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SETTLEMENT or SELLOUT? AGENT ORANGE TRIAL

When the class action suit of Vietnam veterans and their families against the manufacturers of Agent Orange was suddenly settled out of court, it came as a great surprise to all (except the judge, the chemical company executives, and the tribe of lawyers on both sides). Many people, including those generally sympathetic to the problems of vets made pleased murmurs about how now the problems of the Vietnam vets were being addressed, that the wounds of war were being bound up.

For many vets it took several seconds to size up the proposed settlement--it stinks. It does not assign any blame which means that the government and chemical companies are free and clear to do the same thing all over again somewhere else to another generation of vets. It provides nowhere near enough money to make easier the lives of the victims of this chemical poison, let alone "compensate" for the pain and suffering already part of so many lives. Research that might lead to treatment is not mentioned.

There are plenty of reasons why the settlement should be rejected; fortunately, in the terms of the proposed settlement is the way for us to let the Judge know how we feel. Judge Weinstein is holding a series of public hearings around the country (see below for time and place) so that vets and others affected by Agent Orange can say their piece. VVAW urges every vet and every family member to speak out. If you can't get to one of the hearings, write to the Judge (address below) before the 30th of July; if you can get to one of the hearings, write to the Judge to make sure your name is on the hearing roster. It's our chance to sound off--no one is going to do it for us!

Following is an edited text of the "Settlement" as put out by the Wisconsin Office of Vets Affairs (it has all the material in the original without a lot of the legalese). This "Settlement" only goes into effect after the Judge has heard from us and has then decided the "Settlement" is fair and adequate.

Stipulation of Settlement in re "Agent Orange" Pro- duct Liability Litigation M.D.I. 381

It is hereby stipulated and agreed that:

1. Defendants as a group will pay \$180 million, plus interest, to the class in a manner ordered by the court. Interest is to accrue at the prime rate from May 7, 1984. The intent of the parties is to have this settlement cover defendants as well as their subsidiaries and parents.

2. Defendants will advance out of this fund expenses on account of notice and settlement administration (but not to in-

clude attorneys' fees or attorneys' expenses).

3. No other distribution will be made from the settlement fund until after an order approving settlement has become final, including appeals.

4. The settlement fund will indemnify defendants for any final compensatory judgement only, excluding defendants' costs and fees rendered against them in "Agent Orange" suits by servicepersons in state court. The indemnification shall be for final judgements rendered against any or all defendants up to an aggregate of \$10 million on all such final judgements. The court may allow additional payments after January 1, 1990 if the payments to members of the class are assured.

5. The class definition as interpreted will specifically include those servicepersons and other members of the class who have not yet manifested injury.

6. If plaintiffs pursue claims against the U.S. within one year, they may retain documents until after any case or cases have been concluded.

7. Plaintiffs and defendants reserve all rights and claims against the U.S. and any persons not a party or a subsidiary of a party to this class action.

8. Defendants deny any liability.

9. Defendants reserve the right to reject this settlement if they feel that the number of opt-outs is substantial. This right must be exercised no later than 10 days before the public hearing on Rule 23(e).

10. Any class member who has opted out shall have the opportunity to opt back in within a reasonable time as determined by the court.

11. Any party may apply for disposition of the remaining funds on order of the court after 25 years.

12. This agreement is subject to Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

13. Arrangements will be made from the fund to assist afterborns.

14. The court retains jurisdiction until the fund is completely disposed of.
So Ordered.

Jack B. Weinstein
Chief Judge, U.S.D.C.

Dated: Brooklyn, NY
May 7, 1984

That is the bones of the proposed settlement; we'll get into why we think it's so bad in a moment. First, at the end of June, the following notice appeared in selected newspapers around the country (there's some kind of

legal maneuver where a notice like this can be printed in a few major papers and then be assumed to have reached most of the people concerned). Anyhow, in case you missed it, here it is (and you might have missed it--in the Chicago Tribune it was printed on the second page of the second section of the editorials in back of an article about germs).



LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Proposed Settlement of class action, in re "Agent Orange"

You are hereby notified of a proposed settlement of this class action, of hearings, to be held by the court to determine whether it should be approved, and of what you must do now if you believe you have a claim for adverse health effects allegedly related to Agent Orange exposure in or near Vietnam.

This court has previously certified a plaintiff class consisting of those persons who were in the United States, New Zealand or Australian Armed Forces at any time from 1961 to 1972 who were injured while in or near Vietnam by exposure to "Agent Orange" or other phenoxy herbicides, including those composed in whole or in part of 2,4,5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid or containing some amount of 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (collectively referred to as "Agent Orange"). The class also includes spouses, parents, and children born before January 1, 1984, directly or derivatively injured as a result of the exposure.

Defendants have denied any liability or wrongdoing.

The attorneys for the class representatives and the attorneys for all of the defendants have entered into a Settlement Agreement made as of May 7, 1984, which is subject to and conditioned upon the Court's approval of its terms. Under the settlement, if

it is approved, the defendants collectively will pay One Hundred Eighty Million Dollars, plus interest at the average prime rate from May 7, 1984 to the date of payment into a Settlement Fund to be established and supervised by the Court for the payment of class members' claims.

The Settlement Agreement confirms that the class includes persons who have not yet mani-

festated injury, and provides that arrangements will be made to assist afterborn children from the Fund.

The Settlement Agreement will not become effective unless and until the Court decides that it should be approved as a fair, reasonable and adequate compromise of the aggregate claims of the plaintiff class as a whole. In order to assist the Court in making this decision, the Court will hold hearings in the following places on the dates indicated:

August 8, 9, 10, 1984, U.S. District Court, 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, NY 11201

August 13, 14, 1984, U.S. District Court, 219 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, IL 60604

August 16, 17, 1984, U.S. District Court, 515 Rusk Ave., Houston, TX 77002

August 20, 21, 1984, U.S. District Court, 75 Spring St SW, Atlanta, GA 30303

August 23, 24, 1984, U.S. District Court, 450 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102

Each hearing will begin at 10:00a.m. Any class member may raise any objection he or she may have to the proposed settlement at any of the hearings. Written objections to the Settlement may also be submitted to the Clerk on or before July 30, 1984, at the address given at the end of this Notice.

If the Court approves the proposed Settlement, it will subsequently conduct further proceedings with respect to the question of allocation and distribution of

the Settlement class members their claims related to Agent Orange in or near Vietnam. It solicits and encourages you to consider recording your suggestions or any party to the Settlement. Nam veterans and persons. Class members given notice of the Settlement plan for allocation of the Settlement. It is developed full opportunity to appear in Court at that time. They may have questions whether or not to the Settlement.

In an effort to expedite procedures and for location and distribution of the Fund, it is important as soon as possible to determine current number of claims made by you. If you wish to participate for advice which are already you must complete claim form (which as indicated by on or before October 15, 1984. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM FORM BY OR BEFORE OCTOBER 15, YOU WILL BE FORFEITTING ANY CLAIM FOR ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS ALREADY MANIFESTED. THE COURT DECIDES THERE IS GOOD REASON FOR YOU TO MEET THIS DEADLINE.

In order to obtain information about the Settlement, including a copy of the Settlement Agreement Form, call 1-800-368-6868, outside New York 832-1303 (from outside State), or write to the address:

Clerk, U.S. District Court, New York, N.Y. P.O. Box 100, Smithtown, NY

DATED: Brooklyn, NY
This 11th Day of May, 1984

**So What
This Means
And More**

VVAW hopes you will get to one of the hearings. According to a decision by the court to whom you joined the Settlement, what you do: If you have questions to the Settlement, submit them to the Settlement by July 30, 1984, at the address given

...Fund to qualifying...
...s in satisfaction of...
...asserting injuries re-...
...Orange exposure...
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...the litigation, Viet-...
...and other interested...
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...ty to present to the...
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...YOUR FAILURE TO...
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...lyn, NY...
...y of June, 1984

What Does All Can To Me My Family?

