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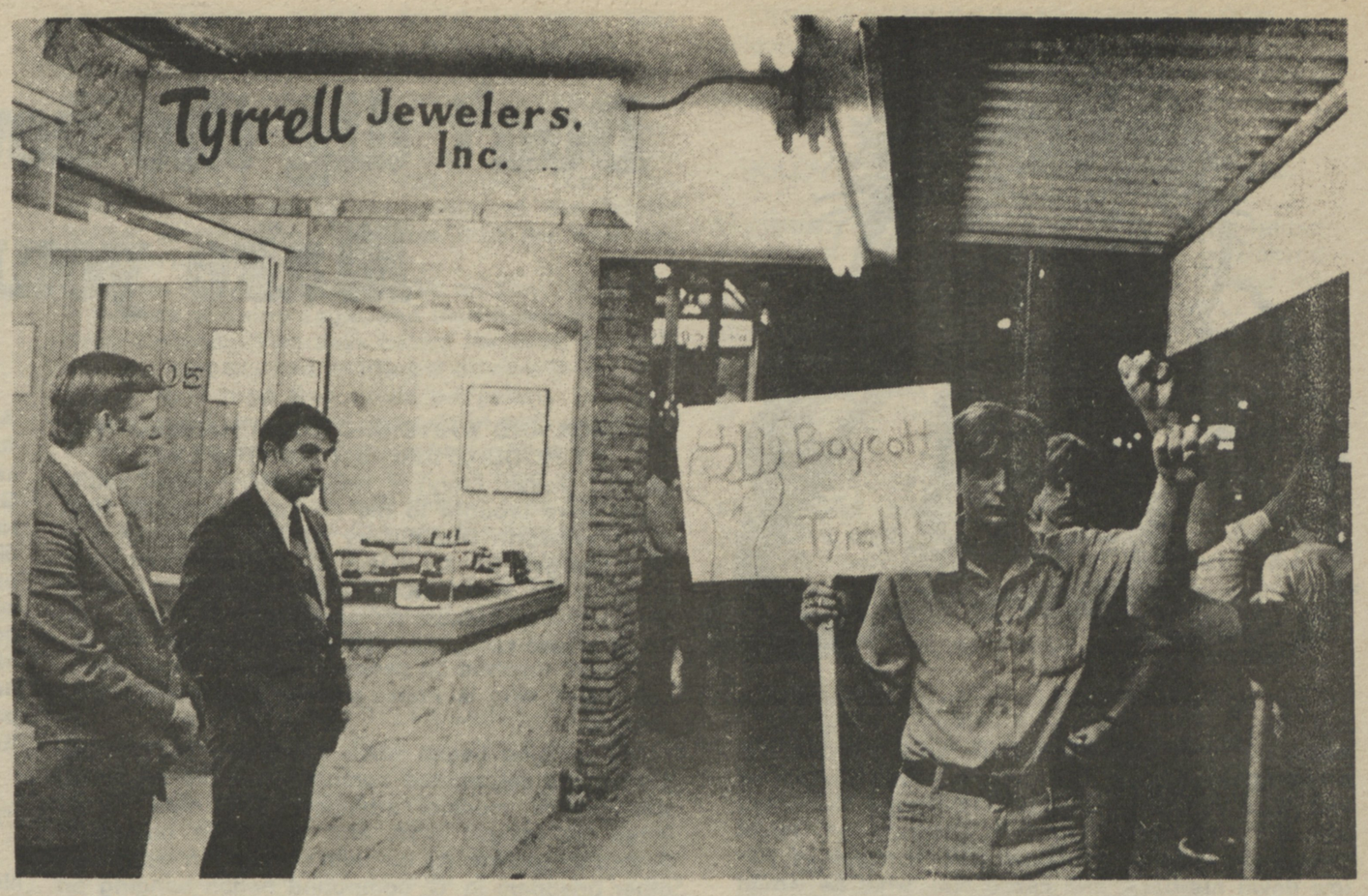
'The morale, discipline and battleworthiness of the U.S. Armed Forces are, with a few salient exceptions, lower and worse than at any time in this century and possibly the history of the United States.' *Col. Robert D. Heinl in June 7, 1971, Armed Forces Journal*

FT HOOD GIs BOYCOTT RIP-OFF ALLEY JEWELERS

RATS IN THE ALLEY



It's a street that goes by many names. You'll find it in every military town. It's usually a couple of blocks long.

Garish, hastily constructed shops selling flashy clothes, jewelry, and skin flicks. There's a pool hall, some finance companies and auto rent places, a drug store or two featuring Archie comics and Playboy, several pawnshops, an arcade of pin-ball machines and rifle ranges.

GIs call it Rip-Off Alley. In Killeen, Texas, the town closest to the Army huge military installation of Fort Hood, it's Avenue D. And right smack in the middle of Ave. D is Tyrrell Jewellers Inc., a world-wide jewelry army base spread 'round the world (including Saigon)

—an ex-GI stationed at Fort Hood

Tyrrell's specialty is getting GIs to buy expensive pieces of jewelry for the girl back home, whether it's mom or a girl friend. They do a fast trade in engagement rings and a thing called the Golden Clover Pin—an expensive diamond pin sold as a gift to mother.

Tyrrell's gives each new salesman a 20 page manual that includes detailed sales pitches, written out word for word that have to be memorized. Here is part of one pitch:

Bill, may I ask you a question before you leave? What would you do to any man who insulted your mother? Before you start sounding off, remember: indifference and neglect can hurt a woman worse than cruel words.

Now tell me how long has it been since you did something nice, I mean really nice for your mother? Not on her birthday, or Mother's Day, or Christmas or some other big holiday, but just out of the clear blue sky, when did you do something extra nice to say, 'Mom, I love you.'

(Pause a moment to give your prospect a chance to digest this question, but not long enough for him to raise any defenses.)

If you're like most fellows, Bill, you're always intending to probably do something, but you never quite get around to it. Bill, we have something here that in one moment will express to your mother all the love that is in your heart. (Keep box top closed, but tap it significantly with one finger. Speak slowly and reverently.)

If this hasn't made you sick, check out the next one:

The salesman tells a prospect that he has just talked to another young man who was buying a spray of orchids for his mother's coffin. The salesman cautions him: 'Don't wait until your mom is in her coffin. Honor the living, not the dead. With this pin your mother will always have you with her.'

Tyrrell's honors the dead by keeping an 'honor roll' of GIs killed in Vietnam before they had paid off their bills to Tyrrells.

This spring, brothers stationed at Ft. Hood, Killeen, Texas, decided to blow the whistle on Tyrrell. At the Armed Forces Day demonstration May 15, the Killeen Spring Offensive Committee moved for a GI-civilian boycott of Tyrrell's. They made four demands:

—stop sidewalk soliciting and other high pressure sales techniques.
—stop exploiting GI homesickness
—end Army intervention and cooperation in payments; the Army deducts the money GIs owe Tyrrell's from their paychecks.
—remove the honor roll

They began the boycott with leafletting in front of the store a few days before the monthly payday weekend at the end of May. Tyrrell's owners, pissed off since they had only one sale that weekend, swore out arrest warrants against two women who work at the GI coffeehouse there called the Oleo Strut. Then, that night, GIs and friends set up a picket line in front of the jewelry store. The picketline, watched closely by Killeen pigs, continued the entire weekend and not one sale was made.

By May 31, Killeen's business cats were uptight. Rumors began going around that the boycott was going to grow, expand and shut down the whole town. When the picket line started again the next day, the pigs moved in and without warning arrested everyone on the line—8 GIs and 2 friends. Four of the GIs were Nam vets. All were held overnight and were charged the following morning with parading without a permit and participating in an illegal secondary boycott. Bail was set at $2200, but later knocked down to $600. Within a day, all were out of the can.

