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GENERAL INFORMATION

"The Vietnam Veteran in Contemporary Society" is a handy little booklet being put out by the VA's Department of Medicine and Surgery that is full of facts, figures, and statistics about Vietnam veterans. The stock number is 5100-0057 and the price is \$2.75 each. They can and should be had by writing to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Wash. D.C. 20402.

"We Say No to Your War" - The brothers and sisters from the Covered Wagon at Mt. Home AFB, Idaho have just recently released a record of songs of the GI Movement titled "We Say No to Your War". We just recieved a copy of it and it is excellent. Copies can be had by writing to Pardon Records, PO Box 889, Brooklyn, NY 11202. We don't know what the price is so you'll have to get it from them.

Political Prisoners in the South - There is a very detailed booklet just put out titled "Torture, Liquidation of the Peace Criminals". Anyone wanting a copy should write to the US Committee to Aid the NLF, Box C, Old Chelsea Station, NYC 10011.

REGIONAL NEWS

Kansas-Western Missouri - The region is making preparations for another re-supply run to Cairo, Ill. on April 4th. They are gathering food and supplies for the people of the United Front. If your chapter or region is interested in going along with them on April 4th, contact the regional office in Kansas City ASAP.

Ohio-Indiana-Kentucky - Cincinnati: The Cincinnati chapter is working hard to support the United Farmworkers boycott of all A&P and Safeway Stores for selling non-union lettuce and for general principles also. They are also actively supporting and working with the Jimmy Hardy Defense Committee. Anyone interested in Jimmy Hardy's case should write to the Cincy chapter.

Northern Kentucky State College: The chapter is now providing a military counseling service on campus primarily for all the reservists at school. Any chapters that are interested in doing something similar, contact their regional office for the address. If you already are doing counseling, they would like you to write them so they can gain from your work also.

California - The regional office has put together two reports in pamphlet form on Indochina, mainly taken from government studies. They are titled "Getting Ready for Political Competition in Vietnam" and "The Economic Cost of Ending the War in Indochina". Both are free for the asking, but try to send some bread.

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New York - New York City chapter: The NYC chapter has broken down into six committees. 1) Committee To Defend VVAW 2) GI Committee 3) Political Education Committee 4) Recreation Committee 5) Southeast Asia Committee 6) Vets Affairs Committee

Third World Causus: is getting together a frum on racism and repression in the military. Interested people should write to: TWC c/o VVAW NYC.

The NYC chapter is planning a demo March 1st on political prisoners in the south. They will have a march from the UN to the SVN puppet consulate complete with tiger cages, etc.

Regional Meetings:

Eatern Penn-Delaware- March 10th.

Northern Illinois-Iowa

Chicago- The Chicago chapter of VVAW is 20 months young. It's been a very active chapter, due to the size of Chicago, and the number of vets in and around the majestic Chicagoland area. There has been a steady turnover of active membership. About 100 vets have been active. Most of them are now long gone.

The present membership have analysed why, and here are our conclusions and remedies. There have been no concrete programs for vets to plug into. We've started many programs, but they've always fell through due to lack of discipline, motivation, and education. The key to these three reasons is education. The membership needs more than just gut anger. Long term struggle and discipline depend on concious thought, directed by unified and directed ideas.

We've divided the chapter into 2 groups. These groups are a combination of rap and education. These groups decide for themselves what to study and rap about. Examples: one group rounded up all the info on the struggle in the Philippines and read and discussed it at one of their get togethers, while the other read an article on racism and discused that. These groups serve another purpose in that new members are channeled into a study group, and gain the feeling of direction and unity. So far the study group idea is working well. The people in a group are feeling tighter and consequently are working in a more unified and concrete way. The chapter hasn't been this ORGANized ever. We think it's important that we not look back on our history as a chapter and fell that we've been stupid and fucked up, but rather that it just took a lot of ups and downs to come to a more stable and effective way of doing things. As far as the revolution is concerned: We've come along way brothers and sisters, and there's two things we've finally figured out:

1. We're gonna get our asses kicked!
2. WE'RE GONNA WIN!!!!

NATIONAL REPORTS

Amnesty Conference Banned!

Three members of VVAW, Ed Damato, Sailor John McGarrity, and John Musgrave, left for Paris with the intention of attending a 3-day international conference on amnesty, an issue of great concern to all Americans. However, VVAW recieved an order signed by the Chief of Police of Paris banning VVAW from any meetings about amnesty in France. The punishment for this "crime" is deportation or 1 year in jail. The French police have effectively stopped all meetings and press conferences by using force and threats.

