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Come To Detroit And San Jose On Election Day

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On November 3, election day, SDS is calling for two national demonstrations, one in Detroit and one in San Francisco saying that the elections are a hoax. By this we mean that elections do nothing but create the illusion of change. (A lot of Americans know this already -- just look at the percentage of Americans who will vote in November.) We believe that the only way the people have ever won anything was by fighting for it, that this is true for the Vietnamese people, black and white workers, and it's true for students. When politicians say 'Come and vote for me', it always means DON'T FIGHT BACK.

The slogans of the demonstration are:

- U.S. Out of Southeast Asia Now, No Negotiations
- Cops and Troops Out of the Ghettos
- Support the Auto Strikers

U.S. OUT OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

We believe that the U.S. should get out of Southeast Asia lock stock, and barrel. THIS MEANS NO TROOPS, NO ADVISORS OR AID TO RIGHT WING REGIMES, AND NO U.S. INVESTMENT. Just bringing the troops home, as the SMC and liberal politicians suggest, won't be enough and means only that more Asians than Americans die defending the interests of U.S. big business.

Two weeks before the U.S. invaded Cambodia, the liberals were saying, 'We're getting out of S.E. Asia -- we'll never get involved in a war like this again.' But Nixon marched right into Cambodia. The doves' peace promises didn't stop Nixon, but what he didn't count on was the militant response of masses of students. Aid to the Lon Nol government is an attack on the Cambodian people and we should not let this attack slip by. The guys who run the war would love the issue of Cambodia to become 'old hat'. But we should continue to sharpen the fights against the war which we waged last spring.

SUPPORT THE AUTO STRIKERS

When 350,000 workers strike for livable wages and decent working conditions, we should do all we can to support them. As the last issue of New Left Notes said: 'In the spring a lot of students were talking about how we had to reach out to workers and bring them into the anti-war movement. This should not mean that we want to bring workers into our movement, but that we should see the fights of workers against their bosses as our fights.' Growing militancy among both students and workers in this country is an objective fact. The fact that the press does everything it can to build anti-student and anti-working class ideas means only one thing -- THE GUYS WHO RUN THIS COUNTRY ARE SCARED TO DEATH OF THAT THESE TWO POWERFUL FORCES WILL GET TOGETHER AND SMASH THEM. Students' elitist attitudes and workers' distrust of students can be fought and defeated this fall. Why? Because there is no basic conflict of interest between most students and workers. The real conflict of interest is between those who are fed up with miserable conditions and those who profit from them; between those who want to see basic change in the system and those who profit from that system.

ALLY WITH BLACK REBELS

The anti-war movement which supports the struggles of the S.E. Asian people should also support the struggles of black workers in this country. The Vietnamese people and Third World workers here are fighting back against tremendous racist oppression at the hands of landlords and businessmen backed by the U.S. government

and its cops and troops. In this country black rebellions are the sharpest fights against the same guys who run the war.

This summer, for example, black, Puerto Rican and Cape Verdean people of NEW BEDFORD, MASS. overcame a history of racist divisions to wage a unified struggle against the city government and exploitative businessmen. The spirit of militancy prevails. In one housing project the threat of violence has forced the city to provide 200 new stoves and refrigerators which the residents had been demanding for years. New job openings have been promised and as layoffs continue in existing industries, the city knows it can expect only more trouble unless radical measures are taken to end unemployment. The police no longer swagger in the streets but drive furtively in carloads of four through the ghetto areas

SHOULD WE WORK TO GET MORE DOVES IN CONGRESS?

We should not give the 'peace' candidates one more chance to do what they have consistently done in the past: continue and/or expand the war. Jack Kennedy propped up the Diem regime with arms and 'advisors' and began the escalation. LBJ (who defeated hawk Goldwater) sent in half a million troops. No peace candidate is running on the platform of withdrawal of all troops, all military supplies, all funds, and all civilian counter-insurgency personnel. When they say 'peace' they mean a peace as in Korea, where there are still 50,000 troops, where there is a severely repressive regime, where people work for 85¢ per 11-hour day in U.S.-owned factories. U.S. troops were forced out of Cambodia because the people of Cambodia fought hard and because hundreds of thousands of Americans militantly fought against the invasion; politicians realized that continued escalation was too risky.

TERRORIST BOMBINGS ARE NOT THE ANSWER

Acts of individual terrorism will not get the US out of Southeast Asia. Bombings such as the recent one at the University of Wisconsin, may

express justifiable anger over the war, but they don't hurt the government's ability to continue it. The government can always pay for the damage done to a few police stations and research labs. The only way the war will end is when thousands of people fight to end it. That kind of movement must be built by reaching out to people, not hiding from them. Furthermore, terrorist acts do raise justifiable fears in the minds of people we want to ally with. The fact is that innocent workers and students are often the victims of these attacks. The kind of movement that says to the majority of people 'you don't know where we'll strike next,' -- will never win.

WHY DEMONSTRATE?

Most of us have been to large demonstration and they didn't end the war. Featured speakers of the SMC like McGovern and Lindsay used them to build their own political campaigns for 'phased withdrawal'. We went away wondering what we could do between demonstrations, but all they could tell us was to work to get them re-elected. Elected officials have never given in to any reforms until they were forced. Unionization, minimum wage, social security, integration, and troops out of Cambodia -- all these gains were won by movements of millions of people; the weren't handouts from those in power. As individuals there is little we can do. But if students build a movement that will go back to campus and end all ROTC and military recruiting and research, if blue collar and white collar workers, GIs, teachers, and professionals continue the fight on the job, and if we put together all our efforts to unite with all those who are fighting for decent lives - from ghetto residents, to Auto strikers, to S.E. Asians - liberals and conservatives in business and government will think hard before sending troops to suppress popular uprisings, and some day THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO!!

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The main weapon the GM bosses have for depriving the auto-workers of the popular support they'll need to hold out are the newspapers and TV stations they control. Calling the strike inflationary and 'detrimental to the war effort' (as they did during the GE and Postal strike), they claim the strike is against the national interest. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR WORKERS AND STUDENTS TO COUNTER THESE LIES WITH THE TRUTH: That the 'national interest' they talk about is the GM and other corporation bosses' interest -- not that of the masses of workers in this country.

IMPERIALISM: MORE FOR THE RICH

Today the Bosses fight in S.E. Asia is caused by the same drive for an increasing rate of profit which leads them to screw the workers in this country. To maintain their privilege and position they need the natural resources of S.E. Asia (like the huge manganese deposits (essential for making steel), petroleum (also found in the Middle East), tin, rubber, etc.) as well as the cheap labor which countries like S. Korea, S. Vietnam, and Taiwan provide. Because of these captive markets, secured and potential, it is really GM and other large corporations who have a stake in the war -- not the American workers who die in it and pay for it.

BUT WHAT THIS STRIKE AND OTHERS LIKE IT SHOW IS THAT APPEALS TO PATRIOTISM ARE WEARING THIN. While profits at GM have increased over the last ten years by 96%, wages have increased by only 34% (only 10% after inflation). In fact, real wages have dropped by \$1000 per worker for the three year period since the last contract.

IT'S AGAINST CONDITIONS LIKE THESE THAT AUTO WORKERS AND ALL WORKERS IN THIS COUNTRY ARE REBELLING -- whether it's on the job, on the picket line (like at San Jose), or in the streets during a ghetto rebellion (like the recent ones in Highland, Michigan, Asbury Park, New Bedford, and Los Angeles). These struggles - and others like them - are of course nothing new in this country. U.S. Workers have been fighting back against the billionaires who run this system for hundreds of years. BUT THE REASON WHY WORKERS ARE FIGHTING BACK MORE AND MORE MILITANTLY TODAY IS BECAUSE OF THE WAR.

It's imperialism that's making conditions for all workers in this country (though obviously more for blacks and women -- and immeasurably more for the people of Vietnam and other colonies and would-be colonies) super-oppressive. It's imperialism and its 'runaway shops' (US based factories which shut down and go abroad in search of cheaper labor) that cost 700,000 US workers to lose their jobs last year. It's imperialism that drafts US workers into bosses' wars like Vietnam (and at this date, quite probably the Middle East). It's imperialism that forces US workers to shell out

nearly one-third of their paycheck every week in taxes of one form or another so that Uncle Sam can maintain troops in Africa, Latin America, and S.E. Asia.

GHETTO REBELLIONS, OPEN RESISTANCE AMONG SOLDIERS IN VIETNAM, AND STRIKES AT HOME SHOW THAT WORKERS ARE REFUSING TO CARRY THE COST OF IMPERIALISM. As the contradictions between those who profit from the war and those who pay for it sharpen, strikes like the GM Strike and others which are threatening (over 4,000,000 union jobs come up for new contracts in '71) are, and will increasingly become, a force for the US warmakers to reckon with. It is only logical that in these and other struggles workers will more and more come to identify their real enemies -- and so will they come to identify their allies among the working and peasant people of S.E. Asia and the rest of the world.

ALLY WITH WORKERS-- NOT LIBERAL POLITICIANS

A recent Wall Street Journal article on 'Students and Politics' spoke of a movement underfoot to 'establish a formal alliance for the fall ('peace') campaigns among liberal politicians, students, and union officials like Woodcock of the UAW, Jerry Wurst of the American Federation of State County, and Municipal Employees, and others. What these men want to do is channel militant pro-worker students into electoral politics and union-run fund-raising campaigns in much the same way that some student opposition to the war has been misdirected towards electing a few doves to congress.

WE MUST BE CAREFUL THAT STRIKE SUPPORT WORK NOT BECOME A BANDWAGON FOR LIBERAL POLITICIANS AND UNION CHIEFS TO RIDE DOWN THEIR OWN PATHS. One way to avoid this is to give the food and money we collect directly to the rank and file on the picket lines. Not only would this procedure establish more contact between students and workers, but it would avoid the kind of situation which occurred during the GE strike, when food was stacked in a warehouse by union officials and kept from strikers in an attempt to force them to accept a contract.

Furthermore, we must continually put forth that only through mass struggle - in the ghettos, factories, and on the college campuses - can changes be won which really benefit the masses of workers and students.

Finally, we should never be opportunist by failing to struggle against racist and male chauvinist attitudes which have been built and do exist among students and workers. These attitudes must be overcome -- first of all because they contribute directly to the oppression of racial minorities and women and secondly, because they prevent the movement as a whole from uniting behind the militant leadership of blacks and women in struggle against those who run this country in their own exclusive interest.

DARE TO STRUGGLE

DARE TO WIN

SUPPORT FOR AUTO STRIKERS...

What Can We Do?

SUGGESTIONS

1. FIGHT THE LIES spread about the strike by writing leaflets, holding forums, putting on RAT (Radical Arts Troupe) plays about the strike, etc.
2. COLLECT FOOD AND RAISE MONEY -- Striking workers need food, have to pay rent and clothe their families. Asking for donations is a good way to talk to people about the strike when we canvass workers and students. It's probably a good idea to set up tables not only on campus but in front of local supermarkets as well. In addition to collecting money and food we can give out leaflets and flyers, sell New Left Notes, and make contacts.
3. BRING STUDENTS OUT TO THE PICKET LINES to talk to workers and possibly join them. Students would learn first hand about the workers' real conditions and workers might realize that many of the stories they've heard about students aren't true. Workers might be found who would want to speak on campuses and at demonstrations.
4. THROW SCAB RECRUITERS OFF CAMPUS Companies should not be allowed to recruit executives and engineers on campus during the strike. This is one way that students can materially aid the strikers and expose in a mass way how the university serves Business interests. We should also BUILD FIGHTS AGAINST STRIKE-BREAKING CLASSES. Many schools have courses in labor relations and institutes for police which teach effective strike-breaking tactics. We should furthermore DO RESEARCH ON THE SCHOOL'S CONNECTIONS WITH G.M. through the board of trustees, etc., and DEMAND THAT THE SCHOOL BOYCOTT G.M. PRODUCTS.
5. RAISE THE AUTO STRIKE IN OTHER STRUGGLES, such as anti-ROTC, anti-racist, anti-male chauvinist, campus worker, and ecology campaigns. (It's always interesting to ask liberals like Kennedy what they think of the strike.)
6. Build regional and national demonstrations which raise the auto strike in a mass way.
7. Picket & Leaflet GM Dealerships. Help build a really national boycott against '71 scab models.



