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"Don't Worry-This Time We're Going To Do It Right!"

Vietnam , Laos, And Now Cambodia

PNOMPENH, Cambodia (LNS) Several hundred unarmed men, women and children are shot down in the village of Prasauc near the Cambodian border. The bodies of over four hundred Vietnamese roped together are found floating down the Mekong River near the Cambodian capital. These are just two aspects of the political program of the new Cambodian regime.

Joining the ranks of Nguyen Van Thieu and Souvanna Phouma, Priemer Lon Nol completes the set of U.S. supported despots in Indochina. And he's not wasting time in catching up -- according to the Australian journalist Wilfred Burchett, more people are now being killed in Cambodia than in Vietnam. South Vietnamese troops are making regular forays across the border to "mop up" in villages inhabited by the Vietnamese and Cambodians.

There are 600,000 Vietnamese living in Cambodia, many of whom work on rubber plantations. They have been the main victims of the recent massacres, and the military regime has attributed this to the supposed age-old hatred between the Vietnamese and Cambodians. It's strange that this bitterness should have lain dormant for so long, and suddenly cause hundreds of deaths in the month following Lon Nol's coup.

The age-old hatred operating in Cambodia seems to be that between a tiny group of wealthy rulers and the poor peasants and laborers of the country.

In the province of Kompong Cham Cambodians stabbed to death Police Commissioner Hin Nil, younger brother of Lon Nol, on March 28. Earlier, the people of Kompong Cham killed two members of parliament with sticks.

Violent demonstrations against the rightwing coup have taken place in scores of towns and villages throughout Cambodia. In Kompont, Takeo, Kratie, Prey Veng and Kandal Provinces thousands of

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Priest Trial Over

Roger Acquitted on 6; Found Guilty on 2 Charges

On April 23rd, after six hours and forty-seven minutes of deliberation, a general courts-martial board of five officers found Seamon Roger Priest guilty on two specifications of violations of Article 134, saying that the May and June issues of Priest's publication OM, in their entirity, promoted disloyalty and dissaffection among troops. A member of the board, a medical service corps Commander, had tears in his eyes as the verdict was read.

Maximum sentence for the two violations is six years and a dishonorable discharge, a bit less than the thirty-nine years Priest faced for the original eight charges (he was acquitted on six of the charges).

Defense attorneys plan to appeal the case to the Military Court of Appeals and eventually to the federal courts if that proves necessary. A petition will be filed asking Rear Admiral George P Kock to defer the sentence pending the appeal. This procedure is the military equivalent of bail incorporated in the UCMJ by the Military Justice Act of 1968. It is expected that Kock will deny the petition, making it necessary to refile the petition to Secretary of the Navy William Chafee along with congressional investigations into the whole matter.

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M-16 RALLY SCHEDULED

On Saturday May 16th, GI's UNITED is sponsoring a counter-Armed Forces Day rally in Fayetteville. It calls for the support of every concerned GI and features speeches by Rennie Davis, Jane Fonda, and Mark Lane.

No longer should young men sit by and through silence, aimlessly and unconsciously give support to the Nixon administration's war effort in Indochina. By remaining aloof, despite strong feelings against the war, you only add fuel to the military machine. By being a strac obedient soldier you have formed for Nixon not a great dissident, but a silent olive-drabbed majority, a mindless body of men that can be mobilized and capriciously sent anywhere on the globe.

Showing up May 16th at Rowan Street Park is one small way you can tell Mr Nixon how you feel. It's all legal. Truthfully, one has a duty, call it a moral obligation, to speak out against the US military escapades. Speak out against the very machine that has ripped you away from your own life to perpetrate international crimes.

This machine must be stopped. Sure, you sit in the barracks at night and ridicule the lifers, count your remaining days, and express disfavor with our involvement. Too many Americans feel their only political obligation is to pull a lever in November. By remaining so passive, we have allowed the existence of an unconcerned, money grabbing, look-good-for-reelection governmental structure.

For once forget your spoiled American easy life, plat a role in the fate of your country. We are not asking you to resort to violence or any illegal infringements of the government, we are asking simply that you take an active role protesting against an incorrigible military government. Come out and hear Rennie Davis, Jane Fonda, Mark Lane and others. Live music is also planned.

Jane Fonda known more for her movie roles (currently playing a moribund, bitter loser in "They Shoot Horses") has been touring the US speaking for GI and Indian rights.

Rennie Davis, perhaps now recovered from the Chicago 8 Conspiracy trial and all the insanities that seemed to have gone along with it, will rap on liberty and justice and other things lacking in American culture.

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Editorial Comment

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir:

I have just finished reading the March and April editions of BRAGG BRIEFS. These were the first I have ever seen. They were GREAT. I was deeply touched by the articles on ROGER PRIEST who is being court-martialed in Washington, D.C., by the U. S. Navy. Being recently discharged, I have a good idea how the modern military machine works and I feel sorry for PRIEST.

I have written Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., a champion in human rights and civil liberties, and asked him to look into the court-martial proceedings to see if there was anything he could do to help PRIEST. When I hear from Senator Ervin, I shall let you know immediately. I enjoyed your newspaper and enclosed is a five dollar donation. Please put me on your mailing list.

Very respectfully
Postmaster
Name Withheld

PS

Killing for Peace is like Raping for Chastity!

Dear Editors:

Hi! I got a copy of " Bragg Briefs" from a friend of mine, Hope Halliday, Pvt. Halliday's sister. I think what you are doing is great, really great; there needs to be a movement of soldiers against the war. I'm a 17 1/2 year old high school senior who actively supports the peace movement here. I just wanted to write you to let you know that I support what you are doing, and wish you good luck in the future and hope you will continue your good work of opposing oppression and repression in the Army

Yours for Peace,
Desi Geshen

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From a campaign speech made in 1931 in Hamburg, Germany, by Adolf Hitler.

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Rally For a Quiet Conscience

Whatever happened to the good old peace rally? And if there is not such a thing, why call it such? Why call a peace rally when the violence of our "youth culture" is presented along with the plea for peace? Displays of violence like the SDS and Black Panther organizations exhibit will only inhibit the peace movement. We can not gain support by producing violence as a means of attaining peace. This has been said before, but the Chapel Hill-UNC Anti-War Rally brought it home.

Disorder breeds disorder, and the present state of our country is just that. What the SDS and Black Panthers do not realize is that we have to break this syndrome, not perpetuate it. True, there is cause, especially for the Black Panther, but obtaining our goals through violence will gain nothing. This is a personal view, the writer being a conscientious objector, and any enlightenment the subjects of this last minute's writing wish to portray would be more than welcome.

The rally went well, however. The crowd, although a melange of anti-war demonstrators, opportunists, and inquisitive sightseers, seemed most attentive to the variety of speakers, and especially to the music. 'G.I.'s United' was well represented offering assistance and interesting 'raps' to many sympathetic civilians, who still remain in the world.

The rally was a leader for the May 16th Demonstration. If expectations are fulfilled, it should be an excellent symbol to America of the GI's feelings about the war. Let's put the emphasis on Peace!

