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TO LT. GEN. BEVERLY POWELL

Dear Sir:

The recent trial of Pvt Bruce L. Petersen made a mockery of justice available in the Armed Forces. The Constitutional rights of the defendant disappear when the military seeks to remove anyone not conforming to their doctrinaire line of unquestioned submissiveness. G.I. sentiment at Fort Gordon became inflamed when news of Peterson's sentence arrived. We suggest that these superficial charges be dropped in order to belay the possibility of extreme embarrassment.

EDITORS OF THE LAST HARASS
Augusta, Georgia.

Nov 14, 1968

Dear Editor:

I just read in the LA Free Press about your ex-editor being busted and sent up for 8 years. I am now a student, but spent 3 years in the Army, so I have some idea of what you're up against.

I have been getting the Fatigue Press from a friend of mine and I would like to let you know that I think its a fine paper considering the conditions under which it is published, and that I think you guys have a lot of guts for keeping it coming out.

Yours

Andy Hayes

GYPSY

Gypsy is still in the slam. He is still guilty on two counts of possession of Marijuana. He is still scheduled to serve 8 years in prison at hard labor. The details of Gypsies bust have been told in these pages before. The whole story is summed up in the words, "Gypsy is still in the slam."

We, the editors of the Fatigue Press, wish to dedicate this issue to Gypsy and ask that you as the reader pay particular attention to it. This newspaper is the real reason for Gypsy's bust and the stories

in it are what the Army had against the Gypsy.

Listen to the stories of other people and keep Gypsy in mind. Listen to the ideas of other people and keep Gypsy in mind. Listen to the responses of other people and keep Gypsy in mind. He fought for a place where people could tell their stories and he fought for a place where people could express their ideas and he fought for a place where people could respond freely and openly to the hearts and minds of others. Read this paper and keep Gypsy in mind.

But mostly remember that Gypsy is still in the slam and that the army put him there.

WOMAN'S ARMY CORPS REVISITED

November 20, 1968

Basic training was very difficult and at many times I found myself doubting my once firm conviction to be the "Florence Nightengale of the 20th Century." I managed to complete basic training, nevertheless, and was sent to Fort Sam Houston, Texas for AIT. Upon arrival I was told I would not receive X-ray schooling as I had not obtained a written guarantee from my recruiting office, and would be, instead, trained as a medic. I also learned for the first time that the only WAC'S in the medical field to be allowed in Viet Nam were Registered Nurses in the Army Nurse Corps. I began to take a real look at the Army and found myself losing the dedication I had possessed when I entered the service. Once more I completed my training and arrived at my first duty station: Fort Hood, Texas.

Starting with my first day of work I realized that I definitely didn't belong in the Women's Army Corps. The thoughts that finally brought me to the decision (cont on Page 2)

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sion to seek discharge from the service are many and varied. Some of my thoughts others have felt, others -- only I can feel -- but they all accumulated to the point where I can justify to myself that my decision to seek discharge is right.

From my brief experience in the Army, I have learned that there are three possible ways of obtaining discharge: (1) complete the enlistment (2) become pregnant or (3) break the rules until the Army comes to the conclusion that you are not suitable for military service. My convictions are very strong, inas much as I feel that completing my enlistment would be forcing myself to be dedicated to a way of life I don't believe in -- therefore, lying to myself. To become pregnant is considered an "easy way out", but much to the contrary, I feel that it is not right to bring a child into the world because I want out of the military service. Therefore, my final choice was to break the rules.

Aug 19, 68, I went AWOL and remained in this status until Sept 27, 68. At this time I refused to return to my job and requested proceedings for my discharge be started. (All these actions being done intentionally to give the Army Grounds for my removal from the service.) This was done and one week later I received a Special Court-Martial for this violation. My punishment given to me as a result of my court-martial being: four months forfeiture of two-thirds of my pay and four months confinement at hard labor. The latter being suspended shortly after by the Commanding Officer of US Garrison Troops, Fort Hood. Approximately a week after my court-martial I received an Article 15 for missing reveille on three consecutive mornings, and my punishment then being reduced to a Private E-1. From then on I began the procedure to obtain my discharge. This consists of various appointments for my physical, mental hygiene, etc. On Nov 19, 68, I again received another Article 15 for missing reveille and to date I have not received my punishment. From the time of my return on Sept 27, to the present, I have been remaining in the company area during duty hours (as I was instructed to do) and awaiting orders for my discharge.

