At the southernmost tip of Illinois, at the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, there is a small town that has been around since before the days of the civil war. During the war between the states General U.S. Grant trained union soldiers here and it was known to be part of the underground railroad for runaway slaves fleeing north. Its name is Cairo.

During the post-civil war days, and up to the 1920's, it was a boom town and had the potential of being another Chicago. However, traffic circumvented Cairo about that time and went on to Chicago, leaving Cairo in a state of economic depression. Industry moved out and people just kind of forgot about it until recently when it started making some papers (although not many). People started hearing about this small border town because it has been involved in armed warfare for the past 26 months.

At one time its population was 18,000, but it has now shrunk to 5,000 persons, and since the 1960 census 3,000 people have left. Forty to fifty percent of the population is black. In the past 27 months five police chiefs, two

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papers, one can feel the arrogance and the contempt of the class of elite, who have run this country's foreign policy as their own private chess game for the last three decades, towards the American people and even towards their fellow elite elected as members of Congress to represent the people.

CID SEeks VVAVW Support

The American people are becoming more aware that the war in Indochina is not fought according to "The Rules of Land Warfare", or any other established rule. That is why our continuing Winter Soldier Investigations are so important. The administration realizes this, and they have started a nationwide investigation into the charges that we have made in WSV's across the country.

Having been part of The Green Machine we know that the armed forces are not going to investigate themselves thoroughly or fairly. The intelligence branches of all services and in some cases the F.B.I., are contacting vets all over the country who have testified to war crimes. They are asking them to give complete written testimonies, including names of all the people involved in any of the incidents described. In some cases they are using threats of reactivation to try and force the brothers to cooperate.

Our lawyers, William Kunstler and Peter Weiss, have advised us not to give the CID, Naval Intelligence, etc., any information whatsoever. We urge you to follow this advice. We do not want to scamegoat any more individuals. If the grunts are going to be prosecuted for obeying orders, the people who gave those orders should also be prosecuted.

It is extremely important that anyone who has been contacted send us a letter with a complete description of the contact, including the names of the agents and what they asked.

The Winter Soldier Investigations are an important part of the work we are doing, so it's important that they continue without the harassment of the government. If you provide us with the details requested, we can take appropriate action against them. We don't want to give the government any more information than they already have.

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A VIABLE VVAVW
by Al Hubbard

SPIRIT OF THE FIRST CASUALTY

It is rather extraordinary how men must plot and combine and nego-
tiate to tell the truth. The 1st Casualty is a product of this phenomenon, and proof positive that even the most orthodox, somewhere, sometime, always. The 1st Casualty is the official organ of VVAV. It's function is to describe and explain what is in and has been happening, to convey the philosophy and policy of VVAV and ultimately to raise the consciousness of the reader so as to enable us collectively through our life style, politics and social awareness to effect the change embodied in the nine objectives of VVAV and so badly needed in our country. The 1st Casualty is not intended to be exclusively didactic, rhetorical, dialectical or ideological in it's presentation. It is not meant to be entertaining and it does not purport to print all the news that should be printed. However, it will not be without humor. It most certainly will print, at least a great deal of the news that has not been printed. And, above all it will through the revealing of the truth be educational.

Ox cart rolling down the road, Peasants with a heavy load. They're all V.C. when the bomb drops. Napalm sticks to kids.

A baby sucking on his mother's tit, Children playing in a pit, Dow Chemical doesn't give a shit, Napalm sticks to kids.

MAY 1968

P.S. The last time I saw a peace demonstration was in 1967. It was the hunt for Forrestal. I believe I saw a few wives, nurses and old folks. There was also a demo at the Navy Yards. I failed to see you there. We are afraid of you, you know. We are afraid of you. We think you are a scared little boy. We expect you to be scared little boys. You are always scared little boys. It's only when we are not scared little boys that we are afraid of you.
OCTOPUS CAIRO

committee meeting in March by the Arkansas coordinator, Sonny Keys. We were not able to act upon it at the time due to the Dewey Can-
yon III operation in Washington set for April. During DQ III Bobby Morgan (a representative of the United Front) told many of the participants about Cairo and the help that was needed there. In May the second steering commit-
tee meeting convened. Cairo was discussed and it was felt that
VVAV should become involved on a national and local level.

In light of the objectives of the organization, Cairo is of ut-
most importance in showing the American public that the war must
end on all fronts. In many ways
the black people of Cairo are
suffering the same indignities as
of the Vietnamese people. They
are being economically exploited,
socially ostracized, and politi-
cally denied a say in their des-
tiny. Like the Vietnamese they
have finally united against that
power structure that has suppres-
sed them and are fighting it.

