



VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION

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General Information

No Verdict in Lawton-Gardner Trial

We had expected that by this time, we would have received word of the verdict in the Lawton/Gardner Trial in Riverside, California. The defense committee was speculating that the jury would have come up with a verdict before Thanksgiving so that they could be released to spend the holiday with their families. However, this was not the case. The jury has not reached a decision and they remain sequestered until they deliberate a verdict.

We have no idea how long this deliberating will go on (it could last another week or so) but it might not be a bad idea to assume that the jury is hung at this time. A definitive decision for acquittal or conviction could be reached, or as in the Indio trial, the jury could remain hung. Regardless of what the jury decides, people should be prepared to take immediate action in response to the decision. As soon as receive the word on the verdict, we will immediately notify the regional offices. In turn, regional offices should contact the chapters as soon as possible. If the verdict is for innocent, chapters should do what they can to publicize the word on this victory. If the decision ends in a hung jury, people should be prepared to write and telegram the following names and demand the Gary and Zurebu not be tried again (a decision to drop the charges can be made at this time). If the verdict is guilt, chapters should also write and telegram the following names demanding that the charges be dropped and that Gary and Zurebu be set free. Also, people should demand that the charges stemming from the "shooting into an occupied dwelling" incident in 1968 be dropped. The government is planning to bring Lawton to trial on these charges once a decision in the police shootings case has been reached.

Telegrams and letters should be sent to all of the following:

Judge H. Hews
Presiding Judge
Riverside Superior Court
4050 Main St.
Riverside, CA, 92501

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

Byron Morton
District Attorney
Riverside County
3535 10th St.
Riverside, CA 92501

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Political Prisoners in Chile

Several groups organizing support for the Chilean resistance have reported that those inside Chile are depending heavily on international opinion -- especially U.S. public opinion -- to curb the Junta's excesses and protect Chilean and other political prisoners. Public pressure has had its effect on the sensitive Junta, which recently invited Senator Kennedy to Chile to observe and correct his "misinformation." Letters calling for humanitarian treatment of prisoners in refugee camps and for asylum for the political exiles in Chile who have now become captives of the Junta should be sent to the following:

Ambassador Nathaniel Davies
U.S. Embassy
Santiago, Chile

General Augusto Pinochet
President
Santiago, Chile

General Oscar Bonilla
Interior Minister
Santiago, Chile

Kurt Waldheim
Secretary General of the U.N.
New York, New York 10017

How to Get Libraries to Subscribe to Winter Soldier

The following is a few words of advice from the Rochester, New York chapter who has had little trouble getting libraries to subscribe to W.S. Library and other "institution" subscriptions are very important because of the money they bring in. Chapters are encouraged to follow Rochester's words of wisdom.

"I recently obtained 1 library subscription at Rochester Institute of Technology (1 subscription - 1 attempt). It was amazing how easy it was. Here are some suggestions you might distribute.

1. Colleges and universities might be more receptive, but public libraries should be attempted also.
2. Try to get to the person who can authorize the bread. Or the next highest decision-making level, if the bureaucrat cannot be contacted.
3. Stress the relevance of the paper to veterans, working class people, and all people concerned about our society (depending on who uses the particular library). Another "card" to play is the "Free Press" and "Free Flow of Ideas in a Free Society" rap.

If you don't have a subscription at this point, it's because you're talking to a reactionary! An excuse such as no money can be met with "OK, it's free!" A more typical way to reject your demand for the people to know the truth is to stall. Suggest that the person phone you when the subscription is complete or a decision has been reached. To counter some of these tactics repeated phone calls and visits will "net" a subscription just to get rid of you. Another approach is to send a brother or sister on 'patrol' to the library looking for the Winter Soldier (vary either before or after your initial visit and measure your successes and failures). If all else fails, leave a few copies lying around; hide; wait for the reactionary response; photograph the temper tantrum and send photo for publication in W.S. Personally give that copy of W.S. to the photographed reactionary.

VVAW/WSO Film Distribution

Distribution of VVAW/WSO films are now being handled by Onio Newsreel. They have prepared a booklet in which the VVAW/WSO films are listed. Due to the amount of money to send these booklets out, Newsreel will be bulk mailing them to you. Each chapter should receive one in the next week or so. If you would like to order these films, make arrangements with Onio Newsreel, address: P.O. Box 19241, Corryville Station, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219.

Proposal for Change of Objective #8

The following proposal has been submitted by the MOINKVWPA region to make a change in the eighth objective of the organization (the one dealing with sexism). This proposal should be discussed at regional meetings as it will be brought up at the NSCM in December. We quote their proposal and reasons for it.

