

## PROPOSAL ON EXPULSION OF THE FACTION:

The first item of business taken up by the plenary was the expulsion of the faction. The proposal, made by the National Office, is as follows:

PROPOSAL: 1) That, as a result of splitting and wrecking tactics, and attempts to subvert the national program of VVAW/WSO, the following chapters and pseudo-chapters are expelled from VVAW/WSO:

Oakland, California  
Santa Cruz, California  
San Jose, California  
San Francisco, California  
Marin County, California  
Fresno, California  
South Bay, California  
Santa Barbara, California  
Buffalo, New York  
St. Louis, Missouri  
Dayton, Ohio

2) That, because of conscious factionalizing, attacking the organization, and fighting against the building of a veterans movement, the following individuals are expelled from VVAW and will never be re-admitted:

Jeanne Friedman (San Jose)  
Jeanie Dolly (San Francisco)  
Bob Hood (Oakland)  
Mike McCain (San Francisco)  
Paul Johnson (San Jose)

Toby Hollander (St. Louis)  
Denny Cummins (St. Louis)  
Jane Cummins (St. Louis)  
Gary Staiger (Dayton)  
Mary Jo Cook (Buffalo)

3) That VVAW/WSO regions are responsible for getting rid of chapters or individuals in their regions who, either officially or through practice, show they are following the line of the so-called "Anti-Imperialist Caucus;"

4) That individuals (except those listed above) who have been members or followed the leadership of the "Anti-Imperialist Caucus" may be re-admitted to VVAW/WSO under the leadership of their regions.

**VOTE:** This proposal received unanimous acceptance.

In presenting this proposal, the National Office laid out the reasons why certain chapters and individuals must be expelled by the National Steering Committee, the highest decision-making body of the organization. The faction, which began as the "Anti-Imperialist Caucus" at the St. Louis NSCM in December, 1974, has publicly slandered VVAW/WSO, and engaged in splitting and wrecking activities since the last NSCM, even though there was ample room for struggle inside the organization. This faction never intended to implement the organization's national program and obstructed its implementation at every turn. The faction, through its practice, has shown that it is not a part of VVAW/WSO, though it has been attacking the organization by using the name of the organization. Since, in reality, the faction is not part of the organization, the NSC was asked to recognize this fact and throw out the opportunist elements who have been holding back the work of building a fighting veterans movement.

Specifically, the proposal states that the listed chapters of VVAW/WSO are expelled from the organization because of their activity in the faction and their splitting and wrecking activities. These chapters are not to use the name of the organization and are no longer considered a part of VVAW/WSO. Though some of these chapters have previously been dissolved, expelled or have resigned from the organization through various regional meetings, it was felt that they should be expelled by the national organization at this meeting.

The proposal also called for the expulsion of 10 individuals who are considered enemies of VVAW/WSO. These 10 people are expelled for their splitting and wrecking activities on the national level and are never to be allowed back in the organization under any circumstances.

Along with the chapters and individuals named above, all chapters and individuals who follow the leadership of the faction are no longer to be considered as

part of the organization. However, those individuals who have been a part of the faction but who are not named specifically above, can come back into VVAW/WSC under the condition that they honestly want to help build the fighting veterans movement. These people will be allowed back into the organization under the leadership of their respective regions on a one-by-one basis.

Other chapters and individuals who have been a part of the faction, either officially or through their practice, but who are not discussed in this proposal and who have not resigned from the organization are to be expelled by their regions if the regions find that necessary. The National Steering Committee is only dealing with those individuals and chapters who have played a splitting and wrecking role on the national level and who are obviously consolidated behind the leadership of the faction.

The National Office has the responsibility for informing other organizations and individuals of the decision made by the NSC around the faction. A letter will be sent out to other organizations and it was suggested that an editorial on the subject appear in the next issue of WINTER SOLDIER.