Who is really behind this order? Why are Vietnam Veterans specifically banned? We believe you will find the answer to these questions in the White House. Only Nixon would not want veterans of his criminal war to voice their support of unconditional amnesty. The American Embassy in Paris stated right out front that the American government had pressured the French action. So there it is. Nixon has lavished great concern over the returning of POW's held in Indochina, men who killed thousands of innocent Indochinese people, yet he has shown only scorn for those men who saw through the lies and refused to participate in mass murder....the draft resisters and military deserters.

Nixon is using us, the Vietnam Veterans, saying that it will be a great disservice to those who served in the military to allow resisters and deserters to return home. Now, when Vietnam Veterans wish to voice their support for these men, Nixon has used his international power to stop us. Is he afraid of us? We believe so. Nixon has again and again tried to discredit VVAW, as in the Watergate Case and the Gainesville Conspiracy Trial. Nixon obviously does not want the American people to know what Vietnam Veterans feel about resisters and deserters, those outside the U.S. and those hiding here at home; and he will go to great lengths to still our voices.

What do we feel about these men? VVAW believes that all these men are our brothers. They are POW's, stopped from returning home or coming out of hiding because of their courage and conscience; and that as such, they should all be repatriated honorably, no strings attached. The war in Indochina is wrong, and therefore those that refused to kill should be honored, not condemned. If Lt. Calley, a convicted mass-murderer, can go skiing in Vail, Colorado, should not the men who harmed no one come home without penalty? If pilots of jet-bombers, killers of thousands, can drive free Lincoln Continentals, should not the men of conscience come home with honor? VVAW knows they should. Total, unconditional repatriation, (amnesty), is the only just answer. The National Collective has not heard from any of our delegates over there yet, so the specific details of this repressive act are not yet all known. National is meeting with other concerned groups in the near future to decide how best to set the conference up again. For more information on this, check out future newsletters.

Two VVAW Members In Japan For Bikini-Day Demonstration

The Japan Council Against A & H Bombs, (Gensuikyo), recently invited Steve Hawkins of the National Collective and Gary Staiger of VVAW-NOSCAM to participate in Gensuikyo's March 1st Bikini-Day demonstration. This demonstration, held each year and often having more than 10,000 participants, is one of the largest peace rallies in Japan. Numerous delegates from around the world will be attending it. On March 1, 1954, the USAF dropped a hydrogen bomb, (an F-F-F type, the dirtiest in terms of its radioactivity), on Bikini Atol in the Pacific and showered a Japanese fishing boat, the 5th Lucky Dragon, with its death ash. All 27 crew-members became sick, with one, Mr. Aikichi Kuboyama, eventually dying. The Bikini test came less than 10 years after the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and had a tremendous psychological impact on the Japanese people. Since then, a very strong Japanese peace movement has developed that advocates a complete ban on nuclear weapons and has more recently mobilized the Japanese people against the U.S. war in Indochina.

The relationship between U.S. nuclear blackmail and the war in Indochina is unfortunately not that well understood and is one of the things that is emphasized by the Bikini-Day commemoration. The Bikini test came just a few weeks before the fall of Dien Bien Phu, and at a time that the U.S. was rapidly moving

into the vacuum left by the disintegration of the French colonial regime. It was a clear attempt by the U.S. to intimidate the Vietnamese people with America's nuclear might. To this day, that same policy of nuclear blackmail is followed by the Nixon administration, (the same Nixon that was advocating this policy as vice-president in 1954), in its attempts to defeat the liberation struggle of the Vietnamese. Bikini-Day stands as a symbol of the nuclear horror the United States has held over the heads of the peoples of the world for nearly 30 years.

As Steve was stationed in Okinawa and had first-hand knowledge of U.S. nuclear policy in Asia, he was invited to testify about his experience before the Japanese peace movement. Gary will be representing VVAW-NOSCAM and coordinating our activities with the GI movement in Japan and Okinawa. He will be visiting the GI projects at Yokota-Yokasuka, Iwakuni MCAS and in Okinawa. All of these projects have VVAW chapters. As Japan today sits at the center of U.S. military policy for the pacific rim, its strategic importance to world peace is incredibly important to us all. VVAW is honored to be able to show solidarity with our Japanese brothers and sisters who are so effectively working to end U.S. military aggression in Asia.

END U.S. NUCLEAR BLACKMAIL! ALL POWER TO THE GI MOVEMENT IN JAPAN!
SOLIDARITY WITH THE JAPANESE PEOPLE!

