

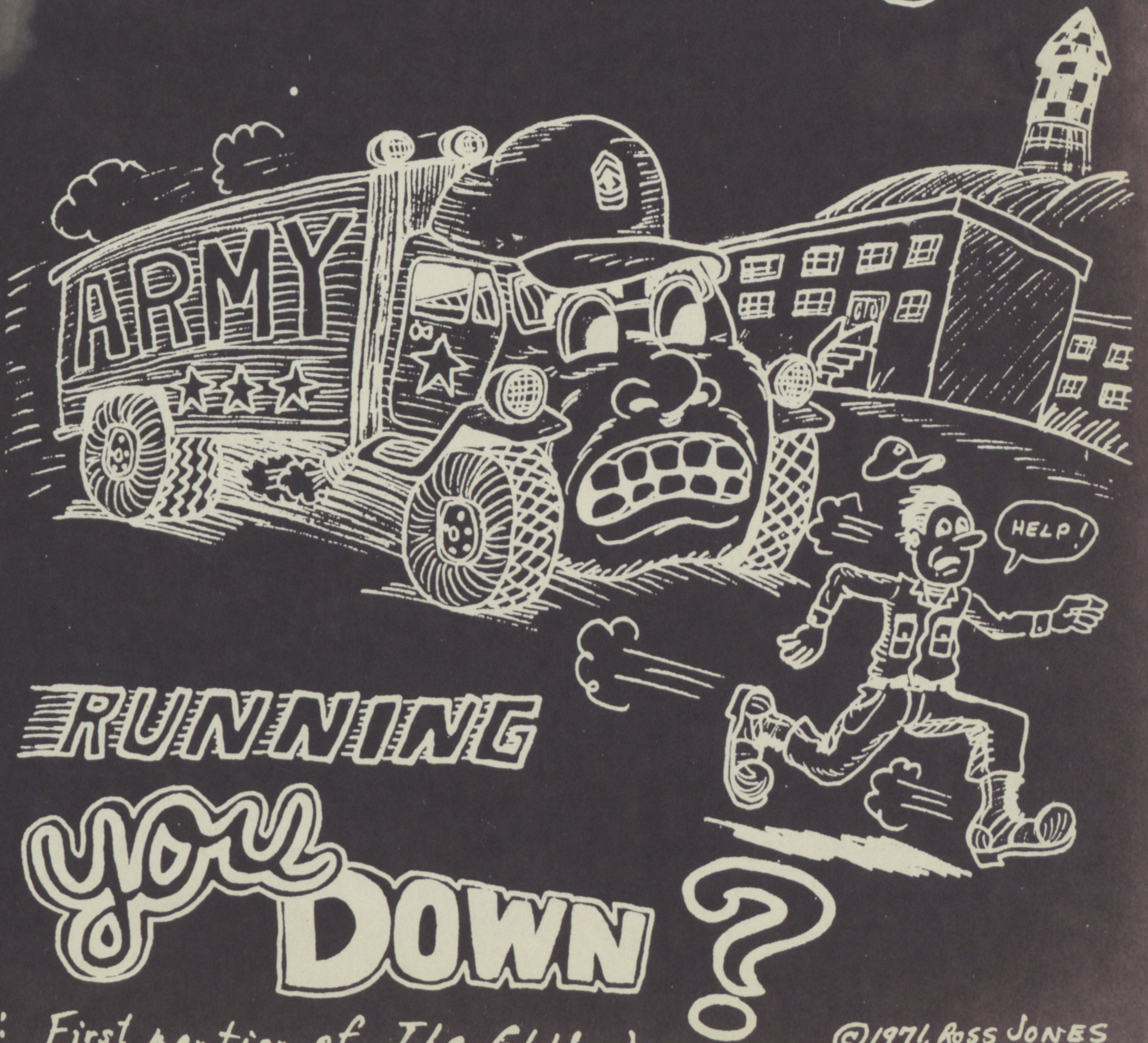
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JOIN THE GI UNION

UNION DEMANDS AND GOALS

1. The right to refuse illegal orders---like the orders to fight in the illegal and imperialist war in Southeast Asia.
2. Election of officers by the vote of the men.
3. An end to saluting and sir-ing of officers. An end to special privileges for officers.
4. The right of Black, Latin and other national minority servicemen and women to determine their own lives free from the oppression of racist whites. No troops to be sent into Black, Latin or other national minority communities.
5. No troops to be used against workers on strike.
6. No troops to be used against anti-war demonstrators.
7. Court-martial juries made up of men from all ranks in proportion to their numbers.
8. The right to free political association and free speech on or off military property.
9. Federal minimum wages plus off-post housing and food allowances for all who want it.
10. The right to collective bargaining.
11. The end to officially sanctioned sexist oppression of women and gay people in the military community.

