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SPARE CHANGE?

Lifer C.O. tries to dampen Christmas spirit

But 82nd troopers fight back

On November 30,1970 Maj. John A. Lasch III delivered an ultimatum to the men of Company B 82nd Airborne Division to the effect that if they did not contribute to the United Fund that the men would not be given half days off during Christmas holidays as is Ft. Bragg policy.

This proved to be more than the men of Company B could stand in view of past incidents. They are now writing to Senator Burch Bayh in hopes that they may be treated fairly by their commanders.

Since the men initiated the letter to Senator Bayh they have been given the priviledge of having beer in the barracks and sold in the messhall. Reveille formation is being done away with and lights in the bay can now remain on as long as the men desire.

One cannot help but feel that the command structure is now trying to "buy off" the men of the company.

In their letter to the senator the men of the company feel concern for conditions in the company; such as the high rate of AWOL's (because of the conditions), verbal degradation by NCO's and officers towards the men, discrimination due to political beliefs, and unjust punishment of individuals in certain instances.

In one instance because the man was wounded in Viet Nam and has extreme difficulty getting around. This man, Pvt. Wilson E. Wright is currently awaiting a Special Court-Martial on numerous charges that are basically weak grounds for an Article 15. This man is currently in the Ft. Bragg Stockade, presumably for violating a pretrial restriction which was not given to him until the morning after he supposedly broke the restriction.

The letter was signed by 22 of the 57 EM's in Company B, 82nd Airborne Division.

Jane Fonda backs GI drive for justice

There is a major effort by the U.S. government and the army to black out the knowledge of the existence of the GI movement from the American public. When Jane Fonda spoke to wall-to-wall people at Haymarket Square on November 6th, she stated that this effort by the government is a good sign of just how important this movement is.

Jane Fonda came to Fayetteville Friday and Saturday, November 6th and 7th, to talk to Ft. Bragg GI's about their position in the army and in this country, and what they can do to make the army and government more responsive to their needs and desires.

She talked about the oppression she herself has experienced since she started talking about the war and the prison system in this country. She said that she has been travelling all her life, and that nothing has ever happened to her until she started talking about Vietnam -- an example of which is the harrassment she received over vitamin pills from customs officials in Cleveland, Ohio, a few days prior to coming to Fayetteville.

She told of the maltreatment in the prisons, of the living conditions and loneliness, and the way the jails hurt people every day -- people who are often innocent, people who are trapped in the prisons for a long time for minor or trumped-up things because they are poor or black or lawyerless, or they are struggling against powerful people for basic human rights, or because they are any combination of these things.

The people at Haymarket were told that the most important thing to people in jail is knowing that there are brothers and sisters on the outside supporting you.

On the subject of the GI movement, Jane feels that this is the most important part of the peace movement because it is the link between the working class and the essentially middle class peace movement.

People have to disassociate themselves from the government's actions in Vietnam by supporting the peace movement financially, by supporting coffeehouses, by spreading around and talking about things like Bragg Briefs.

GI's are getting together in Europe now too, and the movement is growing every day in this country. It's the responsibility of every person, every GI, to get involved in life - because it's our life.

Much of the evening was spent in a question and

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Army won't act on discrimination

Two West Point graduates who are active members of the Concerned Officers Movement at Fort Bragg have very cleverly documented racial discrimination in area housing, and yet the Army refuses to act to end it.

First Lieutenant Cornelius Cooper had just been denied off-post housing by a white landlady when his white friend, First Lieutenant David Vaught visited her to rent the same quarters.

She agreed to let Vaught have the apartment and then confided: I didn't know they let niggers go to West Point.

Yet even after this 'salt and pepper tactic had exposed a clear case of racial discrimination, the Army refused to correct this injustice.

Usually blacks will meet a double-standard that is

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Where not to do your Christmas shopping

Well, sorry to report that our guardian angel, this man's Army, hasn't in any way responded to our plea for assistance in curbing the rampart economic explotation in the city of Fayetteville.

However, there has been a tremendous response from within our own ranks, fellow GI's.

As a consequence we've decided to ask for a pact of solidarity among ourselves and during the next month to buy all our Christmas gifts, monthly needs and items for daily existence only at the stores listed.

sears, j.c. penny, k-mart, king shopping center, treasure city. px's at bragg

An even better way to get your Christmas presents and have an enjoyable time in the process, is to make a little trip to Chapel Hill and visit the street vendors on Franklin Street.

The street is filled with people's handicrafts at peoples' prices.

This is our only means of fighting back. If we blow this one, we're only leaving the door open for greater and greater exploitation.

letters to the editor

DISCRIMINATION ON HAY STREET

On the evening of the 17th of November, three blacks were ignored by the two white waitresses working in the Turf Club. Brothers and Sisters, this shit has been going on far too long! We must work together to end this senseless racism. Let us know of any other incidents of this nature we will publish them and let people know which businessmen they can trust.

SMASH RACISM!!!!!!!!

GEN. HESTER SENDS US TEN DOLLARS

You have rendered your readers a signal service in your issue (November 1970) "Why We Lost the War in Vietnam." In the hope it may have a very wide distribution, I am inclosing the modest sum of ten dollars to help promote this end. I urge others who can afford to do so to subscribe at least as much as this: more if possible, less if not.

If the American people knew the facts disclosed in this issue of Bragg Briefs, they would force the Nixon administration to honor the campaign pledge of Mr. Nixon to end this completely dishonorable war which already has killed 50 thousand U.S. boys, maimed and wounded a quarter million more, not to mention the hundreds of thousands of Indochinese men, women, and children killed, maimed, and wounded.

This cowardly, illegal, genocidal and utterly immoral war of the U.S. government must be ended. A moral crusade must be mounted now to persuade President Nixon to end it now, not in 1972 as he promises.

Every man, woman, and child -- killed, maimed, and wounded -- is now his and our responsibility.

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

GI THINKS WE SHOULDN'T PRINT LETTERS FROM LIFERS

I would like to point out that after having read the October issue of Bragg Briefs and finding the article on KP in the military I was really able to get a good laugh about how people who obviously have a limited scope of facts can be so much of an authority on things. This individual's fabulous statements on the nicety of pulling KP in the U.S. Army could very well have been the work of some lifer trying to keep the masses away from the truth about KP. In doing some research in the 82nd Airborne area I found that many of the things that he said were true indeed, but that they hardly represent the whole of the Army. I for one had to get up at 4:00 in the morning in Fort Campbell, and at 4:30 at Fort Gordon, and that's not to mention 5:00 in good old Vietnam. So I would hardly think that what this individual said to be true for 82nd Div. could hardly be true for the whole of the Army. To draw an analogy, it's like reading only about the A's in life and going around trying to tell people about the B's.

I would believe that the function of the Bragg Briefs would be to inform the people in and around the Army (Fort Bragg, and Pope Air Force Base) about the truth that is in the Army that they would never read about in normal establishment papers. I think that the editorial staff of Bragg Briefs could have used just a little more discretion before publishing so ludicrous an article. If people are looking for out and out lies they can refer to their local news papers who seemingly specialize in it.

I would also like to commend the editorial staff of Bragg Briefs who are working daily to bring the true issues to the "media controlled public." It is in my opinion that they have and are doing a fine job and hope for them the best in their never-ending battle to try and bring the long-hidden truths about the Army to the surface for public appraisal. "Keep On Pushing."

From a GI Who Appreciates a Chance to Read the Truth about Sick and Corrupt Establishments.

THERE'S TROUBLE IN THE 612TH QUARTERMASTER COMPANY

Brothers:

The 612th Qm Co. Fort Bragg, N.C. is commanded by some of the most unorganized officers and NCO's in the Army.

Major Robert P. Schlosser's goal is to keep the blacks and whites from uniting.

The black soldiers of the 612th Qm. Co. wish to live together with whites, blacks, greens, etc...with all races.