...es that every vet...
...of the hearings...
...document, sent...
...all those vets...
...suit, here's...
...All written objec-...
...ttlement should be...
...e Clerk in writing...
...84, at the Smithtown...
...above. Class mem-

...bers or their representatives may...
...appear at any of the hearings and...
...any objections they have will be...
...heard by the Court. Any person...
...who wishes to be heard should...
...notify the Clerk on or before July...
...30, 1984, at the address given...
...above, stating the amount of...
...time he or she requests."

The hearings, according to...
...the same document, are "for the...
...purpose of considering whether...
...the proposed Settlement is fair...
...reasonable, and adequate and...
...should be approved." Any class...
...member can appear to object--...
...you do not have to have joined...
...the suit; merely being a veteran...
...of Vietnam, or a member of the...
...family of a Vietnam vet makes...
...you a member of the "class."

VVAW has been told that the...
...judge will also try to hear those...
...who have not requested hearing...
...but who are in attendance at the...
...various court dates--we'd sug-...
...gest getting there early since...
...as far as we can tell, that will...
...be first come, first serve, and...
...will depend on how many people...
...have asked to testify already.

VVAW urges all veterans to...
...write to the Judge and/or come...
...to the hearings, whether or not...
...you agree with our assessment...
...of the settlement. Send or bring...
...photocopies of your medical re-...
...cords or bills, photos of your...
...kids, anything and everything...
...that will make the Judge under-...
...stand and rule against the settle-...
...ment. Some veterans are planning...
...to have their children testify also...
...and we're hoping that vets will...
...do whatever necessary to have...
...an impact.

For any event in which there...
...are so many lawyers involved and...
...a large amount of money at stake...
...(to say nothing of the amount that...
...should be involved), there is much...
...difference of opinion together with...
...a good deal of sniping at those...
...who disagree. One thing we've...
...been told is that those of us who...
...oppose this settlement don't un-...
...derstand what it means. Well...
...that's a bunch of mule muffins...
...We're not stupid even if we're...
...vets. And we can read English...
...even though it's legalese.

There are conspicuous ab-...
...sences in the wording of this...
...settlemt. One is that there is...
...no provision recognizing the...
...link between exposure to dioxin-...
...contaminated chemicals and...
...human health problems. This is...
...a very serious omission. If the...
...Court does not recognize a cause...
...and effect relationship between...
...our exposure and our health prob-...
...lems, the VA will never recog-...
...nize Agent Orange exposure as...
...a service-connected disability...
...Can you imagine: we "win" the...
...suit and then can't claim a dis-

ability!

Which brings us to another...
...point. Check out provision #8...
...It can't be more clear where the...
...chemical companies are headed:...
...right into the next war, with...
...Ronald Reagan and all the rest...
...of his cowboys. And where...
...does that leave us? Well, the...
...corporation's answer to Agent...
...Orange problems has always...
...been that our exposure was our...
...own fault, because we didn't...
...apply the chemicals properly...
...Sound familiar? It should; from...
...the start of that war it's been...
...the GI's who put up with their...
...lies and contradictions in Viet-...
...nam, and we've been getting...
...dumped on ever since.

This settlement is what...
...they call a "victory?" If the...
...settlement were to happen, no...
...matter how much money went...
...into the trust fund there would...
...never be enough to take care of...
...every vet with exposure-related...
...health problems, plus their...
...birth-defected children, plus...
...widows and orphans' benefits...
...plus research. This is what...
...the proponents of the settlement...
...want us to think the money will...
...be used for, plus a couple of...
...other things not yet figured out...
...All of this? Never in a hundred...
...and eighty million years--or...
...250 million years counting in-...
...terest!