-Wert

BRASS STRIKE

The call goes out from the high command - we've got to stop inflation. Of course, Nixon goes off course and begins cutting money from education, welfare, and other social services. These can wait, the SST and space program can't. But inspite of all this trimming of the 'fat', even he realizes that the military budget is too high. Will wonders never cease!

Sec. Laird is really an expert at cost cutting. The Army doesn't need beef stew - costs too much, POL requirements are reduced, none essential units are eliminated (like a few medical detachments) and the GI is told its up to him to save on the use of electricity and water (he wastes quite a bit by trying to see in the dark and taking showers). All this can really save some coin no doubt.

Anybody can tell that only the essentials are left, the things that must be saved at all costs. There's the ABM and the C-5A. Even here at Bragg there are special projects that can't be trimmed.

One of these is Brass Strike (the name is catchy isn't it). Twice a year the Army blows a few million to impress a couple of general's and government officials. They are given the grand opportunity to see what we could do to any enemy, if given the chance. The show is never called off and its no problem getting the money for this pretty spectacle. Too bad these general's and officials can't go to Vietnam for a few days. Bet they'd see the same thing and save the Government some money. Could it be that over there the enemy shoots back (definitely safer to attack a vacant hill).

Damn it Laird, if you really want to trim the budget strike out Brass Strike.

Gee but its sooo impressive.

-lynx

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In Memorium: William Schroeder, Allison Krause, Jeffrey Miller, and Sandy Scheur - Kent State University students killed by Naticnal Guard troops on May 4th.

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SPECIAL MAY 16TH ISSUE

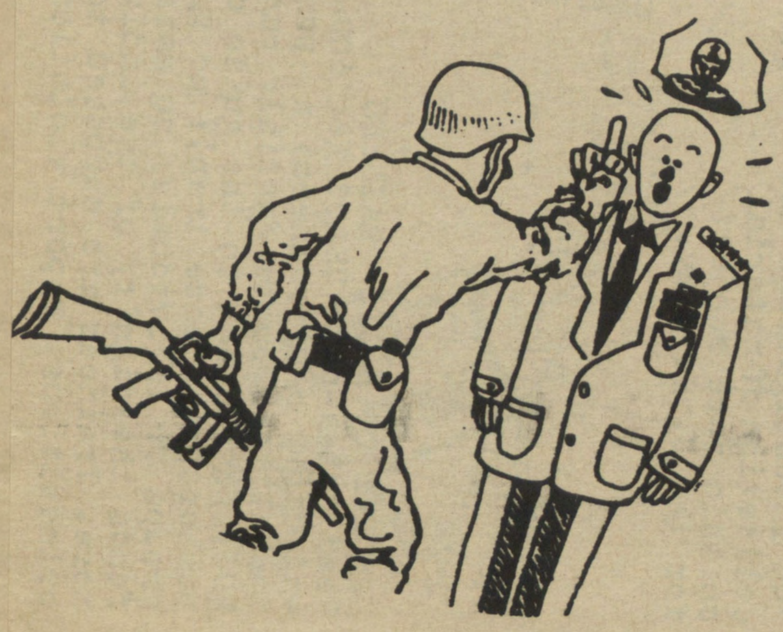
COUNTER-ARMED FORCES DAY
WHY ORGANIZE

This Saturday GI's UNITED sponsers a Counter-Armed Forces Day Rally in Rowan Street Park. Its purpose: to organize meaningful GI dissent. Why organize? Is dissent within the military a preposterous pipedream?

Consider an entire battalion of US troops deciding to join forces with the Mexicans in 1846. In response to a dislike for President Polk's aggressive war policies against our southern neighbor, this actually happened. Or the massive come home movement which followed World War II when the US government ordered the battle weary forces to remain in S.E. Asia and the South Pacific in an effort to establish US military bases on the "Pacific Rim". GI's by the tens of thousands amassed with labor unions, wives and Congressmen protesting the governement policy; they came home.

Retired Brig Gen Hugh Hester, while talking to a several members of GI's UNITED at a peace festival in Chapel Hill on April 11th, pointed out that during the world wars there was a free flow of dissent and criticism within the military, but that this quickly changed with the beginning of the Korean War, the point at which American wars were much more clearly not in the interest of the people.

Today there is a great urgency for us as GI's to emerge as a united body to protest the policies of the government. The closed mouth, closed mind image of GI Joe must be shattered. We are used as tools of the US government to slaughter a peasant population half way around the world and to beat the heads of those who protest that war here at home. The murder of 4 Kent State students by soldiers has, in the eyes of many, placed the GI on the side of a repressive government. The decision to invade Cambodia has committed the American GI to an even greater war, all of which is against our own better interests. The promises of our withdrawal from S.E. Asia, the promises of peace, are lies.



Over 250 schools have decided their function is irrelevant as long as the war continues. On May 9th, 100,000 again marched to the nation's capital. Nixon promises peace and thousands of Cambodian villagers flee their homes in the wake of Amerikan bombers.

The usually placid House of Representatives is divided in heated debate over the expanded war. The Senate seems ready to curb military appropriations for S.E. Asia and repudiate the Gulf of Tonkin resolution. There are echoes of a general strike of factories and businesses.

A main goal? It should be apparent: to have GI's, the exploited puppets of the government, to join the concerned millions of Americans in raising a united voice to demand the <u>end</u> to the war in Indochina, and to deter future wars. To alter the present violent, militaristic trends of this nation and focusing attention to the pressing domestic problems.

How to organize? May 16th is only a beginning. In itself the rally represents a mass cry of dissent from pissed off GI's, but surely will not end the war. A long fight must ensue. In the struggle we'll be up against apathy, the tag "Communist agitators" and stiff repraissals from military leaders afraid of change.

A basic theme of the group protest is that it be legal, peaceful and effective. The reverse side of this special issue presents such actions that can be taken. Done en masse, the effectiveness is meaningful. Groups of people should get together to plan actions similar to those taken by 2d PsyOps earlier this year. Coordinated boycotts of mess halls and mass sick calls induced the leaders to apply much less stringent control over the men.

Individual and other splinter group actions may be as far as certain individuals may go. Fine, for the repression incident to a general strike is too great a risk at this time for many of us. We must resort to continuous legal demonstrations of the mass and the individual protestations mentioned.

GI's United invites <u>all</u> to join or participate. Meetings are open forums for meaningful dialogue. We must combine heads to establish means to dissent. Despite the Army's tag of"subversive-pinko's" the present group consists of generally concerned human beings. There is no one concrete political philosophy. That is irrelevant; a common goal exists. Meetings are held each Tuesday night at the Quaker House. Plans are to stage them outdoors, on post once again in the very near future. After Saturday's rally GI's will have the oppurtunity to meet with representatives of GI's United in the park to discuss the salient issues.

Admittedly, the decision to play an active role is a difficult one. Many of us are "short" or scared of repraisals. Think though: 9 years of war, laden with lies and false promises by the last three administrations. Do we wish to take an active role in guiding our own destiny? To organize is a way we can gain and maintain control of our lives in the military. Do we have the self-respect and dignity to think for ourselves? Do wish to remain trouble shooters for misguided Uncle Sam? How about Nuremburg?