Amilcar Cabral Assassinated!

Amilcar Cabral, leader of PAIGC, Guine-Bissau: Born 1924, Assassinated Jan. 20, 1973.

Last August I had the distinct honor of meeting Amilcar Cabral, a truly great man. I was in Tokyo for a conference against nuclear war that Mr. Cabral was addressing. As veterans of the war in Indochina, we often lose sight of the fact that Vietnam is not the only nation fighting for its independence. Guine-Bissau is another such nation. It, along with Angola and Mozambique, has been fighting for over 500 years to free itself from the oppression of Portuguese colonialism. The struggle for liberation and self-determination that the peoples of Guine and Vietnam are undergoing is universal in nature. Amilcar Cabral was the leader of those forces in Guine-Bissau that were, and are, fighting for this liberation. Cabral helped to found the African Independence Party for Guine and Cape Verde - PAIGC in 1956. After 500 years of subjugation, PAIGC began armed struggle in 1963 after extensive political education was carried out with the people. Today they control over 2/3rds of their land. In April 1972, an official United Nations team visited the liberated areas of Guine and testified not only to the military and economic control of PAIGC, but also to the outstanding development of social institutions such as education and health care that have been built in the liberated 2/3rds of the country.

Amilcar Cabral's assassination is a great loss to Africa and all people struggling for liberation throughout the world. His murder at the hands of the Portuguese is a testimony to the desperation of the colonizers. As great a loss as his death was, however, the will and determination of the people of Guine to win their freedom will only be deepened by it. Like the Vietnamese they will inevitably win! In his memory VVAW expresses it's deepest solidarity with the liberation struggle of the people of Guine-Bissau. By Brian Adams, National Collective.

A GUINE VINCERA! GUINE WILL WIN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

POW Vs. Vets

Well, Well! Here we see the greatly heralded return of the fabulous POW's, all dutifully chanting, "thank you Mr. Nixon," everytime someone flashes a microphone at them... at least those that get near a media-type are saying it. The POW's that haven't learned their lines so well are going to have a hard time saying anything. But we know that the U.S. Government wouldn't stoop so low as to tell the faithful what

"original moving speeches" to give at their regimented reception ceremonies.

It astounds one to see the turn-about that this government can perform when it is in its interest to draw attention to something. Nixon found it useful to draw attention to the POWs so he could play the hero when they were returned. He finds it very useful to roll out the red carpet and have newspapers, TV, etc. whip up public sympathy for these returning war prisoners so he can have each and every one of these men say "Thank you, Mr. Nixon" on TV. Somehow, our brothers and sisters suffering in VA hospitals, unemployed, in prisons, permanently crippled, were conveniently overlooked in the glare of the POW farce. While men who have participated in illegal, genocidal warfare are offered new cars, tax breaks, monthly cash payments and houses, their counterparts, the other forgotten POWs, the NLF are still being systematically tortured, and barbarously executed in gross violation of the ceasefire agreement. While the press fills its pages with articles fairly dripping with bogus patriotic pap and lauds the POWs to the fullest, our brothers and sisters on the streets are still hooked on junk, gunned down and jailed by pigs, and refused what little work there is because they are Vietnam Vets. To see how the Nixon administration treats the veterans who are out of public limelight, check this out. He has 1: advocated a \$160 million reduction in disability payments, mostly affecting disabled Vietnam Veterans. 2: cut manpower programs by \$1.2 billion in fiscal 1974. The proportionate number of jobs for Vietnam Veterans were cut from 35,000 to 32,000. 3: cut back the Public Service Employment Program which employs 61,000 veterans, from 1.36 billion to 407 million dollars next year. These various attempts to divert funds shows what the government really feels towards veterans. They intend to hide through a neglect of us by a great display over the POWs, and then cut us off from what little compensation we get.

We will not be moved by this farce and we will continue to fight for just treatment of our veteran sisters and brothers, and for equal release and humane treatment of all the POWs, both U.S. and especially Vietnamese.

Indochina: The War Is Still Not Over!

The treaty is not being implemented. The agreement called for the release of political prisoners, recognition of "democratic freedoms," as well as the dismantling of U.S. bases.

The Saigon government has been systematically attacking liberated areas. The first ten days after the signing, the Saigon army initiated 328 infantry and tank assaults, 213 air attacks, and 281 shellings.

The political prisoners are not being released. To the contrary, thousand of additional "suspects" are being arrested and jailed. Civilians are still being held in "strategic hamlets" and "new life hamlets" instead of being allowed to return to their original villages.