In 1937, 1200 GM workers sat in at Flint, Mich. for 44 days, fought cops, scabs, and won unionization.

Demonstrate in Detroit & San Jose

NOVEMBER THIRD - ELECTION DAY

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The main weapon the GM bosses have for depriving the auto-workers of the popular support they'll need to hold out are the newspapers and TV stations they control. Calling the strike inflationary and 'detrimental to the war effort' (as they did during the GE and Postal strike), they claim the strike is against the national interest. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR WORKERS AND STUDENTS TO COUNTER THESE LIES WITH THE TRUTH: That the 'national interest' they talk about is the GM and other corporation bosses' interest -- not that of the masses of workers in this country.

IMPERIALISM: MORE FOR THE RICH

Today the Bosses fight in S. E. Asia is caused by the same drive for an increasing rate of profit which leads them to screw the workers in this country. To maintain their privilege and position they need the natural resources of S. E. Asia (like the huge manganese deposits (essential for making steel), petroleum (also found in the Middle East), tin, rubber, etc.) as well as the cheap labor which countries like S. Korea, S. Vietnam, and Taiwan provide. Because of these captive markets, secured and potential, it is really GM and other large corporations who have a stake in the war -- not the American workers who die in it and pay for it.

BUT WHAT THIS STRIKE AND OTHERS LIKE IT SHOW IS THAT APPEALS TO PATRIOTISM ARE WEARING THIN. While profits at GM have increased over the last ten years by 96%, wages have increased by only 34% (only 10% after inflation). In fact, real wages have dropped by \$1000 per worker for the three year period since the last contract.

IT'S AGAINST CONDITIONS LIKE THESE THAT AUTO WORKERS AND ALL WORKERS IN THIS COUNTRY ARE REBELLING -- whether it's on the job, on the picket line (like at San Jose), or in the streets during a ghetto rebellion (like the recent ones in Highland, Michigan, Asbury Park, New Bedford, and Los Angeles). These struggles - and others like them - are of course nothing new in this country. U.S. Workers have been fighting back against the billionaires who run this system for hundreds of years. BUT THE REASON WHY WORKERS ARE FIGHTING BACK MORE AND MORE MILITANTLY TODAY IS BECAUSE OF THE WAR.

It's imperialism that's making conditions for all workers in this country (though obviously more for blacks and women -- and immeasurably more for the people of Vietnam and other colonies and would-be colonies) super-oppressive. It's imperialism and its 'runaway shops' (US based factories which shut down and go abroad in search of cheaper labor) that cost 700,000 US workers to lose their jobs last year. It's imperialism that drafts US workers into bosses' wars like Vietnam (and at this date, quite probably the Middle East). It's imperialism that forces US workers to shell out

nearly one-third of their paycheck every week in taxes of one form or another so that Uncle Sam can maintain troops in Africa, Latin America, and S. E. Asia.

GHETTO REBELLIONS, OPEN RESISTANCE AMONG SOLDIERS IN VIETNAM, AND STRIKES AT HOME SHOW THAT WORKERS ARE REFUSING TO CARRY THE COST OF IMPERIALISM. As the contradictions between those who profit from the war and those who pay for it sharpen, strikes like the GM Strike and others which are threatening (over 4,000,000 union jobs come up for new contracts in '71) are, and will increasingly become, a force for the US warmakers to reckon with. It is only logical that in these and other struggles workers will more and more come to identify their real enemies -- and so will they come to identify their allies among the working and peasant people of S. E. Asia and the rest of the world.

ALLY WITH WORKERS-- NOT LIBERAL POLITICIANS

A recent Wall Street Journal article on 'Students and Politics' spoke of a movement underfoot to 'establish a formal alliance for the fall ('peace') campaigns among liberal politicians, students, and union officials like Woodcock of the UAW, Jerry Wurst of the American Federation of State County, and Municipal Employees, and others. What these men want to do is channel militant pro-worker students into electoral politics and union-run fund-raising campaigns in much the same way that some student opposition to the war has been misdirected towards electing a few doves to congress.

WE MUST BE CAREFUL THAT STRIKE SUPPORT WORK NOT BECOME A BANDWAGON FOR LIBERAL POLITICIANS AND UNION CHIEFS TO RIDE DOWN THEIR OWN PATHS. One way to avoid this is to give the food and money we collect directly to the rank and file on the picket lines. Not only would this procedure establish more contact between students and workers, but it would avoid the kind of situation which occurred during the GE strike, when food was stacked in a warehouse by union officials and kept from strikers in an attempt to force them to accept a contract.

Furthermore, we must continually put forth that only through mass struggle - in the ghettos, factories, and on the college campuses - can changes be won which really benefit the masses of workers and students.

Finally, we should never be opportunist by failing to struggle against racist and male chauvinist attitudes which have been built and do exist among students and workers. These attitudes must be overcome -- first of all because they contribute directly to the oppression of racial minorities and women and secondly, because they prevent the movement as a whole from uniting behind the militant leadership of blacks and women in struggle against those who run this country in their own exclusive interest.

DARE TO STRUGGLE

DARE TO WIN

SUPPORT FOR AUTO STRIKERS ...

What Can We Do?

— SUGGESTIONS —

1. FIGHT THE LIES spread about the strike by writing leaflets, holding forums, putting on RAT (Radical Arts Troupe) plays about the strike, etc.
2. COLLECT FOOD AND RAISE MONEY -- Striking workers need food, have to pay rent and clothe their families. Asking for donations is a good way to talk to people about the strike when we canvass workers and students. It's probably a good idea to set up tables not only on campus but in front of local supermarkets as well. In addition to collecting money and food we can give out leaflets and flyers, sell New Left Notes, and make contacts.
3. BRING STUDENTS OUT TO THE PICKET LINES to talk to workers and possibly join them. Students would learn first hand about the workers' real conditions and workers might realize that many of the stories they've heard about students aren't true. Workers might be found who would want to speak on campuses and at demonstrations.
4. THROW SCAB RECRUITERS OFF CAMPUS Companies should not be allowed to recruit executives and engineers on campus during the strike. This is one way that students can materially aid the strikers and expose in a mass way how the university serves Business interests. We should also BUILD FIGHTS AGAINST STRIKE-BREAKING CLASSES. Many schools have courses in labor relations and institutes for police which teach effective strike-breaking tactics. We should furthermore DO RESEARCH ON THE SCHOOL'S CONNECTIONS WITH G.M. through the board of trustees, etc., and DEMAND THAT THE SCHOOL BOYCOTT G.M. PRODUCTS.
5. RAISE THE AUTO STRIKE IN OTHER STRUGGLES, such as anti-ROTC, anti-racist, anti-male chauvinist, campus worker, and ecology campaigns. (It's always interesting to ask liberals like Kennedy what they think of the strike.)
6. Build regional and national demonstrations which raise the auto strike in a mass way.
7. Picket & Leaflet GM Dealerships. Help build a really national boycott against '71 scab models.



In 1937, 1200 GM workers sat in at Flint, Mich. for 44 days, fought cops, scabs, and won unionization.

Demonstrate in Detroit & San Jose

NOVEMBER THIRD — ELECTION DAY

BACK GM STRIKERS — NOT LIBERAL POLITICIANS

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EXTRA! Students for a Democratic Society. 173a Massachusetts Ave. (second floor) Boston, Mass. 02115 EXTRA!

assemble -
civic ctr. 2:30 pm
coliseum
5:00 pm

FIGHT RACIST



BLACK WORKERS IN ASBURY PARK ANSWER THE BOSSES' RACIST UNEMPLOYMENT WITH OPEN REBELLION!

UNEMPLOYMENT

...WITH WORLD-WIDE WORKER-STUDENT UNITY!

Every morning, over 400 unemployed workers line up in Chicago for 300 numbers redeemable for emergency food coupons. In Chicago there are over 123,000 people out of work and most cities are far worse. In the U.S. over 5 million workers are unemployed and the figure is rising daily. Unemployment is the highest it has been in 7 1/2 years -- officially 5.8%. But this figure doesn't even count GIs, anyone who doesn't receive unemployment compensation (including workers who work for 'non-profit' institutions), those who have given up looking for a job, etc. If these workers were counted, the unemployment rate would figure well over 10%!

The big business bosses who run the U.S. are responsible for unemployment here (and in many other countries). They want more profits and one

way to make them is to lay off workers. With these layoffs come vicious speed-ups for the workers remaining. Often one worker does the job of two.

FEWER WORKERS
+
SPEED-UP
= MORE \$\$ FOR THE BOSSES
= UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE WORKERS

The war is also a major cause of unemployment. Imperialism is a double edged sword. On one hand U.S. workers are made to fight for the 'right' of Vietnamese people to work in U.S. factories in Vietnam for an average wage of \$1.40 per day! On the other hand, U.S. workers at home are constantly threatened by the bosses saying that they will move factories abroad. In Korea, women work in

MARCH AGAINST RACIST UNEMPLOYMENT CHICAGO, DEC. 30!



Polish Workers answer the bosses' unemployment and price hikes--
A gov. dept. bldg. is gutted.

U. S. factories for 35¢ a day and trade unions are banned. The U.S. bosses use racism to justify the super exploitation of foreign workers and to divide foreign workers from American working people. The bosses' press depicts the Vietnamese as lazy and indifferent -- people who don't care who rules them as long as they get their bowl of rice. What a racist lie!!

Unemployment and the threat of it hurts all workers. Black and Latin and women workers are hit hardest. Black and Chicano workers are the lowest paid and have the lousiest jobs. The racist bosses push myths about Black and Latin people to justify the super-profitable wage differential between Black and white workers. Black and Latin workers are also the first to be fired and the last to be hired. Bosses do this to insure a pool of unemployed minority workers, who they hope will be less likely to complain over low wages and poor working conditions if offered a job. They also hold this pool like a hammer over white workers heads, hoping to force them to submit to speed-ups for fear of losing their jobs to the unemployed workers.

WORKERS HIT BACK!

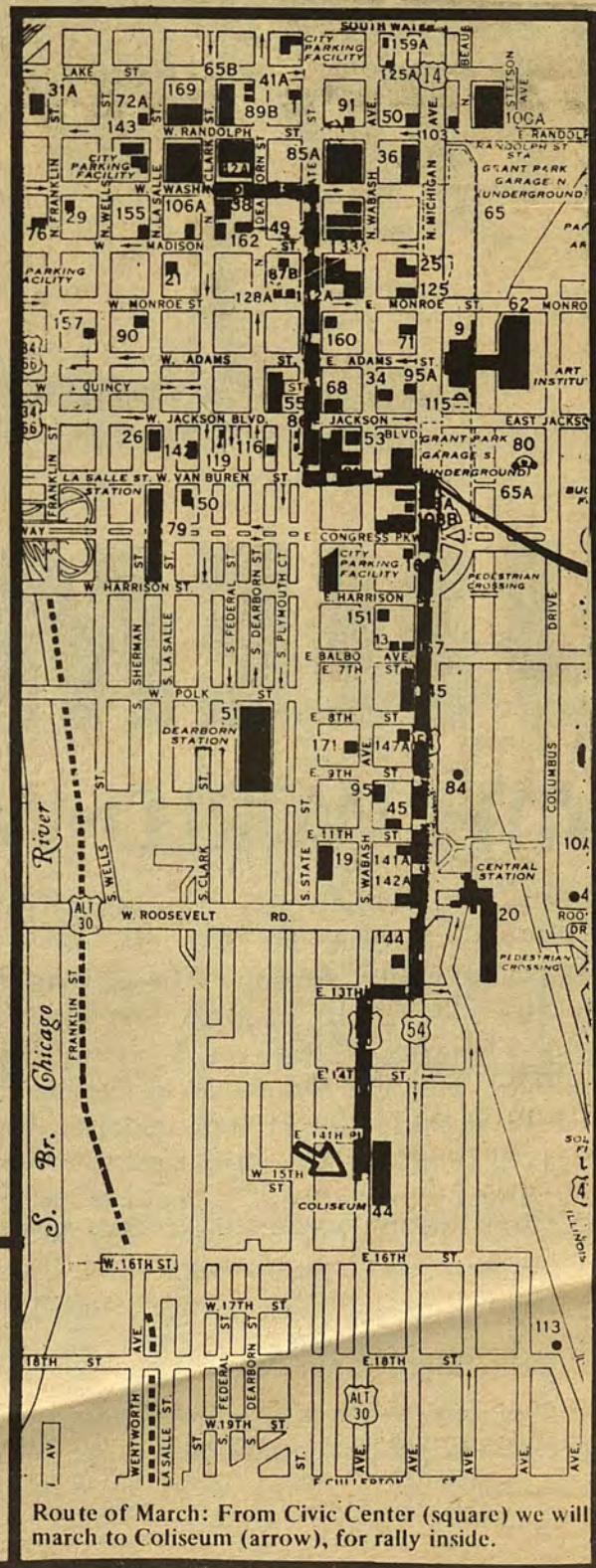
Are workers taking this lying down? NO!! All over the world workers are fighting back and fighting back hard. In Poland, workers and students are rebelling against unemployment and they're levelling their attack against the pseudo-communist government. Workers and students in East Germany have held support demonstrations in solidarity with their fellow workers in Poland.

