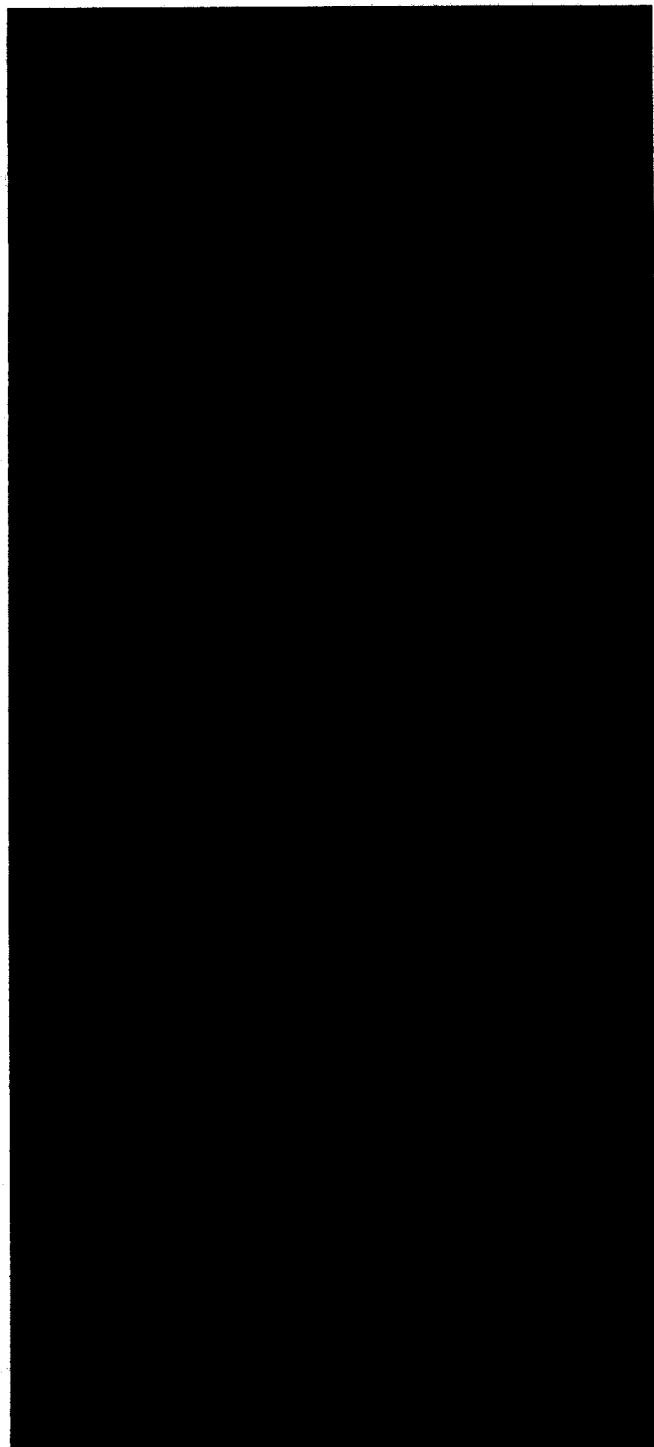


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Terry And The Pirates, AFL-CIO

In a world that is fast losing its romance, we suppose it had to happen. But nonetheless we were shocked to read that the real-life equivalent of Terry and the Pirates—that is, the GIA pilots flying in the shadowy Laotian war—now have a union.

That's right, a union, just like the unions for railroad workers and truck drivers. Known as the Far East Pilots Association, the union has just negotiated a new and finer contract for the men who fly supplies to the Laotian forces and, in some cases, fly the troops to and from battle. The new contract gave the pilots better pay, plus hospitalization, life insurance, home leave, sick leave, a seniority system and even tuition payments to send their children to private schools.

Apparently money—\$24,000 to \$30,000 a year including overtime pay—is a major attraction for the pilots, many of whom are ex-Marines. Though, says one, "Practically all of these guys have a streak of Steve Canyon or Terry and the Pirates in them or they wouldn't be out here." Many of them also have families with them in the Far East, children in school, and, no doubt, membership in whatever passes for a golf club in that corner of the world.

We don't begrudge the men their pay and some amenities, for their work is long on hazard and short on reward. But somehow the romance is gone now. After all, can you imagine John Wayne with a union bug stenciled on his Flying Tiger?