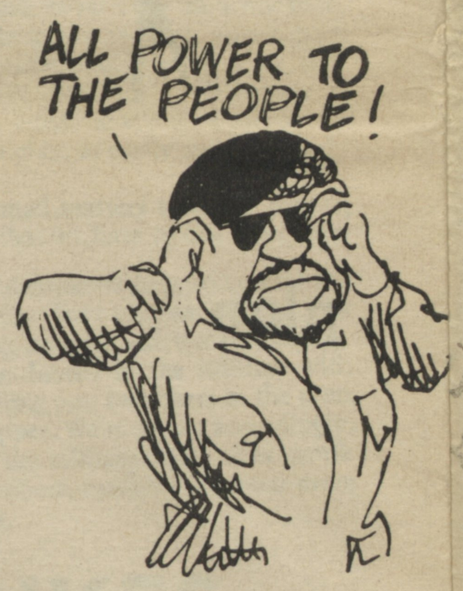
Angela Davis today sits in prison in California awaiting trial for conspiracy as an accessory to murder. California law provides that conspirators and accessories are to be tried for the crime itself.

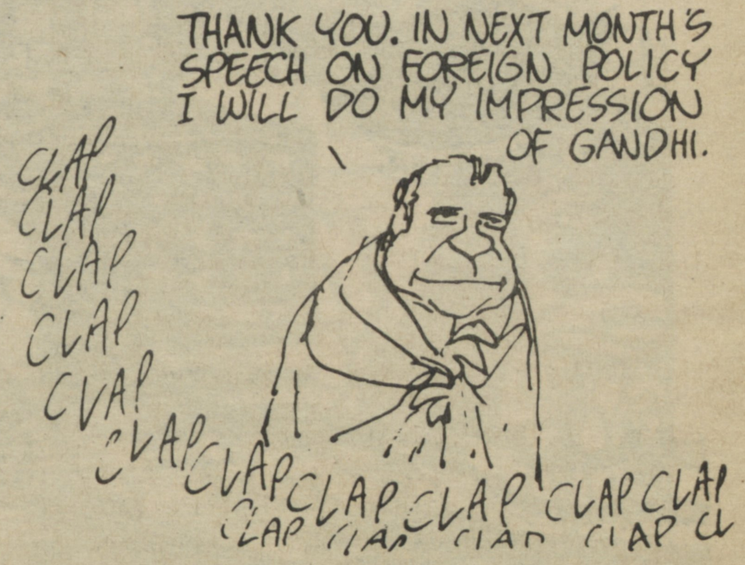
Angela Davis is accused of providing guns for the abortive escape try in San Rafael, California, in which several persons were killed. There is evidence that the escape attempt was closely connected with the trial of the Soledad Brothers.

Reports state that at least one of the guns Angela allegedly provided was purchased over two years before the incident-well before the Soledad 3 existed. Yet the state, with another of its thought laws, is going to try to prove the intent of the act of purchasing the guns. The concept of thought laws is absurd, but in this case it is completely ridiculous to try to prove in a court of law Miss Davis' intent in purchasing those guns.

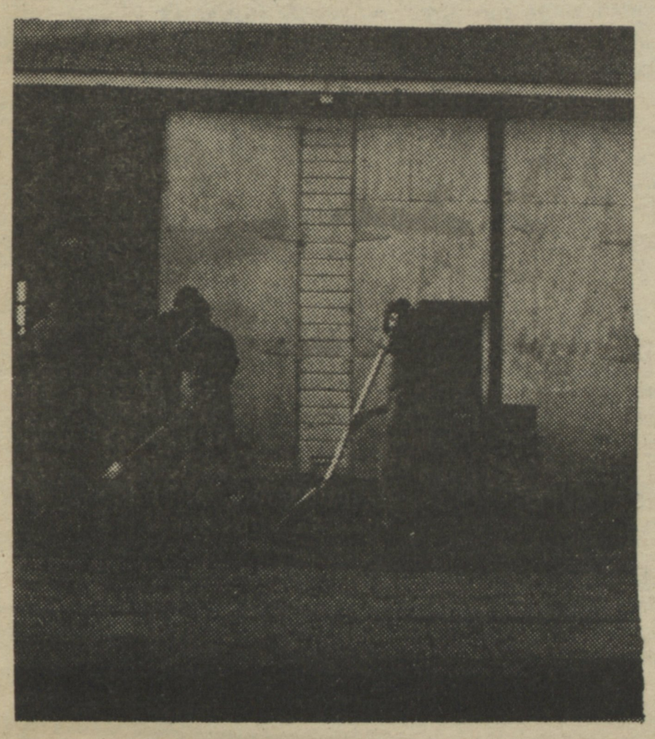
If in fact the escape incident was related to the Soledad 3, one can understand the frustrations and resulting acts of those people seeking freedom for the Brothers. It seems as though the Brothers were framed for a murder and stand an excellent chance of getting convicted and given the death penalty. One can only sympathize with any attempt to gain justice for the Soledad Brothers.