And then the argument shifts...
..."Well, that's OK because the...
...widows and orphans and children...
...with birth defects can sue the...
...government so they'll get their...
...money that way." First, it's...
...far from certain that any such...
...suit would win and if it did, it...
...would only mean that once again...
...the American people will be pay-...
...ing with our tax money for Viet-...
...nam casualties--again! The tax-...
...payers did not poison us--we...
...are the taxpayers. Why should...
...we have to pay for corporate lies...
...and cover-ups--drag the money...
...out of the corporate profits. They...
...are the ones who profited from...
...the Vietnam war in the first place!

In Provision #9 of the settle-...
...ment, the defendants--the chemi-...
...cal companies--will pay up--in...
...fact they have already deposited...
...their \$180 million in the bank...
...where it is drawing interest. And...
...on the next day they turned right...
...around and sued the government...
...for \$180 million. So that's what...
...#9 is all about. We'll have to...
...wait to see if they back out of...
...this little agreement ten days be-...
...fore the public hearings.

Provision #12 gives vets the...
...chance to turn the settlement a-...
...round. Rule 23(e) means that...
...this settlement is subject to the...
...approval of the judge, Judge...
...Jack Weinstein. He has the...
...final say on whether or not the

settlement is settled--whether...
...it is "just" for all concerned...
...It is vital to convince Judge...
...Weinstein that the settlement...
...is not just and that large num-...
...bers of vets do not agree with...
...it. These public hearings are...
...our last hope. We have nei-...
...ther the organization nor the...
...money to hire a new set of law-...
...yers, or even to rehire Victor...
...Yannacone, the man who got...
...the whole class action suit...
...started on behalf of Vietnam...
...vets. (Yannacone was elimi-...
...nated from the case a while...
...back; at the time we were told...
...it was because he ran out of...
...money. Now it seems clear...
...there was more to it than that...
...and we may never find out just...
...what happened--if we do we...
...will print it in THE VETERAN in...
...the future).

The attorneys who made...
...this settlement on our behalf...
...(without telling anyone) were...
...appointed by the Judge. We...
...did not go out and hire them to...
...represent us. Many of them...
...were already deeply involved...
...in the case through Victor Yan-...
...nacone. In any case the Judge...
...is not going to allow us to...
...change attorneys at this point...
...in the progress of the suit, so...
...the public hearings are espec-...
...ially important for us. It is...
...our chance to speak for oursel-...
...ves, to try to convince the...
...Judge both of what we need and...
...what we want.

The settlement provides...
...nowhere near enough money for...
...what it's supposed to do. The...
...cause and effect clause must...
...be there; the companies must...
...take the blame for the things...
...they have done and then kept...
...from everyone in the name of...
..."trade secrets." That is the...
...only way to move toward pre-...
...venting the same thing from...
...happening again in the future.

One thing is sure; the...
...Judge has already heard from...
...the leadership of almost every...
...vets' group in the country. He...
...realizes, however, that many...
...Vietnam vets belong to no group...
...and can only speak for them-...
...selves. Many vets are just out...
...there, maybe seeing the notices...
...or hearing some of the news a-...
...bout the suit, and wondering...
...what it all means to them and...
...their families. It seems very...
...far away. But it could mean...
...life or death to many families...
...Please let the Judge hear from...
...you. The address for writing...
...the Judge:

Judge Jack B. Weinstein
Federal District Court
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, NY 11201

The people who have been

Where We Came From, Who Are We, Who Can Join VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR

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Vietnam Veterans Against the War began in 1967 to join the ranks of those who wanted an end to U.S. involvement in Indochina. Basic principles of the organization have continued ever since: we have fought against unjust wars, whether the U.S. invasion of Indochina or, potentially, El Salvador, or the USSR's invasion of Afghanistan. We have supported, by whatever means were possible, those who are fighting for their own liberation. And we have stood with veterans of all eras in fighting for the things we need, have been promised, and have been earned.