As individuals we have a choice, and indeed have a duty to make that choice. Let us not be puppets; speak out against injustice.

Yes, the goals of the movement are worthy, the means are legal, there exists great urgency to change the course of the nation. As part of the "9 Days in May"campaign, demonstrations and related protests are being staged on at least 40 bases across the country. It is time to act.

9 DAYS IN MAY ... things to do

Change the benificiary on your SGLI to some anti-war organization!

SHOW SOLIDARITY Give the peace sign, clenched fist, or other signs.

Don't walk...SKIP!

Opposed to participation in war in any form or to bearing arms? Apply for discharge or classification as a conscientious objector. See AR 635-20. Visit the Quaker House at 324 Ray Ave in Fayetteville or call 483-5279 for counsel.

Refuse bullshit Article 15's; take a special court instead. It costs the Army about five thousand dollars; often, the charges will be dropped! See May issue of Brass Briefs.

Boycott Hassell

Go to peace demonstrations.

On alert for duty in areas in which anti-war demonstrations are going on? By all means enforce the law - stop the police from rioting and trashing students and other demonstrators.

Congressional Investigations

GI'S UNITED. JOIN ORGANIZE

Take IG complaints (be sure they get in writing though)

See any war crimes or atrocities committed while you were in Viet Nam? Get in touch with GI's UNITED for information on how to report them to the proper authorities. Stop the Army's cover-up of the policy of genocide against the people of Vietnam. Several groups have already begun investigations and collection of material on this sore subject for the U. S. Army.

US Congressman Allard K Lowenstein, along with several other congressmen, is undertaking a study of the Army, dealing primarily with racism, corruption, and the violation of GI's civil liberties. GI's UNITED is willing to help in the preparation of statements to be sent to the congressmen.

Savings bonds are war bonds; turn them in.

This page was written and prepared by the Ft Bragg civilian support group.

GI's UNITED is often able to get reliable civilian legal assistance

Ever hear of Article 138? It provided for the investigation of a commanding officer for any abuses of his authority. Out-a-site!

"Yes sirree" instead of "Yes sir"

SPECIAL TO BASIC TRAINEES

Read out-a-site USATC Reg 600-51! Prohibited practices between permanent party and trainees: no punishment except as authorized by UCMJ and Manual for Courts-Martial; punitive measures may not be imposed by an NCO; punishment in the guise of additional training is prohibited (no pushups or grease trap); no profane, obscene, or abusive language to groups or individuals; no mass punishment; no harrassement which offends the dignity of the individual or is otherwise degrading; many more. Trainees are supposed to be briefed on this reg during initial orientations; report violations of this reg.

COUNTER ARMED FORCES DAY RALLY

Saturday, May 16th 1:00 P.M.
ROWAN STREET PARK
Fayetteville, N.C.

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Speakers

RENNIE DAVIS —conspiracy 8
JANE FONDA —actress
MARK LANE —author
BARBARA DANE —folk singer
GI Speakers —ft bragg and ft jackson
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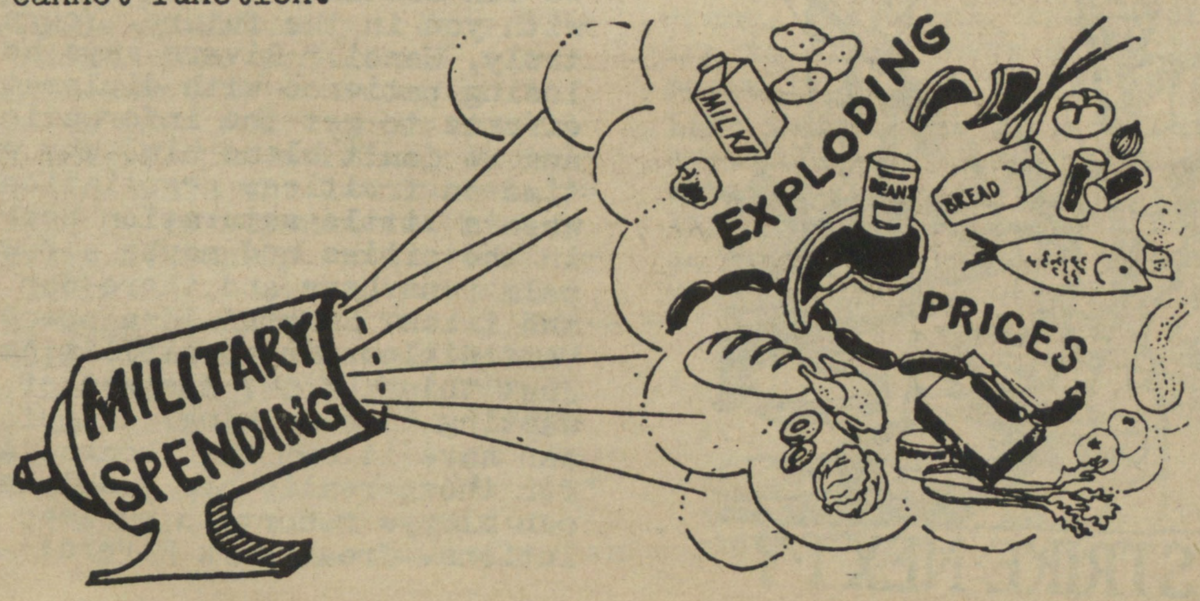
Beat the Brass

Several months ago Bragg Briefs ran an article suggesting that it costs the Army 5,000 dollars to conduct a Special court martial. If soldiers turned down all Article 15's and the Summary court-martial that will be offered, then JAG would probably not bring it to trial because of the expense.

One of the editors of Bragg Briefs, S/p 4 William Carothers, thought he should give this a try since we had printed it in our paper. His chance came when he was given a DR for hitchhiking on highway 87. His C.O. offered Bill an Article 15, which he turned down. It then went to a summary court-martial, which is a kangaroo court judged by an officer with no legal training and no jury. Bill turned down this court-martial which is his right under the new UCMJ. This left the Army in quite a fix. They wanted to get Bill because he is in GI's United, but a Special court-martial for hitchhiking? Wow the Army would really look silly. Three weeks later Bill was read the charges for a special court-martial. He contacted a JAG lawyer, but the Army never followed through with the trial.

You can beat the system. If everyone refused Article 15's the Army judical system would be so screwed up they would have to change it. The only reason Article 15's were instituted was the system was so clogged up they had to streamline it. But the way they streamlined it was to give almost total power to the commanding officer with out any controls. What they should have done was institute a seprate court system for misdemeanor offences where a soldier could be tried for petty things like hitchhiking or missing reveille. This system could have its own military judges and a limit on punishment like the Article 15's. This would be a lot closer to the civil courts in this free country of ours. The military will change the system when we clog it up again. The system will not change from above because they don't care about us. Write your Congressman and see how he reacts to this suggestion.