"Resolved to fight sexism which forces an inferior status on women, channeling them into lower-paying jobs and endless unpaid hours of household drudgery. United States imperialism depends for its very existence on this oppression of women as a source of domestic slavery and cheap labor. We must show that men and women who do not conform to stereotyped sex roles are also discriminated against. We must fight sexist attitudes and actions for these reasons, and because they divide the people against each other, making us less able to struggle together for change."

1. "We feel this objective explains how the oppression of women directly relates to US imperialism through women's economic role in society. We feel this is in accordance with Objective #10 which states: "To dedicate ourselves to these principles and objectives which directly relate to the imperialist suppression of the world by the US government."

2. "The economic oppression of women is emphasized because it is the primary aspect of the sexism question, without which the imperialist system could not survive. It is out of this situation that people's view of women as inferior and men as superior and dominant comes. We believe this objective includes a sense of the incorrectness of men's sexual attitudes towards women as well as women's attitudes towards men, and how the system consciously fosters these divisive attitudes between and among the people in order to keep us fighting each other."

3. "We mention oppression of people who don't fit into stereotypes as a side-effect of imperialism. We believe this sentence expands sexual oppression beyond women and beyond economic considerations but doesn't get lost in a long list and description of the many forms of sexual abuse in our society. We don't feel such detail has a place in a short, concise political objective. We believe that sentence, as is, includes the oppression of gay people and that it is not necessary -- and incorrect -- to bring that up as a separate item."

MOINKVWPA Proposal on Delegation Size

Two newsletters ago, we included a proposal from the MOINK region that asked for a change in the number of people who could attend the NSCM. To date, we have heard from only five regions. If your region has not voted yet, please do so immediately and call this office with your vote.

National Steering Committee Meeting -

The Moink Regional Office sent a letter to regional offices requesting information regarding agenda items and workshop suggestion in advance of the meeting so that they may draw up a tentative agenda to expedite matters. They have also requested the names of individuals and payment for housing, etc., to be sent to the office in Cincinnati. As of yet they have not received any input. Regional offices are urged to begin making preparations for the SCM. If you have suggestions please send them to the Cincinnati office. It is also important to note that the amount of delegates that can attend remains 8 until such time that the Palo Alto rule is changed.

Don Kemp Wins Battle for Re-Trial

Many chapters are aware of the case of Don Kemp (VVAW/WSO member now in Waupun Prison). Don was convicted two years ago of shooting his wife while having a flashback/nightmare of his experiences in Vietnam. Despite the evidence presented in the case showing Don's "mental" condition, Don was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison. Since that time, Don has been fighting to gain a re-trial for purposes of fully exposing the problems of veterans and PVS in the courts. On November 12th, the Supreme Court of Wisconsin ruled that Don could have his re-trial. Don is being transferred from Waupun to the Waukesha County Jail where he will await the beginning of his new trial. We will send his new address out to the chapters as soon as we know it in case people wish to send letters of solidarity and support to Don.

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!!!

Regional Reports

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Dayton Chapter Received Funding for Amnesty Work

The Dayton chapter was recently successful in applying for a grant to the General Conventions Youth Program of the Episcopal church for money to establish and run an Amnesty project. Although the chapter didn't get the full amount that they requested (which rarely happens) the money will be an incredible boost to the chapter's amnesty and discharge upgrading work. Copies of the proposal which Dayton used (which can be adapted for local use) are available for \$1 from the Dayton office, P.O. Box 1625, Dayton, Ohio 45401.

Conviction of VVAW/WSO Member in Columbus, Ohio

Jerry Seevers, VVAW/WSO member of the Columbus chapter for the past year and a half, was convicted of 2nd degree rioting on November 5th. The charges stem from a demonstration which occurred on May 11, 1972 in response to Nixon's mining of the Haiphong harbor. Jerry has been sentenced to six months in the Franklin County Jail. The charges that Jerry was convicted on are extremely erroneous and people should offer all the support they can to Jerry at this time. If people want to write letters of support, they should be sent to: Jerry Seevers, Franklin County Jail, Columbus, Ohio 43201.

Korea Demonstration Supported by NYC VVAW/WSO

On Saturday, November 17th, members of the NYC chapter of VVAW/WSO participated in a demonstration with a number of other organizations in support of two demands: A one Korea policy at the United Nations and a demand to Restore Constitutional Rights in South Korea. This demonstration was called by several Korean groups in New York City that are working to see one Korea formed again. The United States military still maintains a force of 45,000 soldiers and marines in South Korea to keep the Park regime in power. Talks between the northern and southern sections of Korea are proceeding but are being intimidated by the US presence and the fascistic policies of suppressing dissent in the south by Park and his cohorts. Without the presence of US troops, it would help conditions there immeasurably for the reunification of the country that would present the best interests of the people of Korea. Just as the US government maintains the governments in Saigon and Phnom Penn, so to does this apply to the government in Seoul. As is stated in our objectives, we support the people's right to self-determination, and end to aid to the Park regime, and the withdrawal of American troops. For more information on the situation in Korea, write to: American-Korean Friendship and Information Center, 160 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10010.