At approximately 2 PM Monday Nov 18, 68, my Commanding Officer and Company Clerk came into my room and requested that I come immediately to the orderly room. I entered the Orderly Room and was called, along with four other girls who are also awaiting discharge, into our 1st Sergeant's office. There we were told, by our Commanding Officer that effective immediately we were to be put on twenty-four hour guard until such time as we are discharged from the service. Each of the girls is awaiting discharge for a different violation and reason, each will be discharged on a different date, and each attitude and past record is different from the others. We asked why this punishment was being inflicted upon us and were given a hasty reply in the effect of "Because I can't ever find you." This reply was directed at the girl who had asked the question. I then asked why I was being placed on twenty-four hour guard and the answer was in effect, "Because you are seeking a 212, as are the others, and it wouldn't be fair to punish one and not all." When has mass punishment been allowed to be inflicted? If there are specific reasons for each one of us to be held in this manner, then why are we not allowed to be told of the charges against us? Are we no longer human beings deserving the right to at least be told why we are being punished? Do we not deserve the privilege of at least being read the Article that allows them to inflict this punishment, even though we have not been told the charges? I don't doubt that there is a provision to hold someone under this so-called 24 hour guard, but was this provision created to be applied and put into effect as it is being done?

Our 24 hour guard consists, briefly, of: neither receiving nor making any phone calls, having no visitors, speaking to no one during duty hours, speaking only among ourselves during off-duty hours, remaining in the Orderly Room during duty hours and in room 11, barracks 207 all other times. (This room being originally constructed to house 4

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persons, although there are five being held in this room.) Room 11 has also been altered from all other rooms in the company. These changes being to have heavy metal cyclone type fencing material nailed to the outside of the windows and having the two and only windows nailed shut which provides no ventilation what so ever. We are allowed to go to the mess hall and the latrine, and always under the guard of at least two persons at all times.

We are subjected to undo harrassment at all times by certain members of our cadre. A few examples of this harrassment are: being called insulting names by our leg., and being subjected to violence and threats by various other cadre.

We have been told that we want to be treated as the men are and as prisoners, and that that is exactly what they are going to do. I, personally, can not recall any time when I have asked to be treated as a man or as a prisoner. We have been threatened with being put in Boll County Jail, having the Military Police called to suppress us for the slightest disturbance, having weapons drawn to retain us and our guards have been given permission to use any force against us, even so far as to strike us with "clubs" if they feel it is necessary. One such act of force occurred on Nov 20, 68, after returning from the mess hall and being ushered into our room. One of the girls was approached by a guard and, under the authority of some member of the cadre, she had been instructed to place hand-cuffs on this girl because they believed she might try to escape. At the time that the application of hand-cuffs was being made, she was merely sitting quietly on her bunk, making no action as an attempt to escape. The girl resisted having the hand-cuffs placed on her wrists by backing away from the guard and verbally protesting this action. The guard then called for the aid of the 1SG, at which time the 1SG entered the room and instructed the guard not to bother putting the hand-cuffs on the girl, after the girl had asked where the authority to take this type of action was obtained. To date no one has tried to become violent nor has given any indication that they desire to do so. We have made verbal protests, but have not at any time attempted to rebel in any physical manner. These threats and action seem to be put in effect to only torment and harrass us to a point where we are afraid to doubt their actions. Why else is it being done? Is it a part of this so-called 24 hour guard?

Until approximately 24 hours after the onset of this punishment we were not allowed at any time to seek legal counsel or to use the two rights the Army has guaranteed to all its members - to seek aid at the assistance of a Chaplain. After much persistence we were finally allowed to see someone at the IG's office after he had completely discussed the situation with both the 1SG and CO of our Company. Upon entering his office we were requested to fill out a complaint sheet, and then we would be allowed to speak to someone. Our complaint sheet was read by our interviewer and then he told us that he had spoken to members of our cadre and, as far as he was concerned they had the authority to put us under this 24 hour guard and he would do nothing to aid us. He never once referred to our complaint sheet or even discussed with us the specific reasons that we had come to him with. He completely avoided the fact that we were complaining about the fact that we had not been told why we were being given this punishment and the way that this punishment was being carried out. He only told us that the Army had given COs the right to inflict this type of punishment on their peers if they so desired, but not as to how it should be done. Immediately after returning from the IG's office we were allowed to see a Chaplain. He was extremely understanding and referred us to another Chaplain that might be able to aid us, as he was on the same level as our Company and was also assigned to the WAC detachment. We were interviewed by this Chaplain and were told that he would see who might possibly aid us and that he, himself could not really answer our questions as he did not know the answers and could in no way himself rectify our present situation.

