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Same Struggle, Same Fight

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Friends,

We must apologize for the irregular way that Inside Out and the newspaper have been getting to you. But both lack of finances and personnel have put a strain on all our resources. We'll be trying to get both the paper and newsletter out more regularly.

AFRICAN LIBERATION DAY

As can be seen by the lead article, (in the VETERAN), VVAW has been participating in building for African Liberation Day. This African Liberation Day marks a real advance in the struggle to oppose our rulers' intentions in southern Africa (as well as that of the Russians) and build concrete support for the struggles in Africa. For the first time, veterans, workers and students of all nationalities have taken up and are building for a multi-national demonstration in Washington DC, on May 28th.

As part of this effort VVAW has been collecting fatigues to send to the liberation fighters. Along with the fatigues we are sending a letter (see page 4 in THE VETERAN) of solidarity. We know it would be hard if not impossible for most of you to send fatigues, but we are sending along a statement of support for you to sign which we intend to include with the uniforms we are sending. So put your names down and try to get it back to us by mid-June, at the absolute latest.

Solidarity,

The VVAW National Office



Solidarity with Africa



Brothers and Sisters in Struggle,

We, veterans and others, presently incarcerated in prisons across the United States have learned, first-hand about freedom both abroad and at home. Instead of fighting for freedom and stopping aggression, we found ourselves fighting for the profits of the ruling rich and trying to crush the people's struggles.

From Indochina and Korea to Panama and Africa we learned first-hand about the ruthless, blood-thirsty nature of this profit system. During the war in Indochina thousands of us veterans actively joined in the anti-war demonstrations in support of the Vietnamese, Cambodians and Laotians. We have come to actively oppose the system that exploits and oppresses the people of the world, vowing to "Fight the Rich, Not Their Wars." We are not pacifists for we know of the necessity to fight, and fight hard, for freedom. And we fight our common enemy--the United States ruling class.

We are unable to send our fatigues, but we sign this letter of solidarity to be sent along with those being collected by the Vietnam Veterans Against the War. We express our deep solidarity with your fight and your people. Our hopes for your speedy victory.

In Solidarity,