The New York City chapter is having a fundraising benefit at a bar in which \$1.00 admission plus 20% of the take will go to them. They are advertising the benefit all around Manhattan and expect to make a lot of bread from it. The Buffalo chapter has done the same thing in the past. If people would be interested in finding out how to do something like this, contact either the NYC or the Buffalo chapter, addresses on the chapter lists.

Report from Gainesville

The Gainesville Chapter has set up a defense committee for the Raiford/Starke Prison and has been corresponding with 19 inmates. Recently the mail has not been received by the inmates and they have been working with lawyers to insure that this mail is received. Recently, Gainesville, along with several other chapters in Florida, participated in a march to the Prison along with other groups in a show of solidarity with the prisoners.

In addition, the Gainesville chapter has been working on impeachment and getting petitions signed in favor of it. They have been doing support work for the United Farm Workers and are working with the African People's Socialist Party.

More on Veteran's Day Activity

Denver -- An amnesty demonstration was held on Veteran's Day across from the reviewing stand for the parade. About 40 VVAW/WSO people showed up and leafletted, carried signs, sang amnesty songs and spoke at the rally which was held. Speakers included a veteran with a less than honorable discharge, a representative from the Dick Bucklin Defense Committee and representatives from VVAW/WSO.

Chicago -- The Chicago chapter (about 20 people) leafletted the crowd at the Vets Day parade downtown. The leaflet centered on the amnesty issue and particularly, on less-than-honorable discharges. Chapter members also sold copies of Winter Soldier to the crowd.

Miami -- Members of the Miami chapter participated in the largest traditional veteran's march in southern Florida. VVAW/WSO members (including active-duty GIs) began with a small contingent in the parade, but succeeded in picking up 30-40 more people along the route. The VVAW/WSO contingent marched behind a VVAW/WSO banner, an Impeach Nixon banner, and a 13-star American flag. The response to the contingent from the by-standers was very positive.

California -- The San Francisco, Oakland and Redwood City chapters participated in the city's annual parade. Over 100 VVAW/WSO members and supporters marched, making VVAW/WSO the largest contingent in the parade. While marching, the people distributed over 5,000 pieces of literature (including W.S., Indochina Solidarity posters, and a leaflet on amnesty). Spectator response was very good and spontaneous applause broke-out at several places along the route as the VVAW/WSO group marched by.

In Southern California, VVAW/WSO members also participated in vet's day activities. The Santa Barbara and South Bay chapters participated in the Veteran's Day rally in Long Beach and the Veteran's Day March in Santa Barbara. In Long Beach, VVAW/WSO leafletted the people watching the parade as well as the active-duty people marching in the parade. In Santa Barbara, VVAW/WSO was not allowed to march in the "parade proper" so they held their own march which followed the official city parade.

San Francisco Tune-Up Benefit

The San Francisco chapter held a Tune-Up Benefit earlier this month. Tune-Up Benefits are run along the same lines as a car wash, with cars being serviced by chapter members for a fee. The benefit was an over-all success. Approximately \$200 was made and the chapter serviced 18 cars, 4 bicycles, and had to turn 25 cars away due to lack of proper planning on the response that the benefit would receive from the community.