The racism which we saw in Vietnam and which we agree is one of the reasons for war crimes,
exists in Cairo, Illinois. The
black community has been
upon and the Pyramid Courts area
is a free fire zone, CS gas and
rockets have been used against
them. Tanks, in the form of heav-
ily armored cars, machine guns,
and other weapons of war have
been used against them.

NOTE: Bullet holes in the wall

This is happening in America.
Yet the people of America don't
know about it, and if they do,
they still find it hard to belie-
ve as they find it hard to belie-
ve what we have to tell them
about Vietnam. The government of
this country has justified this
way by saying that we are fighting
for freedom and equality and self-determination of the Vietna-
mer and yet here in our own
country people are denied that
right and are involved in a strug-
gle to obtain that right; their
struggle is our struggle.
VVAV majority membership is
white working-middle-class.
The peace movement has never been
able to identify very effectively
with the Third World movement be-
cause they have not really dealt
seriously with the struggle;
there has been a lot of liberal
talk but no action. The black
community is watching Cairo, Illi-
nois on a national level very
closely. If VVAV relates in a
concrete manner to Cairo, this
will bring us closer together in
solidarity. It will also make
earlier working and organizing
conditions on the local level.

On April 19, 1971, a task forc-
e consisting of Jon Birch, Al
Hubbard and myself, was sent to
Cairo for Solidarity Week meet-
ings with the United Front it
was found that they needed basic-
ally two things:
1) press coverage and
2) supplies in the form of
canned food, clothes and medicina

Because the situation in Cairo
has been so hot, the press has not
covered it. You will rem-
ber we saw this same thing happen
at the Winter Soldier Investiga-
tion, in Detroit — a press and a
black out. Since VVAV has fair access
to the press, the United Front
asked that we spread the word
about Cairo.

The boycott has meant that
the black community has been depen-
dent, to a large degree, upon
outsiders to provide food and
clothing for their coop. VVAV
chapters are gathering material
together and shipping them to
Mike King at the St. Louis chap-
ter. On August 14, 1971, a press
conference with the United Front
will be held and the food and
Clothing will be delivered.
Cairo also needs people with
skills — electricians, bakers,
plumbers, carpenters, masons, en-
gineers, doctors, and lawyers.
If possible they would like indi-
viduals to come to Cairo for a few
weeks, or as long as they can stay
to train and help the brothers
and sisters in these areas. Any-
one interested should contact
Mike King at 6244 Delmar, St.
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by Scott Moore

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Blues out on a road recon.
See some children, two of their ,
What the hell, let's drop the bomb,
Napalm sticks to kids.

Flying low across the trees,
Pilots doing what they please,
Waving flags of refuge,
Napalm sticks to kids.

They're in good shape for the shape they're in.
But, God, I wonder how they can win,
With Napalm running down their skin,
Napalm sticks to kids.
VETERANS ACTION GROUP

After World War II and Korea, one out of every three veterans used the G.I. Bill to return to school or learn a trade. Today only one of every four veterans is applying for education benefits, mainly because the benefits are inadequate.

Loans
Unlike veterans of World War II and Korea, veterans cannot obtain VA guaranteed loans to buy or expand a business.

Mustering-Out Pay
After World War II, men released with over 3 months active service were given $300 (not travel allowance or payment for accrued leave) to help defray the immediate expenses of re-entering civilian life: new clothes, advanced payments on rent, security deposits, and miscellaneous living expenses during the initial waiting period before salaries or other benefits payments are disbursed.

During the Vietnam Era, there has been no mustering out pay at all.

THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER, 1971

“We regret to inform you that your son is dead due to non-hostile causes”.

legal device to prolong a devastating drug habit. Servicemen and veterans should not be used as guinea pigs to try out other wonder drug remedies for what is a very complex problem. Government funds should be channelled into vocational retraining facilities in the veterans communities. Therapeutic communities (civilian agencies like New York's Phoenix House) should be set up for, and run by veterans.

III. Discharges
Many servicemen, particularly Blacks and Puerto Ricans are getting other than honorable discharges. Not only does this brand them for life in seeking employment, but it also may prevent their securing VA benefits.

In each case where a veteran gets other than an honorable or dishonorable discharge, the VA makes an individual determination of eligibility.

Each branch of the service has a multiplicity of discharge authorities. There should be a standardization of discharges throughout the military services. Either other than honorable and dishonorable discharges should be eliminated or discharges should be reviewed by a soldiers peers. It is too easy for a commanding officer to move a man out of the service for some flimsy reason based on personal prejudice and without regard to his career and future life.