Lastly, there are many murders and shootings in California and it is rare that any of the so-called accomplices are brought to trial, if ever. But Angela Davis is black, a Communist, a Black Panther, Professor of Philosophy and a threat to the establishment. That is why she is on trial. She is clearly a political prisoner with the conspiracy charge as a cloak over the real issue. Justice Douglas of the U.S. Supreme Court has written that regardless of the specifics of the charges, when the real issue is political repression, the whole case becomes unconstitutional by virtue of the first amendment. For all of these reasons, we endorse any and all pleas for freedom for Angela Davis.





Sweeping *Justice* Under The Rug!!



Three GI's attached to Medical Company Womack Army Hospital recently attempted to bring court-martial precedings against their Field First Sargeant, Uncle Tom Bryant in connection with alleged charges of GI brutality involving Pfc. Stevd Leuis. Out of their unsuccessful attempt came no GI justice and a blatant cor tradiction---GI rights and Military justice don't exist !

On Jan.ll Uncle Tom Bryant walked into a second floor room of Pfc. Leuis, Pfc. Johnson, and Pfc.Vessolini and instructed the three GI's to clean it up.Pfc. Leuis grabbed a broom and after cleaning the floor, swept the trash into a nearby latine. Leuis quickly returned to his room for a dust pan and caught some bad mouth harassment from Bryant for leaving the trash in the latine. Leuis explained that he was looking for a dust pan and inquired of Bryant where one might be. Uncle Tom Bryant broke out in bad mouth attacks again, and after threatening to use his fist on Leuis ordered him into the latine behind closed doors to do just that.

Leuis started picking up the trash with his hands, and Bryant started picking up Leuis with his own. Bryant's bad mouth hostility turned from verbal assult into mad physical force, and grabbing Leuis by the arms Bryant threw him up against the latine wall, shaking him with typical caveman finesse.

In response to an IG complaint filed by Pfc. Leuis against Bryant's uncontrolled behavior, the Commanding Officer of the Medical Company, lLt John Morris conducted a preliminary investigation to decide the legitimacy of the GI brutality charge.

The investigation turned out to be a sham from start to finish. The Honorable Morris presided at his own inquiry, acting as judge and jury in defense ofhis own Field First Sargeant. The inquiry was stacked against the Womack 3, the sworn testimonies of Pfc. Leuis and two GI brothers were discarded.

Later, the same GI's tried to court martial Bryant put ran up against the same wall -- the UCMJ. The Catch 22 this time-once an investigation action has been initiated nolfurther action can be taken. Of course the UCJJ doesn't concern itself with the justice carried through by thataction. Once more theGI's get fucked over but this time not by the war machine, but by the very legal ststem that is supposed to protect them.The GI's at Womack just happened to be case in point.