National Reports

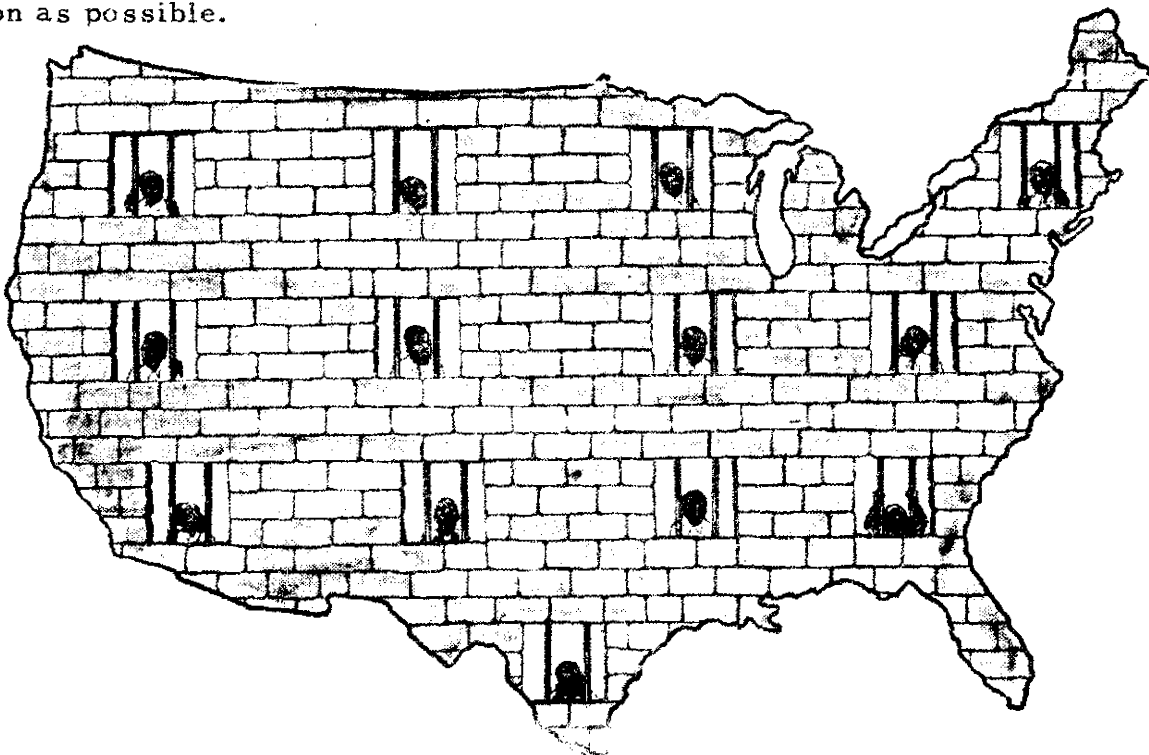
Christmas Activity in Prisons

Last year, a group of prisoners at Walpole State Prison in Massachusetts, Prisoners Against Poverty, Racism, and War, organized a fast of the Christmas dinner as a protest against poverty in America which was supported by many community organizations in the area. Over 1000 Massachusetts inmates participated and it was an integral part of their resistance movement, particularly at Walpole, the maximum security prison.

This year the NPRA (National Prisoners Reform Association) the inmate union at Walpole, has issued a call for a nationwide prisoners' boycott of the Christmas meal in support of the indicted Attica Brothers and in memory of the Attica Rebellion which gave strength to the emerging prison movement. It is also in memory of the massacre at Attica which revealed the violence which hides behind the facade of American justice.

It is important that we support the call from the brothers at Walpole. The idea of a fast could be a powerful offensive action on the part of the prison movement at this time. It is also a particularly important statement in support of the Attica Brothers while the grand jury is still sitting and possible further indictments against the Brothers are a continuing reality.

We would suggest that all regions inform the inmates in their area (those people you have received names for and those you are in contact with) of this upcoming fast. Let people inside the prisons know that this thing is going on and you can take bets that the word will get around the entire prison very quickly. We can also expect that inmates all over the country would be interested in this type of activity. We call on all chapters to spread the word about this "boycott" as soon as possible.



AMNESTY PETITION

The following is the National VVAW/WSO Amnesty Petition that the St. Louis NSCM voted on. Unless we get some input on modifications/ changes/etc., we will have the petition printed and distributed within the next two weeks as is.

- 1.) The petition is meant to be accompanied by a covering page, developed by the region, explaining exactly what the petition is to be used for and who is distributing it.
- 2.) Above all, the petition should provide an extremely valuable tool in building up an amnesty mailing list. Be sure that all signatures and addresses collected are legible or else they will be of no use.
- 3.) This petition is so worded that may either be presented to Congress or used more in the form of a People's Amnesty Treaty, depending on the desire of the region using it.
- 4.) The petition must be used as a form of outreach for VVAW/WSO's amnesty program. It is not just for collecting a bunch of names. Members collecting the signatures should thoroughly understand the need to rap with people they meet about amnesty: explaining why it's important to all Americans. While many people will not agree initially, at a later time, that conversation may aid in changing a persons opinion in favor of amnesty.

Additions to Chapter Update List -

Due to lack of room on stencil, please add the following corrections to the Update List. (If everyone has been following these update lists, your original copy must look like quiltwork or a kindergarden note book. If you think it necessary to have a new list, let us know and we will type it up again.)