During one conversation with the mayor, city manager and city council, the Oleo Strut people found out that the ten were busted after Mayor Lindley called the major of Wrightstown, New Jersey, near Ft. Dix, where a similar boycott happened some time ago. The Wrightstown mayor said they had 'closed the town down...' Mayor Lindley wanted to make sure that Killeen stayed open. The mayor reminded the coffeehouse staff of 'what happened in Wrightstown', where a similar coffeehouse was shot into and later bombed.

Local business owners are trying to fight the boycott. One guy tried to file a complaint for violation of a local noise ordinance. A local Baptist minister and gun shop owner even started a 'Fed Up With the Oleo Strut' campaign.

But outside support has also surfaced. The Texas AFL-CIO has offered legal help, since the secondary boycott law has been used against Texas unions. On June 30, a nationwide boycott of Tyrrell's began. In Killeen, over 100 people marched, daring local police to bust them again. They didn't. The next day, fewer pickets kept the store closed. They are now open only a few hours a day, and business is terrible. San Francisco and Seaside, California, and Fort Bragg, North Carolina stores have also been picketed with great results. There'll be more on this story as the boycott builds.

NYC BREAKDOWN

(New York, June 7) - On the morning of June 7, this is what New York City looked like: all but two of the 29 drawbridges connecting the five borroughs were locked open. Traffic was backed up on all major routes for miles. And heavy trucks blocked strategic access routes.

These actions were organized by hundreds of bridge tenders and other city workers who've been fighting for months for the same kinds of salaries and pension benefits that cops and firemen are already getting. It just so happens that most of the cops and firemen are white. And at least 35% of the bridge tenders and sanitation workers are black and Puerto Rican. The New York state legislature approved a fair contract for cops and firemen, and then refused to do the same for District 37 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).

'Governor Rockefeller needs to be reminded that we are made of sterner stuff than the people of Czechoslovakia and Austria who caved in so easily to Hitler three decades ago,' said one union militant.

One of Rockefeller's politicians in Albany, the state capital, hit the nail on the head: 'This has got to stop. Government cannot exist in a state of anarchy.'

Lindsay called the strike 'immoral, illegal, outrageous and offensive to the public interest.' But in fact, the strike was selectively aimed at disrupting suburban commuters who for years have used city services without ever having to pay for them since they live outside its tax borders. The people who live in New York, in the inner city, were not affected since subways ran on schedule. Also, one of the two bridges left open was the one linking Welfare Island (a large hospital site) to Manhattan proper.

'Unlike Rockefeller,' said one of the bridgetenders, 'we do not wage war on the sick and infirm.' **'This is guerrilla warfare against the rich Republican commuters,' said a Teamster spokesman. 'We'll have to study Mao...use hit and run tactics. It's not just the pension. New York is an occupied city and we have to fight back...We're with the poor, the blacks, and Puerto Ricans.'**

The beauty of these actions is that these city workers knew that without them, the city would stop working. Without the repair and maintenance workers of the Dept of Water Resources, who would make the water flow? Without the incinerator operators, who would burn the garbage?

Like the city workers who shut down New York, your power comes from the beast's dependence on you. Without flight maintenance crews, planes don't fly. Without clerks to move paper, orders don't get cut and materiel won't get shipped. This is it. Without the beast we can do everything. Without us, the beast can do nothing. □

Don't dig the news? Make your own!

ASSAULT ON COMMANDING OFFICER OKAY!
Washington (June) - The Court of Military Appeals has dismissed charges against a Marine Corps pvt who KO'd his CO. The officer accused Pvt Daniel Struckman of being a coward with 'a streak of yellow down his back' and asked him 'what he would like.' Dan said he'd 'like to see the Marine Corps flat on its back with its heels in the air.' The officer got very excited, and challenged Dan to try it with him. Dan jumped at the invitation, and punched him out. The court ruled that the officer, by his words and actions, abandoned his position and rank. And so when Dan punched out his CO, he just knocked out someone who was asking for it. If you try the same thing, the case to refer to is: US v. Struckman, 20 USCMA 493, 43 CMR 333 (April 9, 1971) (NOMLAC)

MUHAMMED ALI BEATS DRAFT CONVICTION
Chicago (June) - Ali had to take it to the Supreme Court, but he did it and beat a 1967 conviction for draft evasion that almost put him away for five years. When asked about the decision he said, 'I'd rather be in jail than sell out the poor black people and be a rich Negro. I'll be happy to be in jail. Everybody can see me. I'm a Muslim. I'm black. I'm helping the world wake up. If it means I have to suffer to help open up eyes, that means more to me than gold.' About his boxing, he said, 'I'm thinking about all those people in every ghetto in every city in the USA. I'm out to whup all the hypocrites in the power structure. I'm fighting here for my freedom and carrying the hope of my 30 million black people here, and that's what my mission is.' (LNS)

CHU LAI ANTIWAR RALLY ON JULY 4
Vietnam (July) - On Independence Day, guys at Chu Lai held an antiwar rally on the beach, daring the CG to bust them. After getting ahold of a leaflet announcing the rally, the CG warned people that the rally was illegal, and that participants would be arrested. Not only did guys go ahead with the rally, but they held it right next to the officers' July 4th program. The 75th Rangers were put on alert. But newsmen from CBS and 'Newsweek' attended and filed stories. Mysteriously, the story never ran in the papers, on the radio, or over television (GSB)

POISONING THE KIDDIES
New York (July) - The 'Washington Post' recently printed this gem on J. Edgar Hoover: 'The FBI chief will not touch the delicacies he receives from unknown admirers; he fears someone might slip him some poisoned food. He donates these delectables to orphanages and other institutions.' (LNS)

BLACK AND WHITE BROTHER CHARGED IN FT HOOD UPRISING 7 MONTHS LATE
Killeen, Texas (July) - Kelvin Harvey and John Priest were brought to the Ft Hood stockade from Ft Leavenworth Disciplinary Barracks on July 7 to face charges for the Dec 20 rebellion that took place in the Hood stockade. They are also being charged with assault on an officer and riot, and Priest is also being charged with arson.

The riot involved 50 people. Harvey, a black man, and Pirest, who is white, are the only ones being charged.

The uprising began when a prisoner in 'C' compound, the segregated compound of the stockade, was denied medical attention. The man hadn't eaten for several days, and had been reportedly beaten by guards. As the man's condition worsened, other prisoners in 'C' compound began banging on the walls in hopes of calling attention to the situation. They were ignored, and many of the men gave up and went to bed.

Shortly afterwards, they were awakened abruptly to discover that the building was on fire. About 100 MPs were brought in to smash the uprising which now included C,D, and E compounds.

The brass tried to pass the rebellion off as a racial disturbance, but it wasn't. According to those who participated, it was a rebellion against stockade conditions. Some of the grievances were: 85% of the prison is non-white, while less than 10% of the guards were non-white; most of the prisoners in segregated are non-white; prisoners are constantly harassed and goaded; black inmates are not allowed to exchange the clenched fist salute; racial slurs are used against the inmates; medical attention is inadequate; cell conditions are unsanitary; solitary confinement is cruel and unusual punishment (5x8 cells, poor food, etc.)

Harvey and Priest have been in solitary since July 7. No trial date has yet been set (LNS).