To give the people an example of what the blacks and whites are going through - Friday night, the 27th of November, four black soldiers entered one of the barracks in what they wish to call their company.

When they walked in, they began to play around with each other and some of the whites. These guys work with each other everyday.

Major Schlosser found out about how the blacks and whites were getting together, and it seems feared it to be part of the GI's United or something.

The white guy who was involved in the misunderstanding stated that what went on was all a bad joke.

Major Schlosser demanded Pvt. Cave, Sp/4 Wilmounth to write out a statement on Sgt. McKinney, PFC Astory, PFC Ferguson, and Sp/4 Seward.

At the present time our commanding officer, Major Schlosser is forwarding a court marshall on PFC Astory.

Sgt. McKinney is one of the outstanding NCO's in the company. He has a way with the lower EM's; he doesn't throw his rank around you might say.

Major Schlosser is in a spirit to get Sgt. McKinney into a lower rank.

Now we ask the people of this United States, our country where blacks and whites died so others might live, we ask is this what the United States Army is coming to be?

Is it so impossible for blacks and whites in 612th Qm. Co. to be united?

The black soldier of 612 Qm. Co. wants the whites and other soldiers to unite together and we will all overcome the Army someday.

The Black Soldiers
612th Qm. Co.

PARALYZED VETERAN SAYS WE HAVE GUTS

Dear Friend:

Thank you very much for your paper. I am reading it with great interest and will pass it on. It takes a lot of guts to put it out and you have my respect. I served in combat during World War 2 but would go to prison before I would serve in this immoral war.

I am a college graduate, but am totally paralysed so this letter is being written for me -- which is why it is so short.

I have two sons. One just turned 18 and the other is at UNC. I don't know what they are going to do, but I am going to try to back them up.

Regards,

Frank O'Neill



JEFFERSON, ADAMS, AND FRANKLIN PROPOSED THIS AS THE US GOV'T SEAL BUT IT WAS REJECTED AS TOO RADICAL

In the last two months, due to the undue harassment, the "hardened convicts" of Cherry Point Brig have taken it among themselves to express their grievences.

Individuals being beaten, confined to solitary, and personal servitude prompted them to go on strike.

RIGHT ON BROTHERS

If you're sleeping later these days...

you can thank the men in 39th Med. Group

A petition to Congress to abolish reveille formaations, which was circulated in November throughout the 39th Medical Group gained the signatures of 135 men.

It was sent to the GI Office in Washington D.C. and from this office forwarded to various members of Congress.

Since this action was taken, a directive from XVIII Airborne Corps has been issued to the affect that, as of December 1, 1970, no men in XVIII Corps jurisdiction will stand reveille formation. Men in our unit are now awaken at 0600 hours instead of 0500 hours and our first work formation is at 0730 hours instead of 0700 hours.

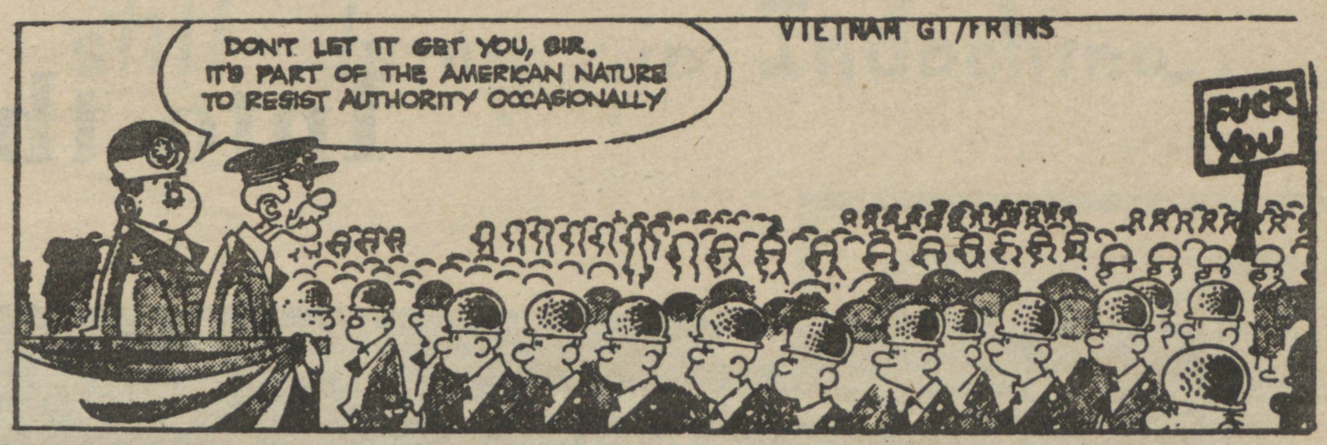
We still manage to get the cigarette butts picked up, the dirt raked and the company area beautified each day. The only difference is that the shitty living conditions and the made-work which exist throughout the 12th Support Brigade, are a little more bearable now with the new change in policy,

We did receive a number of sympathetic responses from Congressmen and even one from Representative George Brown Jr. 29th District, California who offered to cosponsor a bill if one could be drafted and introduced before the end of 1970 as he will not be returning to Congress in 1971. We received one unsympathetic response from Sam Erwin Jr. Senator from North Carolina.

Every GI on this post better get one thing straight, the only time the Army is going to make anything more than a token effort to improve your existence here is when they are forced to. Change will never be made simply out of humanitarian concern for your welfare.

The Commander of the 39th Med. Group was asked on various occasions if reveille could be dispensed with. His response was that he had studied alternatives to reveille but was never able to figure out a way of getting rid of it. It is extremely hard to believe that with all his years of experience and respectable degree of education, he was unable to arrive at a simple change in policy that has since been instituted.

In reference to the above, the enlisted men in the 714th Preventative Medicine Unit would like to commend Capt. Robert W. Katayama for having actively encouraged and supported an enlisted men's council in his unit.



Democracy in every unit on base...NOW



EM SHAFTED AGAIN BY LIFERS

The EM's have jsut seen their Main Club traded for a barracks-styled Mess that used to belong to the Sergeants. The EM's had no say in the swap, and the Lifers won again. MORAL: HE WHO HAS NO POWER IS NOT FREE.



What used to be the main E-4 club on Bragg is no more. The NCO's on Bragg evidently weren't happy with their new main NCO club so they felt that they should add the main E-4 club to the list of recreational facilities that they have.

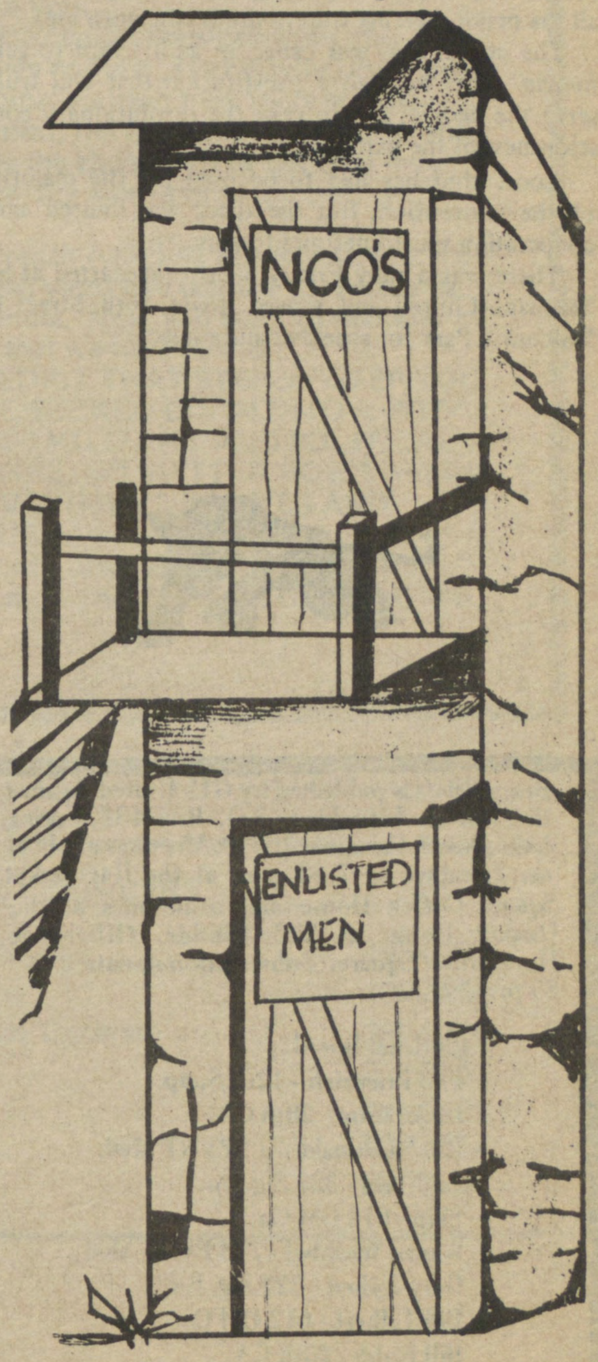
On the surface this might not look like it was anything to get upset about, but when you stop to think about the fact that the EM on Fort Bragg now have very few places to go to and that the main E-4 club was taken away from them for a reason that doesn't even make sense, you will tend to become upset and frustrated and inevitably angered.