In the U.S., Black workers are leading militant struggles of all workers around the country. Through strikes and ghetto rebellions, workers are fighting back. The national postal strike brought Wall Street to its knees, auto-strikers in San José smashed a cop car and pushed back a fire truck when they tried to break through strikers' picket lines. The rail strike has forced Congress to defend big business and the steel strike threatens to cripple profits this summer.

Ghetto rebellions, led by working class Blacks and Chicanos, have erupted from Los Angeles, to New Bedford, Mass., to Cairo, Ill. -- ghetto rebellions that are against primarily unemployment. For 1 1/2 years, Black workers in Cairo have fought businessmen and their cops. One time they defended themselves by driving the cops out of their community with sniper fire. White workers and students have joined in these attacks against the bosses and the rotten system they are perpetuating. The press, owned by the same wealthy bosses, has consistently tried to present ghetto rebellions as "racial tension between blacks and whites" because they are afraid to tell the truth. Black and white workers have fought side by side in many of these rebellions against their common enemy.

Black workers have taken the lead all over the country in fighting racist unemployment. White workers are following that lead and students must too. SDS thinks that students and workers, together, can fight back to win by building a national worker-student alliance. As an unemployed Black worker in Chicago told two SDSers, "It's good when students and labor get together. They are unbeatable!" SDS has struggled on campus and off in support of workers. Last month at Massachusetts Institute of Tech., students and Black workers fought together against a racist pay differential of 65¢ between Black and white workers. The unity of militant workers and students won out over the MIT bosses resulting in abolition of the racist pay differential! On Nov. 3, in Detroit and San José, 100's of workers joined an SDS led demonstration of 2,6000 in support of the auto-strikers. We can and will build a fighting worker-student alliance!

Come to the Civic Center on Dec. 30 and lock arms with workers and students in an SDS demonstration against racist unemployment. This demonstration will be the climax of SDS's Nat'l Convention in Chicago on Dec. 27-30. Campus workers and students at the Convention will be leafletting and talking to workers and students about the demonstration every morning. At factory gates, and unemployment lines, in supermarkets and shopping centers, and all over Chicago, we will be reaching to working people and students to build the MARCH AGAINST RACIST UNEMPLOYMENT!!!



Route of March: From Civic Center (square) we will march to Coliseum (arrow), for rally inside.

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WORKERS SHUT NYU

No more than a week ago the overwhelming reaction a NYU to a button reading 'Fight University Bosses -- Ally with Campus Workers -- SDS' was bewilderment. Now people see it and say "outta-sight". It's because what's on the button is now reality. NYU has been shut down by striking workers along with students who have helped go man the picket lines. Teamsters aren't crossing lines (the most strategic of which are maintained all night) to make deliveries or to pick up garbage. After two days the cafeterias had to close up for lack of good and (in one of them) lack of workers

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SDS ATTACKS ROTC

In continuing the fight to eliminate UC Berkeley's active involvement with the US war machine, SDS called for mass demonstrations against campus ROTC beginning April 7th. After two weeks of student rallies, fights broke out between campus and Bay area cops. Berkeley SDS was suspended from all campus activities as a result of its leadership in these actions. Being the only group at the university with a program for smashing ROTC, campus administrators felt that by intimidating SDS, the fight would cease.

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NYU is a metropolitan college. Buildings are spread over a radius of about five blocks in the Washington Square area. Since the strike began, picket lines have surrounded nearly all buildings, and spirits are high. On Friday, for instance, when three out of four food services were still running, one of the cafeteria workers found out that a special shipment of meat was to be delivered at Rubin and Weinstein cafeterias at 3:00. The boss of the company whose workers had refused to cross the lines was going to drive and unload the meat himself. Word was brought around to a number of lines, and arrangements were then made for three or four picketers to remain, all the others to leave at 2:30 -- half to Rubin, half to Weinstein. At 2:45 at Rubin, about thirty of us - cafeteria workers, library workers, secretaries, and students - were ready to do whatever might have to be done to stop the meat. It never came.

Three distinct groups of workers are on strike, mailroom workers, library workers, and cafeteria workers.

As this is written, the latest development was a rally to support NYU workers. Due to rain all day, it was relocated indoors by last minute word of mouth. Even so, 300-400 attended to hear shop steward Jim Jowers from the cafeteria, workers from the library and the mailroom, a representative of Lucha (an Hispanic student group), a speaker from the Dec. 4 movement (who along with the rest of us have learned much from the struggle), Debbie Russell from F.S.U. SDS (who was in NYC for an SDS National Interim Committee meeting) and two of the original members of Worker-Student Alliance Coalition. Afterwards, we marched to take over the main classroom building. Because of inadequate leadership, there was a lot of confusion until a consensus was reached that picket lines were more important and we should return to them. We are learning a great deal and expect to win.

(More in the next issue of New Left Notes)

Ally With Workers

Throughout this extra, the need for students to ally with workers is stressed. Why do people in SDS feel that the student movement can only become truly effective in fighting racism, imperialism, and male chauvinism by forming an alliance with the working class?

Students, because of their idealism and recognition of their own real interest, have shown themselves to be real fighters against the government's oppressive policies. But despite the great struggles of the past, the last few years have shown that students cannot wage successful fights alone. To be successful in combatting things like racism and the war in Vietnam, they must form alliances with other groups who have an interest in attacking these problems. The primary enemy of the people who run this country, and the primary ally of students interested in fighting for social change, is the working class.

It is the working class that will fight the hardest against the government's racist and imperialist policies, because it is the working class that in this country is hurt most by these policies. Workers are the ones who pay for the war through higher taxes and inflation, and whose sons are the ones who fight in Vietnam. It is black workers who are super-oppressed under capitalism, because of the racism that big business uses to pay them the lowest wages, and hand them the crummiest jobs. Workers can fight back the hardest in this country because in their hands lies the real power to shut the country down. The recent strikes of postal workers, General Electric workers, and teamsters show the power which working people, united around a single goal, can muster -- a power which students never have had and never will.

From this brief sketch, it should be clear why we feel it is necessary for students to ally with workers, beginning with campus workers, to fight for radical change.

In contrast to D4M's 'midnight ramblings' at Columbia, library workers at NYU are leading a strike that has brought out clerical, elevator and cafeteria workers as wildcats. Students are striking their classes, while truck drivers making deliveries have refused to cross the picket lines. This mass action, which is demanding recognition for a union that has signed up over 750 of the library workers, has brought out scores of cops to protect the scabs and the NYU bosses. This strike, which has shut down NYU, is the type of action that can win concrete improvement for workers and lead to a mass movement that can free the Panthers.

At Columbia, Harris Schwartz of the Housing Office has recently sent out a referendum regarding maid service. Either the students are to approve an increase in dorm costs or the maids are to be 'transferred' to other jobs in the University. It appears, however, that there are no new jobs for the maids to be transferred to. Voting against the increase would, in effect, be firing the maids. Columbia is obviously attempting to force students to act as bosses, though there are clearly other alternatives (such as eliminating facilities the students are paying for but not using). Local 1199's rank-and-file caucus has called a boycott of Johnson Hall cafeteria for Monday to rehire the militant black worker and to fire a racist boss. Charlie Johnson's family is still fighting for decent compensation while Columbia just gives more talk. It is the job of students to ally with workers on the Columbia campus to guarantee that these demands are met.

Columbia is trying to frame one SDS member as being part of the D4M trashing. This frame-up is an attempt to confuse people about the pro-working class nature of SDS and the anti-working class nature of D4M. Formation of an alliance with campus workers is the first step towards a nationwide coalition of workers and students which will be capable of producing massive social change. We should learn a lesson from the strike at NYU. The way to build a viable movement is to ally with workers -- not make such an alliance impossible because of petty terrorism.

In late March, Florida State University SDS and the Black Student Union led a coalition of 60 workers and students to confront the food service boss and demand the rehiring of workers who had been laid off. After a previous confrontation had been fruitless, SDS and BSU talked to more workers, drew up a petition to rehire three full-time women workers, and went out to canvass dorms. Women cafeteria workers called for a rally to demand rehiring of workers, by exposing the boss in the following leaflet:

HEAR ME

After having spent thirty years at Florida State University, I feel that the time has come for me to express my feelings about the labor policies of private enterprises that serve the institution directly. I spent all my years at the university in the cafeteria preparing salads. Many people came and left but I remained with the cafeteria through it all. Many days I went to work when I was sick but I felt something for many of the kids. I was dedicated to my job even though it might seem meager to some. Never did I have any problems or cause others problems.

I have stopped work now but the reason why I stopped was and is uncalled for. About two months ago, the new company that took over the cafeteria informed me on the morning that I reached work that they would no longer need my services. There was no advance notice or any compensation for the short notice. I feel this was unfair to me or to any other individual working under the same or similar conditions. My personal obligations were based on my weekly salary. I don't feel this is or should be the dividends a person should receive for working from 4:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for many years at this institution.

Mrs. Ulee Williams

I, Eliza Nicols, have been working at FSU from the year of '47 to the year of '70. In that time I worked thirteen years for Morrison Food Service. And I worked at all times, I did my job as I should. My manager was pleased with my work and there wasn't no lay-off. I worked the year round all but two weeks Vacation.

But when the food service came here I was one that was in the first big layoff, with no notice what so ever. When I went to my job on January 26, I found myself out of a job. I was told that I was laid off. They didn't say till when, just you're laid off. I think it was a frame up?

Mrs. Eliza Nichols

A rally of 300 was held, where one of the workers spoke. The petition was presented to the boss, who replied that he'd have to check with the Miami bosses, before he could decide to rehire anyone! As a result of this action, the three women were rehired, although many others were not.

In another confrontation on April 16th, SDS again opposed the bosses that exploit and hurt working people. About 40 students followed a United Fruit Company recruiter (United Fruit controls between 30% and 40% of the world banana market, and owns two million acres of land and most of the railroads in six Latin American countries: Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, Panama, Ecuador, and Columbia; it also grossly exploits Latin American workers!) around from one office to another, chanting: 'US Out of Vietnam', 'Fight Imperialism', and 'United Fruit Off Campus', and then threw him off campus!

by Debbie Russell, FSU SDS

SDS's position on the distinction between militance and terrorism was made clear in the recent April 15th Extra of NLN: 'SDS is an organization which aims at organizing students into a movement which can ally with working people to effectively fight against the war in Vietnam, and Laos, and the racist oppression of black people and the oppression of women. We are not opposed to violence as such. We support militant mass actions which workers and students are increasingly using to fight against the big bosses who run this country. On the other hand, we condemn terrorist bombings. We seek to win people to fight against oppression, not to kill, maim, or at best scare them.'

terrorism ?

In the past weeks, magazines and newspapers have done their best to identify SDS with the mad bombings in New York and the terrorist attacks following the April 15th demonstrations. In New York, Boston, and other cities, Weathermen and their friends used the anti-war demonstrations as forums for their anti-people rampages. Printed below is a leaflet written by Columbia SDS, following the 'trashing' of Columbia University by the December 4th Movement:

TRASHING IS A LOT OF GARBAGE

Last Wednesday night, the December 4 Movement went around 'trashing' buildings and stinking up the campus in an effort to 'shut it down' to free the Panther 21. It is evident that these isolated acts of terrorism are only destroying a mass movement that can free the Panthers from their racist frame-ups. The effect is to hang the Panthers, for D4M's terrorism gives credence to Lindsay's and Hogan's lies that the Panthers use isolated terrorism and clandestine bombings. Library and Hamilton Hall workers, whose offices and buildings had windows broken and stink bombs thrown in, are the ones who lose by these trashings, while D4M's student strike is at best invisible. Their antics infuriated most students and workers who do want to free the Panthers.