THE MOVEMENT GROWS IN SIBERIA
Adak Naval Station, Alaska (July 31) - As VOLAR tumbles, and as Zumwalt rewrites his Z-Grams, we keep on pushing. Two captives of the Navy, Michael Gleaves and Dennis Rupert, were both busted recently and charged with Article 134 (promoting disloyalty) and Article 92 (failure to obey a lawful order). Both charges came down cause they were supposedly passing out underground papers and pocket guides to GI rights. Also, both are members of the American Servicemen's Union (ASU). Only if no one knows can the Navy get away with this, But passing the word is only one step down a long road. Keep truckin' (ASU and The Bond)

'THE ONLY ARMY WE WILL SERVE IN IS THE PUERTO RICAN LIBERATION ARMY '
New York (June) - In 1917, with the Jones Act the US forced American citizenship on Puerto Ricans and made them liable to the draft even though the Puerto Rican elected legislature rejected it. On the island today, there are so many guys refusing induction and evading the draft that the government can't even begin prosecuting. The ROTC program in Puerto Rico is also a failure. But now in New York, a group of Puerto Ricans called the Young Lords are refusing induction, and have just formed the 'New 65th Infantry'. It'll be made up of men and women who were or are now in the US military. (source: LNS)

NITRO JUNKIES - THE ARMY'S THE PUSHER
Milwaukee (June 30) - Several workers in an Army plant have developed a physical dependence on the nitroglycerine used to make rocket fuel. While off the job for a weekend or more, the workers get chest pains that won't quit until they return to work. You don't get high and you don't get low. You just have to go to work. It's kind of like Methadone. Think about it. (LNS)

AIRMEN MARCH 40 MILES THROUGH DESERT TO PROTEST THE WAR
Mountain Home AFB, Idaho (August) - During the first weekend in August, a group of airmen, led by the grandson of one of the founders of the biggest construction companies in Indochina, marched 40 miles thru the desert to protest the 'genocide being conducted by the US Air Force in Southeast Asia.' Air Force Capt. Larrie Knudsen, grandson of the late M.H. Knudsen of Morrison-Knudsen-Brown-Root (MKBR), called the company 'probably the largest war profiteer in the state of Idaho.' Their contracts in Nam totalled more than $1 billion. The march route stretches from Mountain Home AFB to the MKBR hq in Boise. The company president, Bert Perkins, said the company considered it an 'obligation and duty to respond to requests of the government.' So did Alfred Krupp, a Nazi war industrialist and he was found guilty of war crimes at Nuremburg. (source: Idaho Falls Post-Register)

ANOTHER CRACK IN THE VOLAR MASK
Ft. Lewis (June) - A Seattle newspaper ran a front page story describing how wonderful life is in the 2/37 Artillery. That unit wrote a letter to that paper asking their team to come back so they'd have beer again in the mess hall. They also asked the reporter who did the story to tell them where the private rooms are so they can move in (L-MFP)

GHETTO REBELLION IN FLORIDA
Jacksonville (June) - After four days of street fighting and $250,000 damage, the National Guard was taken off alert on June 20 as local cops picked up the pieces. The uprising in the black community began ten days earlier when a fifteen-year-old black manchild was gunned down by a white cop. Fighting lasted four days, and 274 were arrested. (source: LNS)

GETTING IT ON AT YOKOTA, JAPAN
Tokyo (July 22) - A rock festival was held in Fussa Park on the outskirts of Tokyo to celebrate the birth of a new GI underground paper, 'The First Amendment', and to welcome an anti-brass military counselling project to town. 300 GIs turned out, as well as a hundred Japanese and American civilians. People danced thru rain and wind, and that was only the beginning! (Hobbit News Service)

CASE HIGH SCHOOL TROUNCES ARMY
Milwaukee (late June) - Two US Army recruiters got a warm reception at Case HS. Students ripped up the recruiting pamphlets, and then grabbed the recruiters' hats and ripped those up, too. The two recruiters had to call their superior officers to get permission to leave the school building out of uniform (LNS).

OH MY BACK - BOOT CAMP ATROCITIES

Parris Island, S.C. (July 7) - 39 recruits were hospitalized with kidney trouble, complaining of back aches. The GIs were ordered to do push-ups for 15 to 30 minutes during their first week of training. The DI was slapped on the wrist (SFC).

BRACE YOURSELF FOR A SHOCKER

San Francisco (April 8) - Members of a local Army Reserve PSYOPS unit were recently tortured during training. The object of this terror, according to a Reserve colonel, was to 'prepare men for the kind of treatment they might expect if captured.' While captives of this Reserve unit, they were given electrical shocks, chained to logs, and then thrown in a deep pond. (San Francisco Chronicle)

AIRMEN KEEP MARCHING IN LONDON

London (June) - In early June, 300 brothers, most of them airmen, marched to the US embassy. They brought with them a petition condemning Nixon's war against Indochina, signed by 1000 active duty US servicemen. Well, some people were busted for 'participating in a demonstration in a foreign country.' A Captain by the name of Culver was among those busted. Well, a couple of weeks later, there was another demonstration to protest the arrests. Turnout and support was terrific, and there were no arrests (SFC).

THIEU REWRITES SAIGON CONSTITUTION IN ORDER TO ARREST STUDENT LEADER

Saigon (Aug) - The most popular student leader in all of South Vietnam, Huyn Tan Mam, is now in a tiger cage prison awaiting trial for treason. His crime: advocating peace, independence and neutrality by drafting a Peoples Peace Treaty with American students almost a year ago. Thieu has had Mam tried once already before a military court, but a civil court threw out the conviction since at that time even Thieu couldn't try a civilian in a military court. Thieu's answer was to rewrite the Constitution. Thieu is now running against no one in the fall elections, another great victory for the great American policy of democracy for all, like it or not. To make sure that no one knows about the fraud, Thieu has arrested the editor of Saigon's largest daily newspaper, Ngo Cong Duc (SFC).

NO SANCTUARY FOR GEN. WESTMORELAND

Anniston, Alabama (July 31) - GIs and WACs United Against the War at Ft. McClellan got together 299 signatures for the Peoples Peace Treaty, and then tried to force them down the throat of Gen. Westmoreland when he visited the base. 229 signatures was too much to swallow, causing Wastemoreland to choke (Guardian)

WE ARE ALL UNDESIRABLES

Washington (Aug) - In the past year, over 14,000 GIs were handed undesirable discharges by the Army alone. That's 2.3% (L-MFP)

BROOKLYN SECEDES

New York (July) - More than 3000 people took part in an antiwar rally in Prospect Park. It was organized by a group called the Coalition to Take Brooklyn Out of the War. 75 organizations are in it. The rally was led by 200 Nam vets who spent the night in the park where they held a memorial service for Indochinese and US war casualties. (Guardian)

AP Wirephoto

CLIMAXING A two-day march from Concord, Vietnam veterans arrived in Boston, carrying plastic rifles and chanting anti-war slogans, unconcerned with a flag-carrying Boston policeman.

ASU ORGNIZER FIGHTS SKAG IN NAM AND GETS FRAMED FOR PUSHING BY ARMY!

Da Nang (late July) - PFC Bob Michener, an active organizer of the American Servicemen's Union and grunt in the 2/11 Artillery, 101st Abn, got together 28 guys and with them drew up a statement exposing war crimes in the Tay Ninh region. That statement was released to the public at the Winter Soldier Investigation, and since then the heat has never let up on Bob.

