"This didn't stop the VETPAC brothers in their fight against the VA. These brothers are fighting for decent benefits like VVAW/WSO and workers everywhere. They demand to know how there can be deaths on the program when people are supposedly under medical care. They demand to know the dosage they are getting and why acupuncture, which vets have found very good, isn't used for detox.

"June 27th, VETPAC held a second demo with the main focus of an end to reprisals and to all discrimination against clinic patients in the hospital. VVAW/WSO was there and that week helped inform other vets throughout the city about the struggle in Brooklyn.

"There have been several meetings between VETPAC and hospital administrators, and the bureaucrats are obviously getting scared. The VA head in Washington, Roudabush, sent VETPAC a letter claiming he is "investigating" the situation. This, and all the petty retaliation by the VA hacks, shows they are running scared due to the growing anger, strength and unity of the brothers in Brooklyn.

"The main issues right now are the 21-day detox, which the VA is using to threaten and punish vets, and discrimination by the hospital, which is cutting off more and more facilities as the struggle is growing. VETPAC has refused to negotiate until these demands are met."

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Up-Date on the Faction

All chapters should know (and take joy in the fact) that we expelled the so-called "Anti-Imperialist Caucus" or faction at the last NSCM. The details of this expulsion are contained in the minutes from the NSCM. The expulsion was a necessary and important step for VVAW/WSO to take and we are now rid of those forces who were trying to hold back the work of the organization and obstruct the implementation of the national program. Since the expulsion of this faction, we have received a report that at least in Oakland, the ex-chapter is continuing to work under the name of "VVAW/WSO." This ex-chapter is working at the VA and has even taken up the case of a Chicano vet who is being screwed around by the VA. These opportunists would have nothing to do with the struggles of vets prior to their expulsion and they refused to work around the program of the national organization. It now appears that in their efforts to "prove" they are the "real VVAW/WSO," they are going to pretend to be uniting with the righteous struggles the masses of vets are waging.

The National Office is trying to get more information on the current activities of the ex-VVAW/WSO chapters. If chapters hear anything about what the ex-faction is up to, let the National Office know immediately.