We have tried to look into the matter to try and find something that would justify such an act on the part of the lifers on Fort Bragg but we found that the reasons given by the lifers didn't hold much for fairness towards the EM's on Bragg. They gave such excauses as, "We have been running the EM club at a loss". Now excuse me, but unless I am mistaken the club services on army posts are supposed to be in existance for the sole purpose of giving the EM a place to go to without having to worry about getting ripped off in the profit making clubs in the "military towns".

Could it be that the club services on Bragg are concerned with making money rather than to give soldiers a place that they can go to? Maybe, but there is another possibility. Since the removal of all training schools on Bragg the number of men who show patronage to these off post rip off joints was noticably reduced. Is it not conceavable that the civilians of Fayetteville could have possibly influenced the Brass to take some action to return some of this lost patronage to the rip off joints? I repeat that this is not a fact but a strong possibility.

If the brass were so concerned about the money involved it be rather simple to just change the club from E-4 and below to E-5 and below since there is virtually no difference from an E-5 and an E-4 at all nowdays except pay.

No!!! The GI's on Fort Bragg refuse to believe these tales that the lifers have given to us. We the GI's on Fort Bragg have a pretty good idea of what the real reason was and we think that it was and still is an unjust reason. We the EM's are going to band together and petition for a redress of this injustice.



Government Forces People Into the Streets...



.... and the streets again become a place to learn

The scheduled People's Constitutional Convention, called for and organized by the Black Panther Party for the end of November in Washington, D.C., was forced into the streets by government pressure on all the major meeting sites in the Washingotn area.

The convention was called in an attempt to gain human rights through a constitution that will truly serve the people, and to raise the revolutionary consciousness of the participants.

Local churches had to be used for the majority of the convention. But the space was limited and cooperation was sometimes touchy.

There was a rally Friday night that started at St. Stephans Church and moved down 16th Street to Malcom X Park for speeches and music.

The speeches, music and 10,000 people were all there, but having no place to meet and lacking any important speeches, people got edgy.

Saturday afternoon the Panthers fed everyone a great communal meal, and Saturday evening Mike 'Cetewago' Tabor, of the New York 21, Bob Scheer, ex-editor of Ramparts magazine, and Huey Newton spoke to the crowd about the direction and the meaning of the constitutional effort.

Mike Tabor read a declaration from the Black Panther Party. Some of the main points were:

**The United States is no longer a nation but an empire.

**An end to the concept of nation-states, because the so-called government of the United States is the oppressor of the people of the world acting through imperialism. Only throughthe destruction of imperialism can the success of the liberation struggles throughout the world be assured.

**Capitalism is responsible for the oppression of women, the exploitation of working people and young people, and racism.

**Support of all revolutionary people struggling for freedom.

**"All communities of the world have the power to determine their own destinies."

**The outlawing of racial exclusion.

**All elements of oppression would be swept away.

**"We foresee a system of true communism where all people produce according to their abilities and all take according to their actual needs.

**A proportional representation that would assure minorities of a voice in government.



HUEY

Huey Newton spoke on intercomunalism, the need for national boundaries to be abolished in favor of a world government within a socialist framework, free of racism and exploitation.

He said that for the revolution to accomplish this, such a goal may have to be passed from generation to generation, and cannotbe accomplished as long as the 'ruling circle' if the United States remains powerful.

Huey also said that there cannot be a people's revolutionaty constitutional convention until land is liberated, for we have been denied the use of public institutions that are supposed to belong to the people.

Huey stated he would not consider it fair for the Black Panther Party to draw up a constitution and "Drop it on the peoples' head."

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LEST WE FORGET THIS CHRISTMAS

(People are still dying in Indochina....)

WHO IS NIXON TRYING TO KID?

Who is Nixon trying to kid?

Two years ago he told the voters he had a plan to end the war in Vietnam.

But more than 11,000 young Americans have died since he took over.

Six months ago he sent troops into Cambodia and agreed to help Vietnamese units in that land.

Today the Cambodian government is complaining that the Saigon army is beginning to behave like a conquering power instead of an ally.

None of this is too surprising to anyone who knows of the traditional rivalry between the Vietnamese and the Cambodians. But won't it be a pretty sight if the Saigon army and the Cambodian army decide to fight it out?

Nixon said he would be frank and and candid about the war.

But he did not tell the American people or the U.S. Congress that we had bombed North Vietnam in mid-November.

They had to find that out from Hanoi.

Nixon has publicly expressed concern about U.S. pilots who were shot down while attacking North Vietnam.

But the rescue attpemt was nothing more than a publicity stunt which endangered the lives of all the pilots in North Vietnam.

Nixon talks of helping the people of South Vietnam.

But according to a survey conducted the U.S. military (and inserted into the Congressional Record in July by Senator Stephen Young) 65% of the Vietnamese want us to leave their country, and only 5% want us to stay

Nixon says that his Vietnamization scheme - which is based on the ridiculous assumption that the Saigon regime will be able to win a war that we couldn't-is succeeding.

But according to a recent CIA study, the Saigon government is riddled like a piece of Swiss cheese with people (30,000 est.) who support the NLF.

Nixon believes that he can disguise a militaristic and imperialistic policy with noble rhetoric and by co-opting the symbolism of the peace movement (as he did when he flashed the peace sign at demonstrators in San Jose).

Some people are obviously still fooled.

But we think that in the end Americans are going to realize that Nixon is not ending the war but just dragging it out.



WHAT DEGAULLE TOLD KENNEDY IN 1961 ABOUT VIETNAM

"For you, intervention in this area will represent an inextricable entanglement.

"From the moment that nations become awakened no outside power, no matter what its means, can ever impose its authority.

"You will experience this.

"Even if you can find governments on the spot, which, for their own interests are willing to obey you, the people themselves will not agree and - by the way they did not invite you.

"The ideological considerations you evoke will change nothing. That is why, the more you commit yourself over there against communism, the more the communists will appear as the champions of national independence, the more sympathy they will receive.

"We French have had this experience. You Americans yesterday wanted to replace us in Indochina. Now you want to rekindle the war that we have halted.

"I PREDICT THAT STEP-BY-STEP YOU WILL BE SUCKED DOWN INTO A BOTTOMLESS MILITARY AND POLITICAL QUAGMIRE, NO MATTER HOW LAVISH THE INVESTMENT IN LIVES AND TREASURE.

"Kennedy listened to me, but events were to show that I had not convinced him."



"Ah am the Ghost of Vietnam Past . . . !"