He was busted by CID and MI on May 13, thrown in the box at Camp Eagle, and then flown to the Da Nang stockade. Two days before the bust, the ASU was told that GIs had overheard officers in the 2/11 talking about how Bob would be 'gotten.' Bob was charged with possession and sale of both weed and heroin, even though Bob's people knew he was trying to get other guys to kick. It's kind of strange that they'd charge Bob with dealing junk just as it hits the papers that the CIA and the Saigon tyrants have been pushing the shit for years. Also strange is the fact that the MI pigs burned all the evidence and that Bob was pistol whipped at Da Nang. More on this case next issue (ASU and The Bond)

INDIANS FIGHT TO REGAIN LAND

Minneapolis (June) - Back in mid-May, Indians from all over the country got together to take back abandoned federal land at the Twin City Naval Air Station. The Navy left the base entirely, and the city didn't even want it for a zoo. According to the Sioux Treaty of 1868, unused Federal land automatically becomes Indian land again. So our friends took it to set up a village. One morning at 5am, five hours before Senator Mondale was to meet with them, their camp was broken into by 150 US marshalls, county deputies, naval reservists, and Marines.

Two weeks later, the scene repeated itself in Richmond, California where 50 Indians seized an abandoned Nike missile base. Just four days earlier their village on Alcatraz Island was destroyed by federal marshalls. So the Indians took back the Nike base to set up a school and health clinic. The US government couldn't handle this creative use of land which had been neglected for ten years. So armed US marshalls soon broke up this settlement.

In July, Indians in Chicago also settled into an abandoned Nike missile site. They, too, were driven away by Chicago's finest.

If you are ever ordered to take back military land which had been abandoned and is now under Indian care, you have a legal obligation to disobey this illegal order. (LNS)

CHECK AFRO COMBS AT THE DOOR

Hong Kong (July) - R&R has been in trouble since Sept 1970 when over 30 black GIs and one white GI were hauled away in British military trucks to a prison on Stonecutters Island for refsuing to get on a plane bound for Nam. From then on, Hong Kong police have escorted departing GIs right to the planes. But on July 4, a black GI, Pvt. Robert H. Miller, was arrested by Hong Kong police and charged with possession of an offensive weapon and disorderly conduct. The weapon was his afro comb. Disorderly could have been a handshake. Now black GIs coming into Hong Kong are required to check their afro-combs at Customs (PNS).

SOMEONE WASN'T LOOKING

Thailand (June 28) - 400,000 rifle bullets for M-16s were stolen from the American ammo depot. The rounds cost $1 each (SFC).

SCOUTS EARN NEW BADGES FROM THE FBI

New York (July) - A couple of months ago, some friends stole several hundred pounds of secret documents from an FBI office in Media, Pennsylvania. One of those documents showed that the FBI is encouraging Boy Scouts to inform on family and friends, reporting suspicious activity to local units (source: Liberation News Service)

SAFETY COUNTS YOU BETCHA!

New York (July) - According to US Dept of Labor statistics, every 8 minutes, one person will be killed on the job, 148 workers seriously disabled, and 500 hurt. Every day, that reads, 55 dead, 8500 disabled, and more than 27,000 hurt. They also predicted that 3 of every 4 young men and women who enter the job market in 1971 will be disabled before they retire. (LNS)

JUST A HOP, SKIP AND A JUMP

Stockholm (July 9) - First Lt John Vequist, the first American officer to seek asylum in Sweden to avoid being sent to Vietnam, has been given a Swedish residence permit. This indicates a loosening up from before (SFC(.

THAT'S SOME GOOD BARBEQUE SAUCE

Saigon (Jund 25) - Unknown persons presumed to be American airmen threw three grenades into a bbq dinner for MPs. 15 MPs were wounded (SFC).

HOLLAND TELLS NIXON TO FORGET IT AND ACCEPTS DESERTER

Amsterdam (June) - SN Ralph Waver, a 'self-retired member of the US Navy' can now live in Holland freely. Arrested in June, US authorities wanted the Dutch government to turn Waver over to them. Although they'd done this before, this time they changed their minds. Could be a new trend. For more info, contact 'Vietnam Bulletin', Weesperstraat 51, Amsterdam, Holland (NOMLAC).

ENTIRE SPD GOES AWOL TOGETHER

Ft. Campbell (July) - The entire population of SPD (or PCF if that's your style) took off one weekend and still hadn't made it back the following Tues. A very together action considering there's no public transportation from the base to the next town, which is eight long miles away (CAMP News)

ARTICLE 138 - HIDDEN WEAPON BROTHER WINS A DISCHARGE

Philippines (July) - A brother filed Article 138 charges against the CG at Clark AFB. Within three days he was called in and shown his papers for an honorable discharge, and told he could either file his charges from Thailand, or take the discharge and go home quickly. Others trying this approach should let us know of their results (CAMP News)

NAVY SETS NEW WORK STANDARDS

North Chicago (June) - In the radar school at Great Lakes, a chief recently held a quickie inspection of a barracks. When he found the place not-so-clean, he said, 'You guys didn't do a good job. How do you guys work, anyway?' Brothers there told him, 'Why we work just like we get paid - a little every two weeks.' (Navy Times Are Changing)

IMPERIALISM IS NO PICNIC

Kinshasa, Congo (July) - Major Hugh Bauer of the US Military Mission to the Congro was killed by a crocodile while taking a dip in the river during a Sunday picnic with friends. (LNS)

Z-GRAMS TESTED - GOOD FOR PEANUT BUTTER AND NOT MUCH ELSE

San Diego (Aug) - The carrier USS Constellaion's got a hot line, the Captain's gripe line. Recently it got a real workout. First day, there were 70 requests for peanut butter at every meal. Request granted. Second day, 70 requests for music in the mess halls. Request granted. Third day, 70 requests for no inspections at the end of the cruise. Snap went the Capt. He declared that there was a conspiracy out to get him, and closed down the hot line. So much for the new action Navy. (CAMP News)

OKINAWA - LOVE IT OR LEAVE IT

The first American to visit Okinawa, a beautiful island in the chain that runs from Japan to Taiwan, came with the idea that it should be liberated from Japan, and be included as a foothold of 'our maratime rights in the East.' This stomping militarist, Commodore Matthew Perry, soon made it clear what good times this would bring to the Okinawan people—he paraded his troops and heavy guns, charged into the king's palace without invitation, and demanded gifts. One of his favorites was a great temple bell, with this saying cast around it: 'May the sound of this bell shatter illusory dreams, perfect the souls of mankind, and enable the king and his subjects to live so virtuously that barbarians will find no occasion to invade the kingdom.' The Okinawans were forced to present the bell to the US Naval Academy, where every year it rings out the score in the Army-Navy game.

Since World War II, Okinawa has become one of the major Amerikan bases in Asia. License plates on Amerikan vehicles are dominated by the slogan 'Keystone of the Pacific,' and more of the island is fenced in every year to make the keystone stronger. Every fence is plastered with signs warning, 'Restricted Area—US Government Property—Keep out.' The Okinawans who used to farm the land now must work as Amerikan slaves at 30 cents an hour on the base and in the houses of lifers.

With the military came US business to take over the finest bays and beaches in the area for refineries to gas the war machine. Every day Okinawans see B-52s leave for S.E. Asia. The Okinawans live under the dictatorship of the US High Commissioner and have no say about what schemes Amerikan military planners have for their island. Okinawa is a storehouse for chemical, biological and nuclear weapons ready to be used on other Asian people.

Faced with this death machine, the Okinawans continue to fight as their ancestors did against Chinese and Japanese invaders. Last December, an American officer killed an Okinawan woman with a truck and was immediately released. The people countered this outrage by burning over 80 Amerikan MP and pig cars. Black and white GIs at Kadena Air Base supported the demonstrations; they passed out leaflets of support and many refused riot duty.

But the brass aren't satisfied with racist attacks and oppression of Okinawans, and so run the same shit on GIs. But GIs are also fighting back, and have legal help to shove the shit back where it came from. In the past several months . . .