From its early days VVAW has operated on the knowledge that the government will give vets what we need only when forced to do so--that vets get nothing for nothing. We've learned that when one vet fights alone, there is a limited amount he or she can accomplish, but when veterans unite to fight together, we can do much. VVAW has seen some real successes: we helped to put an end to U.S. troops in Southeast Asia, we helped get Nixon tossed out of office on his ear, we helped to win (to a great extent) amnesty for war resisters. With other vets groups we helped to stir up enough public furor that the Veterans Administration took its first halting steps to look for an answer to Agent Orange poisoning, and recognized what VVAW used to call Post Vietnam Syndrome when we were leading rap groups in 1970 (and is now called "post-traumatic stress or delayed stress syndrome") as a service-connected disability.

VVAW has consistently stood with the interests of vets of all eras, especially Vietnam and Vietnam-era vets. Sometimes this has brought us into conflict with the "traditional" vets organizations. While they have tended to stand behind the U.S. government and its various warlike maneuverings, VVAW has always asked "Why?" We've opposed moves toward war, fight against registration and the draft which will follow, opposed inflated defense expenditures, welcomed vets with "bad" discharges into the organization and fought to get the discharge system dropped entirely from the military.

We know what it means to have been used once by the government and its corporate backers, and then be thrown away with a bad GI Bill, wretched healthcare, Agent Orange ravaging our bodies, vivid memories of the war often ravaging our minds, no jobs, and all the multitude of other problems Vietnam vets often face. We do not intend to see our children go through the same thing in the next war for somebody else's profit!

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involved in this suit from the very beginning are also urging veterans to participate in these hearings. The original attorney in the case, Victor Yannacone, has said, "We have to stay with it--even if it takes years! If we don't we become our own worst enemy."

Rena Kopystenski, the hard-hitting coordinator of the group Agent Orange Victims of New Jersey, mentioned a case in a small town called Woodbine, Georgia. During the Vietnam War, the Defense Department had a contract with a company in Woodbine to make flares to the military's specifications. Unfortunately the government forgot to tell this little company that they should never store the finished product near heat. To make a long story short, the stuff blew up and 52 families suffered as a result. The government refused to compensate these families until recently. Rena said, "Those poor, uneducated people stuck to it. And after taking it through 27 different courts over a period of 13 years, those families forced the government to give in, and they won \$717 million! When you compare that to our settlement, we got a long way to go and we can't turn back."

Maude de Victor, the courageous VA worker who originally broke the story of Agent Orange exposure among Vietnam vets, said, "The actual living veterans and their families are the real merits of this case. The merits of the case have been lost to the Judge so far, because all he sees are these hot-shot lawyers with their fancy and meaningless interpretations of our suffering. This is history in the making, like all the events that happened during Vietnam all rolled into one event--the civil rights marches, the anti-war marches, the anti-nuke marches, the world series and the superbowl. The bottom line is that the Judge needs to see the score!"

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The Court document mailed to vets enrolled in the suit (all Vietnam vets and families are members of the "class" in the suit, but a much smaller number of individuals actually signed up as plaintiffs) also has information about what will happen if Judge Weinstein agrees to the proposed settlement (everyone interested should write to the Court Clerk and request a copy of the "Notice of Proposed Settlement of Class Action and Claim Form--the document does not take "sides" in the proposed settlement, but lays out all the relevant facts).

In addition to the points of the Settlement already listed, there's one added small point which will allow the chemical companies to withdraw up to \$10 million from the settlement fund to settle certain claims made against the companies in state courts.

If Judge Weinstein decides in favor of the Settlement, there will be further hearings about distribution of the fund; Judge Weinstein asks already for ideas and suggestions from vets or any other interested parties, and such suggestions may be part of a "preliminary oral discussion" during the hearings. More hearings will also be held in Brooklyn on the 24th and 25th of September concerning lawyers' fees; a copy of what the various lawyers are looking for in the way of bucks will be available for examination at the Brooklyn court after the 31st of August. You can bet those requests are going to be dandies!