Conrad in The Los Angeles Times

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Haymarket Square	485-9792
Quaker House	485-3213
Post Inspector General	396-5106
Post JAG	396-5506
Rap House	396-2895 369-7513
82nd JAG	396-1904

SOCIALISM the road to peace and prosperity

One of the greatest lies ever put over on the American people is the assertion that America has a free enterprise system. A very small portion of our business is free enterprise: small shops, restaurants, etc. (now threatened by chains and franchising), but the majority of business is controlled by monopolistic, domineering corporations. American law says that anyone is free to compete in the business world, but it should be obvious that social conditions outweigh the laws. Is the workingman actually free to compete with General Motors?

The "free enterprise" system says that competition should be encouraged, but corporations found that competition reduces profit. It does so because of the fact that to compete, one corporation must make a better product than its competitor. By working together, and pretending to compete, large corporations can build cheap goods, knowing they won't be forced off the market. Once corporations grow large enough, they can produce goods at far less expense than small business, thereby cancelling out new competitors. This is what leads to monopolies and closed markets. This control over the market is not something new. As far back as 1888 the problem was recognized. President Grover Cleveland said, "As we view achievement of aggregated capital, we discover the existence of trusts, combinations, and monopolies, while the citizen is struggling far in the rear or is trampled to death beneath an iron heel. Corporations which should be carefully restrained creatures of the law and the servants of the people are fast becoming the people's masters."

Attempts were made by the Federal trade commission and the anti-trust division of the Department of Justice. Though attempts were made, they met with little success. When the Standard Oil Company was "dissolved" in 1911, J'P' Morgan said, "No law can make a man compete with himself." He was proved correct.

By 1935 one-tenth of one per cent of all corporations owned controlling interest (52% in this case) of all other corporations. One-tenth of one per cent received over 50% of the net incomes of all corporations. This is a perfect example of "the rich get richer and the poor get poorer."

Some may say, "Corporations are owned by many stockholders." The truth is that even though stock ownership is spread out among many people, the largest part of the stock sold by a corporation is in the hands of a very few, and they make the huge profits.

DEPRESSION

The concentration of wealth is one of the basic faults of the capitalist economy. The workingman's income is generally too small to consume all the goods produced, and at the same time, the capitalist has far too much money to spend on consumer goods, or invest in a market burdened by the poverty of the masses.



The problem of mass production has been solved, but the problem of mass consumption has prevailed; thus the result is breakdown of the economy -- depression.

With the market flooded by goods and with no demand for all the goods produced, production is then slowed down. To slow down production, workers are laid off. Being laid off gives them even less money than they had, and therefore leads to even less demand for goods.

WAR IS BIG BUSINESS

Capitalists found that only in time of war could full use of money, materials and manpower come about.

Large monopoly industry, having found they could produce goods at a much greater rate than their countrymen could consume them, were forced to go to new markets. One of the richest markets to be found was the government, and specifically the Defense Department. The government could purchase a tremendous amount of goods, at a terrible cost to the taxpayer, and at a large profit to big business. These expenditures on the part of government could easily be justified as "in the national interest" or to "preserve freedom."

As an example, after World War II the need to justify the defense spending was great. It was at this time that the military began to preach the unbelievable story of the "monolithic communist conspiracy to conquer the free world." These stories not only justified the defense spending, but also made conditions ripe for war with the communist countries.

On June 25, 1950, units of the US-controlled South Korean Army crossed over the 38th parallel and the Korean war began. This was a tremendous help to big business. It not only led to big profits, but also substantiated the fear of communism, since Americans were told they were defending the free world.

When the Korean war was over the "cold war" began again. However, it was not long before the US government was involved in another war "to preserve freedom" -- Vietnam.

Now with opposition to the war in Vietnam growing, the military-industrial complex must look for a new country and a new war. It has been found in the name of Israel.

With the increased production, due to near-constant war, big business needs foreign countries for natural resources and a place to unload surplus goods. Although profits from these foreign ventures are taken by big business, the US government (military) is used to protect the investment.

President Taft said that, "while our foreign policy should not be turned a hair's breadth from the straight path of justice, it may well be made to include active intervention to secure for our merchandise and our capitalist opportunity for profitable investment." With the balance of big business changing in the world and each government trying to keep the profits of its country's business high, war inevitably comes about. Imperialism leads to war and capitalism leads to imperialism.

THE BIGGEST WASTE

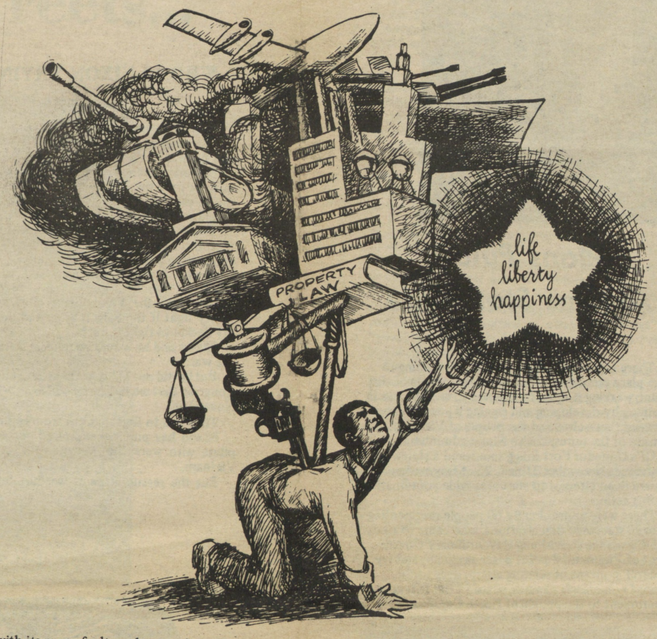
Another basic fault of capitalism is that it is wasteful and inefficient. Under capitalism some of the population can not work even if they want to, while thousands are able to receive incomes without working.

The system is also wasteful because it employs thousands of salesmen and advertisers who spend their time in the absurd practice of selling different brands of the same product.

Another example of wastefulness is that the system is not concerned with taking care of the people it is supposedly serving, but instead is concerned with the margin of profit and keeping a high demand for goods, which leads to destruction of foodstuffs and manufactured goods. And it must be remembered that capitalism leads to war, the biggest waste of all.

IRRATIONAL

An obvious fault of capitalism is that it is irrational. A system cannot serve the needs of the people when it is more concerned with the margin of profit the capitalist receives.



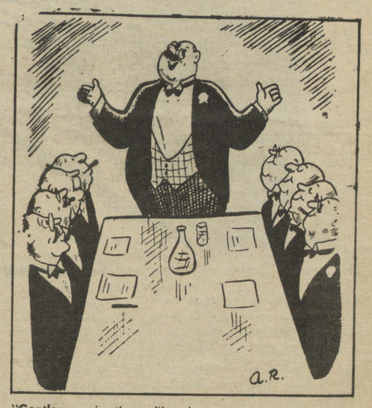
Capitalism, with its many faults and contradictions is a very unjust system. Capitalism cannot be reformed, the faults are inherent in the system itself. To serve the needs of the people capitalism must be replaced.

SOCIALISM – A PLANNED ECONOMY

Socialism is not a cure-all for society's problems, but it will alleviate the problems created under capitalism, that is: poverty, exploitation, insecurity and war.

Socialism is not a reformed capitalism but a completely different economic system, free of contradictions.

Socialism operates under the principle of collective effort for collective benefit. Production will come about because of the need for goods, not for the need of profits. Socialism is not concerned with keeping up a high demand for goods. With the elimination of profit, production can continue as long as it serves the needs of the people.



"Gentlemen, in times like these we must all make sacrifices — let's lay off another 500."

The fear workers now have of depressions, inflations, layoffs, etc., will vanish because workers can rely on a planned economy to insure constant employment and a constant flow of goods.

With the means of production in the hands of the workers, no one man will be in the position to exploit another. No individual can make a profit off another's labor.

When the measure of a man's success is no longer the amount of money he has, then men will no longer feel the need to step on each other.