We don't expect these demands to be met by the military tomorrow, but if they were, then it would be much more difficult for the military to serve the interests of the rich and the powerful rather than the real interests of the American people.

GIs need a union.

Most people in the military don't like things the way they are, but feel powerless to do anything. A few of us GIs have decided to try and do something. We've formed a GI union here at Fort Bragg--- we call it the United Servicemen's Union.

There's only a few of us now and we will never accomplish anything unless we can convince enough other GIs to join us. What we're asking you to do is read our program and talk to us (we meet Tuesday evenings at Haymarket Square Coffeeshouse) and if you agree, join us.

Unions have helped make things better for all kinds of people from autoworkers to coalminers to teamsters. Even teachers have unions, so why not GIs? The union is an American answer to the old problem of getting the things you need and deserve from the people who run things.

The brass won't like it, that's for sure, but its not illegal for a GI to join a union or any other group for that matter.

Every GI and WAC knows the things that are wrong with the military--- poor living conditions, long and dull work hours, low pay, being at the mercy of any lifer who wants to harass you, racism, having to risk your life in stupid wars like Vietnam--- the list could go on forever.

The question is, what can we do?

Nothing. Nothing unless enough GIs come together so that the brass must listen. Then anything is possible.

A union is a good way to do this. All unions start out small so we're going to give it a try.



For over three years there has been an active duty group of GIs at Fort Bragg calling itself GI-UNITED, concerned basically with ending the war and securing GI rights. Those of us who are presently working in GIs AND WACS UNITED now believe it is necessary to change the form of our organization to that of a union in order to broaden and more clearly define our goals. Members of VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR also will be working with the UNITED SERVICEMEN'S UNION.

We welcome all men and women serving at Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base to check us out.

RAP WITH US TUESDAY NITES HAYMARKET SQ

LOCAL DEMANDS

1. We demand the resignation of Lt. Gen. John Hay. Since he has become commanding general of Fort Bragg his "old army" policies have pushed morale to an alltime low. His recent orders to have in-ranks appearance inspections in every unit every week and his ridiculous no-fatigues-off-post order are examples of bad leadership.
2. We demand an end to unnecessary and expensive field exercises. They serve no purpose but to keep GIs busy and give the brass games to play. The money that's saved could be used to equalize the jump pay for officers and EM.
3. We demand that everyone have the right to live off post with quarters allowance. Most Fort Bragg barracks are unfit for people to live in.
4. We demand a 40 hour work week with extra time off to make up for overtime, guard duty, field duty, CQ and all other extra details.
5. We demand an end to needless inspections and ridiculous appearance standards. Daily barracks inspections wall-locker inspections, and the weekly in-ranks uniform inspections (ordered by Gen. Hay) must end.

The army must respect the GIs privacy and individuality, allowing him to wear his hair as long as he wants it, wear his fatigues off-post, wear unity bands and other symbols, and have full control over his quarters.

6. We demand an end to useless parades and ceremonies.

7. We demand an end to racism in the daily workings of the military at Bragg and Pope. Lifers who show racist behavior should be removed. Discrimination must be ended in such things as making promotions, disciplinary actions, and picking work details. Cultural and racial differences must be respected.

8. We demand that the Fort Bragg authorities use their power to fight against racial discrimination in the surrounding community, especially in housing.

9. We demand an end to pre-trial confinement at the post stockade. Often Bragg GIs spend up to 3 months in the stockade before they even come

to trial. Even if they're found innocent, they have still been punished.

10. We demand an end to CID harassment of WACs at Bragg.

11. We demand that the army and air force end their policies of helping the local rip-off businessmen collect debts from GIs. The military doesn't force civilians to pay their bills.

12. We demand an end to depersonalized medical and dental care, especially for dependants. Many GIs and WACs should be taken out of useless jobs and retrained as health workers.

13. We demand that VOLAR money be spent to provide GIs with free laundry and haircut service instead of wasting the VOLAR money on things the army should pay for anyway, like maintenance costs.

14. We demand that GIs be allowed their constitutional rights, like freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom of peaceful assembly on post. If GIs are old enough to die, then they are old enough to make up their own minds about the issues.

Division Soldiers & Wives Fight Field Duty

A group of division soldiers have claimed they are being used by their commanding officers "for their own promotional benefit."

The soldiers who represent 71 per cent of the men of 2nd Bn. 504th Abn. made their complaint in a letter sent to The Fayetteville Observer, Lt. Gen. Hay, the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The soldiers say they are being sent in the field unnecessarily and that the training exercises are having harmful effects on the home life of the soldiers.

"We, a collective group of individuals in the First Brigade, have decided that we can no longer sit idle and let the commanders exploit the troops for their own promotional

benefit."