Obviously, the Panthers' frame-up is an attempt to build the racist fear that all black militants are out only to attack white people. On the contrary, the Panther program is not to blow up subways or botanical gardens, but to fight the racism used by cops, landlords, the state and the bosses to justify the exploitation of black people. We don't feel, however, that the Panthers can be freed unless there is a mass movement, led by working people, against racism. D4M undermines this movement with their anti-working class terrorism.

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At an SMC rally held in Minneapolis on April 15th, a crowd of 1500 voted to hear an SDS speaker despite SMC leadership's previous refusal to allow SDS to speak at their rally. This clearly shows that the crowd could see through the union hacks who replaced SMC's usual liberal politicians on this platform. It also shows that the crowd really wanted to hear SDS speak even though five SDSers were up on criminal charges for raiding the office of the Criminal Justice Studies Department at the University of Minnesota.

Criminal Justice Studies Departments are set up on various campuses under the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, whose formation was spurred by the wave of black insurrections which shook America from Watts to Roxbury. LEAA, a division of the Justice Department that is funded by the Defense Department, provides counterinsurgency research, development and funding for police throughout the nation, so that these forces can increase their efficiency in dealing with rebellious blacks, students and workers. CJS departments give training in domestic counterinsurgency to police administrators and other interested persons. They also accept government contracts on specific projects (e.g., Minnesota - 'Socialization of police recruits'). This program is of vital importance to the ruling class, more so than ROTC. The ruling class can attempt to co-opt an anti-war demand like abolishing ROTC, and under sufficient pressure, even give in. An attack on CJS, however, is an attack on the ruling class's control of America, which is hidden under a liberal cover of 'training the police to be more humane'.

In view of this, University of Minnesota SDS has made abolition of CJS a primary demand along with that of ROTC. In mid-March, SDS took militant action against the office of the Criminal Justice Studies Department. The purpose of the raid was to get their files for further mass distribution and education. As a result of this action which included fighting with cops, five SDSers face charges up to seven years, and we are building for the trial in late May.

by Peer Nyberg, Minn. SDS
Greg Scott, Minn. MDS

st pete

(St. Petersburg) -- About 50 shouting, chanting people confronted a military recruiter at St. Petersburg University, April 20th, and bombarded him with questions and paper airplanes made out of his own leaflets. After about a half hour of steady harassment, the recruiter folded up his table and left.

The militant action followed close on the heels of a St. Petersburg peace march that two days earlier had been attacked by police. The march, which was organized by the Florida Coalition Against the War (a coalition in which SDS is a member) ended with about fifteen arrests after police provoked a confrontation. Five people are now being held on \$15,000 bail for resisting arrest. Seven students were badly beaten up and six cops were treated for injuries.

After the fighting had subsided, the marchers regrouped in the St. Petersburg ghetto, because it was close by and because the demonstrators knew that the cops would be afraid to follow them there. Inside the ghetto, the marchers, supported by the members of the black community, staged a second rally.

In a leaflet issued the next day, students in St. Petersburg wrote: 'This attack (on the marchers) was a premeditated one on the part of the police. Evidently the police and the bosses they serve felt that such a broad-based alliance of black, brown, and white working people and students presented a real threat to their interests, and they moved against them.'

by Bill Boyd, SDS

uconn

The University of Connecticut is going on trial this week in Willimantic, Conn.

On April 16th, Kevin Keyes, a member of UConn SDS and one of the 18 people arrested in the December BSU-SDS GE strike support action, entered a plea of 'not guilty', the first of six to do so, and demanded a jury trial. Rather than make deals with the prosecutor, the six have decided to use the courtroom as a political forum.

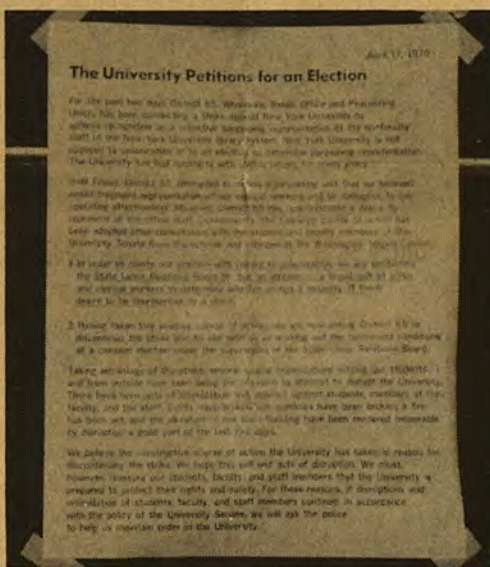
Keyes, who has refused the services of a lawyer, is defending himself. If convicted, he faces up to six years imprisonment and more than \$3000 in fines, or both. The trial is going into its third day.

Despite a ruling by the judge that the words 'strike' and 'GE' are irrelevant, Keyes is making it clear to the jurors and the hundreds of students who are packing the courtroom each day that the universities - like the courts - serve only the rich.

An attempt to subpoena UConn President Homer T. Babbidge has so far been unsuccessful, because the local law enforcement officers have refused to deliver the subpoena.

On April 21st, the chapter staged a rally with speakers and a mock trial. They also issued a leaflet 'The Three-Ring Circuit Court', the three rings being GE, UConn, and the Courts. 'They're the ones who should be on trial.'

by John Hayner, Ellie Goldstein, Kevin Keyes
UConn SDS



NYU unsuccessfully tries red-baiting to split workers and students.

suny

On Wednesday, April 15, returning from an anti-war demonstration, Stonybrook SDS joined in a takeover of administrative offices already in progress. The issues behind the seizure were an end to war research, the rehiring of a popular mathematics professor, and various student power demands.

After mass leafleting and a rally Thursday afternoon, between five and six hundred students seized the building again that night, this time under only one demand: 'End All War Research'.

At 1:30 a.m., 300 students marched out of the building over to the library, smashed through a glass door, and held the building until threatened by the acting president with an injunction and restraining order. After much confusion, leaving, and re-entering of buildings, the students returned to their dorms to win more support and mount a concerted drive against war research. (More later!)

by Fran Rauswitz and Bill Donegan, Stonybrook SDS

ROTC (Con't.)

The willingness to fight the administration is growing, not diminishing. On April 27th, the building trades union will strike on the Berkeley campus for better pay and benefits plus a university union contract. Nearly every union on campus and at affiliated locations, such as the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, have promised solidarity with the striking workers. By closing down the university, ROTC, war research, the racist teachings of Prof. Arthur Jensen, and nuclear research can all be stopped. At the Rad labs, two-thirds of the work done is devoted to the sole purpose of developing thermonuclear weapons which might complement and compete with the research being conducted at Los Alamos' (Daily Cal, April 9, 1970). Much of the work includes designing ABM and MIRV weapons. The Rad lab's relation to the university could be compared to that of the Stanford Research Institute of Stanford University. Last year SRI was the focus of militant anti-war action and this year Stanford students are fighting hard to get ROTC kicked off that campus.

In support of the campus workers' upcoming strike, SDS plans to call for a student strike on Tuesday, April 21st. Possible demands include an end to all forms of ROTC on campus, complete negotiations with all working people on campus, and stoppage of war research. SDS sees the need of tying workers and students together first to halt 'business as usual', and secondly to force the administration to agree to unified demands. In the upcoming week, prior to the campus strike, Berkeley SDS plans include organizing students to leaflet, talking with workers and raising the issue of the University as Boss. The University attempt to crush such endeavors is clear. The need to unify students and to bring campus workers and students together is equally clear. The issues of ROTC and campus workers' struggles offer a chance to expose this and all other University of California campuses for what they are: educational research institutions for pushing racism, imperialism, and counterinsurgency research.

(April 20 - Berkeley) -- SDS held an illegal rally today on campus attended by 300 students. The chapter also set up its literature table -- in defiance of a university order banning SDS. More on this in the next issue of NLN.

ucla

On April 15th, 250 students at UCLA rallied and marched on the offices of the Thailand project, a government sponsored research program located on the campus. Although the action was proposed by SDS, it was a joint action with the Radical Action Council at UCLA. Speakers at the rally talked about US military and business involvement in Thailand and how the Thailand Project at UCLA was helping to keep a corrupt military dictatorship in power in Thailand. The Thailand Project at UCLA provides advice to US officials in Thailand on how to suppress the guerrillas and maintain stability in that country. This was the first action against the Thailand Project. UCLA SDS plans to continue to fight the Thailand Project until it is ended.

yale

At Yale University in New Haven, SDS is laying the groundwork for a massive anti-racist, anti-male chauvinist struggle. 'We're winning over a lot of people,' one SDSer reported. At a Moratorium Coordinating Committee Teach-In on April 19th, attended by an estimated 1000 students, SDS put forth the following demands:

1. FREE THE PANTHERS AND NO TRIAL.
2. NO SOCIAL SCIENCE CENTER. The Yale Center, which is funded by the government, is a part of the US 'domestic counterinsurgency program' designed to suppress Black and Third World rebellions.
3. DAY CARE CENTERS FOR ALL CAMPUS WORKERS.
4. RETURN ALL LAND TO HILL SECTION. Yale presently owns a large section of the black community.
5. END RACIST APPRENTICE PROGRAM. The Yale apprentice program, supposedly a campus worker 'training program', is really a front for racist pay differentials. By putting black and Third World workers in the apprentice category, Yale gets away with paying them really low wages.

Boston March

On April 15th, 75,000 people gathered on the Boston Common to demonstrate opposition to US policy in Southeast Asia. An article in a previous issue of NLN reported on the New England Anti-war Conference called by the Student Mobilization Committee (SMC). This conference approved the SDS resolution that no liberal politicians should speak at the April 15th rally, and that the slogan should be 'US Out of Vietnam and Laos! US Has Nothing to Negotiate!'

However, the Moratorium (Sam Brown, etc.) had already reserved the Boston Common for April 15th -- and so they and the SMC quickly went against the decisions of the conference. First, they tried to get numerous liberal politicians to speak (including Eugene McCarthy, Julian Bond, Charles Goodell), who all refused. McCarthy reportedly stated that he was afraid of 'disruption' from the crowd. Secondly, the SMC refused to let SDS speak, although they were asked several times.

SDS organized on two fronts to combat the situation. First, we planned a demonstration against the recent shooting and murder of Franklin Lynch, a black singer, in Boston City Hospital by a cop (see the last issue of NLN). In calling this demonstration, we hoped to show how the anti-war movement must ally itself with black people in fighting against racist oppression. Second, we organized to fight for a speaker at the rally on April 15th.

On the day of the rally, we passed out leaflets explaining why Fran Weindling, a member of SDS, should speak. The rally against the Lynch murder was about 400 strong; following the rally there was a spirited march to the main demonstration. Meanwhile the Moratorium and SMC, at the vehement urgings of the November Action Committee (RYM II) had invited Abbie Hoffman, plus two local liberal politicians, a member of the Black Panther Party, and several members of the SWP to speak. None of these people attacked the SMC for excluding SDS or talked about concrete struggles that students could wage against the war (like fighting ROTC, war recruiters, etc.).

Midway through the rally, the SDSers who were up front to fight for a speaker pushed over the fence which separated the crowd from the speaker's platform, shouting all the while, 'Let Fran Speak'. The platform was surrounded by SMC marshalls and SWP hacks, who had made it clear that it would take a fight to get a speaker. Fran led the charge to the platform, and finally made it to the top. Abbie Hoffman, visibly scared, began screaming something about 'PL pigs' in an attempt to red-bait Fran, but this only made Fran and her supporters angrier. Fran grabbed the microphone away from Abbie Hoffman and proceeded to give a speech about how the anti-war movement will be diverted from really fighting the men who profit from the war if liberal politicians continue to lead it. She discussed how anti-ROTC fights and fights against war recruiters physically hurt the US in its attempt to dominate Southeast Asia. She said that those who oppose the war should look towards working people, especially blacks, as the leadership of that movement, and the people with the power to demand that the US get out of Southeast Asia.

