

Anti-Military HQ searched after illegal arrest

On Monday, May 18, San Diego County sheriffs arrested Kent Hudson in Oceanside, California, on charges of grand theft and possession of stolen property. The property allegedly stolen was an old lawnmower and an equally old electric saw. Bail was set at \$5,000. The arrest originated not with the owner of the property but with the police. The property in question was borrowed by Mr. Hudson and five attempts have since been made to return it. Despite objections from the owner, the sheriff's department proceeded with the arrest and charges.

Mr. Hudson is a member of the Green Machine Project, a civilian supported organization for the all-Marine anti-war Movement for a Democratic Military (MDM). The arrest follows closely a mass march and rally against the war at Oceanside, May 16 (Armed Forces Day) sponsored by MDM and the Green Machine.

The sheriff's department used the arrest warrant to obtain a search warrant against the MDM/Green Machine offices in Oceanside. Long after the alleged stolen material was located the

search continued for "parts." In looking for "parts," the deputies came upon and confiscated eight personal weapons. Contrary to subsequent reports, the weapons were not part of some clandestine "arsenal" but the personal property of persons living on the premises. All were obtained legally and, where necessary, registered. MDM's attorney is now taking legal action to have the weapons returned to their owners.

The weapons were obtained and the inside walls recently sand-bagged for protection in response to a machinegun attack by night-riders April 28 in which a young black Marine was seriously wounded. To date response to the attack by authorities consists of placing the wounded man in the brig for "protective custody," arresting seven members of the project for lawfully assembling in a public park to discuss the matter, denying a permit to the Marines for a peaceful march in Oceanside May 16, the subsequent arrest and seizures already mentioned, and refusing police protection when requested by MDM's attorney.