

GI'S FIGHT BACK!

The brass at Ft. Sill are bringing court-martial proceedings against Pvt. Micheal Regan, a friend of the Progressive Labor Party, a revolutionary communist party. The charges are: 1) Disobeying a commanding officer by storing copies of Challenge-Desafio, PLP's newspaper, and other PL publications in his locker. Because having this stuff does not break any of the army rules, The CO got the fire marshal to write up a statement saying that it was a fire hazard. 2) Distributing a leaflet called, "Brass and Lifers Scared, Challenge Has Them On The Run". This leaflet had the story about why the army doesn't want you to read Challenge.

Both these charges are because the brass and lifers don't want Challenge, and its ideas spread around. The courtmartial proves how scared they are, and that the leaflet was true. The response that GI's had to the leaflet also shows that it was true, and the response REALLY had the brass uptight.

The brass here, like the brass everywhere, are in a panic. They know that the majority of the GI's and WAC's are against the US war in SE Asia. They know that we're not buying the lies in the army training films and Character Guidance class, and that we are moving along with the rest of the GI's and WAC's, to holding anti-war and anti-racist ideas. The brass also sees that all over the country, GI's and WAC's are getting together and FIGHTING, like the six GI's who refused to invade Cambodia, or all the guys in the stockades. On Armed Forces Day, they closed down 12 bases because they were afraid of trouble. Here at Ft. Sill, when the officer of the day made a racist and male chauvinist remark to a black WAC she slugged him, and alot of her white and black friends backed her up.

The brass is afraid of the increasing rebellions in the army because it decreases the Army's ability to protect what we call "US Imperialism". That's the system where US businessmen exploit and control workers around the world and in the US to make themselves richer, and workers here and around the world even poorer. The army is called upon when the businessmen want to put down rebellions by people anywhere in the world that endangers US business, just like they used the army to break the postal strike, the teamster strike in Ohio, student demonstrations at Kent State. Especially important is the fact that the army is used in attempts to defeat the struggles of black and other non-white people who are singled out for extra exploitation and who are fighting back in the ghettos and on the job against the terrible conditions under which they are forced to live. The same big businesses that scratch us here we are asked to defend overseas, against struggles by workers just like us, and then when we get out we have to fight these same bosses, or more common there are no jobs available.

The main way the brass tries to weaken our fight is through racism. Non white workers get the worst jobs and the lowest pay. Racist lies are spread by the bosses to justify this treatment. When we fall for this it weakens our ability to form a united movement of all GI's and WAC's that will effectively be able to fight. Also, because of the super-exploited position, non-white people are often the most militant and the first to see the rotten character of the army and how it's used.

Because of their militancy, the brass tries desperately to keep these non-white GI's divided from their white brothers. They do everything possible to get us to fight amongst ourselves. The only way to fight this is to always attack the racist ideas and schemes of the brass, and to defend non-white GI's when they fight back and thus come under attack from the brass. Without this we can never build a united movement--and we won't be able to win. At many posts PLP helped organize these struggles. At Ft. Dix, when the army tried to court martial a Puerto Rican GI on trumped up charges, PL helped organize mass support among white, black, and other Puerto Rican GI's. The army was forced to drop all charges. At Ft. Knox, black and white GI's and their wives, some members of PL, got together to fight racist harassment. In their paper EM-16, they exposed the army in its attempt to court-martial the GI's on phony charges. Because of this exposure, over 25 GI's showed up at the court martial and scared the

brass into dropping the charges.

Because communists put forth these ideas and fight for them, the brass does everything possible to attack communists and communism. They spend a great deal of time explaining how evil communism is, how devious communists are, and that they are plotting to enslave us. What they are really trying to do is prevent GI's and WAC's from learning that communists and their ideas can lead to struggles that will WIN, and will end imperialist wars such as the one in Vietnam, and end the racist divisions that now hurt us.

Communists call for an end to the oppressive system which the army is designed to protect; an end to the dictatorship of the bosses' -under which we now live-and its replacement by a system where the workers, you and I, are the bosses. This would mean that we could build a society where we would benefit from our labor, not just a few bosses. The war would end if GI's had a massive rebellion. This is happening now on a small scale, like GI's refusing to take orders, shooting officers, or black GI's seizing and holding Bien Hoa for 4 days. Soldiers must fight for their class interests as workers, not for the profits of the rich bosses.

No matter what the brass and lifers do, communists will continue to fight back and fight to win. If they send us to the stock we will organize GI's there. If they kick us out of the army, we will organize in shops and factories. There is nothing that they can do to stop us. There are millions more workers than there are bosses, and the only ones who benefit from this stinking system are the bosses.

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