"I laid myself open to a maximum sentence of six months for a petty charge, with a federal conviction for a petty thing. The only way we can change the system is to screw it up so badly that it cannot function."



Anti-War Fest Held at UNC

Two sunny afternoon and a comfortable evening gave the impetus to a successful rally at Chapel Hill. The weather brought out a collection of sun seekers, political and reliious (there were a few) activists, Women's Lib'er's, G.I.'s United (of course) etc. Although the turn-out was not what had been expected, the enthusiausm and congeniality of those present and those hosting made the weekend worthwhile.

Saturday afternoon started off with bands playing and people meeting. Mostly it was a time for signing petitions, answering questionnires, and collecting all the various leaflets that you were interested in.

Saturday evening stsrted at seven and it was good. If there is nothing else that can unite a crowd, it is Tom Paxton and Phil Ochs.

Paxton came on strong with songs which satyrized the war, and one in particular which poked at the establishment's ultiment funeral-Forest Lawn. Paxton has a way of getting into your mind.

Phil Ochs ended the evening with a lilt. He did his own tunes intiallly, then went into mimics of early-era rock artists; Bill Haley and the Comets, Buddy Holley, and of course Elvil. He brought the crowd really together by ending the evening with the full range of Elvis, from "Hound-Dog" to "Are you lonely tonight?" He came back for two encores for his performance and we let him know we liked it.

A mime troupe did skits on the war and American ideas of violence, and Arthur Waskow outlined a history of the movements that the youth an involved in today.

SINGER at CHAPEL HILL RALLY

Saturday nite saw most of the kids going home, or crashing at friends. A small number of us stayed at the field for the night singing songs, rapping, and for sleeping.

The same number turned out Sunday as Saturday to see Gen. Hester, S.D.S., and Black Panther spokesman, and our own Al Singer. Al spoke on the atrocities of the war (what else) and gave a invition to all to come to our May 16 rally.

In all, the weekend supplied as G.I.'s with a healthful breath of freedom, especially this writer who had only just graduated from Basic Training. The people were, on the most part, together, with every one doing their own thing, but all having the same belief that something has to be done <u>now</u> about the American plight. Peace...

Fulbright Raps Military Intervention

The Administration is trying to strike a "low posture" in the rest of Southeast Asia while preserving an American base in Vietnam, and the Communists are not allowing them to do it. They can not drive us out of Indochina, but they can force upon us the choice of either plunging in altogether or getting out altogether. It is this choice that the Nixon Administration has thus far refused to make. With one foot in the swamp and the other foot out, they are trapped.

In Vietnam they are prodding along with pacification and Vietnamization; in Loas they are reduced to hoping that the Commu--nists will not chose to conquer t the country; in Cambodia they are no doubt torn: glad in a way for the anti-Communist takeover but fearful that their new found frounds will ask for help that they hardly dare gant and hardly dare refuse. "Myth" is a mild word for madness on so grand a scale. Not only has the rationaly for Vietnam proved unfounded; it has shown itself to be disastrously mistaken. Instead of deterring Communist intervention in Southeast Asia, American military involvement has turned out to be a powerful magnet for it.

-Fulbright (D-Ark) in the Senate, April 2

Let's Hear the Truth

On February 17th, Senator Sam J. Ervin filed an objection to the Army's refusal to allow civilian distribution of leaflets dealing with several senators views on the war in Vietnam, saying that it was both a violation of the civilian's constitutional rights and a "dangerous infringment of the role of a senator as a representative of the people."

(Roger Priest Trial - continued from page 1)

Highlight of the trial was the testimony of Winifred Cockfield, wife of David W Cockfield, Commander of the Nautilus, and daughter of retired Vice-Admiral Wm V Davis Jr. It seems that Mrs Cockfield had helped Roger distribute OM, leaving them in PX's, giving them to officers around the Washington area, and the like. Her husband, then awaiting confirmation of his appointment as the Nautilus' commander, was told that he wouldn't get the command unless his wife testified for the prosecution.

The prosecution objected to defense questions about why she had distributed OM and about conversations she had had with Roger. Typically of "due process" in the 1970's, the objection was sustained; but one of the board members passed a note to military judge Perkins asking that the questions be answered.

Winifred, the mother of five and a school teacher, replied, "Real discipline comes from the ability to think about what you're doing. Even if the war is not a mistake, it should be talked about openly. Roger's newsletter caused people to think about the war. You can not keep on doing things blindly, just because you are told to do it. That's not good discipline." She said that publication of OM, contrary to the Navy's argument, was actually a factor in the creation of good morale among troops.

Mrs Cockfield's father, who was in the courtroom during the trial, said in response to his daughter's testimony after the trial, "Some dig their graves by eating too much and others do it by talking too much."

The defense made attempts to introduce testimony by Gen David M Shoup, former Commandant of the Marine Corps, retired Rear-Admiral Arnold E True, and ex-Alaskan senator Ernest Gruening who was one of two senators who voted against the Tonkin Gulf Resolution. Again the prosecutor, Commander Thomas Jefferson Jimmerson, objected and again his ally on the bench sustained the objection ruling that the "legality or illegality of the war in Vietnam is not at issue in this court. I will not permit this court to be used as a forum for the personal views of any one other than the accused about the Vietnam War."

Shoup, True, and Gruening all had comments after the trial. Shoup said he thought it was "a very healthy thing that we now have the young people in America who give thought to national and international problems." He did not feel that what a few military people might say would have much effect on morale in the Armed Forces.

True said, "I wouldn't tell anyone to desert or go to Canada; but he [Priest] did this on his own time, and I see no reason why members of the military ought to be prevented from expressing their private views - they're citizens too. If you have low morale, it is not due to Priest's newspaper, but to the fact that half our people - senators and representatives - feel the war is a mistake."

Gruening, calling protest against the war "the highest form of patriotism", said "Roger Priest should be given a Medal of Honor not a court-martial." Perhaps one of our more reasonable congressmen could make such a motion at some session of the congress in the not to distant future.

It is requested that GI's concerned about what has happened to Roger Priest write letters to Secretary of the Navy William Chafee urging that Priest's sentence be deferred and that the appeal be decided in his favor. Letters sent to GI's UNITED, P.O. Box 437, Spring Lake, N.C. 28390 will be forwarded to the Navy Department.

The Higher The Body Count

LONG BINH, Vietnam (UPI)--Two young American infantry officers told an Army court today they were under pressure from their commanders to report killing as many communist soldiers as possible. A civilian defense attorney called the officers to the stand in an effort to prove Army "body count" policies forced Lt. James B. Duffy, 22, of Claremont, Calif., to order the execution of a Vietnamese man seized by his platoon in September 40 miles southwest of Saigon.

Attorney Henry Rothblatt of New York called Lt. John D. Kruger, 23, of New Orleans, and Lt. Ralph C. Krueger Jr., 25, of Wilmington, Del., fellow officers of Lt. Duffy in the 3rd brigade of the 9th U.S. Infantry Division. Both testified "body counts" were a gauge for advancement in the Army. "Your OER (Officer Efficiency Report) is based on how many enemy killed," Lt. Krueger told the court. "It's that simple."