Another and perhaps the most important change would be the elimination of imperialist wars. Although foreign market could be utilized, the absolute need for them would be greatly lowered.

The essence of socialism is that the goods producing capital of a country (factories, shops, etc.) would no longer be owned and mismanaged by a few, but would be owned by all, for the benefit of all.

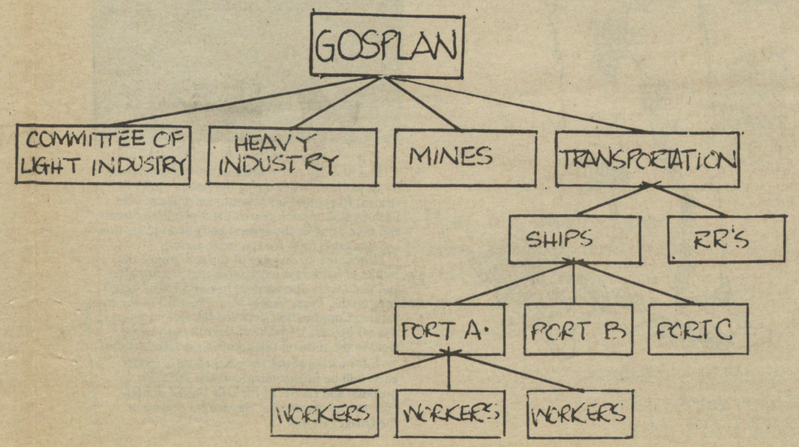


CENTRALIZED PLANNING FOR SOCIALISM

Centralized planning is necessary to a socialist economy. Many feel that it is too big a job for the economy of a large industrial nation to be planned by a small group of officials. This has been proven wrong by many countries. A planned economy has been used successfully by the Soviet Union, Cuba, North Korea, and other socialist states.

The argument has been brought up that the US (capitalist) has the highest standard of living in the world. But it must be noted that the US was one of the earliest countries to industrialize. The socialist states have done in 50 years or less what the United States took 200 years to do. This fact must be accepted regardless of one's opinion of the Soviet states.

As an example of centralized planning we will discuss the Soviet Union. Their economy is handled by the State Planning Commission (Gosplan). The task taken on by the Gosplan is to accumulate statistics on the number of workers, mines, factories, resources, railroads, trucks, ships, docks, etc. With these statistics they determine what a factory, for instance, did the year before, what it will do the present year, what it will do in the future. The ideas put out by the Gosplan are not the final plans, however. The plans must be approved by all the people. Each phase of industry has its own planning committees which work their way up to the central committee. This diagram shows it more clearly.



This diagram is obviously incomplete, but it illustrates the idea of different levels of committees.

Under this system the citizens of a socialist country can control their economy. They decide what they have, what they need, and how they will go about getting what they need.

The aim of a socialist is to set up a society which would be free of the contradictions and evils of the capitalist society.

The only thing that most Americans know about socialism is that they don't like it. It is either taken as a joke, or feared because it would enslave "free America." This common belief couldn't be farther from the truth.

All citizens of America are slaves now -- because of capitalism. It goes without saying that the one exception is, of course, the capitalists themselves.

Capitalism is a system whereby a small segment of society can control the masses simply by owning and manipulating all resources and wealth as is necessary. This wealth includes everything from natural resources (land, oil, iron, etc.) to all means of production (factories, shops, etc.). By incorporating this system, capitalists need not work, but only sit back while the working class supports them. One class lives by owning; the other class lives by working. Capitalists get their income by controlling the production of goods; the working class, on the other hand, gets its income by producing the goods for the capitalists.

It is therefore obvious that the capitalist needs to be producing goods constantly and the worker, who is also the consumer, needs to purchase these goods as they are produced. The wise and successful businessman is the one who invests the least possible into production, yet takes back as much from the market as he can.

One of the major expenses of production is labor. It is in the capitalists' interest to pay the lowest wages possible and still employ workers. The capitalist must make profits or he ceases to be a capitalist, and the worker must make decent wages to survive. When the worker makes a lot of money, the capitalist cannot afford to pay labor to produce goods; yet when the worker is not paid enough, he cannot pay for the goods produced. Each can succeed only at the expense of the other. The so-called "harmony" between labor and capital is non-existent.

With the capitalists need to constantly produce goods, there also arises the need for constant markets.

As an example, when the automobile industry manufactures enough cars to satisfy the needs of America it cannot afford to stop production. Instead, they try to convince Americans that they "need" a newer and "better" car. To do this the industry procures an advertising firm, at a great expense, to convince the consumer of his need. One would think that the money spent on advertising could be more wisely spent on the product to be advertised. But instead, as an added bonus to the customer, to help him decide, the original automobile is produced so poorly that the need does actually exist to replace it.

In this way the capitalist is assured of constant production, and the worker is assured of constant wages. These wages are spent purchasing the capitalist's goods, each time at a profit for the capitalist, and a loss to the worker.

This system is employed by all manufacturers, not just the auto industry. Make note of the new models of t.v.'s, refrigerators, washing machines, etc. Each year's model is "better" or "improved." The examples of deceit by big business are too numerous to mention.

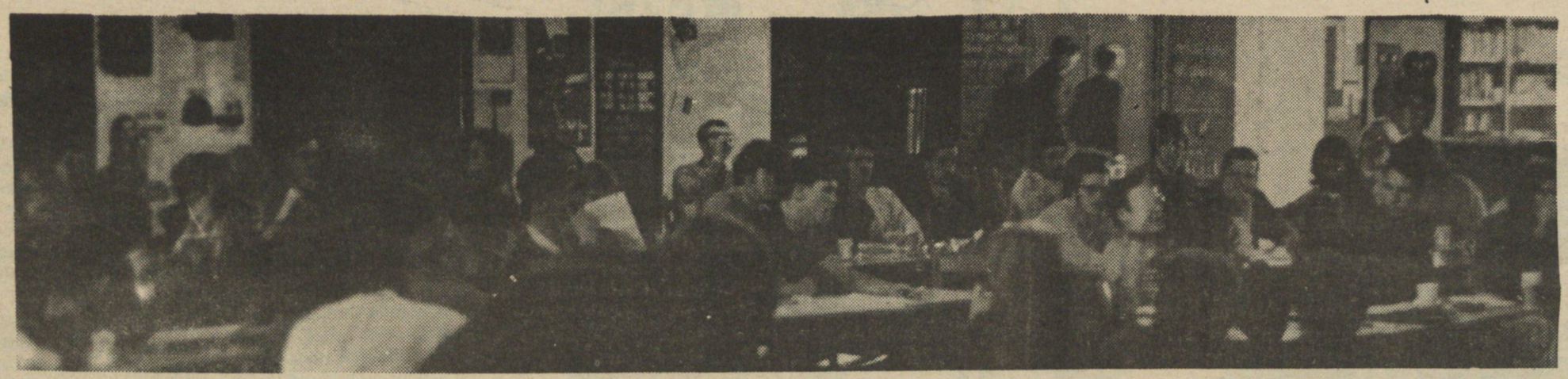
The Soviet system is not necessarily the only system that could be used. It must be noted that the United States would not need to go through the tremendous struggle to industrialize. The US is already heavily industrialized and could step into a socialist economy easily. Of course there would be a letdown for the Rockefellers, Fords, Duponts, etc. The US would not become Russian but would develop the type of socialism best suited for itself.

People in the United States must begin working for socialism. Capitalism is destroying itself and will destroy America with it. Only through socialism can America save itself and what it stands for.

Capitalism is the law of the jungle, survival of the fittest. Socialism is civilization, cooperation and brotherhood.