"The new Army concept says that the troops will not operate in the field unless it is an absolute necessity," the letter continues.

"Then why is it that the 2nd Bn. 504th is going to be in the field for 12 days starting Tuesday? We're not complaining just to be complaining, but no other brigade in the division spends as much time in the field as the First."

"Our family life is really deteriorating because our commanders have no consideration for us. We feel that this complaint is just. We would like to bring this gross injustice to the eyes of the public and a few government officials who may be able to help us."

The letter says the group consists mostly of enlisted men and of some junior officers, all of whom "are fed up with being separated from their families unnecessarily."

The troopers' wives also wrote a letter to the brass complaining that "the division is asking our husbands to be more devoted to the Army than to family."

"Many families are on the verge of breaking up. Our children don't get to see their fathers because they're out in the field. No other unit on this post spends as much time in the field as they do," the wives said.

The official response of the 82nd command was to write a long letter justifying field duty.

sailors issue SOS

Over 1000 sailors aboard the USS Coral Sea, scheduled to leave Nov. 12 for Yankee Station in the Gulf of Tonkin, have signed a petition to Congress voicing their unwillingness to go to Vietnam.

The petition is called SOS (Stop Our Ship). It reads, "The Coral Sea is scheduled for Vietnam in November. This does not have to be a fact. The ship can be prevented from taking an active part in the conflict if we the majority voice our opinion that we do not believe in the Vietnam war."

In another development which shows the rising militancy of sailors against the war, nine sailors from the aircraft carrier USS Constellation took refuge in a San Diego church to protest their ship's departure for Vietnam.

They were shanghaied from San Diego and flown to the ship at sea, and tried before the Constellation's captain J.D. Ward and sentenced to 30 days in corrective custody.

Draft Cows!

Rep. Henry S. Reuss of Wisconsin has protested what he calls the Army's "Let them drink Coke" policy under which some mess halls are cutting back on the daily milk allotment.

Reuss said that as an economy measure, some Army posts are reducing a soldier's daily milk supply from four glasses to three.

We wonder if this cutback has affected Fort Bragg. What about it General Hay?

Organized Crime?

The Haymarket Square Coffeehouse was broken into and vandalized on Monday October 25.

The front counter was pushed over and everything on it went careening over the floor.

The coffee urns and two refrigerators were broken, and a lot of the plumbing was ripped out.

The cash register was empty at the time of the breakin. But there was money (about \$10) in two collection jars on the counter which was not taken.

The only things which were taken were two anti-police posters - one was a poem and the other was a candid photo of a cop flashing someone the bird.

Staff members estimate the damage to be about \$1000. This has been the third breakin since the coffeehouse was established over a year ago, and staff members encourage anyone who can to help defray the cost of this vandalism.



us=dave hettick, dick elson, ed, gene, mac, charley, bob, and leon bronstein

A new progressive paper is starting in Fayetteville. The purpose of the paper will be to provide information on the struggles of working people, GIs, women, blacks, farmers and students in Cumberland County. It will be a monthly paper of news and opinion providing a true voice of the people in this area.

People interested in working on any part of the paper should come to our meetings; every Sunday at 3:00 P.M. meetings are held at the Quaker House, 223 Hillside Ave (off Hay St. near the town). If you haven't worked on a paper before, that's fine. We can learn together.

BRAGG FRAGS

OFFICERS PRINT

ANTI-WAR AD

On Monday September 13 the news media carried yet another example of the growing resistance to the Indo-Chinese War from within the military ---135 officers from all around the country signed their names and ranks (most of them) to an anti-war in the Washington Post.

The statement took the form of an advertisement taken out in the paper and was sponsored by the Fort Bragg Chapter of the Concerned Officers Movement.

The wording was identical to that of an ad placed in the Fayetteville Observer on May 15 (Armed Forces Day) which stimulated many similar ads around the country by Officer groups. The statement demanded "withdrawal of all American military personnel and advisors---by the end of 1971."

Contributors to the Washington Post ad included army officers from Ft. Sam Houston and Ft. Bragg as well as 34 officers from Ft. Knox, Lackland, Andrews, Charleston and Bolling AFB were included. Kodiak Naval Station, U.S. Coast Guard in San Francisco and Naval Ships at sea Tecumseh, Hunley and Nuxabee had signers.

The New Haircut Reg?



news from nam

Vinh Long
October 12

Brothers,

I have been on your subscription list for some 8 or 9 months. During that time I have received quite a few additional issues which I passed around to as many people in my own and other units as was possible.

However, I find that due to the "subversive" nature ("Uncle Sugar's" definition, not mine) I seem to have a little delay in my delivery.

In fact, I almost never get more than one issue at a time.