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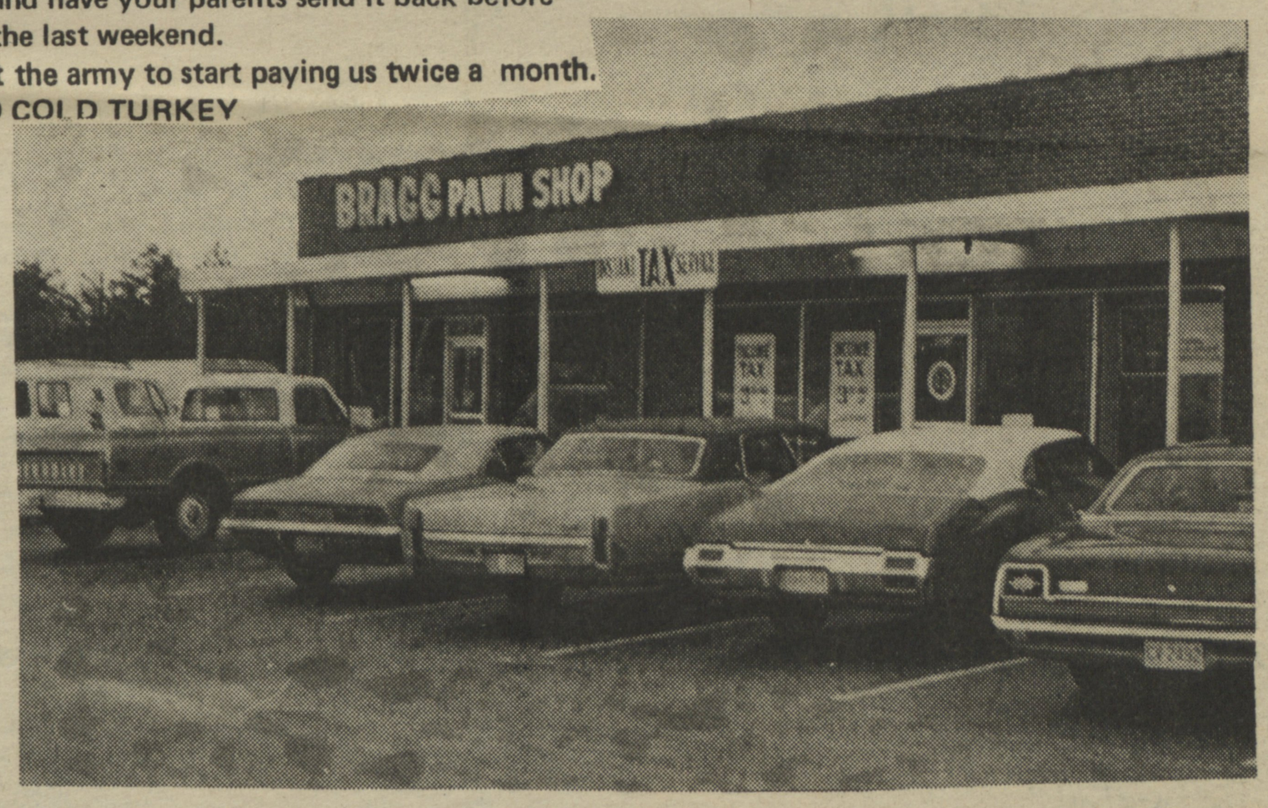

Lettuce contd.

Lettuce Boycott Meeting

Haymarket Sq.

Tuesday, Feb.23, 7:30

Bud Antle, Inc. The lettuce strike is against Bud Antle, a major California lettuce grower affiliated with Dow Chemical. Antle has refused to do business with Chavez and the lettuce workers, but is only too glad to dump his boycotted lettuce into the jaws of scab Pentagon buyers, whose price leverage is more than welcomed by Antle. In the three months ending September 30, 1970, the Pentagon paid $750,000 to Antle. Antle has become the Pentagon's strike breaking tool.

Military buyers are out being patriotic scabs too competing against their own pentagon partner for above market prices. It is hoped by this Defense Dept. cyclopse that the GI's will fail to see the connedtion between the lettuce boycott and their role as strike breakers and blindly continue stuffing their guts with scab lettuce.

But if present support is any prediction of future GI-worker solidarity, then Bud Antle and their Pentagon buddies are in for a real screwing! Their profit making scheme is going to rot away, leaving the Brass scabs holding a stinking bill---warehouses full of spoiled lettuce. Already GI's on the West Coast are raising hell in support of Chavezand the lettuce workers: boycotting mess halls,leafletting, and organizing with local community workers to picket against food stores that sell scab lettuce.

VIETNAMESE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

All men are created equal. They are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