Very few appeals are successful. Usually it takes a year. Success often depends upon invoking political pressure. Even then damage may be done by the time of the appeal. For example, if unemployment benefits are denied as a result of the nature of his discharge a veteran must keep reporting to the unemployment office weekly during the period of the appeal in order to collect retroactive benefits. There is a need for a massive appeal of less-than-honorable discharges that resulted from drug possession and from racist provocations of minority group members.

I. Improve Existing Benefits To At Least Equal those of WW II
Presently unemployment compensation to veterans depends upon the law of the State where he files and his length of service and rate of pay. Nationally, the maximum weekly payments range from $30 to $75 and the maximum period for which benefits are payable is from 12 to 39 weeks.

Unemployment Benefits
World War II veterans were entitled to $20 a week for 52 weeks. The amount was uniform regardless of pay, length of service, place of residence, or the purchasing power of that $20 is about $40 today.

In New York State the benefits range from $20 to $75 a week. The normal period of benefits is 26 weeks, but has been extended for an additional 13 weeks as a result of the high unemployment rate.

Education Benefits
World War II veterans received subsistence payments of $90 a month - the equivalent of $180 in terms of today's prices. In addition, the VA paid the educational institution directly for the cost of tuition and books. Today maximum benefits to a single veteran attending school full time are $175 a month for a total of 36 months. Payment is made to the veteran and he must pay for tuition, books and living expenses out of this.

II. Drug Addiction
An estimated 10—15 percent, and maybe as high as 25% of servicemen in Vietnam are using heroin. Many have been receiving undependable and bad conduct discharges. Addiction must not be treated as a crime. Rather, a massive rehabilitation program is needed. However, the problem is not simply medical, and many of the well intentioned recent proposals are unrealistic at best, and could be disastrous for thousands of veterans, present and future.

The psychological and social aspects of addiction must be considered. The military, and the VA as presently structured are institutionally incapable of dealing with the underlying causes of drug abuse. Servicemen should not be retained in the military until certified drug free. This should be prevented from whole sale and exclusive use of methadone, which simply provides a
IV. V.A.: Structural Re-Alignment To Respond To Needs of Vietnam Era Most men released from service enter a painful period of disorientation, estrangement and isolation. Large numbers do not even bother to go to the V.A. to find out what services are available. Many who do are completely turned off by bureaucratic rigidity and alienating civil servants. There are frequent complaints of inequitable claims adjudications, and inadequate hospital care.

The V.A. should be employing large numbers of Vietnam Era Veterans to make face-to-face contact with vets as they are discharged. "Outreach" by mail on government stationery has not and will not "reach" the huge numbers of disgruntled vets to let them know what their entitlements are. The V.A. should be decentralized: Storefronts manned by young vets in local communities should replace or supplement the large V.A. centers. Contract services, to provide V.A. funds for private psychotherapy should be made available as they were after World War II. The V.A. funds should be channeled into existing health and social care agencies in the communities to service veterans in need of help. There is no longer any need for V.A. hospitals to duplicate the effort of civilian facilities. In a simple move, vets could be included under Federally sponsored health insurance, which could eliminate costly bureaucratic distinctions between service-connected and non-service-connected ailments, and at the same time provide much more equitable treatment for all veterans.

"I told them we're winning and I told them we're getting out and I told them we're proud of what they did and I told them we're not responsible for their actions. Why don't they like me?"

V. Job Training - Unemployment - Re-Ordering of Social Priorities Unemployment among veterans is over twice the national average. In addition to the shortage of jobs, the employment prospects for vets as a group are complicated by their insufficient formal training in civilian occupations and by the strong preference among many of them for admittedly unchallenging work (menial tasks like janitorial service, messenger work, etc.) or non work better paying but more hassle filled jobs in the service of goals they had repudiated (corporate or government responsibilities).

The Nixon Administration's "Hire a Vet" publicity campaign fails to take into account that few people are being hired now as all, and an untrained, inexperienced veteran will always be last in line. Job Fairs, special incentives to go into police work, and training programs for government civil service also fly in the face of many veterans' anti-government, anti-establishment orientation.

There is need for a veteran's job corps that will train vets in various skills, both manual and administrative. But beyond that, meaningful work must be provided in which vets can use their new skills in worthwhile efforts. One possibility is to set up a semi-private social action corporation that can get government subsidies in urban communities for reconstruction efforts whose profit potential is too low to interest the private sector.