What I am proposing is this: Why not completely wrap the papers up in brown paper and put a single name and home address on the outside so the pigs might not be able to tell at a glance what is on the inside.

I guess I can't say for sure they are being deterred, but it seems more than coincidence that every month I get the papers (when I get them) several months late (e.g., I received the August issue yesterday.)

As I said earlier, I pass all the papers around so as many of the GI's here as possible can read the truth.

Enclosed you'll find a slip of paper with 2 more names of people who would like to receive "Bragg Briefs".

Right now I'm in the process of taking up a collection to send to you to help with your publication costs.

My goal is \$25. I realize it isn't much, but things being what they are here, with most GI's spending their money on Booze, girls or "skag," it's rather hard to get money from them.

As of now I have \$10.35. If, by the end of the month, I don't have the amount I hoped for, or if I have more, I'll send it to you in hopes it will help a little.

I'll continue to "spread the word" as much as possible, and to try and help raise a little money so you can continue publication.

resce,
C.D.S.

Check It Out

BRAGG BRIEFS needs stories, pictures, cartoons. We need stories about what's happening in your company.

We heard about a riot in the 714th Preventive Medicine Unit months after it happened.

We just heard about three guys who went to the stockade for refusing to wear their uniforms.

There are stories in every unit about how GI's are getting worked over or getting even.

Let us know about them and we'll let the rest of Ft. Bragg know.

BRAGG BRIEFS also needs money, typists, and workers.

It costs \$200 to \$300 to put out one issue. We take most of that out of our own pockets.

We are not on the gravy train of the military industrial complex as are the PARAGLIDE and VERITAS.

If you have five or ten bucks this pay day, send them along. It's not enough just to wave the peace sign or put groovy bumper stickers on your car.

Contact us at the Haymarket Sq. Coffeehouse in downtown Fayetteville or write BRAGG BRIEFS, Box 437, Spring Lake, N.C.

Idaho Or Bust

For all you GI's who think Gen. Hay's no-fatigues-off-post order is stupid, we have some inside info on the real reason for the policy.

It seems that there is a secret Communist plot to kidnap GI's, one at a time, and send them to brainwashing camps in Idaho. Gen. Hay has cleverly decided to keep GI's from showing that they are in army by requiring them to hide their uniforms.

RACISM

Bragg Briefs and the Fort Bragg Concerned Officer Movement is doing an independent investigation of racial discrimination in housing practices involving Military Personnel in the Fort Bragg - Fayetteville area.

If you have any information to add to the investigation, call Haymarket Square - 485-9792 or come on down. Information can be mailed to Bragg Briefs, P.O. Box 437, Spring Lake, N.C. 28390.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Prison Machine

Fort Bragg's brand new mechanized stockade opened in the last part of September. It stands as a warning to those reformers who think that oppression consists of crumbling buildings and bugs.

The stockade, which is located on Butner Road near the old basic training area, is one of the most ultra-modern prisons in the country.

Everything is mechanized. The toilets have no lids and have to be flushed from outside controls. Likewise the showers are controlled from outside.

All the doors are operated from a central point. If a door is unlocked manually the red light in central control turns green. Central control flips a switch. The door locks and the light turns red again.

Guards watch from towers with shotguns.

But what about the injustice of pretrial confinement?

What about the GI who was AWOL 21 days and spent longer than that in the stockade waiting before he was ever tried?

What about the GI who spent 7 weeks without charges and without a lawyer?

What about the guy who went AWOL to settle some marriage problems?

Do they deserve a glossier prison, or a society and system of justice that gives them a fair shake?



He Was At Attica

Brother Fi Ortiz of the Young Lords Party talked at the Haymarket Square Coffeehouse on October 15 about the massacre at Attica State Prison last month. Brother Fi was on the citizen observation team that tried to mediate the dispute. After his talk BRAGG BRIEFS interviewed Brother Fi.

BRIEFS: Why were you on the committee?
 FI: I went up to Attica at the request of the inmates. It was one of the things they demanded before starting negotiations. I represented the Young Lords.

BRIEFS: What happened before Attica that led to the rebellion?

FI: In April and May demands and suggestions were sent by the prisoners to Warden Mancusi and twice he refused. His response was to seek out those who had written the petition and put them in keeplock. Some were beaten.

BRIEFS: What kinds of demands were presented?

FI: The demands were very simple. They dealt with conditions inside the system that affected them directly - food, clothing, shelter, correspondence. They were fed pork nearly every day. Often it was half-cooked. Many people inside suffered from vitamin deficiency and anemia. They weren't asking for steaks everyday. Just healthy food.

BRIEFS: What did the prisoners do when their demands were ignored?