---- Pete Gorczynsky

Peace Conference Hosted by GI's United

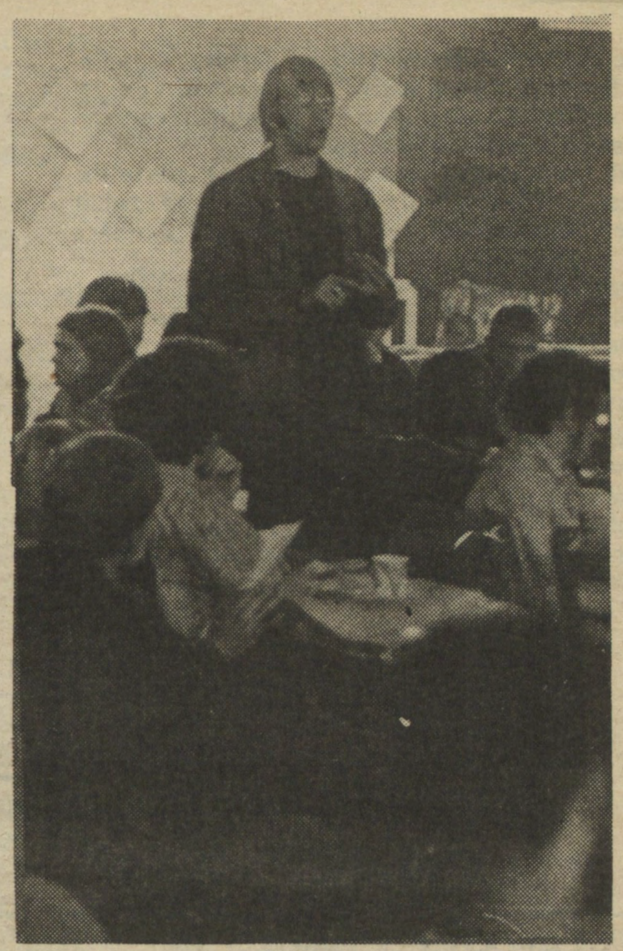


Plans Future Actions Statewide

There is now national coordination starting to take place around the concept of the people of this country taking it upon themselves to end the war in Vietnam by developing and signing a peace treaty between themselves and the people of Vietnam, outside of the unresponsive Nixon administration.

GI's Unitedof Fort Bragg sponsored a statewide conference November 21 and 22 at Haymarket Square in an attempt to start area-wide coordination on this action.

There were approximatly 60 people representing a dozen statewide organizations, who came to study and discuss the Provisional Revolutionary Government of Vietnams' 8 point peace program, and try to develop means of relating alternatives to the present non-efforts towards peace of the federal government to the people of North Carolina.



The first day of the conference was given mostly to workshops discussing the points of the Provisional Revolutionary Governments peace plan. Each workshop took one of the 8 points to discuss, and then bring to the general body an explaination and workable form for statewide action.

During the second day of the conference the results of Saturdays work were altered somewhat, and plans were discussed on having a large conference on the Peace Treaty idea sometime in the near future. Coordination between the various groups was set up, and ideas about the roles of various areas in the state on this action were talked about.

Information about the planned state conference will be forthcoming, and the PRG peace proposal and results of the GI's United conference can be obtained at Haymarket Square or the Quaker House.



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Dinner at Haymarket

GI's and civilian supporters joined together on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, to hold a people's dinner in Haymarket Square coffeehouse.

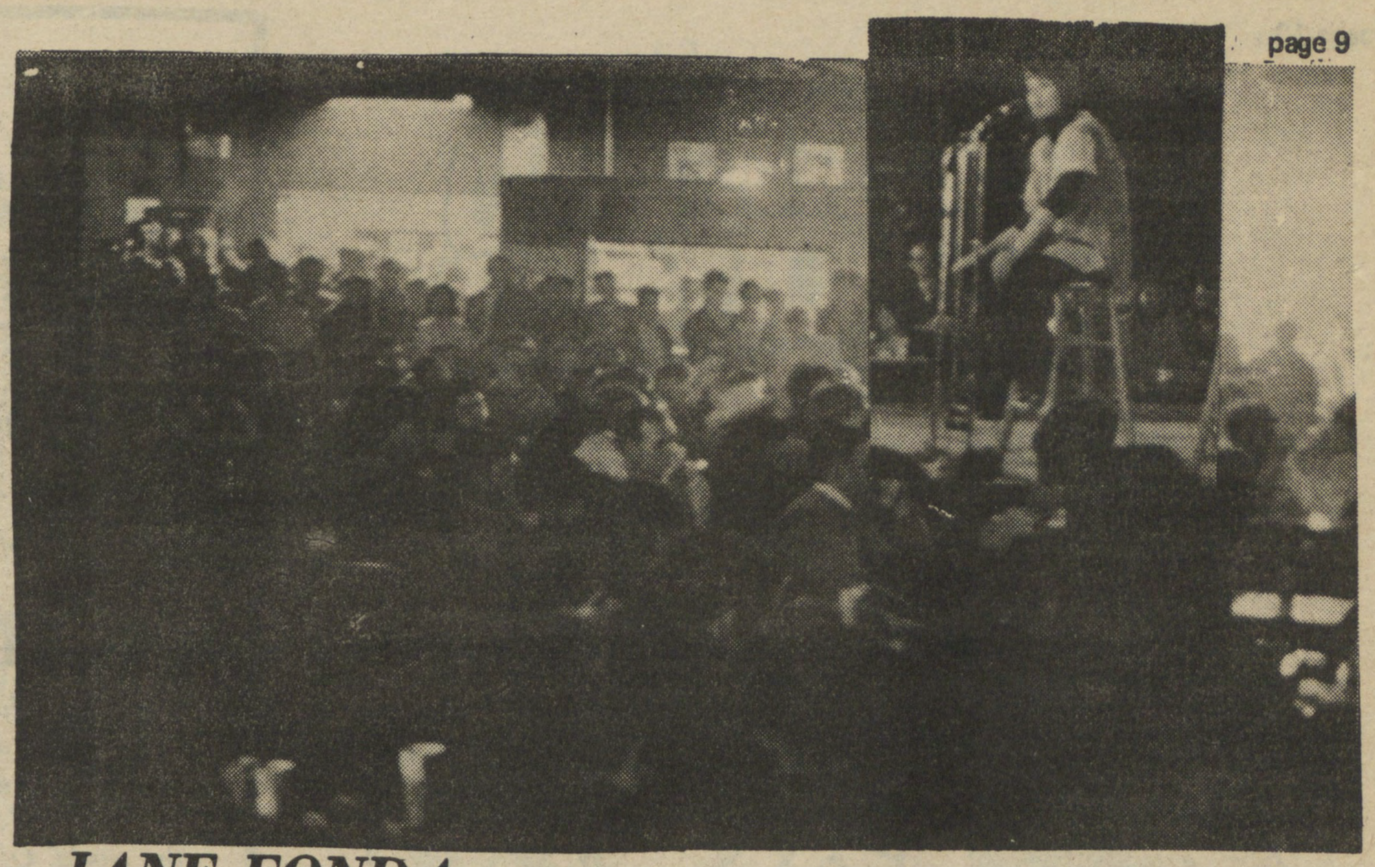
A joint project of Haymarket Square, Quaker House, Friendship House, and many other residents of Fayetteville/ Fort Bragg (even including a few friendly merchants), the meal, billed as a Soldiers' Thanksgiving Benefit Dinner, drew over 100 people, most of them GI's, to feast on turkey with all the trimmings, ham, candied yams, and a variety of salads and desserts. The coffeehouse added free coffee, cider and soft drinks for the meal. After dinner, musicians got together in a jam session to end the evening.

Libby Hamm, one of the people who worked on planning and preparing the dinner, said, "The real purpose of Thanksgiving is giving. That's why we're all here: to share what we have with our brothers and sisters -- to really give to each other."

For those who worked on setting up the dinner, there were some good and some bad experiences. Some of those asked to donate did so gladly, with such comments as, "This is really a fine idea: why hasn't anyone in Fayetteville ever done this before?" (Could it possibly have anything to do with a general attitude of contempt toward GI's, except when they're spending money?) Others turned us away as "hippies" and "peace queers" (which shows where some people's heads are at with regard to sex/war.