Add as New Regional Office
Thomas Davis
4753 18th Avenue NE #65
Seattle, Washington 98105

Miscellaneous Changes
Change zip code for Columbus, Ohio to 43201
Add phone # for Boulder -
(303) 443-2211 X 8877

Soldiers and Strikers Pamphlet

Some of you may have noticed that a copy of Soldiers and Strikers was to have been included in the last newsletter/packet from the national office. Just in case you thought that we omitted the book from your particular packet, you can cheer up -- none of the books were mailed out. The reason for the omission is that we do not have the postage money to mail books to every chapter at this time. The postage cost was not noticed until after the newsletter had been reproduced. The slip was ours and we apologize for not being able to send the book. Maybe later.

Gainesville Trial Report #3

Remember those trial reports that were sent out last August? Well, only the first two reports ever made it to you. You will find the third and final trial report enclosed. We're sorry that these are so late but at least they are now complete. Chapters should be still interested in finding out about what happened at the Florida "circus" and chapters should also have these trial reports on file for reference purposes.

Impeachment of Nixon

In this issue of Winter Soldier, the lead story is about the impeachment of Richard Nixon. We feel that the story reflects the reasons why it is necessary for him to be impeached. Many chapters across the country have written and called asking us about what we thought of impeachment and also informing us that they were in the process of either joining an impeachment coalition or participating in an impeachment rally. Other chapters have started petition campaigns and are having much success. We think that this impeachment bed is here to stay and could result in victory for all anti-imperialist people. Please keep us informed as to what you are doing. We also think it is important that a proper perspective is kept in working on impeachment. We do not believe that replacing Nixon with another will change the system, but will succeed in being our victory. We are also sure that impeachment will be a topic of discussion at the NSCM.

VVAW/WSO G.I. News

Enclosed you will find the first issue of VVAW/WSO GI News. This newsletter is prepared by the NOSCAM-Chicago office and distributed to our GI mailing list, which includes GIs, GI projects and interested individuals. A copy of this newsletter will be sent to each chapter of VVAW/WSO each month. If you can help give a few dollars it would be appreciated and of much help.

Melvin X. Smith

Also enclosed is a fact sheet detailing the incredible case of Melvin X. Smith, who is facing a possible life sentence for murder. Please read it carefully and respond to it. Also, with this fact sheet is a petition demanding among other things, that the charges against Smith be dropped. It needs only 10 names to fill up, which anyone can do in about an hour. Please have them filled out and return to NOSCAM-Chicago. And when you send them back, please ask for more.

Walter Klim Declines Nomination to National Office

Walter Klim was nominated for the position of National Coordinator at the Steering Committee Meeting in St. Louis. We have received the following letter from him, declining the nomination.

Dear People,

I am presently in Rapid City working on the Wounded Knee Legal Defense/Offense Committee. There is much work to be done here, and I feel that I should stay here and work.

So, I am declining my nomination to the National Collective. I hope to make it to the NSCM. There are many things I would like to talk to people about and exchange ideas with.

In Struggle,
Walter Klim

Information Requests

New York State Collecting Information on Jr. ROTC Programs -

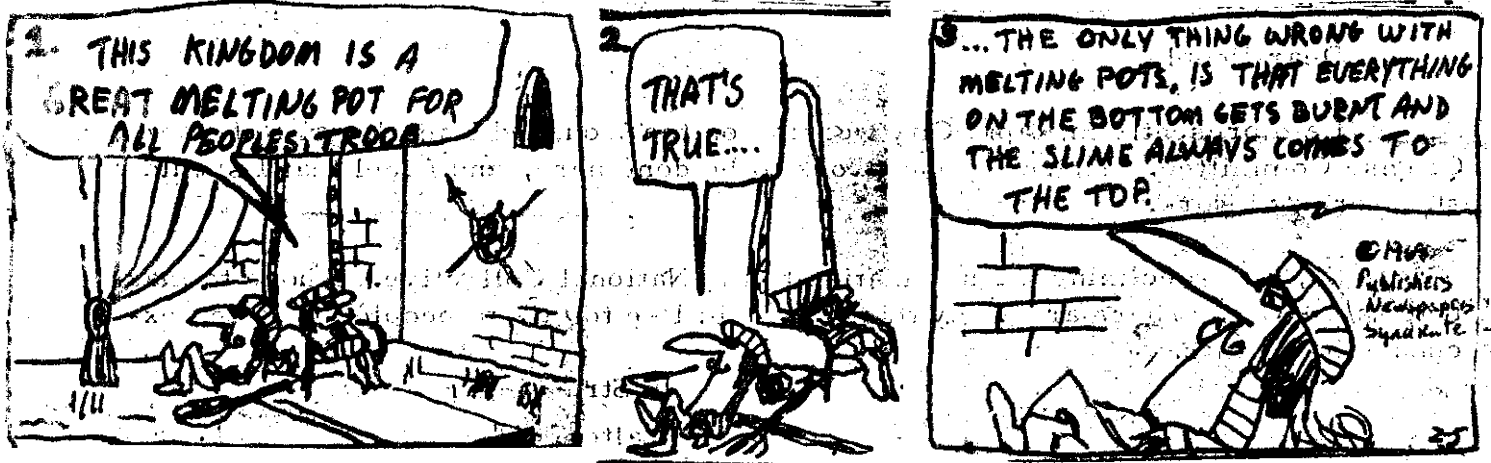
New York State has been working on throwing out the Jr. ROTC programs that have begun voluntarily in the state's school system. They are trying to defeat this program and have it thrown out. In order to accomplish this, they would like any information that any chapter has in dealing with this same problem. If, on the other hand, any chapter would like information on this program, contact: Steve Hassett, VVAW/WSO; PO Box 902, Ellicott Station, Buffalo, NY 14215.