SILENT MAJORITY

IN MEMORY OF 19-YEAR-OLD
PFC JAMES WARING HORNINGS JR. U.S. MCR
KILLED IN ACTION DECEMBER 7, 1950
YUDAM-NI CHOSIN RESERVOIR KOREA

THE INCOMPETENT, GREEDY, CONFUSED POLITICIANS ELECTED IN 1948 WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS BOY BEING MURDERED IN KOREA.

FORMING A VETERAN'S BAND

IN ST. LOUIS A WHILE BACK, WE DISCUSSED THE IDEA OF OUR CHAPTER FORMING A BAND TO ENHANCE NOT ONLY THE SPIRIT OF OUR MEMBERS, BUT ALSO OUR TREASURY. THAT IDEA HAS BROUGHT 32 REQUESTS FOR THE BAND FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY...BUT... THERE IS NO BAND. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET IT TOGETHER, CALL 521-3139 OR COME TO OUR OFFICE AT 1840 S. 77 TERR., KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, AND TALK TO JOHN UPTON.
The purpose of these guidelines are to assure that the marches that have become a frequent part of VVAW activities on a national and local level are kept in the context of "Bringing the War Home!" They should be educational as well as social gatherings for the membership.

1. In the planning of any march the route must be carefully selected.
   A. The route must be through the most populated area available.
   B. If the period of marching includes a Sunday morning the route should pass as many churches as possible.
   C. If schools are in session the route should pass as many schools as possible.
   D. In all instances the route should pass shopping centers.
   E. During summer months the route should include resorts, benches, picnic areas, etc.

2. The amount of marching should whenever possible be restricted to 10 miles a day; in no case should you plan more than 22 miles per day. We ain't as tough as we used to be.

3. Trucks and other vehicles should be restricted in number. Have as many as are required for the transportation of food and gear and the required emergency medical vehicle. Unnecessary transport gets in the way. There should be one roving vehicle for general coordination.

4. Guerrilla theater should be conducted as often as possible but only when appropriate. The purpose of the theaters is to convey to people in a serious manner what we are talking about when we speak of interrogation, search and destroy, etc. It should be done where the largest amount of people can see it. There is no use in doing it for ourselves. The persons performing the theater should be in front of the line of march and, if possible, rehearsed beforehand. Pacing the theater should be rotated so everyone gets a chance at it. However use a few ex-grunts in all guerrilla theater. Designate at least five people to stay back and talk and leaflet the townspeople. Inform them of what they just witnessed.

5. At the culmination of the march a rally is a good way to wind things up. To ensure that people will be there plan publicity well in advance. When possible try to get a well known name in the area for a drawing card.

6. It is imperative that the party/trip aspect of these marches be eliminated. It must be clearly understood by the marchers the purpose behind them — going out to the people and bringing the war home. Save the party for later.

7. It goes without question that prior planning is of the utmost importance from porto-sans, locations of encampments, routes of march, to alternatives in case of emergencies for successful operations.

8. During these actions everyone should be informed as much as possible as to what is going on. The leadership should spread out its workload to several individuals.

The St. Louis chapter has informed the national office that organizations can approach the Volunteer Services Director in V.A. hospitals and request to be recognized as a Volunteer Service Organization. If an organization is recognized as a Volunteer Service Organization at 45 V.A. hospitals throughout the country, they are automatically entitled to a seat on the National Volunteer Services Board. This entitles any chapter of that organization to be a Volunteer Service Organization at any V.A. hospital in the country (write the national office or contact your coordinator for details).

A letter from WINTERFILM

It has been over 5 months since the Winter Soldier Investigation ended, but for those of us who are making a film of Winter Soldier, the event is still very much alive.

We in WINTERFILM would like your help, as veterans and friends in working to create a picture of your experiences and memories of Vietnam. You can help by letting us know your opinions of the short films we have already made. You can also help by loaning us any olden 8 mm movies rolls, or still photos you have from your time in the Nam. We need pictures of the reality of Vietnam to complement the spoken testimony of the men at Winter Soldier.

Many vets have seen the two short films we have already made. However, others may not know about them. We have two films: a 17 min. black and white film of excerpts from the First Marine Div. testimony and a 25 min. Black & White and color film of the testimony of men from the American Div. VVAW coordinators have been using these films at fund raising events and discussion group meetings. 16 min. prints of both films are available for rent and/or purchase through the national and regional VVAW offices.

At present WINTERFILM is working to complete a feature length film of Winter Soldier. We hope to be finished by September. During the summer we plan to have screenings of the work in progress to help raise money for the costs of the film and to show more and more people what happened at Detroit.