--Washington Daily News (abr.), March 25

Vadillo—*Siempre*, Mexico

Rivers Says Bomb For Peace

Representative L. Mendel Rivers, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee has come up with a brilliant new plan to get information on American POW's from the North Vietnamese. Stated simply it is this: Bomb the hell out of one of their cities (if any are left standing!). Said Rivers, "I would seriously consider letting them see what happens when they see one of their cities disappear from the face of the earth." Why didn't someone think of this before? Why, we can hear Hanoi's response now, "Well, oh yes, now that you've killed 300 of our civilians we'd be only too happy to give you the POW information you request and we hope we can continue to work together with you in the future. Yours truly, Hanoi." Rivers says he is losing patience with diplomatic efforts to get the information and we don't blame him. Why waste time on fruitless negotiations when a little saturation bombing in the cities and maybe a few napalm runs here and there can turn the trick. Rivers' idea opens up vast diplomatic possibilities. Just think of it! Instead of wasting time talking, disputants can have it out with bombs. And for those really big problems we can always resort to nuclear solutions. Great work Rivers!

If we see that Germany is winning we ought to help Russia, and if we see Russia is winning, we ought to help Germany, and that way let them kill as many as possible Harry Truman, 1941

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N. Vietnam	3-0	Laos	0-1
NLF	1-0	USA	0-3
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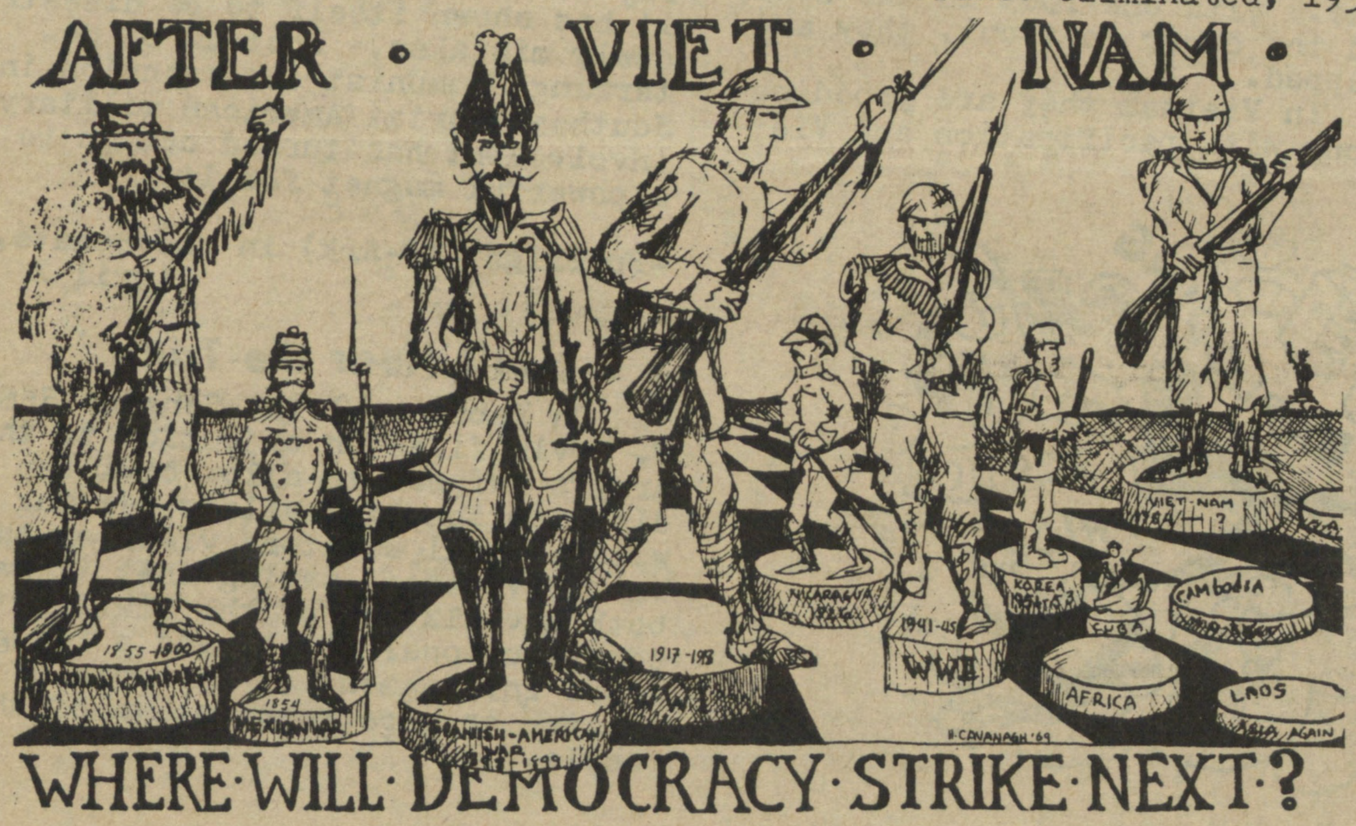
*France eliminated, 1954



Left Wing

Negative Training

Since I have been a puppet of the "green machine," it has taught me that the military service and moral beliefs and duty to God, oneself, and to fellow man are far from being compatible.

There have been a number of incidents in my military training which have demonstrated this to me quite clearly. A lifer at ITT (Individual Tactical Training, or indoctrination to the kill skill) told us, as probably in so many cases, that our "only purpose for being in the Army is to learn to be professional killers. Regardless, whether we were to be 'spoons,' clerks, truckdrivers, or technicians, we needed this training because the purpose of the Army is to kill or inflict casualties on the enemy."

In another incident other subservients of the killing faculty demonstrated how to decapitate a man and crush his head. I was taught how to sneak up on an individual and break his neck; also to stab him in the back with a bayonet. "This will kill him--the slant-eyed son of a bitchin' gook," the instructor told us, "but if you twist it a little bit it will really screw him up." His very capable assistant demonstrated the barbaric tactics also. Their attitude appeared to be that of a joke; mine was one of complete abhorrence!

This is the type of training the Army has taught me. It has attempted to reinforce its teachings daily, with apparent reminders like making one shout, "I want to kill the Viet Cong," as we run down the company street, or the posting of a sign on the company bulletin board: "War is our business, and business is good." How many of you subservients are able to cite similar atrocities?

These incidents and occurrences initiated and served as a catalyst to my decision to file for conscientious objector. As I became slowly indoctrinated, I realized that there is something definitely erroneous with this way of existing--day in and day out constantly being informed of our desperate needs to learn how to kill. This brainwashing linked to my moral beliefs and conscientious objection was incompatible. Therefore, I made my decision--to no longer comply with the social norms, to permit conscience to supersede social duty. Many GI's are facing this problem of conscience--what to do, whether to play the game and concere; or do they submit that morality compels them to oppose the law unless its purpose is to advance society, morally, ethically, and peacefully? This, they perceive, is not being done by napalm, nor by helicopters machine-gunning innocent men, women, and children, nor by crop-destroying chemicals. As a result of these moral obligations many GI's have filed for CO. But why don't these other objectors pursue their consciences? Some answers are fear of undue harrassment, the possibility of a suitable MOS, but the majority will respond with "it's too late now!" GI, it's never too late. You have a right as have a cooperative non-combatant than an uncooperative soldier who got his CO request denied!