LIFERS FREAK ON KNUCKLE-KNOCKING

Lifers who don't dig signs of solidarity, especially among black GIs, prohibited knuckle-knocking. On April 26, some black GIs raced through the NCO barracks, overturned chairs and broke windows to protest the order. Later about 15 brothers were ordered by a Captain and several pistol-waving MPs to disperse as they stood outside their barracks. They refused. Pvt Arnold Clark was charged with disrespect and participation in a riot. During the special court martial, the pigs' only witness on the disrespect charge was the Captain. But Clark's witness against the charge had ETS'd, so the lawyer demanded that this witness should be returned at military expense under paragraph 115, Manual for Court Martial. The Convening Authority refused, violating the UCMJ. The judge decided that since this witness could have refuted the Captain's testimony, the charges should be dismissed.

ARTICLE 138

PFC Tony Preston filed Article 138 charges against his CO for prejudice and harrassment. The CO came back with an Article 15. Preston demanded a Special, and was put on base restriction until he was acquitted 41 days later. His lawyer filed to dismiss charges, and argued that Preston might have taken the Article 15 if he'd known that he would have to spend 41 of a possible 60 days on restriction. Another lifer eats some of his own.

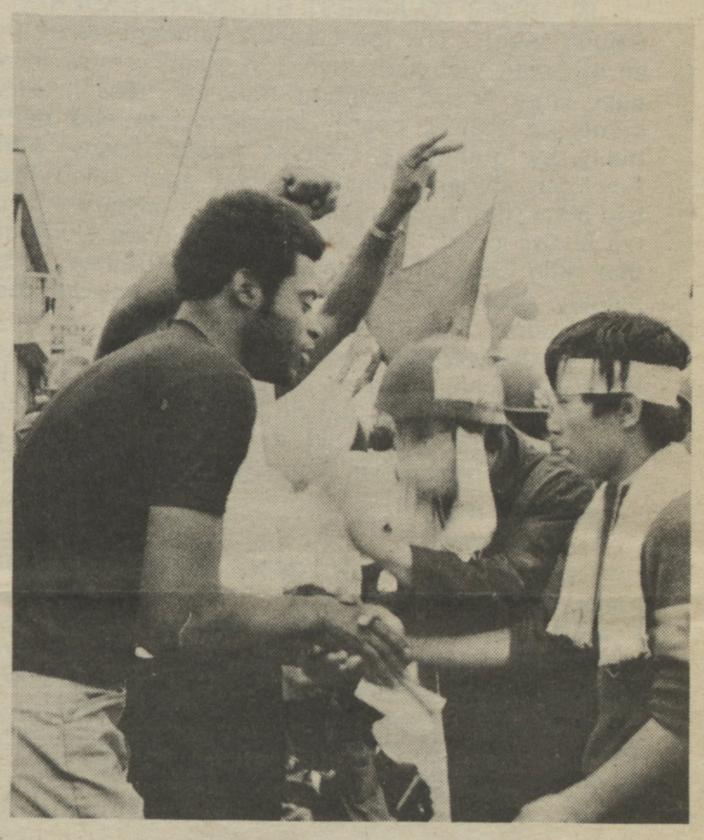
SPIRIT IN THE DARK

On June 24, Marine Pvt Michael Anderson was tried in General Court for allegedly threatening a Major with : 'You may be a Major tonight, but tomorrow you'll be a Captain or dead.' In the same court, he was charged with maiming a sergeant. Both of these incidents happened at night. The sgt wasn't wearing his glasses, was under the influence of medication, and later misidentified three men in a lineup. This pig was the prosecution's only witness, while ten witnesses swore Anderson wasn't anywhere near the scene. On the threat charge, the Major was also the only witness, and testified that he heard Anderson make the threat from a group of 25 black GIs and 25 Okinawan women over 75 yards away! This middle-aged white Southerner stared for three solid minutes at the court recorder when he was asked to identify the accused. Despite all of these fuckups, the Judge changed the threat wording to, 'I'm going to kill that Major,' found Anderson guilty, gave him one year at hard labor a BCD, and forfeiture of all pay. He ruled not guilty on the maiming charge. If the threat charge had been tried as usual in a Special, he'd have gotten a maximum six months and maybe a BCD. So these racists shafted a black Marine with a wife and two kids, who has no education, and who probably won't get back his job with US Steel.

BLACK PVT STANDS WITH OKINAWANS

This spring Okinawans called for a general strike, and GIs were assigned to riot duty. To many GIs, it was clear who the enemy was, as it had been clear for 43 black GIs in the 82d Airborne who refused to vamp on people in Chicago during the unDemocratic convention of 1968. Two days before the strike, Pvt Adams of 1st Special Forces Group, refused riot duty. He laid it out this way:

'I didn't want to go out and club lots of Okinawan people becuase that's what the Pig is doing to Black people back in the States. I feel that the Okinawan people's struggle is the same struggle as all oppressed (or Third World) people—against one common foe—the fascist, Amerikan military regime. I, as a member of the Third World, refuse to harm my brothers and sisters for these racist, unethical maniacs who cause so many people suffering. We people of a Third World frame of mind must and we will fight to the last man. We need solidarity among oppressed people.'



THE KEYSTONE CRUMBLES

The pigs have tried to divide the fucked-over GIs from the people of Okinawa. Riot duty for three or four days builds anger among GIs which lifers hope will drive them to keep the people down. The Okinawans in this jam build up their own hatreds against GIs who carry out the orders. But the split has been bridged. Now GIs join in snake-dancing demonstrations, getting high from the enthusiasm of the Okinawans. And Okinawans supported the meeting for 'Brotherhood and Unity' held by GIs to oppose Armed Forces Day on May 16. People who used to shout 'Yankee Go Home!' now shout 'Antiwar GIs join us!'

The keystone of the Pacific is starting to crumble, and is now the keystone of the Pacific resistance. The Okinawan people will get back their land, and everything that was ripped off by Amerika for the last hundred years. □

"He took the wraps off our secret weapon!"

PENTAGON PAPER QUOTES

'The size of the lie is a definite factor in causing it to be believed. The primitive simplicity of their minds renders them a more easy prey to a big lie than a small one.'

Hitler

'Listen, if you think any American official is going to tell you the truth, then you're stupid! Did you hear that? Stupid! —Arthur Sylvester (Asst. Sec. of Defense and chief of military public relations in Vietnam) spoken to Morley Safer (CBS newsman) in Saigon, July 15, 1965.

Sister says: 'Hell no, I won't go!'

WAF SISTER REFUSES ORDERS TO THE PHILIPPINES

Norma Welshams is a WAF at Travis Air Force Base in California. After two years in, she got herself a job as an x-ray technician at David Grant Medical Center, where she helped piece together guys returning from the Nam. But in June she got orderes for the Philippines, putting her in a real jam. On the one hand, she enjoys medical work. But on the other, she strongly opposes the presence of the American military in other countries.

Take the Philippines. Here's a country where 80% of the income and wealth is in the hands of less than 10% of the people, and 8% of the labor force unemployed with 25% underemployed. Three-fourths of the people who have jobs make under $600 a year. One reason they make so little is that for every dollar invested there by American businessmen, three dollars leaves. Part of the US military mission is devoted to keeping an unpopular tyrant (Ferdinand Marcos) in power, so that he, in turn, can favor American investments and make possible the rip-off of the Filippino land and people. The other main military function there is as a rear area strike base and supply depot for the war against Indochina.

Norma wants nothing to do with both of those functions. She knows that by refusing orders she risks 1-5 years. The following interview shows why she's taking that risk. By the way, Norma needs support. Do as she has done, and write her c/o Travisty, PO Box 487, Suisun City, California 94585.

Travisty: How did you feel when you received notice of your assignment?

Norma: I spent a great deal of time analyzing the situation in the Philippines. There are hard feelings toward the Americans by the Filippinos. They don't want us there. They want us to leave and I think we should.