J.C. PEELE, M.D.
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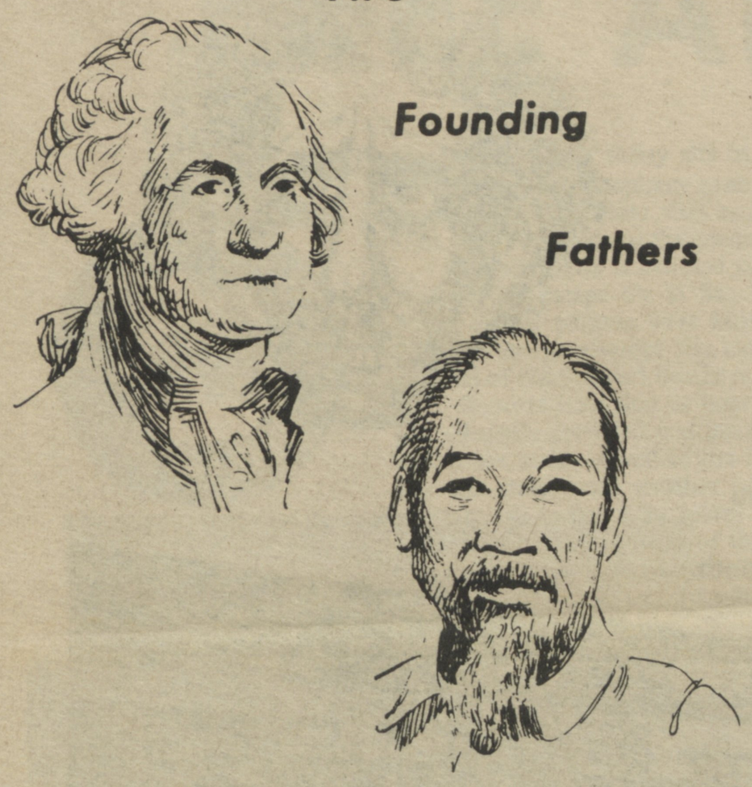
Two Founding Fathers



GI's United Platform

Realizing that words, even thoughts concerning the many problems that confront this nation are frankly of little importance, GI's United, in an effort to be part of a national solution to these problems, lists a platform of priorities that must be met if the ideals of men can ever hope to be realized.

A unilateral withdrawal of military personnel, arms and war materiel that actively, inactively, or inadvertantly suppresses the struggle for self-determination of the peoples of Indochina remains the primary issue. Without an end to the vain hope of military triumph, without an end to corporate America forcing its markets of overabundance, waste and greed on peoples of other nations, without an end to the much too real misuse of Americans by Americans, without the cessation of imperialism, the vastly more important question of the survival of the human race cannot be reconciled.

US foreign policy that supports cruel and unjust dictatorships only to secure the survival of the American economy and the corporate system must cease, and the US must begin to support peoples' struggles for justice and liberation not only in Vietnam but in nations such as Brazil, Argentina and Angola as well. US troops must be withdrawn from all foreign countires and an end to the use of GI's against the struggles of oppressed peoples must be realized. Indochina is the first step.

Then there are the worlds that seem to separate you and me - prejudice and racism: personal, regional and cultural. The glorification of one human being over another must be overcome not only in the city streets, but in our own backyards. The unethical attitudes of business and government that exploit individuals and institutions must be ended through a more relevant education of the very basic human values of equality, justice and the right to pursue happiness for all people.Closer to home,we want to see an end to the harassment of GI's and a guarantee of constitutional rights through a democratic army.

Of great importance is an end to the wanton destruction and pollution of the environment by indifferent governmental and corporate policies with a re-ordering of national, state, and city priorities. We must cease to shuffle the responsibility and realize that pollution begins at home...and ends there. There can be no second thoughts.

We must go beyond our own selfish desires, beyond nationalism, beyond revolution and seek to bring about an Americ where barriers to love and deep human relationships - assumptions of superiority - are replaced with the principles of equality and fraternity.

WHAT WE ARE AGAINST

1. *We oppose the US government's attempt to crush the Vietnamese revolution.*
2. *We oppose the economic exploitation of GI's by Fayetteville merchants.*
3. *We oppose the economic exploitation of GI's by the US government which won't pay GI's a fair wage, but which ceaselessly gives gravy contracts to war corporations.*
4. *We oppose the continued use of GI's against struggles of Americans fighting for justice - blacks, women, students, workers.*
5. *We oppose the US government's support for the brutal worthless dictatorships in Brazil, Greece, Spain, South Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Guatemala, Iran...*

WHAT WE WANT

1. *We want GI's to be treated as first class citizens, both by the military and civilian communities.*
2. *We want GI's to receive full protection of Constitutional rights.*
3. *We want a society where barriers to love and deep human relationships - the assumptions of superiority between races and between men and women - are replaced with the principles of eqaulity and fraternity.*
4. *We want the United States to begin supporting the truly heroic revolutionary struggles for justice in Brazil, Guatemala, South Vietnam, Angola,..*
5. *We want a country where the needs of people for decent wages and fair prices, clean air and water and a rational use of resources, overrules the profit instincts of US corporations.*
6. *We want a country where everyone has the same educational, recreational, and occupational opportunities that today are the privileges of the rich and upper middle classes.*

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