The brass does know that there is a new concept that seems to propel and activate our young soldiers throughout the world. We are sick of war and wanton killing. We are conscientiously opposed to any involvement. The time will come when war as a tool of the military-industrial complex will be neither normal nor acceptable. Free your conscience, free your brothers from this bond of immoral servitude. I pose this query to you, soldier. What if all who felt conscientiously opposed to killing and wars filed for CO? What are you going to do, GI? Are you fearful of intimidation? Are you fearful of social norms? Are you, who conscientiously feel that war is wrong, unethical, and immoral, going to allow these evils to become socially acceptable?

Live your moral life. Your overiding duty, which is constituitive of the moral life is to act on one's belief as to what is right. Are you a conscientious objector?

In peace and freedom

Conscientious Objector? Contact Quaker House, 324 Ray Ave. Phone: 483-5279.....

ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS GIANT WHO MEANT TO RULE THE EARTH WITH ALL ITS PEOPLE.....

What are the rewards for Peace Corps service

There is an Army regulation that says an enlisted man or warrant officer who is an ex-Peace Corps Volunteer cannot be assigned to duty in the field of military intelligence. This includes anyone who has undergone any type of Peace Corps training even if they have not served. Military intelligence ranges from stockade guards to MP's to map readers.

This is typical of the Army's attitude towards dissenters. Obviously anyone who is for Peace is against the basic policies of the Army and would be a threat to the intelligence establishment of the Brass. Would these people protect the intelligence files on civilian dissenters at Fort Holibard?

This Reg also shows the elitist attitude of the Army because also in the Reg it states that a Regular Army Officer who has been with the Peace Corps can be put into military intelligence after he has served four years with the Army. You see the elite officers overcome this stigma but a low class enlisted man or warrant officer can never overcome this stigma.

The world is full of editors and damned revisionaries.

EAST COAST GI EDITORS MEET

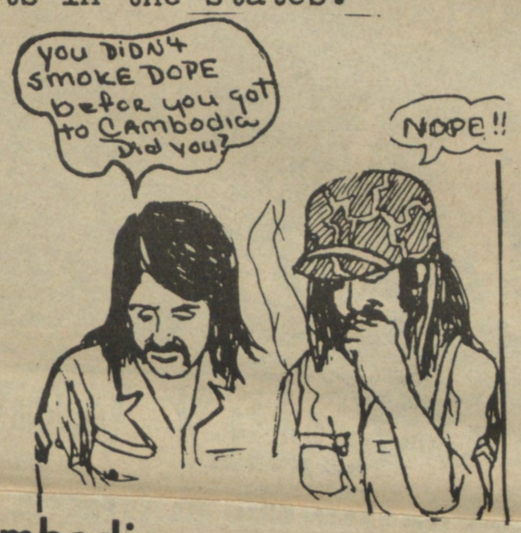
Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, was recently the scene of an East Coast anti-war G.I. Editors Conference.

The conference was well attended with approximatly thirty delegates from at least nine GI papers showing up. Other organizations represented included; USSF, GICLDC, The Guardian, and the CCCO of Philadelphia.

The workshps held were in the fields of: Law, by Diane Schulder and Stacy Siegal; Organizing, by Dr. Howard Levy; Journalism, by Erwyn Silber and Roger Priest.

For entertainment there was folk singer, Barbara Dane, who preformed on Saturday night.

The conference was a success in that it brought about an under standing and the possibilities of mass interactions between the posts in the states.



Cambodia

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demonstrators armed with knives and jungle choppers recently fought reactionary troops. Demonstrations have spread to Kompong, Trabak, Kep, an important costal town, and Kompong Cham in the province of the same name - a town so devastated by demonstrations that it is described as a "ghost town" by Hsinhua, the Chinese News Agency.

Hsinhua reports, "Gunboats dot the length of the Mekong, and all the thoroughfares, bridges and ferries leading to Pnompenh have been sealed off at the order of the coup authorities in an attempt to check the advance of demonstrators toward the capital. Road blocks on the edge of the city have been set up and are policed night and day. US Sherman tanks guard main government buildings and entrances to cities.

Instead of bitterness and prejudice, an alliance has been made between the Vietnamese in Cambodia (many of whom are Vietcong) and the growing United Resistance Movement among the Cambodians. Together, these people have taken control of much of the Vietnamese and Laotian border regions. And in response to this, Lon Nol appears to have adopted the American Vietnam strategy - genocide.

As for Norodom Sihanouk, ousted Cambodian leader, nothing radicalizes a liberal like a US backed coup. Exiled in Peking, he has called for the overthrow of Lon Nol, and has reconsidered some of his anti-communist policies. In his April 4 message to the Cambodian people, Sihanouk admitted having put too much faith in advisors like Lon Nol. "This led me to believe that young, socialist intellectuals were traitorous to the nation, rendering a disservice to the people."

Now the Cambodian government has opened the way for American business by de-nationalizing all industry. The Minister of Public Works announced that, "Private business had fallen into a deep slumber in recent years." And America just couldn't get no satisfaction with Sihanouk.

Lon Nol is already making arrangements with the US for arms shipments and air and artillery support to fight the growing resistance movement. It is no longer the Vietnam war; now it's the Indochinese War.

M*A*S*H:

A Portrait of War as Hell

Why did the Armed forces fret over the showing of M*A*S*H. Perhaps, because truth is brought out. The simple fact that man can not cope with blatant absurdity of war and regimentation.

M*A*S*H is a brilliant movie creation depicting the horror of war, the incomprehensible irrationality of the military and the responses of the individual entrapped by the inexorable failings of society. The movie elicits contradicting themes of sickness and humor, a vivid blend of the realities of man and war.

The setting of M*A*S*H is the Korean theater. The stars are drafted doctors. Never is there s shot of an actual battlefield, for it is an introspective glimpse of the war through the eyes of the drafted doctors who have escaped, repressing thoughts of their involvement in the ugly war. Blood gushing profusly from a wounded kid is the real war not the glory of John Wayne.