Then I started thinking about all the other countries we have military bases in and they don't want us either. Having all those bases in all those countries looks suspicious to me and I'm sure it looks suspicious to them. The military establishment says we are in all those foreign countries to prevent the spread of communism, when in actuality we are in a better position to 'take over the world' since we have more foreign military bases than any other country (3,401 to be exact).

Travisty: The leaders of our country also tell us that we are protecting our democratic system. Do you think that's true?

Norma: No! First of all we go over there to establish military power. I think that it is not for them at all, it is for us. To protect us and help us take over the world. I don't think that the statement 'to make the world free for democracy' is right. Why is it up to us to make the world free for our brand of democracy? Why can't people decide for themselves what kind of government they want? Certainly when American military people are being stabbed, drowned, and beaten up, it should be perfectly clear to our government that we are not wanted over there. We should get the hell out.

Trav: In light of what you've said, how do you see your role in the military? Since you are refusing to go to a foreign country and not trying to get out of the military, do you feel there is a need for a defensive military?

Norma: I'm not sure we need a defensive military. But if we do, it is indeed the only kind we need. I cannot support one that invades other countries or intervenes in another country's civil war. We already have enough bombs and ships to destroy the whole world. We don't even need a military. We just have to push some buttons. I feel bad about serving in the military in any way, but I did sign a contract. I work in the hospital and I help people, wounded men from Vietnam and little kids who break their arms. Everyone in this country supports the war in some way when they pay taxes and go to work.

The latest polls show that 73% of the people in this country don't support the war, but we are still there. If we really had a democracy we would pull out. Even if there were no other facts, this alone should make us wonder if our system isn't breaking down. Our government says we should make changes through the system, but the way our system is I don't think we can. There is no room in our system for the drastic changes we need. We are too controlled by the military-industrial complex to change. The people cannot demonstrate their beliefs without the country turning into a police state. They bring out the tear gas and guns. It's really frightening to take a stand. But I for one cannot support it any longer.

Trav: Why do you think our country does not respond to the will of the people and is so unwilling to grant them their human rights?

Norma: Because they would have to put the will of the people before their own profit. That would mean better housing, better medical care for all the people, more food, more jobs, etc., instead of bigger bombs, more wars, and higher salaries for government officials. It's an imbalance of power. There's a funny saying in our country, everyone is equal. But some people are more equal than others.

Trav: What made this inequality?

Norma: MONEY! The people who own big industry have the money and the power. They tell us how to think and live through advertisements. They tell us to buy this and that and we can't live without all the things they tell us to buy. So most of us are so involved in the race to acquire all these things that we don't have time to think about what we are really doing. We just consume! It seems as if that is what they want us to do. To them we are just consumers, not human beings.

Trav: How do you see this aspect of American society being manifested in the military?

Norma: In the military it is very hard not to become a zombie. You stifle any opposition in yourself. You just do what you are told and even stifle your thoughts. Then all of a sudden you stop and look at yourself and you say...what am I doing? What is this thing that has me so enveloped that I can't even think anymore? I'm not even myself anymore. I'm just a robot...It makes you stop and think. They dangle the promotions over you like you dangle a carrot over a horse's nose. If you are a good little girl or boy, do your job well and don't make any trouble, then you will get promoted. The reason people want to get promoted is because there is more money to buy more things. And you don't have to do so many shitty details.

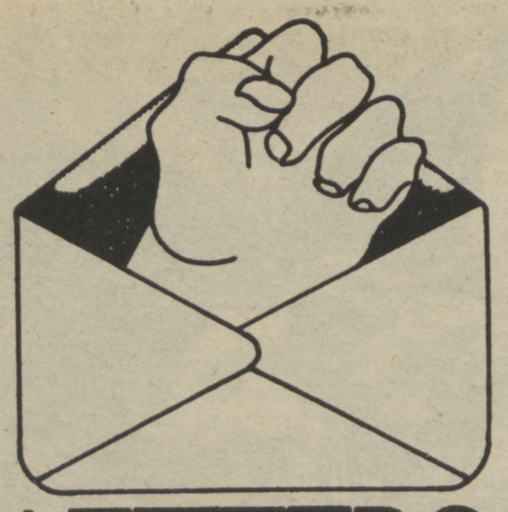
Trav: Do you think that promotions are the only thing that keep people from standing up for their beliefs?

Norma: It goes deeper I think. You are indoctrinated and brainwashed when you first come into the service. That's what basic training is all about. They want to steal your individual thoughts from you. You have to think of yourself as part of the Air Force 'mission'. It's implanted in you that it would mean disaster if you would ever refuse an order or do something wrong. You feel like the heavens would open up, lightning would strike you down, and the earth would swallow you. So you automatically shove all those thoughts aside before you have a chance to enact any of them. Unless you take stock of your life and what is happening to you in the military, you are still a zombie.

A MARCH AT CLARK AFB

Trav: What have you done to overcome this fear?

Norma: I really haven't overcome it. I just feel it is more important for me to stand up for my beliefs than it is for me to overlook them and do what they tell me. That would be the easier thing to do but I can't do that. Even if I have to go to jail they won't break my spirit.



LETTERS

Dear Bulkhead,

Here's a little poem for you. Feel free to print it:

There stands a man with a vacant stare
A sagging gut and falling hair
Retirement pay is his only prayer
The Lifer

Re-up now, you hear him say
Live your life the Army way
Those who do will curse the day
The Lifer

Serving proudly he will proclaim
But what he serves is rank and name
Sucking ass is his way to fame
The Lifer

There he stands for all to see
A solid lump of O.D.
A drag upon society
The Lifer

A jug of booze, perhaps a whore
He can't conceive of anything more
A man who's rotten to the core.
The Lifer

by Bill, ex-grunt

Dear Bulkhead,

I'm getting shafted! About a month ago, a wandering barracks officer noticed a stack of newspapers in my barracks, which he knew belonged to me. That afternoon I was called in by the Legal Officer of my squadron. They searched my locker and found 65 copies of the Bulkhead. They haven't prefered charges yet. They're still waiting for the investigation to turn something up. I used to work in Communications. They've pulled my clearance so I lost my job. Now they've refused me the right to move off base. The reason: they don't want to give me the opportunity to get into trouble. Fuck them. I've been living off base for a week now. I am a member of the ASU and would appreciate any type of support you could offer. Do you know any good ways I could get a discharge?

Respectfully,
R.D.

Dear Bulkhead,

This is M. from 29 Palms again. Just a letter to tell you how the Green Son of a Bitch is treating me now. I'm up for office hours or possible court martial for UA of 2 days. They drove me to it, the fascist pigs. Let me explain.

I'm a lifeguard at the swimming pools now, and we're not supposed to catch guard or anything. So far in the last month I've had one day off. We're supposed to have every other day and weekend off. Well, so far even on my day off they won't leave me alone. Like one night we had a party and the next day was my day off. Well, a friend of mine died that night after we took him to the hospital. And the following day the pigs came out to my house, and said CID wanted me because they thought there was foul play. Just because we took him to the hospital to try and save his life. On another day they came out and said I had working party. Then this last week they stuck me on guard. And that's when I went UA cause see I'm married and the pigs are fucking all over me. Now for 2 days UA they're trying to put me in the brig for six months. Sure I was probation but they made me break it. If you would please send me a Bulkhead newspaper. I haven't got one yet. Please print this letter so other brothers and sisters can see what they're trying to do. Cause we stick up to them and don't go along with them. 'I'm not a robot; I'm me.'

All Power to the People
Death to the War Pigs,
Brother M.