Chapter List Change -

Once again you will find an update of the chapter list. You will notice that the number of corrections are growing even though the last update was sent a month ago. Pleeceaaaassse let us know if your address is correct and please stay put for at least a month!!!!

Ohio Needs Help on Concert for Inmates at Huntingdon, Pennsylvania

Inmates at the Huntingdon Prison are allowed one live concert per year and they have contacted VVAW/WSO in Cincinnati for help in putting this concert together. The concert is tentatively planned for the 2nd Tuesday in December at the prison. The prisoners have requested entertaining musicians to perform and Ohio needs the help of people who might know of individuals who would be willing to do a benefit at Huntingdon. The inmates don't have much money, but they have been saving so as to provide gas money for the entertainers. If anyone knows of musicians (who are somewhat political in their work), contact the Cincinnati office: P.O. Box 19302, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219; or call Pete Zastrow (606-441-3811) or Bob Moore (513-651-4037) as soon as possible. Even a lead on musicians would be a big help.



Photos -

In the past we have requested photos for the newspaper and for the newsletter. Several times, chapters have made us promises to send pictures for an article in the paper. In most cases, these promises were broken and as a result, we have had to scrape together an old line drawing or have one made in a few hours before deadline. Other times, chapters have sent us negatives that couldn't be printed up in time and other times we have received blurry color slides which is just about next to nothing. If you have black and white, preferably 8 x 10, glossy photos and don't know what to do with them, please send them to us as we can always use them. Of course, if the photo is of your Uncle Melvin opening a Christmas present, we would rather not have it. Sooo, if you have good photos of past demos or of people selling WSs, etc., send them along. And if you promise to send us photos, keep that promise or else we will all lose the rest of our hair, including Maria.

Clippings -

From time to time chapters send us clippings from local newspapers about VVAW/WSO or some interesting topic. Thank you. But we ask one favor; that you include the date and the publication so that the person who pastes them into the clipping files doesn't have any more temper tantrums.

Parcel Post Shipments of WS -

Some regions receive their WSs parcel post due to the fact that small orders cost too much to send Greyhound or REA. If you are the recipient of parcel post deliveries, could you please pay for them by sending us the \$1 or so that it costs. The cost of shipping so many parcel post deliveries mounts up and again we are not out of the woods in terms of money. Also, chapters who receive shipments COD should pay for them because if you don't, they get sent back and we have to pay both ways. One chapter recently failed to pick up their 1,500 copies of WS. As a result, it cost us over \$30 to receive copies of the October issue. Please try and be responsible!!!!

Amnesty Request -

We would like to receive all materials that your chapter has prepared for amnesty. If you have leaflets, posters, pamphlets, petitions, etc. please send us a copy as we are trying to compile a good file of what is being done around the country about amnesty. If you are working with other groups on amnesty, let us know and send their addresses for our amnesty mailing list. If you have questions about amnesty, let us know. Thank you.

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Discharge Upgrading Information

I. Needed regulations and where to obtain them:

A. Army Regulation 15-180: "Army Discharge Review Board"

Army Regulation 15-185: "Army Board for the Correction of Military Records"

Get the above from: U.S. Army AG Publications Center
2800 Eastern Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21220

Army regulations can usually be gotten free (one copy). Service takes about 30 days from receipt of requests.

B. Air Force Regulation 20-10: "Air Force Discharge Review Board"
(dated August 6, 1971)

Air Force Regulation 31-3: "Air Force Board for the Correction of Military Records" (dated Oct. 21, 1970)

Get the above from: Headquarters, USAF

DADPL

Washington, D.C. 20330

AF regs are priced at 1¢ per page, with a flat fee of \$2 being charged no matter what you order. 20-10 is four pages; 31-3 is seven pages. They will demand money in advance, check made out to Treasurer of the United States. They also will supply you with a list of prices for the specific regs that you order.