FI: They continued organizing themselves. The blacks organized the blacks. The whites organized the whites and the Puerto Ricans organized the Puerto Ricans.

BRIEFS: What was the amnesty demand and what did it mean?

FI: The amnesty demand, to the inmates, was a guarantee that 1) the demands would be put into effect; and 2) no administrative, legal, personal or any sort of reprisals would take place.

BRIEFS: Did amnesty mean amnesty for whatever the inmates were in prison

for?

FI: No.

BRIEFS: In your talk at the Haymarket you said it was very obvious that what Rockefeller wanted was a massacre. Why do you say that?

FI: Because he refused to cooperate with the inmates and the committee. He lied about his power to grant amnesty. His agent at Attica refused they day before the attack to meet with the prisoners. No matter what the charge the governor as chief executive has the power to reprieve.

BRIEFS: An hour before the attack Tom Wicker and Herman Bedillo reportedly called Rockefeller. Is this true?

FI: Yes, and he refused to come down.

BRIEFS: Some of the leaders of the rebellion were short-timers. One of the central leaders had only about four months left to serve. What led man to risk so much when they had so little time left?

FI: They said that the conditions in the jail were so horrible and that they had brothers who would stay in. They decided to put the interest of the inmate population as a whole before their own.

BRIEFS: There was a great deal of racial unity. How do you account for that?

FI: The inmates called it class unity. They were all poor. They were all being messed over by the system regardless of race. They were in a position where they had to unite in order to survive.

BRIEFS: What about the hostages? They are relatively poor.

FI: We interviewed the hostages the day before the attack. They requested Rockefeller to come down to Attica instead of playing politics with their lives.

BRIEFS: What do you think the discipline of the rebellion means? For example the prisoners treated the guards very well considering all the hostility they must have felt.

FI: It means that the inmates are becoming more serious and determined to fight for their rights by uniting inside the prisons. They're building a movement for their lives.

BRIEFS: What is happening in Attica now? Are there reprisals?

FI: There have been reports of harassment on the part of the guards. Inmates are being forced to sign papers and alot of inmates are being transferred out

BRIEFS: What do you think of Rockefeller's offers of prison reform?

FI: The liberal's idea of prison reform after Attica is a maximum security prison where they will put 600 known troublemakers. That is how they intend to deal with conditions inside the jail. that shows that Oswald never had any intention of implementing these proposals.

BRIEFS: Oswald has the reputation of being a progressive prison administrator. What do you think?

FI: His practice shows. The conditions of the jails in New York shows whose interests he serves.

BRIEFS: What are the Young Lords?

FI: The Young Lords are a Puerto Rican revolutionary political party which is organizing and fighting for the liberation of Puerto Rico. We want the independence of Puerto Rico from the U.S. and the self-determination of Puerto Ricans here in the U.S. We see the conflict as being between the people who control this country for profit and those who produce that profit for the rich. We support the other groups who see the main conflict as between those who have and those who don't. We work with the Black Panthers but have no formal ties.

BRIEFS: What can Puerto Rican brothers do about the military?

FI: There are people in the community who are fighting to be exempt from the military. Citizenship in Puerto Rico was imposed illegally. Pablo "Yeruba" Guzman is going to stand trial this month for refusing to enter the American military. He's fighting his case on the basis that citizenship was imposed illegally. Puerto Ricans were made made citizens by decree of the U.S. It wasn't taken to any kind of vote by citizens or representatives.

NIXONOMICS

Watch out brothers and sisters! Tricky Dicky is at it again. For 3 years he watched the unemployment rolls get longer and longer (greater than 6% average nationally, 14% for ex-GI's) and inflation drive prices higher and higher. Finally, with an election coming, he decided to do something. What he did was his New Economic Policy (NEP):

1. Freeze wages and some prices for 90 days, starting Aug. 15, followed by Phase II with appointed Pay and Wage control boards to decide on wages and some prices.
2. Placed an additional 10% tax on many imported goods.
3. Let the dollar "float" so that it is now worth less than before compared to other currency.
4. Gave industry a 10% tax investment credit, and removed a 7% tax on autos.
5. Cut Federal spending \$4.7 billion, eliminating 5% of government employees and postponing welfare reform programs.

What he did not do was place any restraints on profits, interest rates or stock prices. He refuses "to penalize success".

Nixon is trying to get us to believe that inflation is due to the workers greed, that it is due to wage increases. But wages have not kept up with rising prices for the six years of the escalated Vietnam war.

Nixon's NEP is a form of economic escalation against the great majority of the American people.

It freezes the income of working people in a country where the distribution of income is already grossly unfair. The top 20% of American families got 45% of all personal income, while the lowest 20% of families shared only 3.7% of all personal income. One tenth of the nation owns 2/3 of the nation's wealth, while the lower 50% owns only 8.3%.