We would appreciate any help or advice in both raising money and getting people to see the film. If you can think of anything, let us know. And please come visit us here in the country. The air is clean, and there in a lake and a wood full of deer. Bring sleeping gear and food. It's a true adventure.

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WINTER SOLDIER TESTIMONY HELD IN DENVER

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Moderators were, from left, Brian Adams, coordinator of the anti-war veterans, Methodist Bishop R. Marvin Stuart, Craig Barnes, director, Colorado Project, Common Cause, and Lou Marinus, president of the Denver Bar Association.

COLORADO:

1. The Colorado Winter Soldier Investigation (June 19 & 20) was a mixed success. Forty vets testified at the Denver Indian Center during the two day hearings.

The testimony was received by a number of major figures in the Colorado Peace Community, including: Craig Barnes, of Common Cause Colorado; Bishop Marvin Stuart, of the Rocky Mountain Conference (Methodist); and Professor Ved Nanda, who teaches International Law at Denver University.

Attendance was disappointing—between 200 and 300 per day—but the press covered the proceedings fairly well.

There will be an attempt to have the 16 hours of testimony read into the Congressional Record.

2. V.V.A.W. actively participated in the Colorado Campaign to Set the Date, helping with the collection of 10,000 signatures on petitions demanding that Congressmen from Colorado support the Medal-Welshan & Hatfield-McDowen Acts.

One Congressman (Evans), did switch to a peace vote. All the others remained war-advocates.

The initiation of recall procedures is being considered.

by Brian Adams

WASHINGTON, D.C. ...

Interim Regional Coordinator Tim Butz announced the opening of the new D.C. City Office at 212 19th Street, N.W. A complete list of all activities in the metropolitan area will be available soon.

A separate Congressional Liaison Office at 47 Try Street, S.E., has opened. An effort will be made concerning all legislative activities and political moves in the government on foreign policy and vets affairs. Already V.V.A.W. has spoken in favor of the new proposed GI Bill of Rights, and the Vets Unemployment Compensation. A regular legislative government affairs list will be published soon.

byskip Roberts

MILWAUKEE

The Common Council of the City of Milwaukee has granted a parade permit to V.V.A.W. for Labor Day, September 6, 1971.

The theme for the parade is to be Peace and Solidarity. Registration of units will be in advance, granted to all those within the confines of the above theme.

The parade is to start at 10am on a route from 5th Street on Wisconsin Ave. east to Cass St. (the same route as Milwaukee's Fourth of July Parade).

Veterans will be gathered in Milwaukee, September 3rd through the 6th. They will camp in the city and organize guerrilla theatre the Saturday and Sunday before the parade on Monday the 6th.

For reservations or more information write V.V.A.W., 224 N. Hackett Ave., Milwaukee, Wisc., 53211, or call 754-2518, 256, or Daryl Elson at 754-2566, or Daryl Elson at 754-2566.

Peace and Solidarity, Ralph Yeale, V.V.A.W.

GEORGIA - ALABAMA - FLORIDA

The Regional Convention of the Georgia, Alabama and Florida chapter of the V.V.A.W. will take place on Sept. 4-6, 1971, the Labor Day Weekend in Gainesville, Fla.

The four day camp-out workshop will take place on a private 400 acre farm. Bring tents, and food. Showers and latrine facilities will be available. Presently a swimming site is being sought. Bring your families, etc. It is also requested that you bring along any photographs/slides of the "Nam", as well as your DC-219's. Any and all Vets are invited. For further information contact Scott Camil, Gainesville, Fla., telephone 904-575-0779.

CAPE COD

V.V.A.W. Cape Cod Branch had parade and celebration of life on the Fifth of July in Hyannis.

A group of vets in Centerville, Mass., decided to have their own parade on Memorial Day which resulted in 13 brothers arrested.

So, after getting out of jail, they decided to enter the regular July 4th parade, annually held in Hyannis.

In a short time and with the help of Boston V.V.A.W., the "Centerville 13" built a simple float which symbolized their feelings.

The float had a set of three cages on a borrowed flatbed. The first cage contained a GI in jungle terrain with a set of works as big as the Empire State Building stuck in his arm, to symbolize heroin addiction in the "Nam." In the second cage was a taxpayer sitting in his garden with his attache case and empty pockets (it took two days to find a straight vet). In the third cage was the ultimate victim, a Vietnamese peasant.

The float and parade permit were okayed, and the parade went on, out of 35 floats from various groups such as VVW, A.L., and the Elk's. VVW was in the center.