C. U.S. Navy NAVEXOS P-473: "Procedures of the Board for the Correction of Naval Records"

Write to: Fiscal and Supply Dept. (Code 514.32)

Building 176-2

Washington Navy Yard

Washington, D.C. 20390

It is suggested that orders be made out in double or triplicate so that they can be forwarded better within departments; also urgent requests should be labeled as such to facilitate handling. Individual Navy Instructions are free with certain exceptions.

II. Other Upgrading Information of Interest

A. A person who has an "undesirable" type discharge may apply directly to the Veterans Administration for his/her benefits. Decisions are made on the basis of the individual's claim. When a claim for benefits is received at the local Regional VA Office, they call for the records from St. Louis, have them sent to them, review them and make their decision on that basis. Claims can consist of the submission of a claim for Education, medical, etc. Each claim is decided individually. According to the Cleveland VA office, when an individual submits a claim for benefits, he/she can also submit pertinent information on why his claim should be accepted. They said that essentially the same type of evidence that is submitted with a petition to the Review or Corrections board would be ok. Now, since the VA will call for the records from St. Louis, and if the person is also applying for review or correction this can be a problem. Getting records directly from the VA is a whole trip in and of itself. Be sure that if the person is going to apply for benefits that you get their records checked over before you submit the benefit claim. Otherwise, it will delay the other. Of course, this also means that if they are going to apply for upgrade and they also want to get a claim in with the VA, you had probably better do that first. A certain percentage of confusion will exist here until we can get straight exactly what the procedure, etc. is. A more detailed report on this will appear in the next newsletter.

B. Local Red Cross chapter can be contacted for information on discharge upgrading information. While our experience here has shown that in many cases the local counselor is not heavily qualified, they do put out a manual which is pretty complete, albeit a political zero. Folks will have to get someone they know within the RC or get to know someone in order to get the manual. Copies of the one we have are available for \$1.85 (xeroxing \$1.60, 24¢ postage).

C. CCCO in Philadelphia is working on a manual for discharge upgrading which will be printed soon. More information on this as it comes out.

D. Dayton VVAW/WSO has available copies of our basic upgrading procedures. This includes a checklist to follow; sample supporting letters; procedures and outline for a person to use in writing a personal chronology; the Lawyers Military Defense Committee's questionnaire; Military Records release authorization; Attorneys Agreement and sample DD Forms 149 and 293. This information is NOT intended as a replacement or another copy of a discharge upgrading manual. It is something that folks can use to help get through a case.

III. Resources available:

The National Office has lists of Resource Materials for people who are working with veterans. We also have a list of organizations that are involved with upgrade work. These are available upon request.

CHAPTER LIST UPDATE - NOVEMBER 21, 1973

New Chapters

VVAW/WSO
c/o Scott McMillan
1474 10th Street
Greeley, Colo 80631

VVAW/WSO
c/o Bryon Leffler
Lowry/Blue Screw
PO Box 841
Aurora, Colo 80010
(303) 343-3750

VVAW/WSO
c/o Dominic Esplinoza
Box 68
Antonito, Colo 81120

** VVAW/WSO
Denver Chapter
1107 Columbine
Denver, Colo 80206

Brett Bursey
305 Heyward Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
(803) 256-2000

** Denise Himmila
VVAW/WSO
1810 East Anahiem
Long Beach, CA 90813
(213) 591-4218

* VVAW/WSO
521B 2nd Street NE
Washington DC 20002
(202) 543-0817

Delete

Longview, Washington
Waterville, New York
Baltimore, Maryland

- * In addition to Wash DC Chapter
(this is new regional office. Odenton
becomes chapter office)
- ** In addition to Regional Office

Address Changes

Westchester County, New York to:
VVAW/WSO (delete Holman)
PO Box 372
Mohegan Lake, NY 10547

Suffolk County, New York to:
Russ Brown (delete Stonybrook)
53 South Evergreen Drive
Selden, New York 11784

Orange County, New York to:
Don Abrams (delete Newburgh)
Fletcher Hts #3A2
Fletcher Street
Goshen, New York 10924

Albany, New York to:
Bob Oeser
775 Lancaster
Albany, New York 12203

Oneonta, New York to:
Chuck Smith
10 Forest Avenue
Oneonta, New York 13820

Potsdam, New York to:
Sam Miller
24 Hamilton
Potsdam, New York 13676

Browns, Alabama (Bogue Chitto)
Diane Schmidt
Route 1, Box 109
Browns, Alabama 36724