Phase II of NEP links wage increases to increased production. So in a country with millions of unemployed people and 25% of its industry idle, workers will have to work faster and harder. Why? To protect profits.

We can be sure that every employer will be only too willing to do his "patriotic" duty and refuse to grant pay raises.

But capitalists can get around price control. Corporations can ensure this by introducing "new" models, selling products of lower quality, or sell less for the same price.

Prices of fresh foods such as meat poultry, eggs, vegetables and fruit will

not be controlled at all. So the foods needed to keep a family in good health will keep going up in price while the wages of workers are frozen.

The 10% tax on imports and the decrease in the value of the dollar will drive prices of the cheaper imports up and cut people off from one source of lower prices.

While wages are frozen, Nixon's plan calls for people to buy new goods such as cars, thus "stimulating" the economy. To do this Nixon wants people to dip into their savings, now earning 5% interest. This will shift money from the people to the corporations. Plus the banks and corporations get a 10% tax break, not to mention the 8%, 15%, even 20% returns they already get on their investments.

All this while the Military monster devours \$80 billion tax dollars a year. Money that could build decent low cost housing, transportation, hospitals, and provide adequate medical care for all our people.

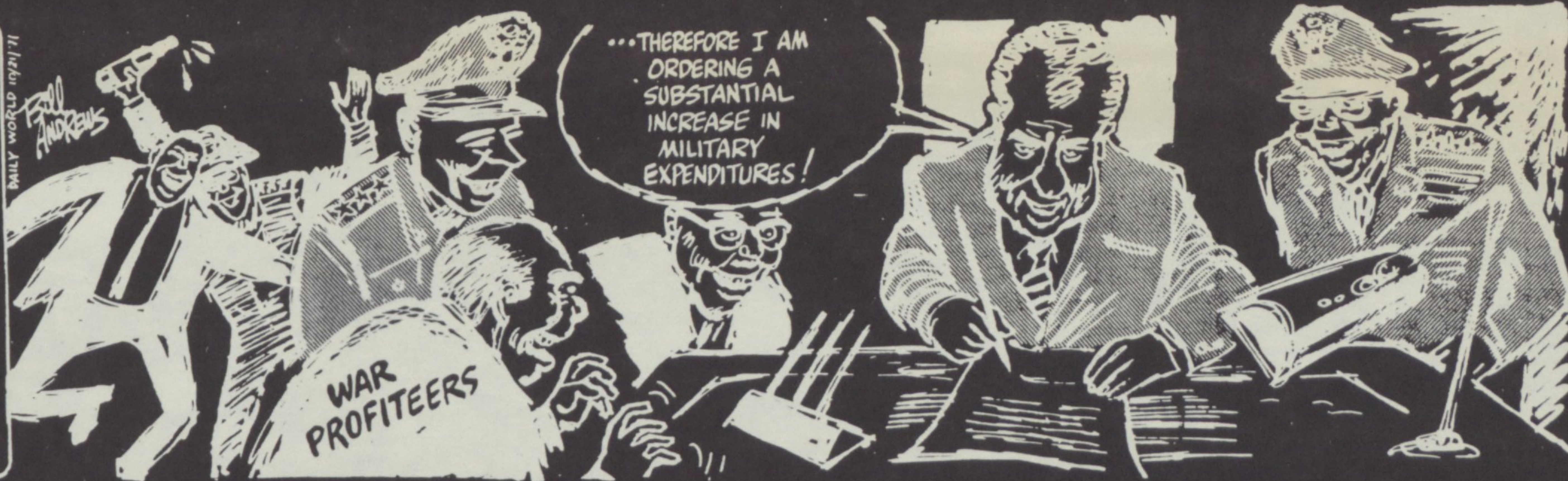
The balance of payments deficit (the amount of money and goods that leaves the country, never to return) is due largely to the military and political adventures of the U.S. government all over the world.

The war machine is out of control. It sucks up our lives and our dollars and uses them to fight and control people all over the world. For whom? Certainly not for us, the GI's and the working people, whose lives and dollars are being used. We're not getting rich.

Make The People Pay

NIXON

NIXON SAID
"LET US RECOGNIZE
THIS PROFOUND TRUTH:
WHAT IS BEST FOR
ALL OF US IS BEST
FOR EACH OF US."



WELCOME HOME VETS

Unemployment among veterans is nearly twice the national average.

While the national unemployment is over 6%, unemployment for ex-GI's is 11% for whites and 21% for blacks.

This does not tell the whole story since it does not include those who have not filed for unemployment, those with only part time jobs, those on welfare and those in job training programs or going to college.

Even so estimates show some 500,000 veterans are unemployed at present despite the Army's highly publicized training and placement services (which channel men primarily into police and defense jobs.)