They ended up with about 150 vets and supporters, marching through the streets of Hyannis shouting: "Bring 'em Home, Bring Our Brothers Home." In which it drowned out the martial music, as it was picked up by a most warm, receptive crowd. By the end of the parade, more than 300 people had joined the march by our float. The float took 3rd place, and VVW received a nice little wooden cup. Afterwards, since most brothers like to party, a beach in Hyannis reserved for Veterans, was liberated by VVW for all the people. And kegs of beer (Heineken of course), were donated, four cases of Boone's Fash Apple Wine, and loads of other good food. The party began at 1:30PM on July 5th, and broke up at 5PM, July 6th with a rock concert in Centerville. No cover in the papers.
ITEM: Vets and active-duty brothers and sisters have viable organizations going at the Philadelphia Naval Station (starting a new coffee house set up and organized by the active duty brothers); at the Valley Forge Hospital; and at the Naval Base.

The Hospital Underground has organized twice-monthly picnics across the street from the hospital in full view of the hospital administration, despite considerable harassment from the gate-guards.

ITEM: VVAV in Philly has become increasingly involved in military counseling.

ITEM: On the recent trip to K.C. while in that freedom-loving state of Ohio, we were tailed by the cops for approximately 20 miles with marked and unmarked cars (also aircraft). We were pulled over and low and behold there were several people in civilian clothes claiming to be state troopers. Upon being asked for ID's, they backed off... J. Edgar Hoover's boys, maybe?

ITEM: Fantastic response from people around St. Louis while we were stuck on the side of the road for 22 hours. But the outskirts of the city. Many stopped and offered food, or beer, or wine when they saw VVAV on the side the the Pennsylvania bus.

ITEM: From September 8th thru 12th, Pennsylvania VVAV is planning Operation Keystone -- a march from around the state to Harrisburg, the state capitol. Operations like RAW will hit much of the state which has had no contact with VVAV or the war. There will be building Vietnamese villages from straw and burning them within sight of the capitol. There will also be lobbying for the Benson Bill (similar to the Massachusetts bill to prohibit Pennsylvania residents from going to undeclared war) and lots of guerilla theater. It will be primarily a state affair but others are welcome and invited to truck with us through the beautiful Pennsylvania countryside.

by Jon Birch

We are Vietnam Veterans and we have felt the need to establish an R&R Center for returnees and others who need a break in the hustle, bustle of city life. Most of us living here are ex-city dwellers with the guidance of ex-GI farmers to develop the land. We have 100 acres leased land from a WW II Vet who's sympathetic to ex-GI problems. We are using the center as a relief of stress rather than for political organizations of the GI Movement.

Leave the war in the city and learn to love the land. All sorts of building materials and equipment are pouring in and we are finding a function for everything. Here's a chance to clean out your garage and get rid of that "Pro-cration"

Need turning on to all those hard to find out facts about GI Rights and Benefits available thru VCC, Rehab., VA, Model City and others? Need a place to live, solitute? Escape from the city and oppression? Come relax around the evening campfire and sip some well water or whatever and watch some films.

by Marsh Harrel

DOWN ON THE FARM

Last week a guy towed his old car out here (two vets now have a new home). A couple of old pieces plywood are the newest addition to the deck.

When you come leave the problems and oppressions of the city/vietnam behind. Make the farm your own. You might have a place here.

Drop us a line at the R&R Center, Chesapeake, Virginia. The number is: (703)967-1417. Additional projects and workshops welcome!

by Marsh Harrel

Fundamentalist preacher Carl McIntyre abruptly adjourned a "Victory in Viet Nam" rally two hours ahead of schedule on June 26th after inviting David Ross (VVAV/Syracuse) to a debate on the war. Ross managed to get a few facts off, but was cut off by McIntyre. McIntyre commented "I didn't want this thing to build up any more. I didn't want to be guilty of provoking anything!

In the debate when McIntyre opened his mouth concerning Christ and Vietnam, there were differences of opinion among the assembled crowd. As a result of these differences of opinion, McIntyre saw fit to call off the demonstration. After he announced the end of the debate, people in the crowd began shouting: "Let him speak!" (Ross). As a reporter from Binghamton put it, "Carl McIntyre has never lost a fight". It matters little whether he's battling the N.J. Board of Education, the FCC or Vietnam Veterans Against the War. This is not to say that the Bible Presbyterian ministry has not been in some tight situations. What then do he do when confronted by a questioner with probing arguments? He simply retreats to a safer place, a place from which he can launch lengthy verbal and printed tirades against his opponent...

N.Y. VET ROUTS MCINTYRE

From reading accounts about Mr. McIntyre from various sources, including his own, one would expect a formidable, irrepressible and unflappable preacher.