Despite the attempts of many people to associate SDS with the vandalism that occurred in Harvard Square after the demonstration, it was clear that Fran's speech was a major step forward in the fight to build a pro-working class anti-war movement.

Conference

This June, SDS will hold its annual national convention, probably in the Chicago area. The national convention is the time when members of SDS from all over the country gather together to set policy for the coming year and elect new national officers and a new national interim committee (NIC). The discussions which take place are crucial in determining the direction that SDS will take in the coming year. Like the two NCS this year, the convention will most likely include ample time for people to meet together in workshops and exchange views and lessons they have learned from the year's struggles.

Chapters should begin to plan for the national convention as soon as possible. Delegates should be elected before school lets out (one delegate for every five national members), and arrangements should be made for getting everyone interested in SDS to come to the convention... non-SDSers included.

New York

(New York) -- On April 15, SDS led a militant action which prevented Mayor John Lindsay from speaking at an anti-war rally. Hundreds of students surrounded the speakers' platform at the Mobilization Rally and demanded that racist Lindsay not be allowed to speak and that the Panther 21 be freed.

At an earlier rally at City Hall Park, which was co-sponsored by the Third World Coalition and SDS, speakers denounced the Mobe leadership for relying on liberal politicians to end the war. It was pointed out that while talking peace, these same liberal politicians were stepping up their attacks on Third World peoples -- like Lindsay's Panther bust and the raising of rents on NYC apartments, a move which would hurt black and Puerto Rican families the most.

Under the banner 'US Out of Vietnam, US Out of Puerto Rico', we moved up to Bryant Park, where the main anti-war rally was being held. Almost immediately we began to battle the Mobe marshalls. While they were chanting 'Peace Now', we were chanting 'Smash Racism! Free the Panther 21'.

After the fighting broke out, hundreds of students from the crowd joined the fighting.

Black and women students took the lead in fighting through to the platform. We successfully surrounded the speakers platform and immediately demanded an anti-imperialist speaker.

Mike Golash, SDS and PLP, spoke. He talked about the need for the anti-war movement to ally with working people in order to end the war, and denounced the Mobe leadership for their racism by allowing people like Lindsay to speak at their rallies.

by Howie Wiener, NY SDS

WAYNE STATE

The janitors and matrons at Wayne State in Detroit have voted unanimously against allowing military recruiters on campus. In the same resolution, they also demanded that criminal charges against SDS be dropped and that companies like GE not be allowed on campus while workers are out on strike.

(SDS members were arrested last semester for demonstrating against GE.)

The 50 campus workers who voted for the resolution also signed a petition to the same effect. Prior to the vote, the SDS member who submitted the resolution made a short speech about imperialism and about how American as well as Vietnamese workers are hurt by the war.

SDS, which supported the campus workers' strike in the fall, is presently engaged in a campaign against speed-up in the cafeteria.

by Bill Gilbreth, Wayne State SDS

SDS LIT

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- Fight Racism ! (15¢ see illustration at right)
- Reserve Liberal Training Corps -- Berkeley Radical Arts Troupe Play (5¢)
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Work-In Pamphlet Available

For some free sample literature, send your address (and the addresses of anyone else who might be interested) to the National Headquarters.

WORK-IN 1970

Are workers the key force for progressive change in this society? The summer work-in is aimed at finding out. We in the student movement still have a lot to learn.

Last summer the SDS work-in took place all over America, from L.A. to Boston. Over 1000 students, many SDS members, took jobs in factories, warehouses, loading docks, and on college campuses in order to talk with working people about the Vietnam war, racism, male chauvinism, the student movement, and topical political questions. Most of us planned to go back to school, and the main emphasis of work-in activity was not to organize the working class, but to get a deeper understanding of the problems that workers face, their ideas, and the struggles they are involved in.

Students joined the work-in for a variety of reasons and with a wide range of political viewpoints. Some, opposed to the war and the many social evils that exist in this society, wanted to find out how workers could be won to fighting these injustices. Others were concerned with broadening their outlook beyond the bounds of a middle class background by sharing the experience of building ties with the nation's 30 million industrial workers. And some of us see the working class as the main driving force for revolutionary change.

We see students' fights against ROTC, expansion, cop schools, racism and male chauvinism as fights against the same bosses as workers struggle against every day. We want to help end the general isolation of the student movement from the rest of the people. An important part of the work-in will be discussion groups which meet regularly to discuss struggles, conversations and attitudes on the job, the war, racism, strikes, etc. The groups will also involve people in leafletting at factory shift changes to stimulate political discussions with workers and raise political questions.

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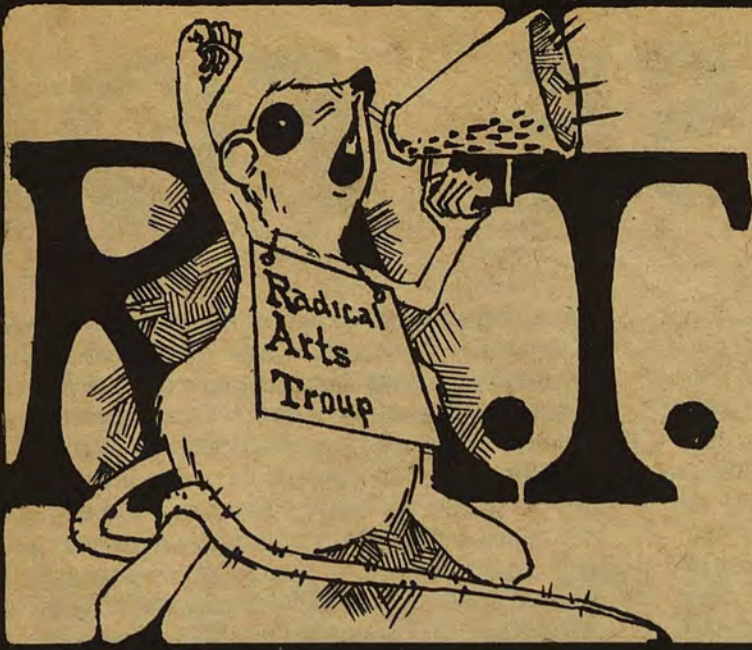
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(Some names are temporary and may change.)



Radical Art is a powerful weapon in the hands of the people. Posters, plays and songs showing the people who the enemy is and how to fight him can do as much to build a movement as leaflets and speeches. The SDS RADICAL ARTS TROUP (RAT) does just this-- chapters have found RATs to be instrumental in bringing people into struggles. USE THE RAT TO BUILD SUPPORT FOR THE AUTO WORKERS!!

Cambridge, Mass--the RAT p.5
has proven to be a very effective organizing tool, and
SO...

COPS ATTACK RAT

On August 29 the Cambridge and Harvard University cops broke up a Radical Arts Troupe (RAT) performance at Holyoke Center in Cambridge. In the RAT play, we were showing how the black rebellion in New Bedford, Mass. had been blasting the rich and the politicians (who run the Model Cities program, slum housing, and racist hospitals) and that these were fights that students should support.

After about 200 people had gathered to watch the RAT, the Harvard University campus patrol threw us off Harvard property, telling us we would have to do the skit on the public sidewalk. (I was an actor in the skit.) Soon after we moved to the sidewalk, a few carloads of Cambridge cops arrived and stopped the skit again -- moving us back onto Harvard property. (The Harvard cops and the Cambridge cops had worked together in the same way to stop the skit the day before.) Once again on Harvard property, we were told by both the campus cops and the city cops that it was fine to put on the skit -- just so long as we kept moving.

THE COPS MOVE IN

By now, people were getting pretty angry at the cops. They continued to order the gathering to move whenever they were standing in groups. But it was obvious they were only making the crowd angrier. At this point, one of the actors jumped on a bench and mimicked the cops: 'Everyone on Harvard property move onto Cambridge property and everyone on Cambridge property move onto Harvard property.'

We all laughed. The cops didn't. They started to arrest him. I was standing nearby and I told the cops that they couldn't arrest him, that they had nothing to arrest him for. So they arrested me instead. The idea, clearly, was to single out somebody for arrest in order to scare everyone else.

I was taken to the police station where I was beaten and then charged with assault and battery. People back at Holyoke Center were not scared off by the arrest, however. They marched to the station and demanded that I be released. The bail (\$150) was raised by the people outside. (An hour after this arrest the Hari Krishnas, a nonpolitical group, performed unmolested at Holyoke Center.)

Our skit was attacked by the Harvard and Cambridge cops because it was a way of showing hundreds of people the necessity of people fighting back against the guys who run the government, big business and the universities, and how people were doing just that -- fighting back.

TRIAL OCT. 6 IN CAMBRIDGE Third District Court

My trial will be the morning of October 6 at Third District Court in Cambridge. Threatening to shoot people for selling literature on the Cambridge Common; arresting people who were poster for a demonstration; busting up the RAT skit and arresting me -- these are all part of an attempt to scare a growing movement in this area -- a movement to support ghetto rebellions and kick the US out of Southeast Asia. I am going to try to expose this at the trial where, if a lot of people come and support me, it will be the court that gets scared.

Paul Sedgwick-SDS
Mass. Institute of Technology

If you would like a copy of the RAT play so your chapter can perform it, send 10¢ for mailing to: Auto Strike Rat, c/o SDS NH, 173a Mass. Ave., Boston, Mass. 02115.

⇒ auto strike R.A.T. ⇐

Here are parts of a play written by some workers around Boston which has been used at forums and demonstrations in the Boston area to build support for the auto strike. You can see how clearly ideas can be brought out through the action of a play.

The main part of the play begins with Gen. Motors and Gen. Westmoreland conversing about the Auto Strike:

GM: Hello, this is General Motors.

GW: This is General Waste-more-land. Listen GM, we're having a helluva time holding on to that factory site you want outside of Saigon. Every time we take it, the workers take it back. Now we need more tanks, trucks, and guns, or there's no way to hold it.

GM: Well, listen, there's a strike on here. Thousands of my workers are on the streets. I'm shut tight. I'm not sure when I can get you all those things -- I've got to make sure this strike is kept out of the factories that are producing the war goods you want.

(They then try to figure out a way to break the strike. To show their position on the strike, they sing, to the tune of 'See the USA in your Chevrolet'):

You will pay and pay
For your Chevrolet
We've got to keep those profits rolling in,
Prices get the hike
Then we'll blame the strike.
I'm making so much money it's a sin.



Members of SDS from around the country perform RAT play at YSA Emergency Anti-War Conference during the summer.

(So a meeting of the Strikebreakers' Union opens. Gagnev, McGovernment, GM, and sell-out Union leader better known as Roadblock Woodcock are getting together to plot how they will break the strike -- by dividing workers from each other, and from students. In come Gagnev and McGovernment, back to back -- they offer suggestions. Gagnev is facing front.):

G: I think workers are becoming a bunch of effete snobs. They're getting greedy, they don't want to work for a living. What happened to the good old days of slavery? If they strike, RUB 'EM OUT! Get those rotten apples out of the barrel!

ALL (to the tune of 'Turn Around'):

Turn around
Turn around
turn around and he's a liberal
with lies of his own.

McG: I don't think we should rub 'em out. Workers are the backbone of American society. Some of my best friends are workers. If it looks like they're hurting our profits, well, we can rub out the radicals. The rest? -- well, we can SELL 'EM OUT!

GM: I've got just the man.

RW: Roadblock Woodcock at your service! Partners in profits!

GM: Down boy. (RW kisses his feet)

GM: Well, Roadblock, as auto workers president and exalted sellout, you should know what this strike looks like. Tell us.

RW (sung to 'Raindrops'):

The workers demand a little bread
And I'll make believe I'm going to get it for the men

I'm going to have to lie

And use arbitration to stop workers' agitation

And you can use the news

to mangle and confuse all the issues.

Right?

ALL: Right.

ALL (to the tune of 'Summertime'):

Contract time
and the workers are restless.
They're talkin big
and they look like they'll fight.
But don't worry
Cause we'll get them divided--
Say women are useless
and blacks ain't bright.

THAT'S WHAT THE BOSSES ARE SAYING,
BUT HERE'S WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY (to the tune of 'The Night has a Thousand Eyes'):

Some say the auto strike hurts the nation
And the whole economy
The bosses push this fabrication
Trying to break down unity.