Now, where are we to turn? We still have been given no indication as to why this punishment is being inflicted upon us. None. I don't doubt that the individuals who have caused this to be put in effect, whoever they are, can prove that they are legally entitled to do so.
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The Uniform Code of Military Justice leaves a major gap between actual written word and the application of that word, so that words may be twisted and changed.

They refer to our 24 hour guard as 2 hour surveillance. I would like to see where the Army has stated that this surveillance should be carried out in the unjust manner as is being done.

It is impossible to express all the emotions that I feel at this time. Nor can I say that I am completely guiltless. I am far from this. But I have already received punishment for my wrong-doings, and supposedly, I can not be punished again for them. It is also impossible to list every detail concerning how this incident is being handled, but I do feel, along with many others (including those not directly involved) who have come to the decision that they are involved because this is occurring in their company and therefore they too are eligible to receive this same type of treatment, that this is extremely unjust and very much against the American way of life.

This is a free country - granted we need laws, rules and regulations to protect our freedoms and privileges - but is it free when those laws, rules, and regulations can be used to the advantage of those obsessed with control and power to obtain control of individuals through fear?

Isn't there anything that can be done - by anyone? I have appealed to anyone that will listen, anyone that I could possibly contact under my present situation, and anyone that might care. Care - not just for me - but for anyone else they might take this action against. Can't these people be confronted? Can't we find out who is responsible for these actions? Does anyone have the interest in another human being to see if maybe, just maybe, Army punishment is being applied incorrectly and/or having undue mental harassment added to it? I can't call for help. I can only write these confused, frustrated letters to anyone whom I feel is just and knowledgeable, and I sincerely hope, the interest in another human being to investigate the merest possibility that the US Constitutional privileges of freedom of mind is being infringed upon by those obsessed with the authority they have been given in this organization that was established with the sole purpose of protecting those rights.

If I am wrong - show me. No one I have asked yet has told me. But if in anyway, any slight way, there is a chance that something highly unjust is being done - then should it not be investigated?

I feel I speak not only for myself, but all others who may feel this way someday - I beg of you - Please help, please care. . . .

EDITORS NOTE*

We continue Sp4 Donnenberg's adventures OVERGROUND with the reply to his last letter to Officialdom.

Dear Sp4 Donnenberg

President Johnson has asked that I reply to your recent letter regarding your desire for discharge because of treatment received at your post. This is also in reply to your recent letter to me.

If you feel you have been unfairly treated, you should present your complaint to the post IG or send it to the Inspector General, Dept of Army, Wash, DC 20315.

Army regulations do not provide for a serviceman's discharge based on any incidents such as you have claimed.

Sincerely,

KENNETH G. WICHAM

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

Custer Died For Your Sins ⁵

First in a series

Custer Died For Your Sins.

This is the slogan used by the "Red Power" movement of the American Indians today. The "red" in "Red Power" does not pertain to communism, but to the color of the people involved. Yes, the Indians too are tired of being exploited in terms of tangible values and degraded and humiliated in the intangible values.

Tangible values include the high cost of living set by the white Joe Citizens who control the businesses on or around the Indian reservations.

The intangible values are the treatment of the Indians in the areas of police brutality, government administration by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the treatment in general of Indians by the white Joe Citizens who come in contact with the Indian Reservations.

Red Power was started in South Dakota in 1966 by the United Sioux Tribe. Red power was essentially for the Sioux Nation only, but spread through the western United States, the bulk of the Indian population. This is attributed to the same problems confronting other Indian tribes in their own localities.

The objectives of the Red Power movement are to unify Indians for the preservation of their culture and so that they can control their destinies. To preserve their culture in the face of changing social structure, Indians are making greater efforts to teach their languages and culture to their children than were made even ten years ago. The Indian today is an Indian first and whatever else he chooses second.

To have more control over their lives, Indians are able to present a unified voting block. Economically, Indian-owned and operated businesses on the reservation are encouraged so that more money will remain on the reservation instead of being drained away by whitey.

