

Vietnam Veterans Against the War - Winter Soldier Organization

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## general information

### Former VVAW/WSO Member Charged in Slaying

Joe Remiro, a former member of the Oakland, Calif. chapter of VVAW/WSO, was recently charged with the slaying of Oakland School Superintendent, Dr. Marcus Foster. The press has carried a number of very inflammatory stories regarding this case that have tried, by innuendo, to link our organization with the murder. We are enclosing the press statement released by the NO in regards to this on Jan. 15th.

### Gary Lawton-Zurebu Gardner Trial -

The third trial of Gary Lawton and Zurebu Gardner will begin sometime in March. In past newsletters and at the National Steering Committee meeting it was decided that chapters and individuals would send telegrams or letters to several people demanding that the third trial not occur. For those chapters and individuals who have not yet sent their letters and telegrams, the following addresses are for your use:

John Hews  
Presiding Judge  
Riverside Superior Court  
4050 Main Street  
Riverside, CA 92501

Norton Younglove  
Chairman  
Riverside County Board  
of Supervisors  
4050 Main Street  
Riverside, CA 92501

Byron Morton  
DA of Riverside County  
3535 Tenth Street  
Riverside, CA 92501

Copies of the letters and telegrams should be sent to the RPPDC, PO Box 5154, San Bernardino, California 92412. A special thanks to those chapters who suggested ways to find lawyers for Gary.

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### Bogue Chitto/Cairo - Clothing Truck Arrives

An 18-foot truck filled with clothing left St. Louis on January 19th, stopping in Cairo to unload half of the clothes and arriving in Bogue Chitto late that night. The clothes were collected over the past few months, mainly, by the Friends of the United Front(of Cairo) in St. Louis. The truck was driven to Bogue Chitto by members of the St. Louis Chapter of VVAW/WSO.

In this project with the United Front, we agreed to handle the transportation in return for half of the clothing they would collect. The total bill will come to about \$300, including getting the driver back to St. Louis. (The truck was turned in in Selma.) We have collected all but \$70 of this from the Chapters. Since the National Office is not "out of the woods" in regard to money, we ask that each chapter consider sending in another \$5.00 to help us cover the money that we laid out for the truck rental and gas expenses. We would also be interested in hearing from Chapters that would like to plug into another clothing drive in the Spring or Summer.

### Buttons For Sale -

The long awaited announcement about the new VVAW/WSO buttons is here !!! We have 3,000 new buttons for sale at 10¢ each. The buttons are just like the old ones except that it says, Vietnam Veterans Against the War - Winter Soldier Organization on them. Please order them soon as they are moving like hot-cakes. When these 3,000 are gone, we will re-order. Please make checks payable to VVAW/WSO and be the first on your block to have a new button !!!

### Trotskyism - Analysis Available

Left in Form, Right in Essence - A Critique of Contemporary Trotskyism, is a 32-page pamphlet written by Carl Davidson who is a staff writer for the Guardian newspaper. The pamphlet covers, in broad outline, both the historical and present-day issues raised in the people's struggle by the Trotskyists and presents a rebuttal to their views from a Marxist-Leninist viewpoint.

Questions discussed in the pamphlet include: The permanent revolution, socialism in one country, the two-stage theory in the national liberation movement, the united front against fascism, and others. The author also discusses the Trotskyist view of China, both historically and today, and gives an account of the origins of the Trotskyist movement in the United States. Of particular interest is the examination of the present theory and practice of the Trotskyists, specifically the Socialist Workers party, and the unity of their reformist views with the modern revisionists.

Although the pamphlet contains a lot of theory which may require other reading to fully grasp, the pamphlet does offer an excellent starting point for analyzing Trotskyism, especially as it relates to VVAW/WSO and our position on Indochina and imperialism. Prices for the pamphlet are: 1 to 9 copies, 65¢ each; 10 to 49 copies, 50¢ each; 50 or more copies, 40¢ each. It is available from: Guardian Pamphlets, 32 West 22nd Street, New York, NY 10010.

# regional report



## Indochina Demonstrations -

In line with the Indochina Workshop at the NSCM, which called for demonstrations on or around the 27th of January, the following chapters have informed us of what they are planning for that weekend:

Chicago, Illinois - A march and rally with three speakers talking on the three different demands: Implement the Treaty/End all Aid to Thieu and Lon Nol; Universal and unconditional Amnesty for all War Resisters; Kick Nixon Out!! One of the speakers will be John Young, former POW. About 10-15 other organizations will be participating in the march called by the Chicago chapter.

Washington DC - The chapter will join in a march and rally with the Ad Hoc Committee to Honor the Vietnam Peace Accords. The march will wind up at either the Saigon Military Procurement Office or the State Department. That night there will be an informal meeting for the public by the speakers, which includes Tim Butz of the chapter.

Colorado - The chapters of the Colorado region will conduct a two day fast at the State Capitol Building in Denver. On Sunday, January 27th, they will break their fast with a Vietnamese meal and will sing songs composed by Vietnamese political prisoners. All are invited to the fast and meal.

Northern California - The chapters of Northern California will take part in a demonstration with the Indochina Solidarity Committee. This action will consist of exhibits, slides, films, etc. At night a public meeting will be held and one of the speakers is a VVAW/WSO member with a UD who will speak on amnesty. The California regional meeting will attend the night session.