Lockers, continued

The Defense Dept. spends billions of dollars each year on weapons systems that don't work once they're developed or are obsolete before they are ever fully developed, but they will not put forth a fraction of this sum to provide free locker clubs on base.

Those in power do not want to make it easy for sailors to be able to wear civilian clothes on liberty. They believe that this right should be reserved for officers, lifers and those who are fortunate enough to get shore duty.

This is but one of the many ways in which the Navy alienates those who serve and is an example of the complete disregard the brass has for the oppressed enlisted personnel.

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Taps.....

How do you like the increased harrassment of enlisted personnel evident on the Lexington? Chances are you hate it but are somewhat puzzled as to what it accomplishes.

We all know the party or parties responsible for this effort to subjugate the enlisted men, and it's sickening to realize that they have such a complete and callous disregard for the morale and well being of their men. To me this is a manifestation of a psychological weakness on the parts of those who feel that they must oppress that segment of humanity which they consider their social, intellectual, and economic inferiors. Harassment serves the brass by graphically showing the complete domination that they exercise over the oppressed enlisted men.

If they want to do something that might possible help, simply take a few minutes to write your Senator and Congressman. Just a brief note will let him know that you are concerned with conditions in the military. Explain how harassment and shitty treatment demoralizes the men and significantly contributes to the low regard the majority of enlisted men have for the Navy. You have the right to communicate with your representatives in Washington, and you can encourage others not in the service to write, also.

If you get a chance watch the movie *The Caine Mutiny*. There is a remarkable similarity between Capt. Queeg's contemptuous attitude toward his crew and that shown by party or parties on the Lexington.

It's frighteneing to realize that such blatantly maladjusted individuals can thrive in the military at the expense of the men and the service.

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It was a great pay raise wasn't it? You're no longer destitute, just poor. The remarkable fact is that this country can afford to send men to the moon and fight an imperialist war, but it is willing to pay its servicemen a decent living wage. Man cannot live by chickenshit alone. It takes a little bread.

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Where was the Armed Forces Police when Lexington sailors were attacked? Out picking up guys hitchiking, riding around looking for sailors out of uniform, or sitting in coffee shops.

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A certain prominent individual on the Lexington must have a hair fixation. There has been a big push lately to see that everyone has a military hair cut. I've never seen anything that says the presence of hair is bad and the lack of hair is good. If this is an attempt to make the men look presentable in civilized society, hair is the wrong place to start. They would be more successful replacing our atrocious, funny looking uniform.

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SO YOU JOINED THE NAVY INSTEAD OF BEING drafted? You thought you were smart volunteering because you just knew that conditions in the Navy would be better than in the Army. Now that you're in the Navy you discover that you're getting screwed as bad as the guys in the Army. The only difference is that you were a sucker and joined. Instead of two years in hell you have to spend four. It's sickening to have to think of getting fucked over for four years in an organization you joined.

The Navy cares nothing about your interest or welfare. It's part of the U.S. military establishment whose primary goal and mission is the protection of American capitalist interests throughout the world. The United States uses its mass military to protect and propagate the vested interests of the minority irregardless of the cost to the people in money or lives.

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To HELL with it

(BOND) Every two and a half minutes, one of your buddies, a soldier, sailor, or marine says to hell with it and goes AWOL. More than 200,000 AWOLs in 1968. 53,357 of these guys stayed gone over 30 days and are considered deserters – a deep sign of the anger and resistance which is growing.

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The Good Ship Rommel?

(BOND) The dead veterans of World War II who fought against Nazi General Rommel and were told that they were fighting to stop fascism can turn over in their graves – again. A ship built by the U.S. government for West Germany was launched in Maine on February 1. It was christened after the Nazi brass hat. Sieg Heil!

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MARINE RECRUITERS RUN OFF CAMPUS

(Bond) On Feb. 17 and 18 the Marine Brass tried to recruit candidates for their officer training program from among the students at Oberlin College in Ohio. ASU [American Servicemen's Union] organizer, Jon Haugee, himself a member of the Green Machine, was invited by these students to come and give the true picture by describing just what kind of (over)