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General Information



!Demonstrate October 27th to Free Karl Armstrong!

We are enclosing with this newsletter a pamphlet put together by the Karl Armstrong Defense Committee. Former members of the Gainesville 8 News Bureau and members of Wisconsin/Minnesota VVAW/WSO are working as a part of this defense committee and have been playing a very active role in organizing support for Karl. The enclosed pamphlet lays down the background to the bombing of the Army Math Resource Center at the University of Wisconsin and explains why Karl has decided to plead guilty to the charges. It also contains a position paper on Karl written by VVAW/WSO members in Madison and a call for a national support demonstration on October 27th.

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Given the importance of Karl's case to the amnesty movement (see the August Winter Soldier) we hope that as many VVAW/WSO chapters as possible will participate in these demonstrations. At least one of our chapters in Japan has committed itself to do so, and many other groups around the country and in Canada are also organizing for the 27th. Even though there is very little time left, there is still a lot people can do. Suggestions for scenarios and other details on the demonstration are contained on the back pages of the pamphlet. The VVAW/WSO contingent of the Karl Armstrong Defense Committee will be calling regions and chapters with further details on this in the next few days. If you desire to call them, they may be reached at: (608) 251-7250. Ask for Annie, Bill, Carol, Candy, Mike or Walter.

Universal, Unconditional Amnesty for all War Resisters!

Indochina Solidarity Week -

Indochina Solidarity Week was a great success. More chapters participated in activities around the war than had participated in demonstrations the week of the national Gainesville demonstration. Although there was criticism of the poster national sent out for use, over 15,000 posters were put out. Almost all the chapters reporting activities engaged in mass outreach with leafletting and paper selling. Many chapters topped off their week of work with the Indochina Peace Campaign tour. Others showed films, had speaking engagements on local media and held demonstrations. Cincinnati's rally had over 100 people. Hopefully, the success of this last week will encourage more work around educating on the continued US involvement in Indochina as well as the growing presence of the US military in other parts of the world, ie. off-shore Chile and the Middle East.

The following is a list of chapters that have reported actions to this office. New York City, Buffalo, Houston, Denver, Cincinnati, Washington DC, College Park (MD), St. Louis, Columbia (MO), Gainesville, Albuquerque, Chicago, Los Angeles, Joplin (MO), and Kansas City. Any other chapters that held actions or other work, please send us a report and pictures!

Farm Workers -

Enclosed is a pamphlet put out by the Salinas Citizens Committee in Defense of Farmworkers. It will give you a good idea of the struggle of the farmworkers to unionize lettuce and grape workers. The Farm Workers Union is in negotiations with the Teamsters Union over who has the right to unionize the workers.

At the present time the Farm Workers Union is asking for continued support of the lettuce and grape boycotts. We must continue to support their efforts.

VIVA LA HUELGA ! UNIDOS VENCEREMOS! VIVA LA CAUSA!

DELEGATION TO WORLD PEACE COUNCIL IN MOSCOW

The VVAW/WSO delegation to the Moscow meeting of the World Peace Council, (Oct. 23 - Nov. 3), will be leaving shortly. As of now the delegation will only be composed of Brian Adams, (Nat'l Collective), and Anne Bailey, (Wis.-Minn. VVAW/WSO). The St. Louis NSCM had also officially endorsed Bill Hager and John Naveau, (Calif. VVAW/WSO), and John Mussgrave, (Great Plains VVAW/WSO), as alternates to the conference. The initial understanding we had was that we would be sending more than two individuals. Due to problems, i. e. lack of money and space, the group coordinating this trip has recently informed us that none of these other individuals will probably be able to go. As soon as we get a final verdict on whether or not we can add to our delegation we will pass that information along to you.