Brothers,

I received one of your papers from another brother here and I found it very interesting and very true. Keep up the work brothers and maybe we will be able to get the hell out of here and leave these people alone. They (the Vietnamese people) do not want our help anyway, and they have proved that by shooting at us and wrecking our vehicles. Keep up the good work, brothers.

a brother in prison (Army)
Dave S.

PS: There are many brothers here who feel the same as I do about this shit.

Dear Bulkhead,

Thanks for the paper. I would like to receive it every time it comes out. I'd also appreciate any other literature you can send me to help combat the injustic of the OD.

I'm at LZ Weight Davis about 30 miles south of Pleiku. Things are going well here. In March a peoples hero (still unknown) fragged our orderly room and demolished a lifers office. Then we got rid of our super pig CO, Cpt. 'Georgie Boy' Brandner. In addition to spending all his time trying to harass the company and consistently making an ass of himself in front of the EMs, he was caught one night drunk on his knees, begging a dink whore to screw him for $50. He was for some strange reason 'replaced' several weeks later. George was a winner. This is the kind of high quality leadership Sam sends to lead us over here.

The peace demonstrations the beginning of this month (April) were very encouraging to most of us in Vietnam. It's a relief to at least know that the people cannot be bullshitted by the government. Please keep it up.

Well, be cool and I'll keep you informed of any noteworthy happenings.

Mac

Dear Mac,

Good to hear from you. The peace demonstration season is over but there is still a lot of stuff going on. I think in general the demonstrations had a good effect. People were really flipped out by the stuff pulled off by vets. I guess a lot of people feel that they really know what they are talking about since they've been there and seen it a lot. That means that a lot of guys can do good work for the anti-war movement when they get out of the service instead of joining the lines at the unemployment office.

I have to admit that there is one thing that bothered me a little about your letter. You talk about 'a dink whore.' It made me think a lot about Vietnam. From what we have heard, one of the few ways that the Vietnamese can get US dollars is for Vietnamese women to sell themselves to GIs. Prostitution is an important part of the economy. Holy shit, is this the kind of democracy that the US is bringing to Vietnam. No wonder they don't want us there. The US has bombed the shit out of their villages and driven their women folk into refugee camps and cities where they survive by being hookers. I guess I see the same scene here in SF a lot. Fat pigs in big cadillacs cruising through the black neighborhoods picking up women to fuck. They used to do it right near where I worked. I really wanted to off one of those dudes. What can you do? We really are taught weird attitudes toward women and how they are supposed to meet our needs when we grow up. It's hard too for men to see the thing from the perspective of women, but I would sure hate to be checked out and bought by some slimy dude in a big cadillac.

Be cool. Write when you get time. We always have time to keep in touch. Let me know if you are getting our mail.

Power to the People
Chris, a Bulkhead brother

Bulkhead,

I've come across your paper and think it's far-out. I was wondering if you are aware of the new type of personnel who are joining the service now. The 'Jesus-Freaks' (if you're hip to them) are joining to 'serve their country.' And, as has been my experience in the Coast Guard, not only are they serving their country, but also trying to convert everyone else to their Jesus-trip. So, perhaps what the military is losing in heads may be gained in the Jesus freaks. Let's hope not!

Jesus loves me
This I know.
'Cause the Jesus-freaks
Told me so.

'Love your enemy'
Jesus said.
So join the military
And kill them dead.

Keep the word
and share the faith
Support the Government
to spread the hate.

But God is love.
in reality —
So faith is this
or hypocracy.

Dale F.

Dear Bulkhead,

I wish that your paper could do a small scan on Camp Hansen. This place needs its lid blown off! I was at Parris Island for fifteen months and saw the outrageous conduct of the Drill Instructors; as well as non-training personnel there. I though that I had left it all behind until I arrived at Camp Hansen. This place is almost similar to Parris Island in many respects. There are **many** cases of needless harrassment. There is great racial strife with our Black Brothers—created by the Man more than by ourselves.

Although the suicide rate here isn't as high as it was at Parris Island it is more than compensated for by the rapid increase of drug addiction that Chapman says does not exist in the Marine Corps. The Ville, outside the camp, is becoming a real threat to life and limb. At the dispensary we see the results of much of this. Everything from bloody noses to fractured skulls, rapes and an occasional murder. Where are the MPigs? Probably trying to bust some GI for smoking dope, and minding his own business. The chowhalls are the worst I've ever eaten in since being in the service!

When you try to get justice—unless you're a pig—it's impossible. I've gone the path a few times and failed even when I was in the right. Now things are a little better for me through my association with Mark Amsterdam, a civilian lawyer who defends GIs over here.

In Nam they are fragging pigs, and in the States publicity making is easy to get. Okinawa is a pig's haven, and as usual the Marines are at the bottom of the pit as far as anything goes. You mentioned Kadena in your paper and **Demand for Freedom**. To the Marines' eye, Kadena is a paradise in comparison to Hansen.

Oppression is so bad that all efforts on my part and the others has been stopped before it's started. The Marines here hate, but are scared to death to fight it.

Mark my words, this summer Camp Hansen will need help. It's going to be long and hot. I am no know-it-all—just a very serious person who wants a big fast change, and a break for the Marines at Hansen.

a Marine brother
Camp Hansen, Okinawa

To the Staff

I have been receiving your papers since Feb. I really dig it. I know the people I distributed it too liked it. You do most definitely have it together. Myself and other friends are going to unite and get things rolling here at Fort Garbage. I would appreciate any and all assistance you are able to give. Literature, NLF banners, stickers, tips on how far we can go legally or anything else. We've already got the brass, CID and a lot of NCOs scared shitless. This weekend we are going to hold a rally outside of the main gate, our friends and the staff of the paper 'Last Harrass.' We have got to let these war mongrel pigs know that we're sick and tired of their bullshit, all of their fucking games have got to cease. As of now we are lacking money, so whatever you are able to send is far out. We are all together and right, so we've got it. Please send 100 copies of your latest edition of the paper. I really am a prisoner. Thank you.

Steve
Fort Gordon, Ga.

Dear Bulkhead,

Was super glad to find out there is someone doing something about the Big Brother and number game. I was picked up by yours truly the FBI on I was at work in My folks and a very good friend called me fifteen minutes ahead of them, but before I could close the store I was busted. I have been in three brigs: Treasure Island, Camp Pendleton, and finally El Toro. I was released for duty pending my court martial. I was AWOL 11 months/first offense. Right now I need no help but others do. I am writing a small story of my experiences in the brig and the USMC. I would only like ten copies because of the package size. I am going to try and get a couple of copies to the brig.

Love and Peace
John

Hello,

Here's a buck. I received my second copy, recently, of your paper. I deeply appreciate what you're doing. Some day we will create a good America.

You'll be happy to know that in my 3 months here in Guam I have gotten both of my Capts in trouble by higher ups and also the CMAA for the base. He's so blown out that he's asked for a transfer. I've also accomplished a couple of good changes in favor of the EM.

Peace,
Dick

GUARDSMEN AVOID RIOT CONTROL SOME SWITCH SIDES

Boston (June) - When Guard units pulled extra duty in anticipation of antiwar street actions, large groups of Guardsmen never answered their phones which would have called them to duty. And at the MayDay demonstration in Washington, one group of Guardsmen got gassed by police while talking with street people. Twenty people cut out of one detention pen in an escape made possible by sympathetic Guardsmen. You're beautiful (Redline).

NAM VETS MARCH AND SUPPORT CAIRO, ILLINOIS BLACK COMMUNITY

Kansas City, Mo. (July 4) - The Missouri-Kansas chapter of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) did mock search and destroy missions in parks around the city. In the evening, one thousand people held a candlelight march against the war. But back at their base camp, the vets made plans to help in the defense of the black community of Cairo, Illinois, which for months has been under attack by white racist organizations like the KKK.