Regional Office Changes

E. Pa - S. NJ
Harrisburg to Regional
Philadelphia to Chapter

Ariz - New Mexico -
Albuquerque to Regional
Placitas to Chapter

(((((New York - STAY PUT FOR AWHILE)))

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Date: _____

PETITION FOR UNIVERSAL AND UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY

The American Government's illegal war in Indochina has been opposed by a majority of the American People. Hundreds of thousands of men and women in the U.S. have suffered a loss of civil rights, liberty, and jobs because they have been in opposition to the war, or subjected to the racism and oppression of the American military and draft systems. Contrary to Nixon's deliberate distortion about the "few hundred" anti-war exiles, there are in fact 60,000 to 100,000 of them. But the majority of war resisters are inside the U.S. where an estimated 200,000 live underground. Thousands are behind bars; many have court records; and over 500,000 veterans have less than honorable discharges.

Whereas the intervention of the U.S. government in Indochina has been by presidential decree only, without a declaration of war by Congress, the war is and has been illegal;

Whereas, in conducting this war, the U.S. has violated the UN Charter, the Hague Tribunals of 1899, the Geneva Convention of 1864, and the Geneva Accords of 1954 and 1962, the war is and has been illegal;

Whereas, in conducting this war, the U.S. has violated the precedents set at the Nuremburg Trials, the war is and has been illegal;

Given the totally illegal nature of this war, resistance to it was both the moral and legal responsibility of the American people. Therefore:

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF _____,
DEMAND UNIVERSAL AND UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY, WITH NO ALTERNATIVE
SERVICE OR OTHER PUNITIVE MEASURES, OR CASE-BY-CASE JUDGMENT FOR:

- 1) ALL MILITARY RESISTERS (SO CALLED "DESERTERS") AND DRAFT RESISTERS IN EXILE OR UNDERGROUND IN THE U.S.;
- 2) ALL PEOPLE WHO ARE, OR HAVE BEEN, IN CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PRISONS, OR THOSE WHO ARE SOUGHT FOR PROSECUTION, BECAUSE OF THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE WAR - THIS INCLUDES A CLEARING OF THEIR RECORDS;
- 3) THE MORE THAN HALF MILLION VETERANS WHO HAVE RECEIVED LESS THAN HONORABLE DISCHARGES FOR OPPOSITION TO THE WAR ...THIS INCLUDES AN UPGRADING OF ALL DISCHARGES TO A SINGLE, UNIVERSAL LEVEL.

Signers: Please use black or blue ball-point pen.

Legal Signature	Print Address	Print City or Town	Zip Code
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Signature of Petition Circulator	Registered Address	City	Zip
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DONATION LIST

OPERATION COUNTY FAIR

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EQUIPMENT

Eye Charts
Stethoscopes
Blood pressure apparatus
Microscopes and slides
Ambue bags
Oxygen tank regulator
Minor surgical kits
Metal vaginal speculums
Ophthalmoscopes
Fetoscopes
Pelvimeter
Instructional medical models
Pickup forceps
Cord clamps and other OB equipment
Medical van equipped for emergency service
Passenger van (for transporting people
into town)

MEDICINES AND TESTS

Pregnancy tests
Sickle cell tests
Agar plates
Specific gravenometer (for urine testing)
Syringes and needles
Sterile water and normal saline
Antibiotics (penicillin, etc.)
Tylenol - tablets, liquid, suppositories
Novocain
Antibiotic ointments
Benedryl
Epinephrine
Anti-hypertensives
Diuretics
Preparation H
Vitamins for infants
Mineral tablets and liquids
Folic acid
Thiamine
Cod liver oil capsules
Potassium chloride, oral
Iron preparations
Salt substitutes

Cough remedies
Kaopectate
Antacids
Birth control pills

SUPPLIES

Thermometers, oral and rectal
All types of bandages
Dressings, tape, sutures
Oral airways
Sheets, blankets
Towels, soaps, betadine
Medical forms
Clerical supplies
Desks, chairs, files
Canvas and leather bags
White lab coats
Patient gowns
Health education literature
Ankle splints
Long and short arm splints

Send all medical supplies to:

Dr. E.A. Maddox, M.D.
Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Clinic
c/o Linda Regnier, R.N.
Route #1 - Box 109
Browns, Alabama 36724

All other supplies, address to:

Diane Schmidt
Route #1 - Box 109
Browns, Alabama 36724

!!!!CHECK DATES ON ALL MEDICINES
BEFORE SENDING!!!!