McIntyre insisted that this was a pro-war rally and that the "hecklers" would be removed if they persisted. He finally caved to their hoots and chants and invited disaster by inviting Ross. After Mr. Ross portrayed Christ as a fellow revolutionary who advocated resistance against a government, a person doesn't agree with in conscience. McIntyre retorted "What he has said is a misrepresentation of the Gospel and of Jesus Christ"..."He never led any form of violence or revolution..." (Money-changer in the temple John 21: 12-14...look out Wall Street). McIntyre's address was punctuated by cries of "Peace Now!" and "Christ loves Vietnamese...tool!"

He told VVAV the rally would be dismissed if they continued. They refused, naturally, and the rally ended.

As the 65 year old McIntyre left for the Broome County airport he stated, "That's the worst treatment I've had anywhere...at any rally, at any time".

The VV of Binghamton declined to invite him to their purdah, but he was accepted with joy by VVAV. Like Harry Truman stated, "If you can't take the heat, then stay out of the kitchen!" Mr. McIntyre was expected to be able to face opposition from any quarter and deal effectively with the antagonist. Instead, the fundamentalist preacher was forced to retreat from his own rally. The counter rally apparently wasn't in the script and the N.J. preacher brought upon his own defeat by inviting Ross to speak.

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Before going to Vietnam, the G.I. is trained to think and act in a way that makes him superior to anyone the military says is in the enemy. The real enemies are, in fact, the corporations who make money off the war, and corporations like Heublein, Inc. and Bud Antle, Inc. who are exploiting the farm workers in America. In Vietnam, G.I.s are used to kill Vietnemese people who are fighting the U.S. Government and the corporations as well as the U.S. Government disregards the rights of the Vietnamese people, so does the Heublein corporation disregard the rights of the farm workers. Although this corporation made in the area of $17,000,000 in profit this past fiscal year, they steadfastly refuse to pay the minimum wage.

Many of our brothers and sisters are not aware of the VVAV structure and how we function as an organization on national, regional, and local levels. This article is a step towards achieving an overview of our operations. Vietnam Veterans Against the War is incorporated in the state of New York as a non-profit, non-stock, educational institution. As of yet, we are still not tax-exempt. Vietnam showed the way as soon as they changed. Our policy making is done by the steering committee of 26 regional coordinators. Their official functions are as follows:

1. Regional coordinators will be the official representatives of VVAV in their respective geographical areas.
2. Regional coordinators will be responsible for and have full authority to make all decisions relative to VVAV operations consistent with VVAV philosophy and policy as determined by the National Steering Committee in their respective geographical area.

The military and the corporations work hand in hand as demonstrated by the recent buying of scab lettuce for the military bases from Bud Antle in an attempt to break the UFWOC's boycott.

After years of non-violent struggle, including strikes and consumer boycotts, the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee has succeeded in forcing almost all grape growers to sign union contracts which guarantee substantial improvements in wages and working conditions. Heublein, Inc. (that 'Little Old Winemaker') has refused to sign a contract. This company is a conglomerate with annual sales of close to $600 million, and which owns 82% interest in United Distillers, a cooperative of 1600 non-union wine grape growers which controls 55,000,000 pounds processes 460,000 tons of grapes annually. Heublein markets such products as A&J Steak Sauce, Smirnoff Vodka, and Italian Wine Colony Wine.

Those of us who were still in the service during the grape boycott remember all those grapes at every meal. During the recent lettuce boycott the Giant's chairman bought so much lettuce that there was lettuce with the breakfast oatmeal and lettuce under the jello. Next they will be putting Ball-Hai machines in the barracks.

Ofen the Vietnam Veteran has had all his preconceived notions dashed. It is time to grow old GI that everything he ever believed to be right was filled with contradictions and hypocrisy. He believed God was on the side of his "beloved country" only to see horror so morally repugnant even a merciful God wouldn't allow it.

While most Vietnam Veterans return without physical scars sometimes their mental traumas are more cruel. In the Vet to be told that because he feels he was wrong about the war and wrong in every other way he offended God, or that virility and manhood are to be determined by the butt of a rifle) that aside from anomalies on his masculinity, and other identity crises, he is to be branded a male chauvinist too? Disillusionment, disbelief, insecurity—these are to be synonymous terms to be used in connection with Vietnam Vets? In a sense this problem is not a problem exclusive to Vets but to society in general. Women's Liberation; treating your fellow human being as your equal; is pure and simple basic humanism. Perhaps the returning Vet through his new found reverence for life has become more sensitive to this problem and other ethical questions to the point of guilt.