CHORUS:

These guys tell a thousand lies
But a thousand lies won't stop the fight
They will quake at the people's might.
Build a solid alliance in angry defiance
of these guys and all their lies.

....

The liberal plans for de-escalation
Will end the war they say.

We've had three years of negotiations
Then invaded Cambodia last May.

CHORUS (repeat last two lines)

THE CASE FOR

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The following article is reproduced in whole, from the pamphlet, "Smash ROTC", written by students at Washington University, St. Louis, last year--ed.

INTRODUCTION

Our position is clear; we view the presence of ROTC as a political not an academic issue. The abolition of ROTC on the WU campus is necessary not because ROTC maintains low academic standards, but because the policies it defends and the interests it serves are fundamentally wrong.

We think that the government's policy in Vietnam has always been harmoniously integrated with American business interests around the world and here at home. The war in Vietnam is not a 'mistake', or an 'aberration', but part of a larger policy designed to serve American corporate interests. The military in the United States serves as the principal agent for protecting those interests, suppressing popular rebellions abroad and repressing dissent at home. The abolition of ROTC would seriously impair the military's ability to serve this function.

THE AMERICAN CONTEXT

Opposition to the war in Vietnam has grown enormously within the past five years. But it has not simply been a growth in numbers; the nature of that opposition has changed as well. Initially, blame for the war was placed on Lyndon Johnson and various members of his administration, or perhaps the militarists in the Pentagon. Support for the anti-war efforts was sought among the more liberal representatives of the federal government, especially liberal congressmen, the nation's business interests, and even members of the military. However, closer examination of the liberal opposition to the war and the lack of success of their efforts, forced a re-examination. It was seen that the liberal opposition was of a tactical nature, but rarely concerned with ultimate goals. Liberals may have thought that the bombing of North Vietnam would not achieve certain long range goals in Southeast Asia (e.g., a South Vietnamese government sympathetic to American economic involvement, American military bases, etc.), but their opposition rarely, if ever, considered the question of immediate withdrawal, or the development of Vietnam for the Vietnamese. More importantly, almost all the 'demands' of the liberals (an end to the bombing of the North, troop reductions, tacit recognition of the National Liberation Front) have been realized. Yet the war continues; and it has, in fact, spread to Laos and Thailand, where there are now over 100,000 American soldiers.

The failure of liberal policy here and elsewhere made a broader perspective necessary. A history of the war in Vietnam is revealing, but so is the involvement of the American government and corporate enterprise in the affairs of Third World nations. Frequently, economic policies were at the base of political and military maneuvers. The invasion of the Dominican Republic in 1965 was alarming; but even more alarming was the fact that it was the 14th time that the United States had invaded the Dominican Republic since 1900. (The Dominican Republic a threat to the welfare of the United States? Hardly. But perhaps all those rebellions were a threat to certain American interests.) In short, it became increasingly clear that the American government has equated the 'welfare' of the country with the protection of the interests of a small number of Americans. With the expansion overseas of American corporations after World War II, and the demise of England as the major im-

perialist power, the United States indeed became the policeman of the world; a policeman to protect and defend a certain number of American corporations, to protect the markets for their goods and the natural resources for their use.

It was not anti-communism, but imperialism. It was and is a systematic campaign to make the world safe for American corporations. In concrete terms, this has meant markets for American goods, a supply of cheap labor, and a source of raw materials.

In the 19th century, Japan and China were 'opened up' for American manufacturers and traders. U.S. foreign policy has been a version of the 'open door' policy ever since, an open door to unrestricted markets in Third World nations.

Similarly, Third World countries offer American businessmen a rich supply of raw materials. In return for token concessions to the local rulers, American firms can strip a poor country of its natural resources for next to nothing (tin in Bolivia, copper in Chile, oil in Venezuela, etc.). Henry Cabot Lodge, former ambassador to South Vietnam, put it this way:

He who holds or has influence in Vietnam can affect the future of the Philippines and Formosa to the east, Thailand and Burma with their huge rice surpluses to the west, and Malaysia and Indonesia with their rubber, ore, and tin to the south. Vietnam thus does not exist in a geographical vacuum -- from it large storhouses of wealth and population can be influenced and undermined.

Human resources can be exploited in the same way and for the same reasons. If workers in industrial nations fight for decent wages and working conditions, factories can move their facilities to the Third World and get by with paying starvation wages. General Electric, for example, pays its workers in Korea 88 cents a day; the present Saigon regime outlaws strikes and sets a maximum wage of \$1.40 a day. In Thailand there is no minimum wage law, and the average worker gets between \$1 and \$4 a day. And since the massive increase of U.S. involvement in both Vietnam and Thailand, the number of American companies located in Thailand has gone from 3 in 1965 to over 100 at present.

In this scheme, the military has a very important role to play. It provides the arms to support

those who engage in economic ventures overseas. The major corporations are generally assured of protection against any armed opposition to their presence in another country. The people who control these large corporations, in fact, are the people who also control our own economy, and much of our society. They are, therefore, the principal formulators of American foreign policy and hence determine the use of the military. The United States has a total of 275 major base complexes in 31 foreign countries and more than 1400 other foreign bases. The bases cost approximately \$4 billion a year, and are manned by approximately one million American troops. Is it purely coincidental that this fantastic expansion of the military coincided with the enormous influx of American corporate capital into foreign countries? We do not think so.

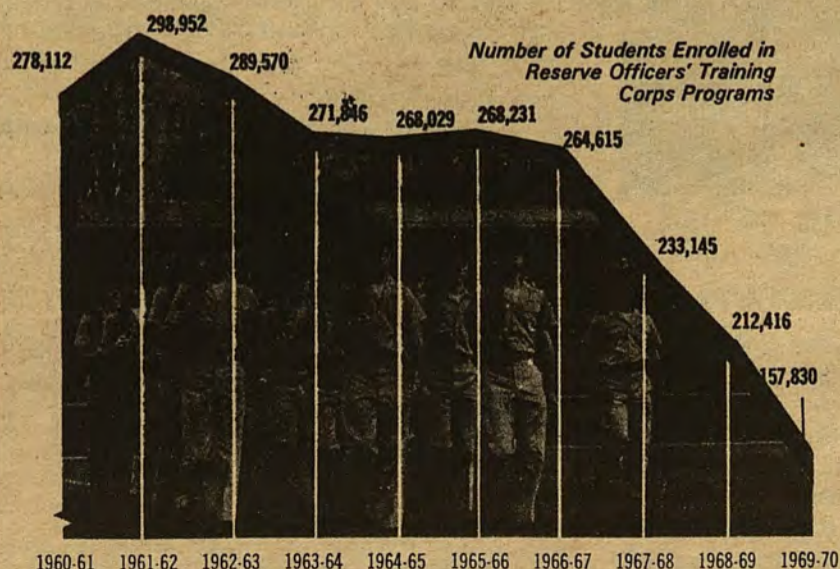
THE ARGUMENT FOR THE ABOLITION OF R.O.T.C.

Essential to the maintenance of any imperialist system is a large, rapidly deployable, military. The case for abolishing ROTC rests on the evidence that it is an integral element of such an imperialist army.

ROTC recruits and trains junior officers for the U.S. military. It provides the officers to command the troops. ROTC is not a mere 'symbol' of the Vietnam war and its horrors. It is one of the most vital elements in the perpetuation of American imperialism. By the Army's own admission, approximately 45% of all Army officers currently on duty are ROTC graduates; 65% of all first lieutenants and 85% of all second lieutenants come from ROTC programs. ROTC supplies 50% Army, 35% Navy, and 30% Air Force officers. As Colonel Pell, Army ROTC commander at Harvard, pointed out:

Today, reliance upon colleges and universities for officers is greater than ever. For example, the 1968 graduating classes contained over 11,000 newly commissioned officers who, as they enter the ranks of the Active Army, will fill 85% of the required input needed to provide the junior leaders for today's troop units. More than 1100 of these young men will become career officers to furnish the hardcore leadership for the future. IT IS VERY EVIDENT THAT THE PRESENT MISSION OF R.O.T.C. IS THE PRODUCTION OF OFFICERS, NOT MERELY TO EXPOSE STUDENTS TO MILITARY TRAINING. (emphasis added)

YOUTHS IN ROTC THE SHARP DROP THAT'S ALARMING THE PENTAGON



And: With anti-war sentiment among students still strong, attacks on ROTC rising and cutbacks coming in the size of armed forces, Pentagon officials say ROTC enrollments could drop even further in the school year that starts next autumn.

Will abolition of ROTC effectively slow the operation of U.S. imperialism? Colonel Pell again is very direct:

Let it be understood beyond question that there is no acceptable alternative source of junior officer leadership if ROTC is driven from the college campus. The anti-ROTC extremists apparently do not accept the criticality of ROTC to our defense establishment. They persist in the notion that the armed forces will continue to exist and perform their function, somehow, without ROTC. The blunt truth is that Officer Candidate School (OCS) programs are not attractive

the American Empire. For example, in 1967 WU ranked 96th in the list of non-profit prime contractors for the Department of Defense. A study done for the Air Force on the role of the universities in defense research and development shows that they are:

1. A major performer of defense R&D (51% of all defense Research and Exploratory Development funds goes to universities, and one half of this is for work on missiles, electronics, and aircraft).
2. A supplier of advisors to defense R&D agencies. (In 1966, 55% of the membership of the

ABOLISHING ROTC

to college graduates unless there is extreme pressure from the draft.

Thus a widespread anti-ROTC movement would have the desired effect. Even with considerable effort to expand OCS, which now contributes 2300 officers per year, and West Point, which now contributes 500, the short-term result of abolishing ROTC would be to dry up the supply of officers for the military.

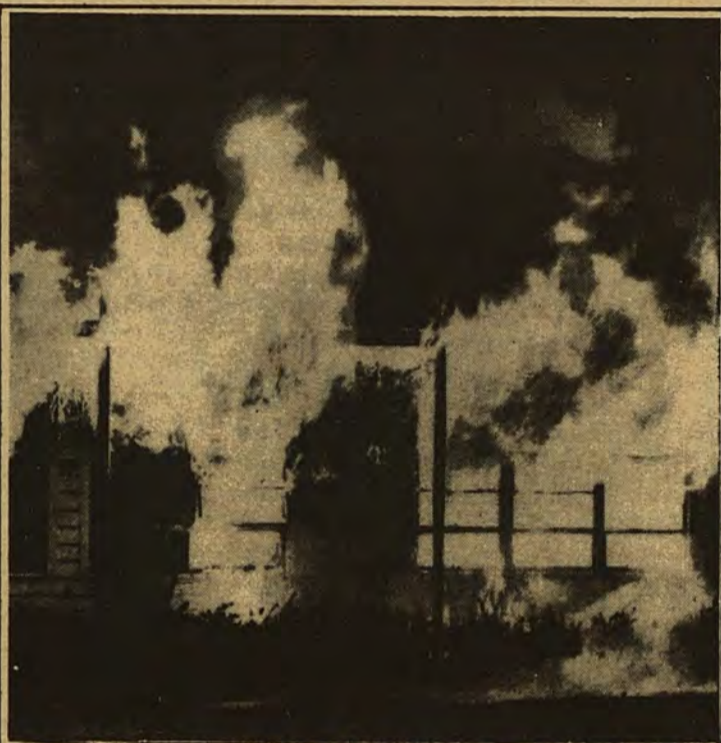
But doesn't the influx of educated men into junior officer positions make a difference in the actions of these men? It would seem doubtful. Captain Medina, a major participant in the My Lai incident, was a ROTC graduate, but nonetheless he obeyed the orders given to him. Junior officers principally carry out orders; they do not initiate policy. But neither do senior officers; given the dependent role of the military in the American Empire, the military is concerned with tactics and strategy, not policy formation.

Does ROTC have a 'right' to be on campus, or even off campus and without credit? The answer is emphatically no. For ROTC to exist on the WU campus, in whatever form, means that American imperialism has a 'right' to police the world, to continue to suppress popular rebellions because they dare to challenge the 'right' of American corporations to exploit people and resources for private profit. The question of ROTC, therefore, is not academic, but political. The question is not one of just another course at WU, but the perpetuation of American imperialism. That is the question; ROTC must be confronted on that level. To approach it from any other level would only result in clouding the issue.