Regional Reports

Oneonta Report

The following are excerpts from a letter received by the Oneonta, New York Chapter of VVAW/WSO:

"Our activities have centered around Veteran's "benefits, amnesty, Gainesville, and selling the paper. Mainly, leafletting, speaking, and getting letters published in the Oneonta Star. It's hard to say how much good we did for Gainesville...but, since the Star didn't cover the trial, we did serve the function of keeping the people informed. Recently, the Star in an informal poll said 52% of the town favors amnesty. After the treaty, the town was overwhelmingly against amnesty. Probably we deserve a lot of credit here, since we were the only ones active in amnesty. Besides selling Winter Soldier ourselves, a bookstore in town is now selling it. Two weeks ago, we helped organize a night with an Attica brother and other Attica coalition speakers to raise defense money for them. \$110 was raised.

"Our chapter is all white, but our relations with Third World people are excellent. They support us and have a lot of admiration for our organization and all it has done, especially County Fair and our relations with the Indochinese.

"Our chapter has gotten pretty good for a small town, although we know it could be much better. We are planning a big drive for recruitment. One thing that is good, is that we are mainly community based rather than campus, although we are active in both sections of Oneonta.

"I criticize myself as chapter coordinator for not sending regular reports, but our chapter is alive and active."

Gainesville Speakers -

Two of the Gainesville 8 have expressed an interest in speaking about the trial for the organization. These two are John Kniffen of Texas and Pete Mahoney of New York. If your chapter could arrange for a speaking engagement, contact this office and we will forward the information to John and Pete.

Florida Chapters -

The following reports have been received from the VVAW/WSO chapters in Florida:

Gainesville - working on exposing the racism at Starke and Raiford Prisons and is sponsoring the IPC show in October.

St. Petersburg - The chapter is starting to rebuild and is setting up speaking engagements and working on possible boycotts.

Tampa - Has set up committees to work on amnesty, discharge upgrading, Farm Workers, Prisons, and the GI movement. Showing the Wintersoldier film and setting up tables at the university campus.

Tallahassee - the chapter is working on discharge upgrading and sending a questionnaire to veterans at the FSU campus.

Dade County - Work is being done from two offices; Miami and Homestead around the GI movement, Operation County Fair and supporting Jim Hale in his efforts to defend himself from the attacks of the government.

MOINKWVAWPA Proposal -

This region (office in Ohio), is introducing again their proposal on the limit of delegations to the National Steering Committee Meetings. They have asked that we include this in the newsletter for your vote. Each region gets five votes. The following is the proposal:

"Limitations on the number of representatives from a region be abolished. Each region will be allowed five votes, as before, but will be permitted up to 8 participating delegates. Each region may also bring an unlimited number of observers who may participate in regional caucuses to determine the regional vote; observers and delegates may rotate at the table. Observers may also attend workshops as observers. Regional offices will send a list of those who will attend at least one week in advance of the meeting to the host region (for planning purposes); if the numbers are too great for facilities, regional coordinators of the largest delegations will be asked to decrease the number proportionately."

NOSCAM -- Chicago Extension

The Chicago Area Military Project (CAMP) has dissolved and will be heard from no more. Though the reasons for the folding of CAMP are many, they do not relate to VVAW/WSO and are not to be discussed here. We would like to say, however, that the discontinuance of CAMP and CAMP News will prove to be a sad blow to the G.I. movement and G.I. organizing. We feel very fortunate and lucky, though, that some of the CAMP people have joined forces with NOSCAM and they will be applying their skills to helping the Dayton people handle their work load. These people are highly skilled military counselors with an acute understanding of the G.I. movement, and they should prove to be a huge asset to the building of NOSCAM and VVAW/WSO.

The Chicago NOSCAM will be doing much the same work that CAMP did. They will be continuing correspondence with individual G.I.s and projects, continuing G.I. counseling by mail and in person, continuing to accumulate and disseminate military counseling news and regulations changes, distributing G.I. movement literature, etc. Also, the Chicago NOSCAM is planning to publish a mimeographed newsletter which will contain counseling information and project news. The Chicago NOSCAM will be working very closely with the people in Dayton in order to avoid duplication of work and "bureaucratic" hassles which might arise.