The answer is not to point an accusing finger at the Vet but to guide him to confront his own Rap sessions (consciousness raising) can help the Vets deal with their collective guilt, and possibly build a firm foundation for mutual respect.

The danger facing V.V.A.W., as a predominantly male organization, is that it might start to emulate the very thing it is fighting against—the arrogant chauvinism of the military, which encourages all the forms of male dominance that exist in society as a whole. Will V.V.A.W. opt for the easier out (as many other "revolutionaries" have), that although fighting sexism is a "right on" cause, it must for the time being be put aside for the more pressing problem of trying to relieve human oppression? In a woman's liberation an integral part of human liberation and, therefore, male liberation?

Are the Vietnam Vets aware that the problem of sexism/male chauvinism exists? To acknowledge a problem is to take the first step in its solution.
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MAYBE THE USO CARES BUT THEY DON'T TELL HIM WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENING, NEITHER DOES THE STARS + STRIPES OR ARMED FORCES RADIO .... ONE THING HE DOES BELIEVE IS HIS MAIL

LET'S GET IT TOGETHER, FOR A MASSIVE LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN TO GUYS IN THE FIELD IN INDOCHINA

Logan

Hi,

To start with, I'll introduce myself. My name is Mike Street. A friend of mine was telling all about your movement to Washington April 19. If you could, please send me more information to me. I'm very interested in this. I hope to hear from you soon. The guys over here really appreciate what you are trying to do. We plan to spread it to all of our friends in other units. You have a lot of support coming home soon. So keep fighting the pigs. And maybe we will end this damn war.

A fellow supporter.

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Montagnards around a fire,
Napalm makes the fire higher,
Napalm sticks to kids.

Drop some napalm on the barn,
It won't do too much harm,
Just burn off a leg or arm,
Napalm sticks to kids.

Occupant
25 West 26th St., 6th Fl.
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Dear Sir:
The enclosed mail, addressed to Private First Class Michael Street, 238 88 0275, bears your return address.
We are returning your mail because Private Street died on 6 June 1971. I am sorry that it was not possible to have delivered this mail.
Sincerely,
W. L. HUMPHREY
Lieutenant Colonel, AGC
Commanding
1 Inclosure

FROM THE BAN
July 15, 1971
Brother Bob:
I'm answering your letter right away because I want you to know that I have my support any time you want it.
Every day over here it seems to get worse. The only way we can take this place is to stay stoned. Sure heroin is bad for you and most of us realize this but that's all we can get. Instead of harassing us, the lifers should realize the problems of why we take drugs and should be helping us with medical care. I've been using stuff for the whole time over here but I've always done my job. I've been treated more like a prisoner than a soldier. All they do is harass you and treat you like shit. Now they are giving me an undesirable discharge.
The reason why we take drugs over here is because we are fed up with being harassed and being over here against our will and fighting for something that is stupid and unclear that we don't even know what we are fighting about. I have always thought that it was wrong for us to be over here but any time I said anything the lifers just laughed in my face and tried to make me feel foolish. I think I've done my share for Uncle Sam. I've seen my share of war. What I got out of it has been pain and the disgrace of an undesirable discharge. I don't think I can face my parents and my future is wrecked. When I get out in a couple of weeks I'm going to fight against the military because it's wrong and what happened to me is just one example of it. I am talking to everyone who hates the war and wants to do something about it. I just hope there are a lot more people who see it my way and are willing to fight for a good cause. When we're done people will have peace and know how to love their neighbor. Until I hear from you again.
Peace, Brother Chet

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FALL ANTIWAR ACTIVITIES

August 6-9: *Commemoration of the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Meetings, demonstrations, actions of various kinds will be held across the country. Underlines racist nature of U.S. War Policy.

August 14: First VVAW convoy to Cairo, Illinois.

1st week in Sept: NWRO anti-PAP (Federal Anti-Poverty) actions. This will involve mass direct actions.

September 16: (Mexican Independence Day) Antivar actions projected by the Rasa workshop.

October 13: *National Moratorium Day. The aim is to cease business as usual on this day in order to bring about an end to the war. The Moratorium actions will take place in as many communities as possible, in such forms as are agreed upon by the Local Peace Action Committees.

October 25: *(Veterans Day) Veterans' mobilization "will involve mass actions, non-violent civil disobedience"*

October 26-Nov. 6: Local Constituency Actions.

November 6: *Massive antivar demonstrations in the streets in the following major regional centers: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa, and in Washington, D.C.*

* United Actions of the whole movement against the war.


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