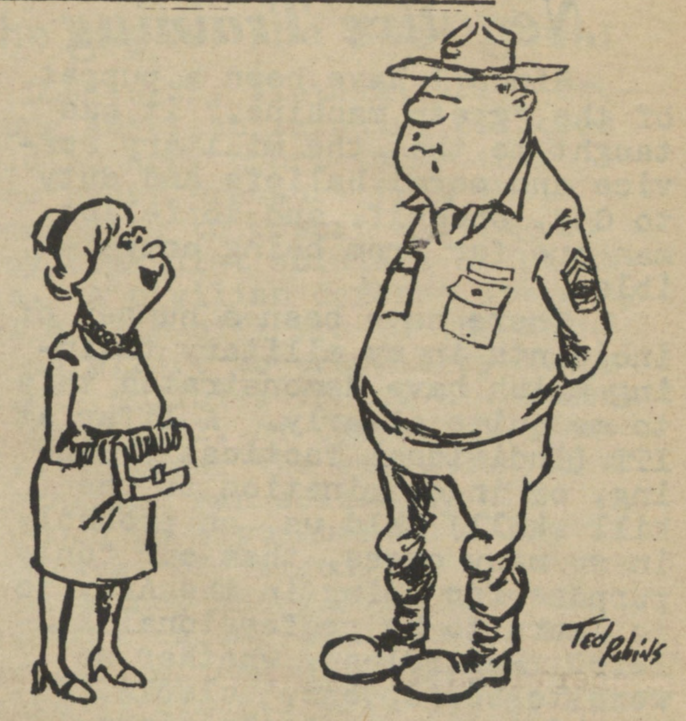
Elliot Gould and Donald Sutherland are featured as the drafted doctors, manifesting an attitude that fails to grasp the reason of war. They escape through med-cap adventures, and dream of a return to home and sanity.

The story is presented in a staccoto pace. The emotionless transitions from scene to scene effectively portrays the hum-drum tedium of days in the military.

Officers are shown as real people, subject to human failings like adultery. M*A*S*H smashes the Machiavellian image charateristic of officers in the Army hierarchy.

Yes, it presents a true picture of military service and the vulgarities of war. Through the use of gushing blood, force, shananigans, obsessions the movie portrays truth. The film was war and the military in the eyes of the trapped individual. A lot of us identify with M*A*S*H, this is what the brass feared. It is not M*A*S*H, but the Armies of the world that should be carefully scrutinized.

As a GI M*A*S*H is a must. You'll want to laugh, but you'll come out with feelings of depressions and hopelessness.



"My son tells me you're a real son of a bitch."

U.S. and the Widened War

While publicily denying to the American people that we are not in anyway involved in escalating the war in Indochina, the U.S. Military continues to expand our role in Cambodia and Laos.

American aircraft, already flying daily bombing missions in Laos, are now making forays into Cambodian territory. Its not simply a mistake in not seeing the border. The aircraft are well equiped to provide the pilot with his exact position.

Worrying that the Cambodian Army does not have enough small arms seems to be unfounded. Recently, quantities of M-16 rifles have found their way into the hands of the Cambodian soldiers. Maybe we should find out how they are doing it, since many American units still have yet to be armed with these weapons.

But nothing can make American presence felt like Americans. "Advisors" are slipping over the border with distressing frequency and green berets have become intimately familiar with much of Cambodian territory.

The location might be different but the senario is the same. Isn't it great to know Vietnam is not the only war we got. Just look at all the smiling faces on Smokebomb Hill.

Quote

The Army is a third rate career for third rate people, offering skimpy security in exchange for twenty or thirty years of polite penal servitude. The Army is a master plan designed by geniuses for execution by idiots. If you are not an idiot but find yourself in the Army, you can only operate well by pretending to be one. All the shortcuts and economies and common sense that your native intelligence suggests to you are mistakes. Learn to squash them: constantly asking yourself, "How should I do this if I were an idiot?" Throttle your mind to a crawl, then you can never go wrong. The professional military mind is, by necessity, an inferior and unimaginative mind. No man of high intellectual quality would willingly imprison his gift in such a calling.

-Mark Twain

GI MOVEMENT NEWS

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FORT POLK, LA. . . Another Stockade rebellion took place, this time at Polk, in which the library was ransacked and several fires were set.

Again as in all other cases of stockade rebellions, general conditions and specific acts of repression on anti-war prisoners provoked the action.

BERKELY,CALIF . . . The Reservists Comittee to Stop the War, at Berkely, has been circulating a petition for National Guardsmen and Reservists to sign, so they can express their opposition to the War in Vietnam.

"We demand the total withdrawal now of all American soldiers advising the armies of dictatorships throughout Latin America and Asia."

Quote

"Oh, don't get me wrong, Chaplain. It isn't that I think the enlisted men are dirty, common and inferior... Some of my best friends are enlisted men, you understand but that's about as close as I care to let them come.

Honestly now, Chaplain, you wouldn't want your sister to marry an enlisted man, would you.

Joseph Heller
Catch-22

"Gentlemen, if we discover any more "isolated incidents", they will add up to another complete war."

New Orleans--Lt. Gen. William McCaffery recently addressed a crowd of young counselors of the American Personnel and Guidance Association.

The topic of this talk was "The Army's Role in Molding Future Citizens." Gen. McCaffery said, "In this age of increasing permissiveness, Rotc inculcates a sense of discipline, respect and patriotism so essential in the young people who will one day become the Nation's leaders."

Members of the Counselors Ad Hoc Peace Committee and some dissident students, leafletted the Hall, carrying signs which read, "Cannon Fodder Seminar--Enter Here," and "Become Self-Neturalized--Destroy a Village."

The dissident Counselors and students demanded equal time after the General's speech, and recieved it. They told the audiance and the General that he and his friends were leading the country down the road to nuclear extinction and that thousands of "Future Citizens" have already been killed in Vietnam.

QUAN LOI, SOUTH VIETNAM. . .I've had it. I'm not going back. They will have to send me to jail because I'm not going back to the field".

Pvt. Ephram Nailor meant what he said. Today he is serving a three month sentence in Long Binh jail because he wouldn't go back into the bush as an infantryman.

During the last four months of 1969, a total of 109 men have been court martialed for the same offence. More and more black soldiers say they now believe their struggle is in the U.S. for the rights of their people, not in the War in Indochina.

It should be emphasized that this action is no more severe in any particular unit, but that it is beginning to appear in all of Indochina.

McCORD AIR FORCE BASE, WASH. . . Airman First Class George Larkins recently began a hunger strike and published a list of demands.

In a letter to his "superiors" that was published in the Seattle Helix, Larkins tells why he started his hunger strike.

"I have lost faith in those who lead nationally and locally. We fight a war for freedom while serfdom flourishes in this land. We fight against tyranny when we have passed and have pending laws which are being used to supress certain peoples in the U.S. If the democracy which America claims as its own is so good, then why must we ram it down peoples throats. These are just a few of the reasons for my action."

FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS. . . Fifty-six Wacs from class W-13 marched to the I.G. after being placed on restrictions by their Executive Officer, who doesn't even have that authority, for supposedly conspiring to incite to riot.

Seven representatives from the class had gone to see their commanding officer and demanded the right to see the I.G. The C.O. said she would lift the restrictions if they would not go. The women realized that the only recourse was to go on their own to the I.G.