If chapters need to obtain counseling information or news regarding the G.I. movement, you should keep in mind that there are now "two" NOSCAMs. The addresses of NOSCAM are:

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2743 N. Wilton
Chicago, Illinois 60614
(312) 929-1958

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P. O. Box 1625
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From the Money Department

If any of you have been into reading the national newsletter, you may have noticed a request in the last one from this department. Mainly, we sent out a request for any spare change that people may have had because this office is and was broke. For your edification, we here present the returns we got from that request: ZERO - not one penny or note of condolance. Thanks folks. It's real nice to work for you. We know that many chapters are broke themselves and understand completely why they would not or could not answer our request. However, we also know that there were chapters that made large amounts in the past couple of weeks especially around the IPC tour. After taxes, do you think you affluents out there might send us something? It sure would help.

Also, there are many chapters that owe national for posters and books that were sent out over the past month. Please pay us as that money covers cost and we need it to order more stuff. We will send out billings soon, so look for it.

Information Requests

GI Organizer Wanted -

We received a letter from the United We Stand Bookshop, a GI project in Jacksonville, North Carolina. There is a serious problem at this project in terms of the necessary personnel to operate the Bookshop and the project effectively. We were asked to place the following advertisement in the newsletter.

"Staff member needed for GI project in Jacksonville, North Carolina. The project is presently working with marines from Camp Lejeune/New River Air Station doing legal counseling and organizing work. Due to the fact that Camp Lejeune has and will continue to play an important role in riot control measures at home, and police actions around the world, the organizing effort here is crucial. Persons interested should be thinking of a one year commitment. If interested write: United We Stand Bookshop, PO Box 1163, Jacksonville, North Carolina 28540."

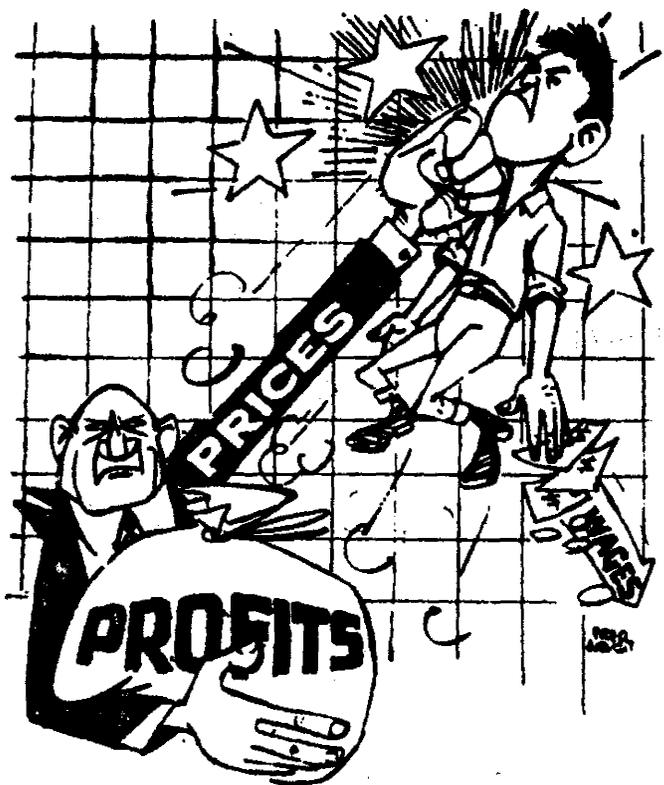
If anyone has GI organizing experience and would like to apply for this position, please send a copy of your letter to the National Office of VVAW/WSO as well as to the Bookshop.

Indochina Solidarity Buttons -

In the last newsletter, we put in a blurb about the availability of these buttons from the Indochina Solidarity Committee in New York City. Since that time we have been informed that the price of the buttons is 15¢ each and not 11¢ as was stated in the newsletter (#11). The reason for this increase is to cover the mailing costs. Once Again, their address is: Indochina Solidarity Committee, Box C, Old Chelsea Station, New York, NY 10011

Chapter List Up-date -

In the last newsletter, we enclosed a copy of the updated chapter list. Also enclosed was the first correction sheet. Once again, with this mailing we are enclosing the second correction sheet. To update your chapter list, take the two correction sheets and make the changes on the original. If there are errors in the listing of your chapter, or if you know of a chapter that exists that has not been included on any of the sheets, then please let us know immediately, and we will make the final corrections for this quarter.



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