Unemployment among veterans poses a much more serious problem to the people in power in the U.S.

The situation has become so explosive that this year a crash program was begun called "JOBS for Veterans" headed by Sec. of Labor James O. Hodgson and James F. Oates.

Oates summed up the situation in a press conference: "We have an obligation to these young men, and we need their labor and productivity. Many of these young men know only the arts of war. Many of them are black. Bitterness will follow surely if they do not have educational and training for jobs."

But in spite of these pleas it turns out that the same superpatriot businessmen who cheer "our boys" in Vietnam despise them back home.

Take for example the New York State Chamber of Commerce, which published a pamphlet, "Drug Abuse as a Business Problem," advising members not to hire vets.

The pamphlet begins bluntly: "With the spread of drug abuse in schools and among the armed forces in Vietnam, it would be unrealistic for business to assume it could recruit from these markets and not risk bringing abuse, narcotics addicts and pushers into companies, despite all the sophisticated screening tests available."

Senator Gravel Implies Nixon is a War Criminal

Sen. Frank Gravel of Alaska told the U.S. Senate that massive U.S. airstrikes in Indochina constituted a war crime comparable to Hitler's final solution for the Jews.

Gravel's amendment to prohibit further bombing in Indochina, except in cases where it is directly necessary to protect U.S. troops, was defeated 64 to 19.

Gravel charged that 100 tons of explosives per hour were being rain-

ed on the population of Indochina in a "nightmare of wanton destruction."

He said he saw no difference between that and Nazi Germany's mass execution of Jews. "If we have a criminal who is President of the United States, we should have the moral resolution to point to it and correct it," he said.

Gravel, however, said Nixon was not winding down the war but simply changing its character into a mass-

ive air campaign "not yet approached in the history of mankind."

He said every nine days, 200,000 pounds of bombs fall in Indochina --- the equivalent of one Hiroshima.

"From 1965 to 1969, 70 tons of bombs for every square mile of North and South Vietnam were dropped, 500 pounds for every man, woman and child. In just the first five months of 1971 there were 780 million pounds of bombs dropped over south-east Asia."

Two Americas

Suppose British and mercenary troops retreated to Long Island after the American revolution and—with the support of the world's greatest imperialist powers—continually engaged in subversion and made threats to retake the huge mainland.

Suppose they kept this up for a generation, proclaiming themselves to be the "real" America, gaining a lot of advantages in the process, until the majority of nations got tired of the farce and decided to recognize the 3000-mile land mass a few miles away as the America it was.

Suppose Britain, in order to retain a foothold in the area, then proposed that there were "two Americas," not just the one tiny America it had been supporting all those years, urging that each live separately and at peace. Suppose further, failing this, that King George proclaimed that America was indeed America and Long Island should actually be recognized as the "independent" nation of Long Island?

What do you think George Washington would have done?

GI's Refuse Suicide Patrol

FIREBASE TAMBUKTU, SOUTH VIETNAM

GIs who refused to go on a night ambush patrol outside embattled Firebase Pace (said) Wednesday that the mission was suicidal and ridiculous and their refusal was not cowardice but common sense.

Their platoon commander Lt. Schuler, agreed it was not a matter of cowardice and cited several examples of bravery on the part of men who came to him and refused.

"The troops are always griping when you order them to do something," Schuler said. "The night before they said they didn't want to fill sandbags and they did it anyway."

"It wasn't a matter of cowardice, it was a matter of common sense," said Spec. 4 Walter Wernli of Three Rivers, Tex. "This patrol was completely senseless - senseless suicide."

Wernli and others of the 3rd Platoon, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry, 1st Air Cavalry Division, talked to newsmen here. Tuesday they had been pulled out of Pace following an Army investigation. Pace is 80 miles northwest of Saigon, close to the Cambodian border.

Spec. 4 Ernest French of Mattoon, Ill., the point man of the platoon said, "At home, newspapers write that GIs are committed to defensive actions only."

"When we came here, they told us this was an ARVN (South Vietnamese Army) operation and that we would only provide security for the American artillery. And then they want to send us out to ambush Charlie."

"There was no good reason at all for this night ambush, not even a trail out there. All we would have done was stumble around in an area we didn't know and get shot up for nothing."

The platoon was so upset that Spec. 4 Albert Orana of Los Angeles wrote a letter to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D - Mass., that Orana said tried "to draw the attention of the American public to the situation - we are almost forgotten here."