Red Power has recognized the Yakimas with their hassle with the government over fishing rights in the state of Washington. Red Power is to massacre the whites in their own terms -- the pocketbook. This does not mean all the whites, but does mean the ones who are exploiting the Indians and the government officials who dictate the Indian policies. Indians for Red Power are for self-preservation, the most essential of all human values.

(Editors' Note: This article is the first of a series.)

ENTERTAINMENT REVIEW

Canned Heat is a Los Angeles blues band, all five of whose members are white, and it's probably the best group of its kind in the country.

Bob (the Bear) Hite is the leader and lead singer; the nickname is appropriate for the 300 pound Californian.

Al Wilson, vocals, harmonica and guitar; because of his near-sightedness he supports the cruel handle of "Blind Owl".

Henry Vestine is one of the finest blues guitarists in the country: his style has been defined as "two great pianos and two superb guitars all going at the same time."

Larry Taylor; in every group you have to have a bottom. On bass, Mister Taylor fills the

bill nicely.

Adolfo de La Parra, the last man to join the group, has mastered every instrument that can be classified under percussion. Look for him on the drums.

To date, Canned Heat have three LP's -- "Canned Heat", "Boogie with Canned Heat" and "Living the Blues;" and one single, "On the Road Again / Boogie Music". All are on Liberty records.

But why are they the best? According to Downbeat magazine, "playing with a power and communication, and generating an excitement which have been matched by only the finest of the Negro bands in this idiom." Downbeat went on to parallel Canned Heat with people like Howlin' Wolf, John Lee Hooker, Elmer

EDITORS NOTE*

In answer to Maj Gen Wickham's letter Sp/4 Donnenberg has fired off the following missive..

Dear Sir:

I was disappointed and angered in the extreme by your letter of the 22nd. It didn't service me in any way, and indicated, in the process, that my correspondence was left either misread or completely unread. Its evasions and circumlocutions were a waste of time, ink, eyesight, typewriter and various other things. I was in no way complaining about treatment at Fort Hood. I will in the course of this letter make a major complaint about the treatment afforded a soldier here at Fort Hood but that is in no way the basis for the discharge that I am seeking for myself. May I suggest that in the future you pay more attention to your outgoing correspondence because a blow-by-blow description (including facsimiles of our letters) are being published, at this end, for the reading delight of your military dominions.

As I have said, I am not complaining about treatment here at Fort Hood though I could with very little difficulty, if I wanted to. I quite understand that Army regs don't provide satisfaction to the EM. I know that the UCMJ doesn't provide satisfaction to the EM, I am, however, idealistic enough to think and hope that the Constitution of the United States of America may yet provide some redress to the wrongs perpetrated by the present Military Establishment. This is the exact nature of my complaint. As dull and tiring as it is, allow me to rehearse to you for the third time, my feelings on the subject. The 5th Amendment to the Constitution says that an individual cannot be caused to incriminate himself. One can become incriminated in one of two ways. One can commit a crime, and, one can confess to a crime that one has already committed. The commission of a crime is the necessary element. The only laws that expressly concern Vietnam are the Geneva Accords of 1954. These laws, being as they are, an international understanding of the situation, are the only laws I consider valid. Were the Nuremberg principles applied to our actions in Vietnam in regard to the Geneva Accords we could all rightfully be branded criminals. You would be ahead of me on that list but that does not concern me as much as the fact that my name would then rightfully appear on that list as well.

For the third time therefore I ask for my dismissal from the United States Army and everything for which it now stands in Vietnam. I believe the armed forces and governmental policies to be criminal, immoral, illegal and sickening to the extreme. I wish in no way to be linked to such a reprehensible undertaking.

My feelings abut Vietnam aside for the moment. I wish in no way to be linked to an institution that can abrogate willfully and maliciously the individual rights of the citizenry of the US who happen by pure misfortune to be members of the armed forces. Pvt Bruce Petersen was found guilty here at Fort Hood, of two counts of possession of Marijuana and sentenced to 3 years in prison. The Army in its great justice and wisdom didn't feel it necessary to provide any proof and just stern rolled him. This is the type of justice one can expect to find in the Military and I want to be linked with this travesty about as much as I care to be linked with the army in general.

Because I have not been able to get any satisfaction from you and because you have not shown the slightest indication of even facing the problems expressed here I find it necessary to find a more responsive outlet for my feelings and will in the future utilize them to a greater extent.

Sincerely,

William Donnenberg

ENTERTAINMENT REVIEW, continued

James, Little Walter and the like. Another strong point -- Canned Heat does not recreate the classic blues, but rather, devise their own using the same recreative process, reinterpreting their music to the changing demands of the blues scene.