To eliminate ROTC at WU would be to provide impetus to opposition movements in all area schools that have ROTC. The existence of ROTC and the 'right' of the military to police the world has now been challenged. The struggle has only just begun.

R.O.T.C. AND THE UNIVERSITY: THE MYTH OF NEUTRALITY

The campaign to abolish ROTC is a direct attack on policies that the administration and faculty would rather keep hidden behind a facade of university 'neutrality'. WU may appear to be a 'free marketplace of ideas' where competing, and conflicting ideas are taught, but it, like other universities, is involved in the maintenance of



Washington-U., May 5--ROTC building 50 per cent destroyed by fire; two campus workers indicted by federal grand jury...

four science advisory boards of the Department of Defense were from universities.)

3. A producer of the technical professional workforce which is the prime production factor in the many government, non-profit, industrial, and academic laboratories that produce defense R&D.
4. A provider of continuing, updating education to the defense R&D professional workforce.
5. The university is a source of new defense R&D industrial capabilities through the spin-off of new, high technology companies, founded by entrepreneurial-type professors.

The university, on the one hand, provides valuable research to the military and the corporations in addition to training technicians for roles in the corporation, and, on the other hand, permits liberal and radical ideas to be expounded on the campus. Is there any contradiction? Yes and no. No, there is not because the university is theoretically a place where ideas are taught. The teaching of radical ideas should, at least logically, be no exception. But yes, there is a contradiction between the implementation of radical ideas and the demands of American imperialism. Private individuals - usually businessmen - large corporations, and the federal government, are the major financial supporters of private universities in the U.S. Radical ideas can be permitted on campus, because they do not threaten the major aspects of the university, i.e. research and training. However, when people try to put radical ideas into practice, they directly threaten the interests of American business and its government. People who teach radical ideas

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for good business reasons



Business and industry speak out on the value of Army ROTC as a crucible for the development of leadership for American enterprise.

from Army ROTC recruitment pamphlet (!)

"I am convinced that industry's view of ROTC training is similar to ours which is that ROTC training is an invaluable asset weighed heavily in all employment considerations. We have found that ROTC students are well on the road in achieving the proper blending of leadership and management skills with their formal education and in that sense they are much ahead of their contemporaries who will enter industry upon graduation."

John B. Lawson
Vice President and
General Manager
Aeronutronic Division
Philco-Ford Corporation



can be tolerated; people who engage in radical actions will be expunged.

There is, in short, a complete harmony of interests between business, universities, and the military. They are all part and parcel of the same Empire. WU serves as an integral part of this Empire partly through its training of military leaders. Thus, the final question to be asked is:

Should WU, in the context of current American domestic and foreign policies, provide officers for the U.S. armed forces?

It should not. WU is a political entity which serves specific political and corporate interests. It is our contention that we must fight these interests and the university's service to them.

SAN DIEGO STUDENTS ATTACK SPY LAB

Here is a long delayed article about our struggle against war research at UCSD last spring. UCSD is a very important center for research that has direct application to the war in Indochina--SDS members had done a lot of work to find out about it.

SDS- University of California, San Diego

We began last summer with an extensive investigation of the kinds of research done by UCSD professors, using government publications like Technical Abstracts Bulletin. Some of this information was published last fall in an independent school newspaper staffed largely by members of SDS in articles that also explained the imperialist motivations of the war. But the best information in the most useful form came from files that were investigated during the occupation of war research buildings or from workers in various places around campus. For example, after occupying the Contracts and Grants Office, we were able to issue a leaflet reproducing the title pages of several war research contracts. This leaflet helps to cut through the bullshit the administration and faculty was feeding the people about the academic purity of the campus. Building on specific information that really exposed UCSD's complicity with the war, the movement increased to about 500 or more active participants, and nearly half the student body attending some of the meetings.

Overall, what we discovered was that under Project Themis, a Department of Defense program to build up selected institutions as centers for war research, UCSD specializes in 'signal processing' in all its various forms. Research is done on sonic, seismic and all kinds of electromagnetic waves and on electronic methods of analysing these kinds of signals. This information seems harmless, but in fact it concretely aids the war effort in Vietnam. For example, UCSD research on the limits of resolution of light and infrared waves as they pass long distances through a turbulent atmosphere that distorts the image is crucial to the operation of the spy satellite the US has positioned in a stationary orbit high above Vietnam. And, at UCSD, computer programs are developed so that photographs taken either by the satellite or high altitude recon-


naissance planes can be scanned by the computer for missile sites, tanks, factories, etc. This information is then used to plan war strategies.

As at many other schools, the attempt has been made to purify the campus by doing at least some of the war research at institutions some distance from the classrooms. At UCSD, these institutions were still administered, staffed and funded through the main campus. Some such laboratories are located some twenty miles away at the Naval Electronics Laboratory Complex (NELC) surrounded by Navy labs doing similar research on sonar, radar, etc.

As the primary action of the student strike after the 'invasion of Cambodia', students from all colleges in the San Diego area joined forces for an action against NELC -- 3000 strong. At a mass planning meeting we decided to set up a militant picket line in front of NELC. Our picket line slowed traffic greatly, and at one

onstration: the monitors, with the cops backing them up, tried to stop our picket line.

During specific struggles against ROTC and war research it's very important to raise political issues related to the struggle. Our biggest mistake was our failure to fight racism and to raise racism as just as crucial to the ability to wage imperialist war as advanced technology. None of these fancy weapons could be used against the people of Vietnam except for the racist doctrine that the U.S. must save them from themselves, that they are too stupid to know what is good for them. We should have attacked these racist lies from the beginning, as well as the racism against black and Chicano people in this country. Draft age black guys have three times the chance of getting killed or wounded in the war as white guys, and Chicanos have six times the chance, because they are more likely to get drafted and get more dangerous assignments. Racism keeps whites,

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point a truck driver making a delivery to NELC shut his engine down and refused to cross the line.

Throughout the struggle the Mobilization Committee and the Young Socialist Alliance fought against a militant attack on war research. In fact, YSA and Mobe had met with the police chief, the mayor and other city officials, and representatives from the administrations of the area colleges to plan out how to lower the level of militancy established by UCSD students in their building occupations. One mistake we made at the mass planning meeting came out of our sheer laziness and failure to see the responsibility for leadership -- the monitor squad was abandoned to the Mobe, and we ended up battling the monitors to make it a strong dem-

blacks, and Chicanos from uniting against the war and the brass just as it divided students at UCSD.

During the struggle it did become clear to a lot of students, that they themselves could not bring war research to an end at UCSD, and SDS members put forward consistently that students need to ally with workers. Not only are workers the people in this country hurt most by the war, but workers have the most power to change something like war research. Without research assistants to do experiments, secretaries to do the paperwork, lab workers and janitors to keep the lab running, computer technicians, machinists and all the other workers at UCSD and in society as a whole, no war research could go on.

MINERS CHARGE COPS, BURN BUILDING



Portage, Penn.--Aug. 9

Some 350 pickets of the United Mine Workers, District 2, charged through a line of about 50 State Police troopers to firebomb the tippie and several other buildings of the Cooney Brothers Coal Company mine. The pickets were attempting to organize 60 non-union mine workers employed by the Cooney mine. A Cambria County judge ordered a halt to the picketing on a petition filed by the mine owners, but the pickets left the scene before the court order could be served. The firebombings resulted in damages estimated as high as \$1 million to the Cooney mine. Twenty-two other mines in the Cambria County area were closed in apparent sympathy with the Cooney pickets, idling some 4,500 mine workers. The president of the United Mine Workers and three other union officials were charged with conspiracy to do an unlawful act. Two mine workers were charged with arson, conspiracy, and riotous destruction of property. A third worker was charged with arson, assault with intent to kill, and interfering with law enforcement officers. All were released on bond pending a hearing.

U Conn Student Jim Sober Faces 35 Yr. Frame-up

Come to Storrs! Fight the Courts!
 FREE JIM SOBER!!
 CALL: (203) 429-1169
 WRITE: U. CONN DEFENSE FUND.
 RFD #2; Box 186
 Storrs, Conn. 06268

In a major attack on the anti-war movement in Connecticut, the government is trying to put Jim Sober in prison for 35 years. This is the heaviest charge facing any student to date.

WHO IS JIM SOBER?

Last year he was the regional traveller for SDS in Connecticut and went to different campuses to help build a national student movement which would effectively fight against wars for profit and ally with the struggles of the working class. He is also a communist and a member of the Progressive Labor Party, a revolutionary communist party, which fights to build Socialism, a state where the working class runs the government. Because he is a communist and has been a leader in the struggle against UConn's bosses, they want to put him away for years and make an example of him to intimidate others in the anti-war movement. They are especially afraid of the spread of communist ideas at UConn which show the way to the downfall of the UConn administration and the bosses they represent.

WHAT HAPPENED?

On April 26th this past spring over 1000 students marched on Gully Hall, an administration building at the University of Connecticut, in support of students standing trial for supporting striking GE workers and opposing University racism. Only the front glass door was broken (after campus police refused to open it) and then the glass was immediately swept up so that no one would get hurt. There was no other damage and there were no fights. (The two campus police were pushed aside to get into the building, but were not hurt.) After a couple of hours everyone had left peacefully (no outside police were called onto campus) to build even more support the following day. Yet four were charged with felonies totaling over 100 years. These included Breaking and Entering with Violence (the broken door), Inciting Damage to Persons and/or Property (anything you might have said at some point), and Assault (pushing the two cops aside to get into the building).

FROM THE CARROT TO THE STICK

All over the world more and more people are joining the fight against American aggression in Southeast Asia. The U.S. government and the big bankers and industrialists it represents are running scared -- they are especially frightened of the growing alliance in this country between workers and students, blacks and whites against the war. The government has responded with police-incited 'Hard Hat' demonstrations to try to convince workers and students that they are mutual enemies. In fact, they have a common enemy -- the bosses. The ruling class publicizes attack-the-people, bomb-throwing actions of the Weathermen in their presses, but suppresses any mention of anti-war students supporting workers'

struggles -- like last year when scab GE recruiters were kept off many campuses during the 16-week GE strike. They offer 'save the system' peace candidates like Joe Duffey to mislead the anti-war movement away from any effective action against the war profiteers.

When all this fails, as it did at UConn last spring, where thousands marched against ROTC and in support of striking GE workers, the ruling class attacks the people viciously and tries to intimi-

date them into submission.

They are making a test case for the tactic of repression at UConn. Don't let them succeed. All over Connecticut people can help by organizing buses and carpools to come to the Rockville Superior Court (20 miles northeast of Hartford) on the first day of the trial -- probably either October 6 or 7. PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU WANT TO HELP.

FIGHT THE FRAME-UP COME TO THE TRIAL!

Everyone should come to the trials of Jim Sober and Kevin Keyes -- and bring all of their friends. Why? What good will it do? If the judge and his rich friends have already decided to throw the book at Jim and Kevin, what difference does a big turnout of supporters at the trial make?

Well, it's true that UConn President Homer Babbidge and company want to smash the anti-war movement by making an example of Jim Sober locked up in jail for 35 years. But by relying on the strength of large numbers of students and workers throughout Connecticut coming to the trials, it will be possible to create a situation in which Pres. Babbidge and the government will regret the day they ever decided to bring students to court for supporting striking workers and opposing the war in S.E. Asia. Jim and Kevin are going to use their trials as an opportunity to reach thousands of people with radical ideas. One point that they will stress is that the courts are not an instrument of 'blind justice for all' but are, underneath all the legal hocus pocus, nothing but an instrument of oppression. The rich use the court system to throw anyone in jail who fights against the REAL crimes, like the war in S.E. Asia, the rotten wages and working conditions which GE, Postal, and Auto workers have been striking against, and the especially harsh oppression which blacks have been rebelling against.

Political prisoners have defended themselves in the past without relying on fancy lawyers and obscure legal technicalities, none of which can be relied upon to work anyway. Instead, they explained why their 'crimes' were really in the interest of everyone except a handful of extremely rich families who are the real criminals. When this kind of political defense has been used, the judges have always gotten very shook up by the results. Such trials have made it possible for

thousands of people to see the facade of judicial neutrality and fairness ripped away, revealing nothing but lying cops, hypocritical judges, 'objection sustained' rulings for the prosecution and 'overruled' for the defendant, and millions of injustices at every step of the trial. At a recent trial of people arrested for selling Challenge (the newspaper of the Communist Progressive Labor Party) in Boston, for instance, the defendants yelled 'That's a lie' every time the cop on the witness stand answered the prosecuting attorney's question with lies. The gallery was packed to overflowing with supporters yelling 'The bosses own the courts.' The judge was nervous and accidentally let a little truth slip out. He snapped at the defendants, 'You can object to the questions, but you can't object to the lies.'