For vets and families who are affected by Agent Orange, the most important section of the document from the Court is the claim form which must be sent in to an address printed on the form by the 26th of October, 1984; persons who now have adverse health effects related to Agent Orange and do not send in the form will not get money from the Settlement

Fund. For those who start to show bad health effects after the court case, they must submit the form within 120 days; there are some provisions which ease the restrictions a little, but basically, if you think you have a claim, get the claim form and send it in. (THE VETERAN will reprint claim forms in the next issue, but to make sure, send to the Clerk of Court.) The claim form is very general--when you were there, things which you believe are Agent-Orange related problems in yourself or your family. You do not have to prove anything at this point. It appears that the Judge is just trying to get some idea of how many vets are effected, and what kinds of claims are going to be a part of the case. There will still be a long and careful process of determining who gets what, according to the court document, and there will be places for comments and objections along the way.

Vets seem to have been fortunate in having Judge Weinstein as the judge in this case; he seems to making all efforts to be as open and fair as possible. At the same time, the Settlement would be, for him, the best solution and he seems already to be making plans for post-Settlement operations. In other words, it's up to us to let him know why we believe the Settlement is inadequate, unfair, and wrong. We've got a job ahead to convince him and no one can do that alone--we need everyone involved. Join those who are going to speak up for what we need.'

WHAT TO DO!

1. Write the Clerk of Court at Smithtown, NY, before the 30th of July to say that you want to testify at one of the hearings. Tell the Clerk how much time you think you'll need. (What to bring? For instance, if you've spent money for doctors for yourself or your children, bring along bills to show how much

it costs to try to deal with the problems of Agent Orange; for the Judge who can multiply your bills times the number of people

involved, that's one way to see that the fund is not large enough. Or bring a letter from the VA saying they will not treat some Agent Orange related problem as a service-connected disability; this shows the Judge that we are not going to be able to get free health-care for Agent Orange problems, and that the Fund better be able to take care of present and future medical problems.) If you cannot get to one of the hearings, send the Judge your written objections to the Settlement.

2. Write the Clerk for a copy of the Settlement and a claim form.

3. Get that claim form filled out and in to the address on the form. There's no way to know when the Judge will make his final decision about accepting or rejecting the Settlement, so its best to have the claim form in already to avoid being left out.

4. VVAW will organize picket lines, demonstrations, etc at some of the hearings. Let us know where you'll be and we'll see if we can get together to do something to let everyone know where we stand. It's likely that other groups will also be acting in other places--we'd like to exchange that information as much as possible.

Finally, we believe that no vet can afford to do nothing. This issue is much more than simply getting money to help our brothers and their families, though that is vital. The issue runs straight to who is responsible in a war for the protection of the soldier, and who should be made to pay. Right now it's clear that Dow and other chemical companies profit from the war and it's the vets who pay and pay and pay. That must stop. Join the vets who will be heard!

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'Ranch Hands' Revenge'

VVAW will be organizing for the hearings

Various activities are being planned in the cities where hearings are scheduled. A demonstration, picket and rally are already planned for Chicago. For information call the Midwest co-ordinator. For housing, call; Local co-ordinator, Chris Malloy at (312) 475-2689. For activities in Atlanta, call the Southren co-ordinator. For actions in your area, or transportation, etc., contact your local VVAW.

Don't Sit Back—Fight Back!

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Companies Comment on Pact

The size of the five major companies involved dwarfs the proposed \$100 million fund to compensate Vietnam veterans and dependents who said they were harmed by exposure to Agent Orange. The Dow Chemical Company, for example, reported revenues last year approaching \$11 billion.

Investors were relieved by the settlement. At the close of trading yesterday, Dow Chemical was up $\frac{3}{4}$ to 33%; the Monsanto Company, up $\frac{1}{4}$ to 95%; the Diamond Shamrock Corporation, up $\frac{1}{4}$ to 21%; Uniroyal Inc., up $\frac{1}{2}$ to 15%, and Hercules Inc., up $\frac{1}{2}$ to 33%. All are traded on the New York Stock Exchange.



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