"We'll try anything once", Hite says. "Tradition is great in music all right, but then, if

if you're going to make it, you just can't get static, can you?"

If your lack of love for blues is due to the lack of electric power and rock drive, do yourself a favor and listen to Canned Heat. They may blow every concept of blues you've ever had and lay the groundwork for an appreciation of blues as a whole.



CREDIBILITY GAP

I take issue with the greatest credibility gap of the day. Now of course this, the widest and therefore most serious, credibility gap, is almost by nature one that would be concealed, swept under the rug, kept out of the sight of those citizens of our beloved states united whose line of vision exceeds the country norm, and who are, hence, the ones most often labelled "dangerous"--because of that fact.

It seems that as the population grows, the government will be looking more and more to statistics for answers and reasons. Why statistics? Because, well, where else can the decision makers find a "barometer" of the nation's feelings? Where else can they get a general consensus?

The obvious answer, nowhere, is correct, but listen--why should the government run its country according to the general consensus when that general consensus is one that has its roots in a semi-knowledge of some facts and an entire realm of ignorance to some others?

And why does the population allow the government to do this?--to give them an incomplete picture of its role in world politics? And why, most of all, does the population accept without question these events, and give back its thoughtful responses, on which--I'm sure one may realize--future policy decisions that shape the world are based?

Why are the people of the United States believing the government when that government tells them it's winning in Vietnam? Why are the people of the United States allowing the government to spend billions of dollars on a race to the moon when millions of people throughout the world are starving to death? Why does the population accept a conscript army, why does it have a strong belief in the supposed threat and evils of socialism and communism, and why is its god called money?

Wow. Its beyond me how such an educated society can really take all this in degestion without vomiting. But it does...and the only thing it vomits back is what the government expects to be vomitted

back--the everyday norm, the general consensus.

I therefore take strong issue with the voice of the government because I've not taken them on their word. I've read some other voices and I've tried--dig it--to see the other side of the coin. And what I've seen is enough to let me say with a clear conscience that my government is not really my government anymore. Its running after fool's gold and leading the rest of the nation blindly with it. Our government isn't running this country anywhere but deeper into the forest, and that makes me really sad because I love this country, its shorelines and mountains with trees and grass.

THE ARMY AND YOUR MIND

It is a sad but true fact that just about the only way of eliminating yourself from the army is by doing wrong, that is, breaking an army regulation or otherwise committing sacrilege against the Uniform Code of Military (Un)Justice. Its true that there are different types of discharges you can be given, ~~but~~ theres not a system you can follow, or a choice you can make, as far as the type you yourself are going to get. I mean you could break rule after rule and get out on a bad conduct, or you could break rule after rule and get out on an undesirable--or even a general, if you played your cards right and convinced everyone, especially the shrinks, that you didn't know what you were doing. You could even wind up getting out on your ETS date, if the brass wanted to be prickly about the whole thing.

But the fact remains, something illegal has usually got to be done first in order to get the machineries rolling. I wondered why this is so, and have come once again to the conclusion that the army wouldn't give two cents for your mind, but would do anything within their power to keep your body.

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What I mean is this; for one reason or another, more than half of the members of the armed forces aren't satisfied with what they're doing and where they're at. They want out, and in the more real world-- the civilian world, where there's a little bit more of everything--non-partisan judges who evaluated conditions would let most if not all of these men go. And for simple reasons: failure to adjust, disagreement on basic policy, racial prejudice, etc. I mean all you'd have to do would be to speak your mind.

But in the army, there's a slight change of climate. You can speak your mind all you want, but the listener's ear is always stone deaf. You'll inevitably return to your job with the depressing realization that no one wants to hear about your mind.

What the army wants is action. They want to see you doing wrong, they don't want to hear you calling them wrong. So you go out and get in trouble (AWOL, disrespect, etc.) and you force the army into doing something. The army has lost control of your body by allowing you to do something wrong, and here's where they take action, not before.

It is nowhere clearer to me that the army doesn't care for your mind. They don't help it develop nor do they give you much of a chance of leaving it in a state of well-being. What they ultimately want, I think, is to gain such a great control over your body that your mind just naturally will deteriorate from lack of use.

And how are we to exist as real human beings when we're without a mind to think and have no wisdom to judge.
THINK about it.

