

# U.S. convicted

## Genocide verdict found by GIs

TACOMA, Wash. (LNS) — A jury of 11 GIs, one airman and one WAC has found the U.S. army guilty of attempted genocide, oppression of the people of the world, racism and violation of the

### V for peace general finds

FORT KNOX, Ky. (LNS) — The sheepish commanding officer of the U.S. army base here is skulking around his own post, The New York Post reported recently. Maj. Gen. James Sutherland had been parading around the post during the past three months exchanging the Churchillian V-for-victory sign with his smiling troops. Someone finally clued him in that it was the "new" peace sign.

constitutional and human rights of soldiers. The army was sentenced to death.

The verdict came at a "People's Trial of the Army" conducted by soldiers associated with the Shelter Half, the Fort Lewis GI movement coffee house.

The trial, held Jan. 22, was a response to an attempt by the Fort Lewis brass to place the Shelter Half off limits to GIs because it was "a source of dissident counselling and literature and other activities inimical to good morale." The army backed down from this attempt to close the coffee house -- indefinitely postponing a hearing at which the coffee house was to "show cause" why they should not be placed off limits.

In any case, the soldiers went ahead with plans to respond to the

repression and intimidation by holding a trial of their own.

"This is a people's trial," prosecutor Terry Cannon told the crowd of more than 1,200 people assembled for the trial at the Washington University campus. "You will not see a judge in black robes here, because judges judge The Man's law. We're not interested in The Man's law here; we're interested in justice. You will see only a jury of ordinary soldiers here."

From then on, it was the show of the 20 young servicemen that appeared before the court to tell of their experiences in the U.S. army -- what it had done to them, and what it had made them do to other people. The testimony was terse, personal and compelling.

Most of the witnesses said they had come into the army without serious opposition to the war or the military, but that their experiences since had changed their mind. "Morale in Vietnam was pretty low," former soldier Ed Rader told the court.

"Most men know that we're not fighting for Vietnamese freedom, because we see it taken away from them every day, and we also see the support of the National Liberation Front on the part of the peasants and the average Vietnamese."

The morning after the trial, a group of 20 University of Washington students forcibly entered an army ROTC class, resulting in the class' eventual dismissal. One of the invaders announced that the People's Trial had adjudged the army "guilty", and that those within the class were accountable for the conviction.

### Food committee asks room search

The Food Service Committee, at its meeting today, will discuss asking porters to make a reading week search of residence rooms to recover equipment missing from the college serveries.

J.R. Allen, chairman of the committee, in a notice of meeting sent to committee members, stated that "heavy losses" have occurred in the two college serving areas over the last 60 days. He noted that 1,200 forks, 570 spoons, 1,100 water glasses, and 600 bread and butter plates have been listed as missing since the Christmas break.

Allen has asked that the food committee members approach their respective college and residence councils to gain advance approval for the room search before passing on it at their meeting.

The committee meets today at 3 pm in the second floor committee room of Founders College.

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### GE strike appears over

NEW YORK (Guardian) — The 14 week strike against General Electric, the second largest war contractor in the United States, appears to be over. Tentative agreement between GE and the negotiators for the International Union of Electrical Workers and the United Electrical Workers was reported Jan. 30. The agreement indicated several major advances for nearly 150,000 GE workers who have been on a nationwide strike since Oct. 27. The tentative settlement will now go to the IUE's General Electric conference board for ratification. UE will take the proposed contract to its locals for a membership vote.

### 25 years for occupation

LOS ANGELES (Guardian) — In what may be the harshest punishment ever handed down to students involved in campus demonstrations, a superior court judge has sentenced three black students from one to 25 years in a California state prison on felony charges for occupying campus buildings at San Fernando Valley State College in November, 1968. The trial, involving 20 students in all, and the Jan. 31 sentencing amounted to "judicial lynching", according to one of the students' lawyers, Morgen Moten. Eight other students were sentenced to three months to a year in a county jail, seven were fined, one was placed on probation and the charges against another were dismissed.

### Dartmouth wants token Indians

HANOVER, N.H. (LNS) — Dartmouth College, founded in 1769 to offer higher education to U.S. Indians, has announced the intention of returning to the purposes intended by its founders. It has begun a search for 15 Indian students to join the 1970 freshman class. Dartmouth College has a student population of 3,126. At present, the college has three Indians in attendance.

### Fake newsman unmasked

SAIGON (Guardian) — Two U.S. and two South Vietnamese who were given newsmen's credentials by the U.S. command were exposed last week as government agents. "Somebody goofed," said a high-ranking official, and the credentials were withdrawn. The penetration of the agents into the Saigon press corps, according to U.S. defense department spokesmen, was due to exclusion by Saigon commanders of U.S. correspondents "due to concern over the tenor of the articles about their units." The two U.S. agents were identified by the defense department as members of the U.S. army's criminal investigation division.

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"TEMPLE PLAYERS" is preparing for its next production of Anouilh's "Antigone". Auditions will be held Saturday, February 14th, 2-5 p.m. in the Eisendrath Auditorium, Holy Blossom Temple, Bathurst Street at Ava Road.

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