For GI's, it was an opportunity to eat a great meal without having to dress up and stare at a bunch of officers. Instead, you could have your turkey and FTA too. As one GI put it, "I felt a lot more comfortable eating 'Thanksgiving' dinner at Haymarket Square than I could have in the mess hall."

Bob Brown is in the stockade for having to much fun in the Army. He's in jail for doing cartwheels in the Company street, for being too friendly with majors and first sergeants, and for some strange reason, not thinking the war in Vietnam is fun



JANE FONDA

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Real violence is rats biting children, bigoted cops harassing blacks, and the government staging morning massacres of Panthers.

Jane Fonda talked of many things with the GI's of Fort Bragg, and left with people having a few more questions and maybe a few more answers about what's happening to themselves and this country.

Jane Fonda also left people knowing that they had just met a very committed woman. A woman who had seen much in life, and what she had seen had make her stop and do some thinking - some very serious thinking.

Jane Fonda cares very much about people and the lives they are forced to live. She has made the decision to take it upon herself to try to go out and work for people - a very big decision - a very big person.

answer period during which Jane answered questions from the audience on everything from the Black Panther Party to the ways women are oppressed in this society.

She told of the 'Winter Soldier Investigations' that soldiers and Vietnam veterans are calling for to investigate war crimes while the war is still in progress. Jane asked everyone to listen for it and help make people realize what's going on over there.

When asked about the Panther Party, Jane said she supports it because the Panthers are trying to develop a government representative of the people and build a country where people aren't exploited and don't have to live in fear of the government.

Many people are afraid of the Black Panthers because of the press write-ups which back the government's efforts to destroy the Panthers.

If people would look at the situation objectively they would see that the Panthers are not lying when they state that they have taken up arms in self-defense;

Polluted Mother Goose!

FROM THE **ECOLOGY PAPERS** SEWANEE TENNESEE

Jack be nimble,
Jack, be quick;
Jack, jump over
The big oil slick.



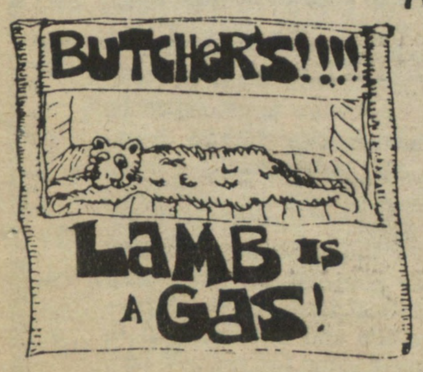


Hush-a-bye, Birdy.
On the tree top,
When the wind blows,
Your breathing will stop.
When the wind dies,
Your feathers will fall,
And down will come Birdy,
Springtime and all.



Jack and Jill went up the hill
To fetch a pail of water;
Jack came down with hepatitis,
And Jill came down soon after.

Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep
And doesn't know where to find them:
They ate some grass
Flavored with gas
Which seriously undermined them.





Mistress Mary, quite contrary,
How does your garden grow?
With Ford Sedans and Miller cans
And coke bottles all in a row.



"YUH DONE GOOD, BOY.. NOW DON'T WORRY, IF ANY OF THEM IS STILL ALIVE. WE'LL HANG 'EM."

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ARTICLE 138: IN DEFENCE OF *YOUR* RIGHTS

Bob Rivken entered the Army as a draftee He caught hell in basic, got harassed about not buying a savings bond in AIT, and served as an EM both at Ft. Polk and Korea.

He was different only because he was a lawyer, a graduate of Yale Law School who refused a four year hitch as a JAG Captain to serve two years as an enlisted man advising and defending other GI's in a Legal Assistance Office.

When he ETSed, however, he didn't go home and forget the Army...he wrote a book, GI Rights and Army Justice: The Draftee's Guide to Military Life and Law, an invaluable guide for GI'S both new and old. The book is oriented for the draftee and follows him from the induction center to ETS, advising on everything from reenlistment interviews to Article 15's.

GI Rights and Army Justice, though, goes much further. Besides giving legal advice on everything from court-martials to getting out for good, it explores the meaning of the military in American society today.

Rivken explores "The Military Mind" commenting about the authoritarian nature of militarist's psychological makeup that allows them to be fanatically anti-Communist and at the same time willing to accept the alternate totalitarian tyranny of the military itself.

Says Rivken, "And yet if there should ever be a 'Communist takeover' (or a Fascist takeover, for that matter) in the US, it is likely that they would become the system's bureaucratic functionaries and that you would join the democratic guerrilla resistance."

Rivken's perceptive analogies also extend to the dilemma of the black lifer versus the black draftee, to the bureaucratic hassle of applying for conscientious objector discharge, and to an exploration of the brainwashing techniques of basic and AIT.

The book is easy to understand, legally sound, and cautious. Rivken had the help of Melvin Wulf and Marvin Karpatkin of the American Civil Liberties Union in New York on legal matters and footnotes legal precedents and cases heavily.



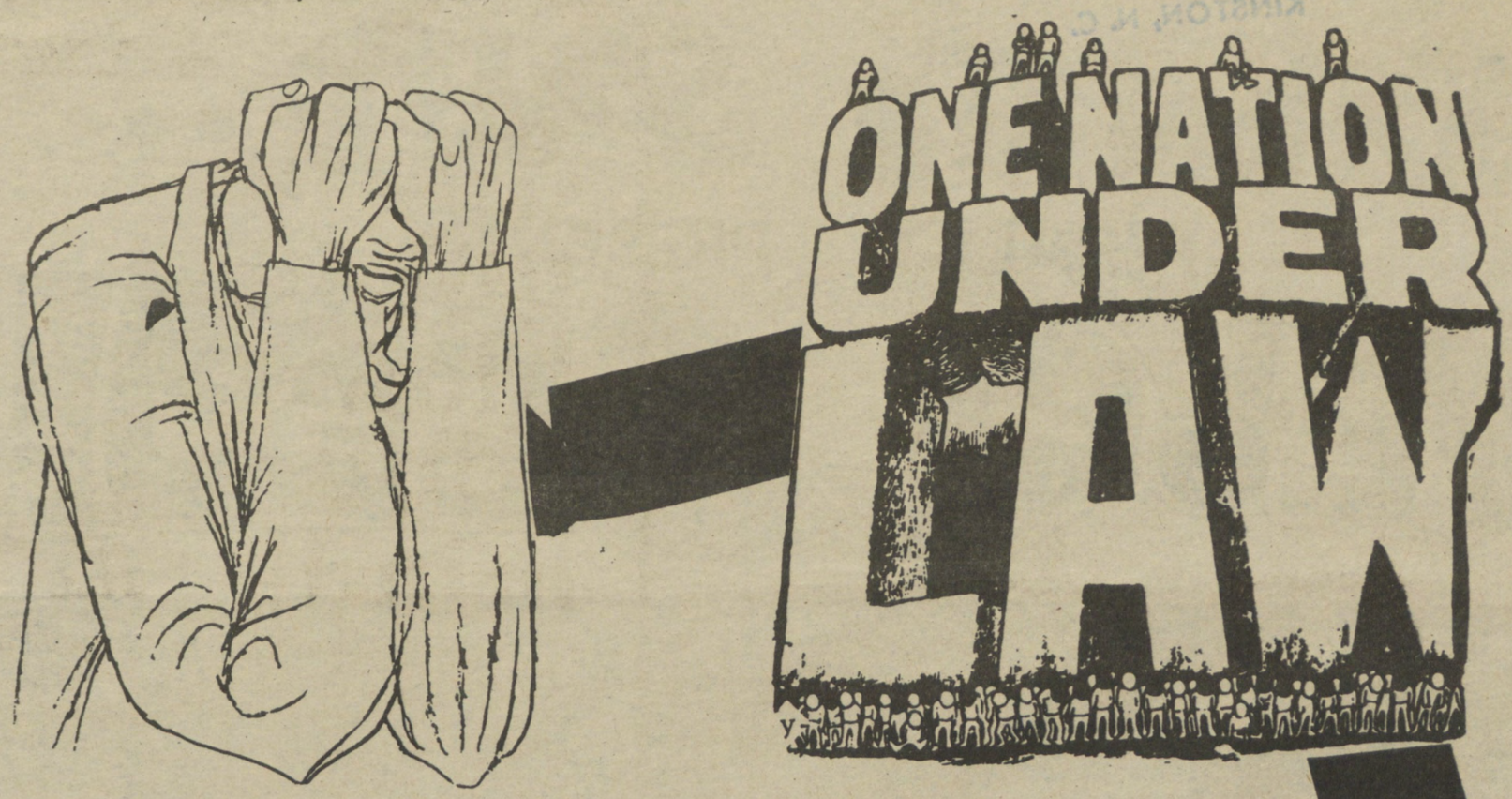
The cautious warnings of legal uncertainty and extra-legal harassment certain to accompany testing those uncertainties will perhaps be most criticized by active GI's.