CHALLENGE AND RESPONSIBILITY

This is a challenge to all men who remain attached to any branch of the United States Military against their will. "note" To those who joined, want to be out, but feel obligated to complete their tour of duty because of the contract that they signed--that contract is not valid. That contract is in fact a lie. When you joined you were given the impression that you were joining an organization which existed for the

protection of the people of the United States. If this were once true it is true no longer. The United States military is now an offensive force used for and at the convenience of the Bureaucrats and Industrialists of this country as a means to world domination and human subjugation for their personal profit and power. In as much as you did not join to become a pawn in someone else's personal game for their profit and power, the contract that you signed is no longer morally binding.

"To all servicemen" In all situations, you are first a man. As a man, you and you alone are responsible for your actions, all of your actions. Killings, Genocides, Exploitations, subjugations, and other forms of aggression that you commit, though they be in the name of an organization or government are still crimes committed by you. You are responsible for the crimes that you commit, you are responsible for letting yourself be used by a criminal organization or government.

You are a man, responsible for your actions. Crimes committed in ignorance may be forgiven. Now that we know of the criminal nature of our military, now that we know of the criminal actions of our government further criminal action on our part in behalf of the restated organizations is unforgivable. Furthermore, as men and social beings we are not only obligated to stop our own criminal actions but we must use any and all means available to stop the criminal actions of our government.

If we are to make this country ready for our children, those that have been born and those that will be born, then we must correct this situation of injustice, murder, exploitation, and all the other inhuman and dehumanizing acts that are being forced upon us now! and we must correct this situation by any means possible.

We are men, let us assume our responsibilities as men.

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struggle.

Do your own thing, and take pride and satisfaction in knowing that you are doing what you believe is right! Be careful, be peaceful, be just to yourself, be beautiful, but above all else, be yourself. The word "individualist" should become a name of honor as well as a battle-cry!

Freedom...

Negroes imprisoned for not wanting to stand against their people with fixed bayonets...A feeling of brotherhood for their race present in no other race. A feeling evolved from being on the receiving end of hate and prejudice for too long. A temperament and philosophy born to them from a complete lack of freedom.

Users of marijuana paralleled with rapists. Moreover, young soldiers classed with murderers...felons. Confined because they chose to choose for themselves. Young people thrown into the hands of illiterate, sadistic pigs.

Numbers of young men jailed because they feel that killing is sinful. "Conscientious Objectors"; it seems they feel that war isn't quite the way to preserve freedom, nor do they feel that military force is the way to deliver democracy. ("Weird aren't they? Naturally they should be thrown into prison. Why can't they conform?")

Freedom...

A word no longer supplemented with a definition.

As I sit here trying to write this, I wonder if anyone, anywhere, really knows what is taking place in this insane society of our. We are supposed to be the proud and lucky inheritors of a thing called Democracy. We are supposed to be able to exist for life, liberty and the so-called pursuit of happiness.

I do not know what our Founding Fathers had in mind when they wrote the amendments to our Constitution. I thought I knew at one time, but after serving my "glorious" and never-wrongdoing country for Mom, the Group, Wheaties, Right Guard and the proverbial apple pie, I have come to realize that the only rights I have are the ones that our society (the middle-class white part) deems acceptable.

Since, at the time of this writing, there are no laws against being born, I would like to start with a few words about our outdated educational system, which gives us the privilege of attending and taking part in the farce as long as we continue to do what they tell us to do, and don't ask too many questions about the system, and what is really happening.

Take the way American history is taught; you are told how righteous we have always been and how we have always done everything for "God, Home and Country"...You know, Liberty, Equality, the "Inalienable Rights". What ever happened to the Black Man in our history? The Negro is as much a part of our history as the American Indian, yet our sick society is extremely racist. As most of us know, the only true, honest to goodness American is the Indian; how can our society have the right to try to eradicate the Negro or the Indian from our history if our forefathers were not in actuality Americans?

To continue with my rap against the system and our "great United States" (great: hell; and united my ass!) lets go on to when you have completed your twelve years of indoctrination and are ready to step out into the great big world you have been told is just waiting for you with open arms; "waiting" isn't the word for it, they have been standing there gloating like a pack of hungry trolls for you to get out of school and start in your field, so they can continue selling their garbage to you. How can a person speak of a free and democratic society and heritage when his history is studded with unnecessary wars, when the streets of his cities seeth with hates and prejudices? It's a shame that the bare and obvious truth has to be hidden with plastic "happenings", such as the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Armistice Day, etc.