Finally, the U.S. bases were to be dismantled together with the withdrawal of the U.S. forces. These bases are still there, still manned, still active.

The signing of the agreement was a victory for Peace, but not an end to the war!

RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

The following are projects that people should write to for information:

Pacific News Service 604 Mission St., Rm 1001 San Francisco, Cal. 94105	Liberation News Service 160 Claremont Ave., NYC 10027	CAMP News 2801 Sheffield Chicago 60657
Network Project 104 Earl Hall Columbia Univ. NYC 10027	Dispatch News Service 1826 R St. NW Wash. DC 20009	Project Air War 1322 18th St. NW Wash. DC 20036
NARMIC 160 N. 15th St., Philadelphia 19102	Committee of Concerned Asian Scholars PO Box 3045 NYC 10001	
Indochina Peace Campaign 156 5th Ave., Rm 523 NYC 10010	KALAYAAN PO Box 2919 San Francisco 94126	
Radio Free People 133 Mercer St., NYC 10012	World Habeus Corpus Commissions for Int'l Due Process of Law 105 W. Adams St., Chicago 60603	

KALAYAAN: A very good place to write for info on the important Philippine situation. They also have a good newspaper that people should subscribe to.

The Network Project: This has recently come to our attention. They publish a series of well-printed, informative pamphlets on what the pig media is doing to your children, and their heads under the control of guess who... Tricky Dicky! Domestic Communications, Satellites-Notebook #1, The Fourth Network, and Feedback-Survival Primer, are some of their publications- Write them for the prices.

Philippine Society and Revolution: A very good book to read on the Philippines by Amando Guerrero, 296 pages at \$1.25 is available from China Books and Periodicals.

POLITICAL PRISONERS

THE GAINESVILLE CONSPIRACY: Not a whole lot to report on at this date, but here's the updates we have at this time. The government is still planning to prosecute, and it appears that Guy Goodwin himself is going to actively participate in the prosecution. They still need money and speaking gigs!! So contact them and send money to The Gainesville Conspiracy Defense Committee, PO Box 13179, Gainesville, Fla. 32601
Phone: 904-378-0774.

FREE THE GAINESVILLE EIGHT!! FREE US ALL!!

GARY LAWTON TRIAL COLLAPSES IN MISTRIAL!!

After six months, the longest criminal trial in the history of Riverside and San Bernadino Counties has been declared a mistrial. The three defendants, Nehemiah Jackson, Larrie Gardner, and Gary Lawton of VVAW are accused of killing two

Lawton Trial (cont)

Riverside police officers on April 2, 1971. As Judge Warren E. Slaughter (he really deserves that last name) has refused them bail, they have already spent 20 months in jail. Now, after a clear majority of the jury decided for acquittal (9to3), it looks like they may have to stay in jail until a 2cd trial finds them innocent all over again. The jury's original verdict was 10-2 for acquittal. Not satisfied with that, Slaughter ordered them to go back and return a verdict. After being held incommunicado for 14 days, they still voted 9-3 for acquittal. The trial proved conclusively that the prosecution did not in fact have a case, but as that apparently didn't matter, the judge has ordered a retrial, tentatively set for the 27th of February.

Riverside DA, Byron Morton, said that the jury's majority vote of acquittal, "didn't carry too much influence in the decision to re prosecute. This is a pretty important case...the evidence is still strong." The defense is now filing motions for separate trials, transfer of the trial site outside Riverside County, and most importantly, the setting of bail.

The blatant attempts by the court to convict the defendants with or without a fair trial have been nothing short of incredible. Wives of Riverside police officers have stacked the courtroom every day. They were allowed to enter the courtroom before anyone else, including reporters, and the defendants families were let in. There has been repeated harassment of the defendants supporters that attended the trial. One sister was ordered from the courtroom for not sitting properly in her seat. Rev. Al Dorsh of SCLC was thrown out for yawning in court. VVAW member Ron Kovic's appearance in court in his wheelchair moved Judge Slaughter to say, "I know who that vet is and I don't want him falling out of his wheelchair and claiming police brutality." Sounds like the charges filed against a Denver VVAW double amputee for "launching himself out of his wheelchair and attacking a police officer (sic)!" And they say it can't happen here. It may be a small victory, but atleast the court clerk has been forced to start the trial each day by declaring that "court is in session, all will remain seated." In a whole lot of ways, people are going to stand for only so much.