'We Are The Aggressors'

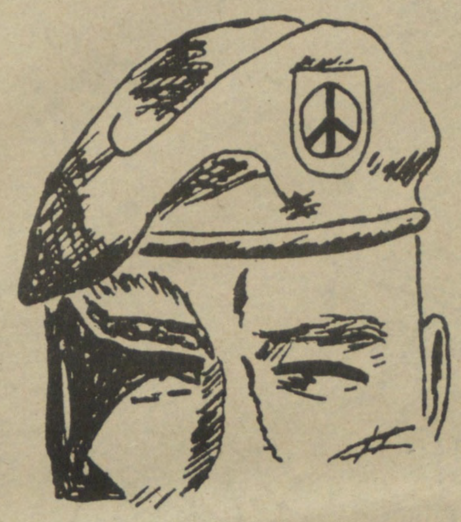
Gen. Hugh Hester (Ret.)

West Point- 2Lt Louis P. Font, a graduate of West Point, has requested a discharge from the Army on the grounds of Conscientious Objection to the War in Vietnam.

Lt. Font graduated from the top five percent of his class in 1968. He then went to Harvard University for graduate work in International relations.

He notified the Department of the Army that he had religious scruples about remaining in the service because the Vietnam War "is immoral and unjust."

The Lt's attorney, Marvin M. Karpatkin, of the ACLU said that if Font's request is denied they will take it to the Civil Courts.



'Do ourselves out of a Job NOW'

TACOMA, WASH. . .Willie Williams, a Vietnam veteran has been arrested and charged with "threatening the life of the President of the United States".

Williams, who is now stationed at Ft. Lewis, was arrested after someone had seen the poster and inscription he had on his locker. The poster was a picture of President Nixon. The inscription was, "I will no longer be an emissory in this imperialist military regime. Freedom, or death to President Nixon".

FT. BLISS, TEXAS . . . GI's for Peace at Ft. Bliss will soon file suit against the brass at the post, for refusing to grant distribution rights for their G.I. paper, "Gigline".

Aerospaced, an Air Force anti-war publication, published at Grissom Air Force Base is also going to file suit for distribution rights. About 35 airmen from the base met in early March to discuss plans for forming another chapter of "GI's United Against the War" at their base.

FT. McCLELLAN, ALA. . . Kevin O'Connor, a GI conscientious objector was court martialed, March 17th at Ft. McClellan, for refusing a direct order to participate in infantry training.

Kevin was allowed only three hours to answer the numerous complex questions, and was also denied the right to religious or legal counsel.

He has been a member of GI's and WAC's United Against the War in Vietnam and has been active in the publishing of "Left Face".

RALLY

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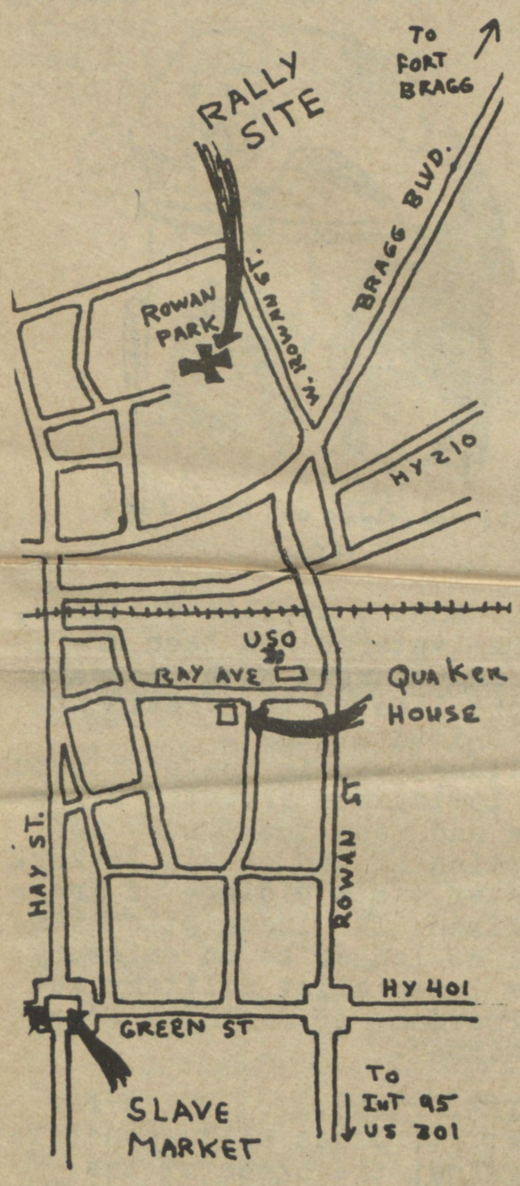
Mark Lane, an attorney and writer, is most famous for his expose of a conspiracy involved in the assassination of John F Kennedy. More recently, he has been involved in research of war crimes.

The afternoon will be rounded out with GI speakers, workshops dealing with Vietnam, the GI movement, conscientious objection and other topics.

The rally runs concurrently with the military's Armed Forces Day showpiece. While the brass shows off its weapons, medals, and OD flavored misadventures, you can act as America's conscience May 16th at 1:00 P.M. in Rowan Street Park.



Poem

From a God Named War

dedicated to Patriotic Mothers, Fathers and Wives

Send me your youth, the best of your youth, the courageous,
clean and strong;
From city, suburbs and countryside, where life is careless song.
Have him forget his house of dreams with ivy 'round the door,
For I have a task for his eager feet; wallowing deep in gore.
Send me your youth, the pick of your youth; you may keep the
other kind.
I'll tear the song from his careless lips and the dreams from
his boyish mind.
I'll drive him out to fight my war and rend him limb from limb,
And when I'm through you can have him back, or all that is
left of him.
In a heart that's free from brutality, I will sow the seeds
of hate
'til he goes forth with a lust to kill like a crazed inebriate.
I'll twist his soul with shameful lies as he carries my flag
on high
And repeat to him of a sacred causewhile he stumbles out to die.
You've sent me your youth, the best of your youth, a thousand
times or more,
And I've left their bones in a shallow grave on some beleaguered
shore;
I've plundered the earth and laid it waste, with youth as my
helpless tools;
AND EACH TIME I CALL, YOU SEND THEM ALL, FOR YOU ARE SUCH HOPE-
LESS FOOLS.

--B.G.

Seize The Air

How many times have you listened to the local radio station, and heard an announcer give an editorial calling for slaughter in South-east Asia and for repression of dissent in America. Well if you listen carefully at the end of his rap he says if you have a dissenting opinion, you may express it over the air.

He's right. According to Federal Communications Commission Regulations, any radio or TV station must grant equal time to dissenting opinions. So next time you don't agree with a facist opinion, write a letter demanding equal time and if they won't grant it contact the FCC. The radio station can be fined or it can lose its license for not complying with this regulation.

Write next time!! Demand your rights!! Together we can make these people see our side or at least present it to the public more often.

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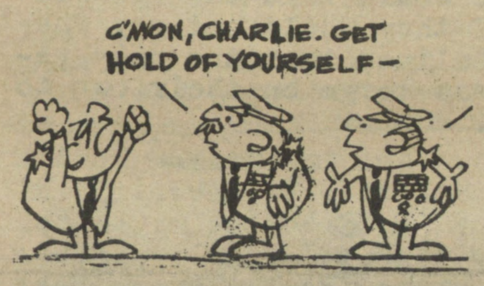

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