The book also fails to describe a "how-to" approach of opposition--it describes the legal aspects, and leaves it to the individual to plot his course of action. From this weakness arises the book's strongest section, its description of little-known Article 138 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Article 138, part of a law passed by Congress and not an AR, allows any soldier considering himself wronged by any commanding officer to submit a complaint in any format to any officer for redress. Article 138 further requires that the complaint be examined and ultimately forwarded all the way to the Secretary of the Army in Washington.

Such a powerful procedure that makes it impossible for an IG or other officers to cover up a complaint is so strong that Department of the Army is said to be preparing a new Army Regulation to try to surround Article 138 with administrative technicalities to limit its strength.

The book's other main weakness is its failure to explore the political nature of the military itself. How many officers lobby in Congress, secure large contracts for friendly defense contractors, manipulate through vast public relations budgets the minds of people all over the country, and insulate themselves from Congressional or other outside criticism is almost totally ignored. But the book really isn't a political attack on the Army. It is a guide to life and law and that is what gives it great value for the average GI.







IN MEMORY OF FRED HAMPTON, ASSASSINATED DECEMBER 4, 1969

Fred Hampton, a black man
was slain in his bed
on a cold morning.
That was a death day for you, America.
Never could it have been colder
than at 5 a.m. that morning in Chicago
when your armed police,
understanding all too well
the meaning of Fred Hampton,
aimed their pistols at his head.
Your bullets didn't stop Joe Hill
or Malcolm X
or women still unnamed,
Martyrs whose lives you never taught us we should celebrate.
All that blood we remember
it flows in us forever
We have the time
the tears
the blood
anything it takes to win.

Discrimination

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more disguised running into excuses such as 'just rented' or for couples or civilians or 'people who will be living in the area a certain length of time.

By rights, the white landlady should have felt the full weight of the law on her back.

**The civil rights acts of the 1960's clearly prohibit racial discrimination.

**AR 600-18 gives a post CO authority to put off-limits any place which arbitrarily discriminate against servicemen. This means that the housing allowance will be withheld from any GI occupying such a dwelling.

**AR 600-4 details how to file a complaint with the Department of Housing and Urban Development to bring legal sanctions against offenders (HUD form 903 which is available from the Housing Office.)

Three weeks ago Lt. Cooper filed a complaint stating that even as an officer, he could find no responsible military officer or agency to follow up hi complaint. He has gotten no written reply to his letter to date.

In conferences with Major Jones, the Housing officer and Mr. Edge, the Equal Employment Opportunity official, Lt. Cooper learned that no complain about racial discrimination in housing has ever bee filed at Fort Bragg.

Even worse, no office has yet taken steps to hel black GI's fight housing discrimination by investi gating cases of discrimination and by filing suits a gainst racist landlords.

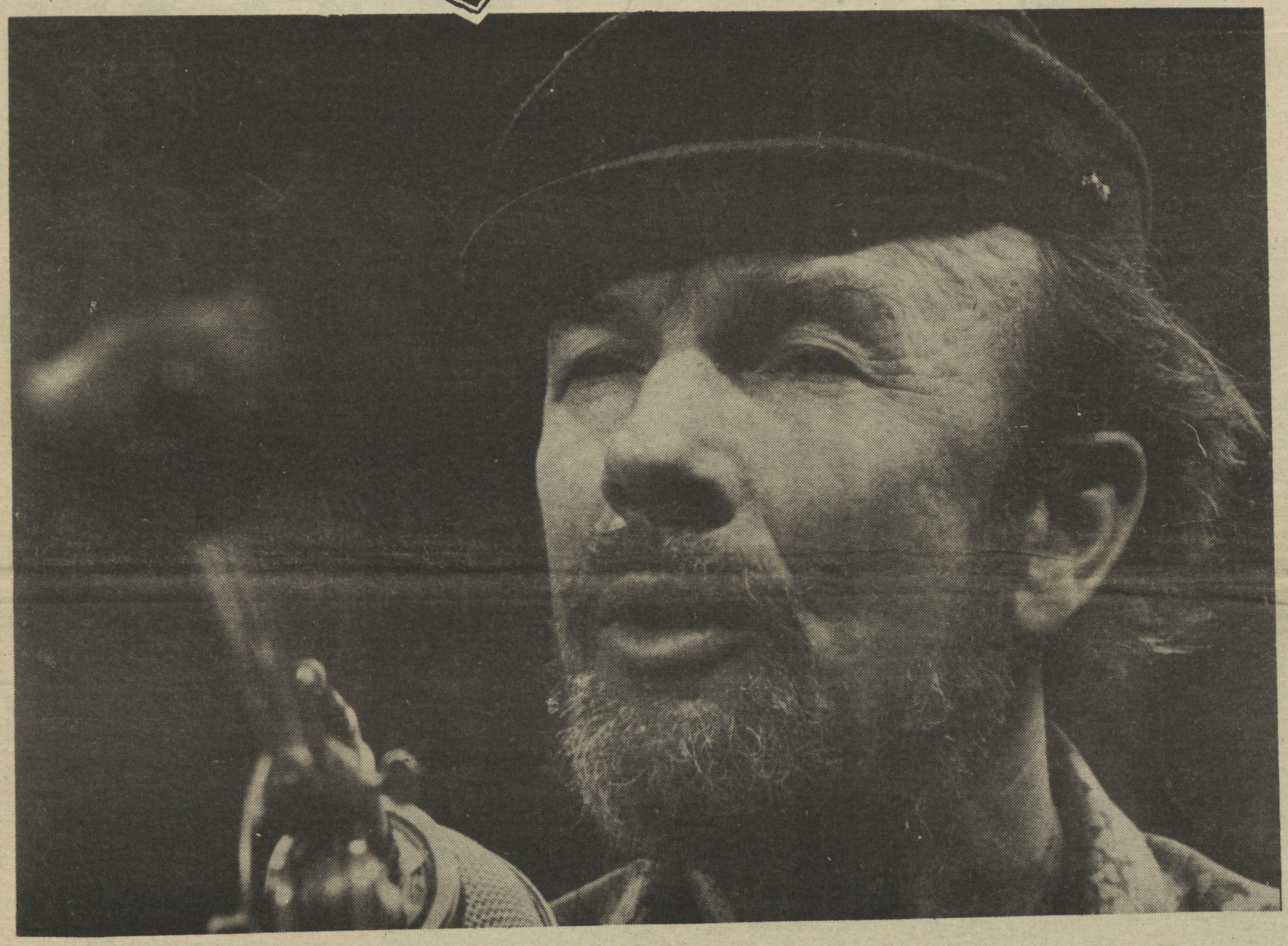
Lt. Cooper observed that this was hardly sur prising: none of the officials charged with handlin these cases are blacks; with few exceptions they ar white southerners.

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