On the East Coast, in Rhode Island, another group of Nam Vets Against the War marched in the traditional July 4 parade. City officials told them they'd be busted if they marched. But they marched anyway, took it to court, and beat it cold. (LNS)

GIs MAKE THEIR PEACE WITH VIETNAMESE

Germany (July) - A treaty was drafted a year ago by American and Vietnamese students which laid out the details of a down-to-earth peace between the American and Vietnamese people. Since then, hundreds of thousands of people have signed it, including this group in Baumholder. 'Enclosed you will find the People's Peace Treaty endorsed by some 21 members of the HHHB, 8th Inf. Div. Arty., located in Baumholder, W. Germany. As active duty servicemen, we perhaps more clearly than many see and feel the need for true peace in our time. Many of those who have affixed their names to the Treaty are Vietnam veterans who have observed the horror of the Indochina War on a personal basis...' Copies of this treaty, plus legal info, are available from us at 968 Valencia, San Francisco, Calif. 94110 (Great Speckled Bird, Atlanta)

IF PAUL REVERE COULD ONLY SEE THIS

Boston (June 1) - Hundreds of Vietnam vets, dressed in battle fatigues and carrying toy rifles, marched silently yesterday from Bunker Hill to Boston Common, after retracing Paul Revere's route in reverse to spread the alarm against the war in SE Asia. The people chanted 'Bring 'em home, bring our brothers home,' as they filed onto the Common. Then they broke their plastic rifles and began what they called the celebration of life. (SFC)

INSURRECTION IN ALBUQUERQUE

New Mexico (June) - In three days of fighting, nearly $3 million worth of property was destroyed, including a police staton, several squad cars, and a section of the Federal Building in Santa Fe. When police opened fire on the people, two Chicanos were killed and scores wounded. It finally took 1000 Guardsmen plus state and local police to stop the celebration. The uprising began one Sunday afternoon when police tried to arrest four young Chicanos for drinking wine at a rock concert. A crowd got together to prevent the arrest, and fighting broke out. More police came. More people joined the fight. And at that point, according to the city's establishment paper, 'The Albuquerque Journal,' '...some officers drew their pistols and fired, not in the air but at members of the crowd.' At least one person fell in the first volley, shot in the back. 131 were busted that night. 283 the next. (source: LNS)

TRAVIS RIOT EXPLAINED

Travis AFB (June) - Gen. Jack Catton, commander of Military Airlift Command, is kind of confused about the uprising that closed down his base last May. He said, '...young blacks social sensitivity, brought with them from ghetto pressures and frustrations, causes some to regard this as a calculated effort by the establishment to dehumanize them.' Catton also said that all supervisors '...must know that they are dealing with a new breed. Many of today's young airmen come from backgrounds which cause them to reject authority, question everything and accept nothing from any source.' Tell us, Jack, what kind of background did you come from? (Travisty)

PUERTO RICAN DAY IN NEW YORK CITY

New York (June 13) - 100,000 people gathered along Fifth Ave to watch 50,000 march in the annual Puerto Rican Day parade. But those figures don't include the 1000 white cops on duty along the parade route. Early in the march, the Young Lords Party and the Movement for Puerto Rican Independence joined the parade. The police freaked, and cut off the parade to fight the independistas. People were chased for blocks, and the police beat on everyone, since to them all Puerto Ricans look alike (LNS).

HOW A GENERAL REWROTE THE CONSTITUTION

Fort Lewis (July) - In early spring, Lewis's own Gen. Bolling refused to allow GIs to pass out the Bill of Rights. As if that weren't enough, he recently banned distribution of the Declaration of Independence, and busted six GIs and ten civilians who were passing it out. The charge: passing out 'dissident literature'. After the General read the leaflets, he ordered the charges changed to 'passing out literature without the prior approval of the CG.' (source: LNS)

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FT ORD RIOT

VOLAR CANNED

June 27, a sunny Sunday afternoon at Fort Ord, California, has to rate as one of the strangest days that base has ever seen. In what turned out to be one of their last desperate attempts to pacify 40,000 pissed off GIs, base Special Services took VOLAR to heart and staged a rock concert on base. They're still wondering how it turned into an insurrection.

For starters, they booked in three super conservative groups: Canned Heat, Southwind, and Abdulah. Then they marched several units of basic trainees into the scorching stadium, and sat them all in formation. Other GIs and friends got to sit on the grass. But no one was left to themselves. CID, Army Intelligence (or lack of it), and MPs were all over the area with .45s, walkie-talkies, and the usual garbage. Just to keep everyone jumpy, beer was made available.

Canned Heat, who came on last, told the people, 'You shouldn't mind going to Vietnam. That's where the best grass is.' Soon after that, a small fight broke loose. MPs, primed for action, started firing their .45s in the air, and then just moved on this group of people swinging riot clubs at anyone they could reach. One GI who was there said, 'MPs moved into the crowd to break up a fight, and started hitting all the people in the area.'

When MPs started carting off just black brothers only, other brothers quickly came together. Every one started bombing MPs with wine bottles. All the time, Canned Heat played on. By the time they finished, GIs were already heading for the streets. A Greyhound bus was trashed and overturned. The drill sergeant training school was broken into and its supply building set on fire. Fire trucks were held off easily since MPs started avoiding the uprising.

Later in the night, the celebration moved into the Fourth Brigade area. A clerk's classroom building was broken into, as well as the PX and snack bar. At this point, MPs started beating on people again. A line of people who were waiting to get into the base movie theater were vamped on suddenly. As the fighting spread, base entertainment centers were all shut down.

A medic at the bus station reported, **'An MP, a staff sergeant, ordered a GI to put his hands on his head and back up against a railing. The GI obeyed the order. The MP sergeant then hit the GI in the stomach with his club, kneed him in the groin, and as the GI doubled over, the MP hit him on the head. When the victim fell to the ground, the MP sergeant kicked him and jumped on him several times.'**

Another medic said at least 100 people were treated in Emergency on Sunday. A lot of those injuries came down cause MPs had declared 'unmartial law' - beat people first, ask questions later. Since the insurrection was directed at the buildings and machinery of repression, almost all injuries happened when MPs tried defending Army property or when beserk lifers used the uprising and 'unmartial law' as an excuse to beat on people.

When the uprising was written up in the big daily newspapers, it was painted as a 'racial incident,' thanks to the post information office. It's true that there were racial incidents all over the base on the 27th (like MPs arresting only black GIs). But that somehow doesn't explain the beautiful strength of guys of all races hammering away together at a military beast that's stealing the best years of their lives, and opposing people everywhere who're taking back control of their own lives, their own countries. It was best put by one white GI who said, 'Who are you trying to kid? The guy right next to me throwing rocks last night was a Brother!'

Evidently, the flak from the rebellion flew as far as Washington. On June 29, Col. Ford, commander of the Basic Administration Army Course (BAAC) revealed the word: scrap VOLAR as of July 6. He held a meeting, and ordered the re-establishment

of the merit system and the old hair regs, no more beer in the barracks, tighter hold on AWOLs, etc.

The whole premise of VOLAR is that they can take from you years of your life, treat you like an animal, teach you to distrust everything you know and everyone you trust, but that no one will mind as long as there's go-go girls in the cafeteria, beer in the barracks, and a little more hair on guys' heads. When you get down to it, they think we're fools enough to want to trade iron chains for plastic ones. The uprising at Ord showed them that people just aren't willing to settle for a more comfortable form of oppression. That's why they've scrapped VOLAR in Col. Ford's outfit. And that's why they'll scrap it elsewhere, too. □