Let's go on to when you have received your piece of parchment (imitation) that you have worked so hard to get, you'll probably wind up as another typical, die cast, American male, "Super Civilian" #12345678, step into a 9-to-5, get married, have a couple of kids, a new car every two years, a new house every ten or twenty, go to church every Sunday,

...to please your God or your neighbors?), drink good liquor,
stay down on minority groups, and last but not least, back the
wars....

Life is wasted...assemblyline plastic.
Thought is lost, personalities elastic.
Laminated egos of a styrene mold....
Compassion is dead, brotherhood cold.

Weep for the loss of liberty's fire;
Suffer your trip.. "Was God a liar?"

Dread of the ones in front of the crowd,
People of endless dreams...not you! (Shhh)
Whisper of times of infinite love.
Whisper of times of infinite love.

Yes, I'm free, free just as long as I continue to do
what the majority of the population accepts, with never a word
of dissent coming from my lips. I am told that I am free,
yet I am writing this from a jail because I was caught having
possession of a small amount of an hallucinogenic drug, marijuana.
A man receives twenty years in prison for ballingbats which is
a way other than the socially-accepted "missionary position".
Scores of young men are imprisoned for not believing in a war
and mass killing as a means of preserving an ideal. The
military can infringe on the rights of its soldiers, who are
citizens -- excessive bail in the form of pre-trial confinement.
Drug addicts are treated as hardened criminals, felons, because
of a habit they cannot overcome without professional help.

Returning from the indoctrination room here in the
beautiful, scenic Fort Hood stockade, I had to focus my vision
on a couple of posters that are supposed to give me a patriotic
rush. One stated: "I will never surrender to the enemy of my
own free will"; underneath it said, "I owe this to God, Home and
Country." If I owe this, then I ask for my one most basic right--
the freedom to dress and express myself as I wish, without per-
secution; the freedom to think and feel the way I wish, free from
paranoia. The freedom to strive for my personal goals, safe
from prejudices simply because my wants don't run parallel with
with the establishment!

If THEY Can't Get You IN court...

The Case

Sept. 28: Busted on phony grass
possession charge. (Plant by
agents while searching private
property in absence of owner.)

Nov 1: General Court Martial
case thrown out of court due to
lack of evidence (none) and
illegal search and seizure.
Free for three days.

Nov. 4: Busted in Killeen for
failure to have proper pass in
possession. (Blew it.) Accepted
Article 15. Expected company-
type Art. 15 -- 14 & 14. Re-
ceived instead on Nov 8 Bat-
talion-type -- 45 & 45, bust
to E-4. Obvious prejudice.

Nov. 21: To date (about 20 days
after General Court Martial)--
Civilian clothing misappropri-
ated by agents as "evidence"
still has not been returned.
The "evidence" was not pre-
sented as such at the Court
Martial.

Nov. 21: At present, still pulling
extra duty, not just 2 hours as
called for by the Art. 15, but as
much as 4 hours of almost slave-
type hard labor per night. Heavy
harassment (officer requested the
washing of his POV while on extra
duty, at 10p.m. yet!), prejudice,
malice.

Such is the chain of events in
all such cases against military
personnel (not to mention what
our civilian counterparts are
subjected to). The fight against
the Police State, U.S. Gestapo
and totalitarianism is still
going on and will be for some
time to come.

We must remain free if we are
to survive our own generation. If
we are to succeed we must always
remember one cannot fight machin-
es with beliefs, nor ignorance
with stones. Collaboration of all
free men is essential to our

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BE UP!

WITH THE GOMBAT
UNDERGROUND

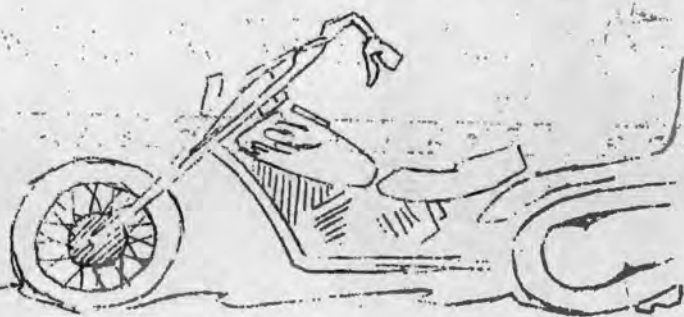


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