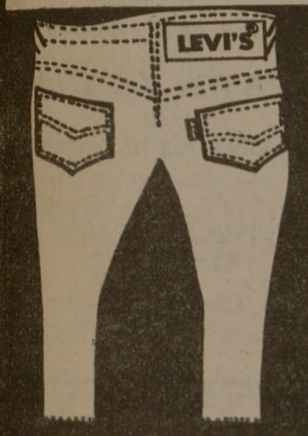


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Unscrupulous promoters capitalize on public sympathy for POWs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The young woman seemed to be fighting back tears as she talked on the telephone about the prisoners of war in Vietnam.

"Well, the publishing charge runs a total of \$5, and God knows we need the help if we're ever going to get our men out of there," she said.

That appeal brought in thousands of dollars from residents of Orange County, Calif., who thought they might help the POWs by placing their names, for \$5 each, in an obscure tabloid called Veterans News.

The Orange County district attorney's office closed the operation by court injunction this summer, charging it with "false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading" representations, and found a convicted armed robber in charge.

The incident is just one of an increasing number where self-promoters have capitalized on public sympathy for the plight of the POWs or on the tendency for families of prisoners or men missing in action to grasp at any hope.

In recent months:

—A California promoter now in jail on a bad check conviction gained the cooperation of POW-MIA family groups in California and Arizona for fund-raising activities which left the organization holding the financial bag.

—A Texas promoter lured an Atlanta POW group into grandiose plans for a benefit show, then abruptly departed town, leaving a string of unpaid bills behind him.

—A man who claims he's a lawyer and lists addresses in Idaho and Amsterdam has approached POW family groups in Miami, Norfolk, Va., and Phoenix, asking \$25,000 to finance negotiations with Buddhist monks to care for prisoners in North Vietnamese camps. So far as is known, he hasn't collected a dime on his pitch.

—Four men and a woman hired teen-agers to solicit on street corners in Jackson, Miss., for the POW cause, and got out of town a step ahead of the police after three days of collections.

As the petition-signing and letter-writing for the POWs and

MIA's has mounted nationwide this year, so has the fund raising.

The State Department privately takes a dim view of most of the fund raising activities. Officials question what could be done with the money that would benefit imprisoned or missing men. The exception is the National League of Families of Prisoners and Missing, to which the government lends its tacit support as representing POW and MIA relatives.

Another group which has had some success is the Committee of

Liaison, headed by Cora Weiss, in New York. Mrs. Weiss says the committee has spent \$10,000 over the past 18 months. Most of the money, she said, has come from small, unsolicited donations.

Veterans News opened its Orange County operation in May. Its leader, Jack K. Armstrong, served time in jail during 1965 after pleading guilty to armed robbery. His record also lists a bad-conduct discharge from the Marines and court-martial convictions for unauthorized absence and theft of a .45 caliber pistol.

Insurance benefit plans are exempted from freeze

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Cost of Living Council Wednesday allowed what it said were the first exemptions to the wage-price freeze by allowing new government-funded group-insurance benefit programs to go into effect in Florida, Texas, and Missouri.

In a statement, the council said the exemptions were being made

because prior group insurance plans had been dropped in anticipation of the new plans.

"A failure to grant the exemptions would have left the employees involved either without insurance programs or forced them to make payments substantially higher than under previous programs," the council statement said.

"The council felt that the latter situation would have caused an undue hardship to many of the lower-paid employees in the groups."

The council ruling affects employee groups in Columbia County, Fla., the Missouri Teachers' Association and the Texas Public Employees' Association.

The council said director George Lincoln of the Office of Emergency Preparedness had recommended that the exemptions be granted.

"The council also noted that in all three cases details of the new plans had been made public and employees were being enrolled prior to the freeze," the council said.

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