

# Antiwar Troupe Formed to Tour Bases

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Jane Fonda, Mike Nichols and Elliott Gould are among a dozen well-known entertainers who have formed a comedy troupe in the hope of touring military bases across the country with an antiwar stage show for "theforgotten soldiers."

"It's been very disconcerting for many of us in Hollywood," Miss Fonda told a news conference yesterday in the New Yorker Hotel, at Eighth Avenue and 34th Street, "to see that Bob Hope, Marth Raye and other companies of their political ilk have cornered the market and are the only entertainers allowed to speak to soldiers in this country and Vietnam."

"A lot of us who have different points of view about the war and what's happening to this country have decided the time has come to speak to the forgotten soldiers. They are the majority of the soldiers," the actress continued, "they want peace and freedom, but they are isolated in the military world and they need our support."

Others in the troupe—which, like all entertainment groups, will require an official invitation from the commanding officer in order to perform on base — include Jules Feiffer, the writer and cartoonist; Dick Gregory, the comedian; Herb Gardner, the writer; Donald Sutherland and Peter Boyle, the actors; Barbara Dane, the folksinger, and the rock group Swamp Dogg.

## General Gets Script

Dr. Howard B. Levy, dismissed as an Army captain and sentenced to 26 months in prison in June, 1967, for refusing to train soldiers headed for Vietnam, said at the news conference that Lieut. Gen. John J. Tolson 3d, commander of Fort Bragg, was now "studying our script."

"If General Tolson is really serious about the Army's so-called liberalization policy," Dr. Levy said, "and believes in the Army's 'new mod look,' he'll let our show on the base. If not, he will ban it, and let the public know it's the same,

old - fashioned repressive Army."

Fort Bragg, near Fayetteville, N. C., was chosen as the first target, he explained, "because Tolson has been the key architect of the Army's new look. We expect his full cooperation."

If they are invited to perform, he said, the Army will automatically pay their room, board and transportation expenses as part of its standard policy toward civilian entertainers.

Working under auspices of the United States Servicemen's Fund, which was established in 1967 to encourage the antiwar movement within military ranks, the troupe has already arranged "contingency plans" to perform their skits in the Haymarket Square Coffeehouse in Fayetteville on March 13 and 14.

"The point of all this," said Miss Fonda, who has been active for several years in the antiwar movement, "is to show soldiers there are those of us who understand."

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