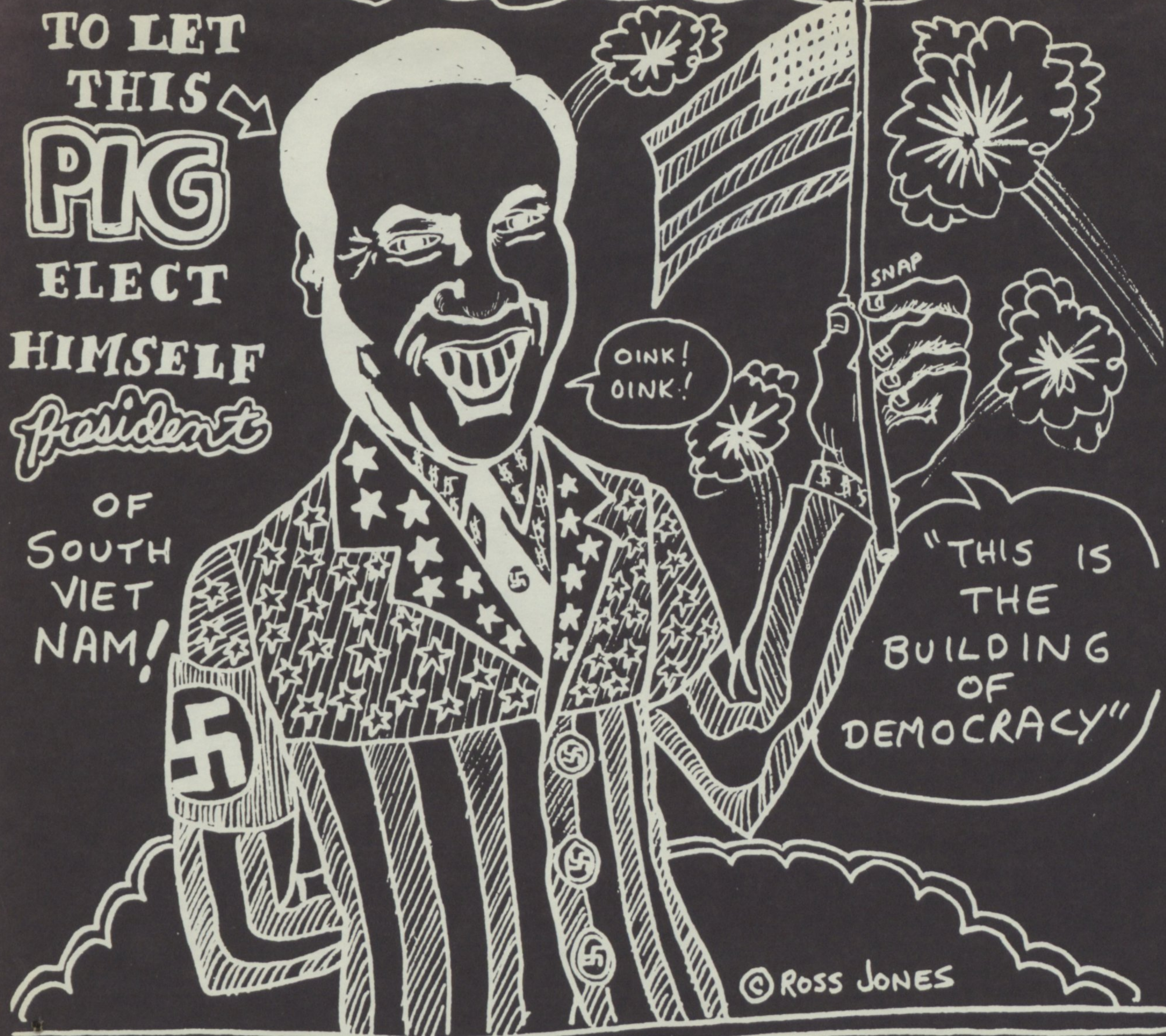
Eventually the platoon decided to refuse. French went to Cronin and told him he was "not prepared to do my job." Five others told Schuler they would not follow the order to go out.

According to the GIs involved, they did go out on patrol the following morning - and almost blundered into an allied "automatic ambush" of tripwire-trigger mines that they did not know about.

IT TOOK **45,000** DEAD AMERICANS

TO LET THIS PIG ELECT HIMSELF President

OF SOUTH VIETNAM!



Another GIANT LEAP for DEMOCRACY!

HAY, troops! did you ever stop to think why general HAY doesn't want any of his new cleancut modern volunteer ballplayers coming into HAYmarket square on the corner of HAY st. and bragg blvd ?

like all good generals, he's probably afraid that if you hang around with certain people it might fuck up your team spirit.

ron dellums
BLACK CONGRESSMAN (CALIF.)

jane fonda
ACTRESS

susan schnall
EX-NAVY NURSE, COURT-MARTIALED FOR BOMBING THE PRESIDENT WITH ANTI-WAR LITERATURE

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& HAY ST

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