The "impartial" trial given Gary, Larrie, and Nehemiah has so far cost the county almost \$2, 000, 000 in its attempt to convict them. Fortunately, they haven't been able to buy a conviction. The defense, on the other hand, really needs help! They are \$3, 500 in debt and will need at least another \$20, 000 to finish the 2cd trial. They NEED OUR HELP!! Send contributions to the Riverside Political Prisoners Defense Committee, PO Box 5154, San Bernardino, Calif. 92412. GARY LAWTON WILL BE

FREE!!!

As opposed to the \$25,000 spent by the defense

PAT CHENOWETH IS BEING FRAMED!!

Pat Chenoweth is facing 30 years in military prison for destruction of government property and wartime sabotage. He is accused of dropping a paint scraper and some other assorted goodies into the main reduction gear of the USS Ranger, causing it some \$800, 000 damage and delaying its departure to Vietnam for four months. Alarmed at the increasing acts of resistance within the Navy, the Navy has singled out Pat as a scapegoat in the hopes of repressing dissent. The truth is that there is not enough evidence to warrant a courtmartial, let alone get a conviction. Throughout the Navy, acts of resistance and sabotage have become so common place as to really freakout the Brass. GI's discontent and frustration with the Navy's racism and repression have sparked incidents all over the world. The Ranger alone had some 30 acts of sabotage from May to November 1972. Jeffery Allison was convicted of setting fire aboard the USS Forestal last July, while Cpl. Mike Tippett is accused of totally destroying two F-4 Phantoms by placing foreign objects in their engines. The Navy obviously hopes that its witchhunts for saboteurs will solve its problems, and it isn't going to

Most people to the extent that they are...
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At the trial of the defendants...
Among them...
to reach him...
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be too squeamish about the methods used to get convictions.

Pat's trial is being moved from San Diego to Subic Bay, in the Philippines. Now that might just strike you as being a little out of line with our right to be tried in the community in which the 'crime' was supposed to have occurred. In the Philippines there will be no friends to support Pat, nor any press asking any embarrassing questions. Most importantly, Pat's attorney, Eric Seitz, of the National Lawyers Guild, will not be able to defend him. It was just four months ago that the dictator of the Philippines, President Marcos, arrested members of the NLG that were working for the GI movement in the Philippines. Eric won't be permitted to defend Pat at Subic Bay and the Navy knows it... that's why the case is being tried there. The moving of the trial to the Philippines also sets a precedent that might allow the government to move any military, (or civilian), trial wherever they wished. Mabe you'll be voting for the wrong candidate the next you get a traffic ticket, mabe your trial will be on a Boeing 747 orbiting Guam or something. Think about it, brothers and sisters, it's not at all funny. If we allow Pat to be framed, we are all in danger. Who is to say who their next victim will be. In order to insure our freedom, we must work to free Pat Chenoweth.

FREE PAT !!! FREE ALL GI's !!!

Fredrika Baer is Free !

Fredrika Baer, a woman from the Chicago VVAW chapter, was recently acquitted of the charge of "attempted rape." The sister had responded to an article written in a university paper by a man who said that he thought that rape was a good thing, that women enjoyed being raped because it was pleasurable, and that he wanted to be raped. Three women responded to this pig's proposal and suggested that he meet them at the women's office at the campus. When he showed up, they took him to a quiet hallway and proceeded to knock him to the ground. As he hit the floor, the women held him down and started to take his pants off. When he started screaming and crying, the women tried to explain that rape is not lust, that rape is a forceful, violent crime perpetrated against women. When the pig was released he went to the police and filed charges against the women. The case was dropped due to an insufficient complaint and testimony.

SMASH SEXISM !

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Changing the Name of the Paper

So far only two regions have sent in their votes on changing the name of the paper from 1st Casualty to Winter Soldier. We would like to make the change now in order to preserve continuity and end confusion over the name. It would be confusing to have two or three issues of 1st Casualty coming out and then to switch to Winter Soldier, so we'd like to make the change now. Please write or phone in your votes as soon as possible as we are going to press very soon. We are going to base the decision on the votes that are cast, so if you want to have a say, let us know!

Also, we still need to know how each region wants the paper sent to them. Due to money problems, the only choices we can give you are A) sending them all to the regional offices, or B) sending them to the chapters. You'll will have to tell us how many you will need.

There are still a few regions that have not sent in chapter lists to this office. We can't communicate with those chapters that we don't have addresses for.

FREE YOUR CHAPTER LISTS! FREE ALL CHAPTER LISTS NOW!