If enough people are present to witness the government doing its repressive dirty work in court, then it will be impossible for the government to give heavy sentences to Jim and Kevin without at the same time giving up its public pretense of being democratic, fair, impartial, etc. That pretense of democracy, however, is extremely valuable for the rich. Pres. Babbidge and the others know that when the facade of democracy is gone they will be a tiny minority under attack by millions of very angry workers and students who once thought that justice could be obtained through the courts, but learned otherwise from experiences like Jim's and Kevin's trials.

That's why, to avoid looking as rotten as they really are, and to prevent even more people from supporting and joining the anti-war/strike support movement, the judge may decide to give light sentences or even drop the charges altogether. This happened at Columbia last year! But such a victory is impossible unless LOTS of people COME TO THE TRIAL



Berkeley

--reprinted from Berkeley leaflet of last spring



The Berkeley chapter of SDS has been banned from campus. We are prohibited from holding meetings, setting up a table, or issuing leaflets. Three members have been put on interim suspension so far and four have been subpoenaed. Why? Because we have been helping lead the current struggle against ROTC.

At the risk of repeating ourselves, ROTC trains 70% of the officers in Vietnam. Whether overseas in Southeast Asia, or at home during ghetto rebellions or the postal strike, the US Army exists to protect the economic interests of the small clique of bankers and businessmen who run this country. It is just such men who sit on the Board of Regents. No wonder then that there is plenty of freedom for ROTC to teach mass murder but none for SDS or any other group that wants to oppose this. Whenever you take action against those who run the country, your 'rights' disappear.

At 11:45 a.m. Monday we set up the SDS table in Sproul Plaza. We ask your support, not on the basis of abstract principles of 'free speech', but because the attack on SDS is an attack on the movement against ROTC. Not only do we want to win this demand against ROTC, but we want to make SDS a really mass student organization which will continue the fight against the war, racism, and male chauvinism, and the oppression of working people.

YOU DON'T NEED A WEATHERMAN

The press has given us a lot of publicity, most of it bad. One of their favorites is trying to identify SDS (and other radicals) with the Weathermen. Weatherman is a group numbering not more than 50-100 nationwide, that split off from SDS last June.

SDS is NOT against violence, but we oppose the mindless violence of small terrorist groups isolated from the people, lashing out in frustration at friend and enemy alike. This includes aimless property destruction and attacking other students and workers on campus.

So far the struggle has been a big step forward for the student movement. It has involved thousands of people who understand that the police are protecting ROTC, and that if ROTC is to be done away with, they must be fought. Other campuses will probably follow Berkeley students' lead.

However, without a perspective and strategy for winning something, the whole thing could easily degenerate into aimless violence. We can't hope to 'persuade' the Regents to give up ROTC. ROTC is vital to their interests and, as we have seen, they will fight hard to keep it. IF WE WANT TO ABOLISH R.O.T.C. WE WILL HAVE TO FORCE THE REGENTS INTO DOING IT, AND REALLY THE ONLY WAY IS TO SHUT THE SCHOOL DOWN UNTIL THEY GIVE IN TO THE DEMAND.

BERKELEY, Aug. 3 -- Thirteen students, including members of SDS and Progressive Labor Party, went on trial today on charges of disrupting a U.C. Berkeley 'open hearing' directed against militants active in last Spring's massive anti-ROTC struggle.

They and 100 others had demanded admittance to the hearing, only to be met by cops called by Dean Shotwell. The students pushed their way in despite the cops, Shotwell called the riot police, thoroughly exposing his kangaroo court and his fear of letting masses of students see it for themselves. After students fought the cops the hearing was postponed. Shotwell swore that he would identify everyone, and for several months cops continued arresting people -- breaking into homes and dormitories looking for students involved.

The trial has been going on for two weeks. It's obviously biased: Judge Talbot refused to dismiss jurors who admitted their bias towards police and against students, saying, 'Everyone has their prejudices', and almost all the prosecution witnesses have been campus police. Shotwell and his asst. Sgt. Casey testified against all the defendants.

The 13 see their arrest as part of the suppression of anti-ROTC activists and believe that the support of the people is that only defense they and others in the movement against the war and racism have.

At the height of the struggle last Spring, 4,000 people fought the cops and demanded an immediate end to ROTC! Since then, SDS has been banned on the Berkeley campus, with sales of New Left Notes prohibited, and injunctions issued against several individuals who attempted to come on campus.

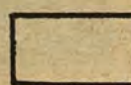
6. The paper must become more exuberant, the titles more intriguing (like the article on the Molly Maguires), with catchy captions, layout, etc. -- not 'Phillipine Workers and Students Fight Rulers Together', or 'Veterans, Workers Lead Fight Against School'.

7. There should be more 'features': regular columns, news roundups on the situation in Southeast Asia, muckraking articles on the conditions of working people, other international news, articles on economics, analysis of the leadership of SDS.

8. The editorial board must be sure that the contents of major articles are reasonably accurate. The NLN article on the ROTC fight in Berkeley, for example, missed the important part of the action completely. Hundreds of students charged the cops, throwing back tear gas canisters and routing them, -- and all the time the administration tried to stop the action. The editorial board should have contacted someone in Berkeley to check on the article and supplement it -- but it didn't.

9. We are not addressing our criticisms primarily to the New Left Notes editorial board, but to the entire organization. Everyone should feel responsibility for sending in news reports, analysis and opinion, reviews, etc. When something happens in an area around you, send in a note about it. Give the NLN staff an address of someone to contact. If we in Berkeley had bothered to get the article being sent to New Left Notes, or write our own, a better report would have gone into the paper.

We all think someone else will do it for us. We have to change that attitude. We cannot sit by and wait for someone to hand us an end to the war or to oppression -- it's not going to end that way. A few leaders can't do it: each one of us must take responsibility to see that these things happen. We must begin to make the changes we want, and to communicate what we learn to everyone NOW.



Anita Rogers, Bill Ouage
Berkeley SDS



Who wants yesterday's paper?? --criticism of New Left Notes

SDS should be open to all radical students who oppose war, racism, chauvinism, and oppression of all kinds, and who want to do something about ending it. But too often New Left Notes gives the impression that SDS has a line which would-be members must agree with in order to join: Build the Mmaiarampwscm, the Mass Militant Anti-Imperialist Anti-Racist Anti-Male Chauvinist Pro-Working Class Student Movement (pronounced: NIRNSHESON*). Almost every article in NLN has as its essential point(s): (1) the war is imperialist, (2) racism is part of a profit system, (3) women's oppression is a product of capitalism, (4) only workers can end all this, one two three. Articles with other perspectives just don't appear in NLN.

For example: Issue #14 contained the NIC statement on fighting racism and articles on the unified strike at Columbia, Davis worker rehired, Sihanouk hated by Cambodia workers, Students ally with laundry workers. Now a lot of us would agree that taken together, these articles presented a fairly well-defined class analysis. But there are thousands of radical students who should be in SDS who agree with part but not all of this. No matter how much we say SDS is open to everyone, the whole tone of New Left Notes makes it seem that NIRNSHESON* is, in fact, the line of SDS, the prerequisite to membership and active involvement. This isolates us from a lot of new people. Of course communist ideas, and articles about workers' struggles, should appear in NLN -- but they shouldn't dominate the content, and it should be clear that they are the views of some people in SDS.

New Left Notes is also troubled by irregularity. It seems that every time SDS gets out of debt, we issue our own version of the Sunday New York Times, and go under again for another two months. NLN's monthly schedule means news is stale, and 'current' analysis is based on last month's events; as a result the paper's political usefulness is limited and people are discouraged

from contributing to it. As the Stones say: 'Who wants yesterday's paper? Nobody in the world.'

A few suggestions:

1. The paper should be published biweekly, even (or especially) if it means shorter issues (and ruthless editing).

2. It is very important that all chapters send regular news reports for every biweekly issue (with pictures and news clippings). A minimum emphasis should be put on literary quality: it's the editorial board's job to 'clean up' the articles (a job it hasn't been doing), but it's the chapter's responsibility to get the reports in (which they haven't been doing). Even one or two paragraph reports would be good if there's not a whole lot to report -- they could be gathered together in a news roundup format -- if they were sent in. Another possibility is assigning responsibility for getting articles to regionally based people. (This is being done. --ed.)

3. Likewise, a wide variety of people should be encouraged to contribute their views, especially in the form of letters.

4. More emphasis should be placed on extensive, accurate, and analytical reporting, and on explaining the strategy and tactics a chapter uses in building support for their programs. Description of events has been too sketchy, articulation of strategy too rare, and self-criticism too vague and stereotyped. Too often stating a line replaces a clear description of a situation, rather than building on it.

5. There should be articles on questions that come up in our conversations with people every day. Imperialism: what's that? The idea that the ruling class is fat. How imperialists hold onto and control their spoils. When is there a need for militancy? What 'working outside the system' means. And so on.

National Interim Committee

REPORT OF THE CHICAGO - AUGUST 26 MEETING



Alan Spector--Education Secretary

This article is intended to report the topics discussed at the NIC and puts forward my own analysis of its strengths and weaknesses. The ideas in here should be debated much more fully in SDS on the local level, at conferences, in New Left Notes.

Over 50 people from 18 cities and regions attended a National Interim Committee meeting in Chicago on Aug. 26. In general people around the country thought the situation was very good for building SDS. Many topics were discussed, and at times debate and disagreement were very intense. The main issues discussed were the role of the NIC, fall strategy, SDS and the anti-war movement, SDS and women's liberation, and the role of the Progressive Labor Party (PL) within SDS.

ROLE OF THE N.I.C.

Over the last 15 months monthly NIC meetings have had from 20 to 50 people attending from all over the country. The NIC provides leadership for the organization between National Councils and Conventions (National Assemblies which bring together 500-1000 SDSers or more to decide general policy for SDS). What we have tried to do is get an overview of the national situation by discussing our local experiences and then make suggestions for actions and projects. We tried to make our suggestions consistent within the framework set by the most recent National Council or Convention. The NIC also discusses many of the debates going on in SDS nationally. Self critically, we felt that the NIC has fallen down seriously in not initiating discussions on the local level around the debates which take place at NIC meetings. This is wrong in and of itself. Furthermore, this has led many SDSers to mistakenly think that decisions and suggestions from the NIC are some kind of 'directives' or 'orders' to the membership. From now on discussions should be held in each and every chapter before and after every NIC meeting to discuss the national questions being discussed at the NIC meeting. Real attempts to stimulate discussions around national questions should be emphasized on the local level if the NIC is to accurately reflect the sentiments of the membership.

NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION

Concretely for the fall there was a near unanimous consensus at the NIC that we build a national demonstration in the Midwest (and maybe one in California) on Election Day, Nov. 3 around the theme: THE ELECTIONS ARE A HOAX, U.S. STOP NEGOTIATING AND GET OUT OF VIETNAM NOW, SUPPORT THE AUTO STRIKE, and SUPPORT GHETTO REBELLIONS. These are all themes consistent with positions SDS has passed at previous National Conventions and National Councils. The final implementation or rejection of this plan will be decided at massive regional conferences held all over the country.

A weakness in that discussion around the Vietnam War was the way the debate was pursued. The question was phrased as whether fighting against the Vietnam War should be 'the main thrust' of SDS. A large number of people there, including myself, argued aggressively that it should be. A sizeable minority of the NIC put forward, in contrast, that SDS should have no 'main thrust'. Self critically, it was never made clear what was meant by 'main thrust'. The rhetoric of 'main thrust' implies that anti-war struggles would be practically the only thing

we would do, or that SDS should become primarily an anti-war organization. For SDS to do that would be a mistake, and I believe that we were wrong for putting that forward. (It is absolutely true, however, that we did not involve ourselves in anti-war struggles enough last year. The NIC was right in suggesting that we should do a lot more to lead struggles against the war on campuses this year.)

On the other hand, many of those who were arguing that SDS should have no main thrust were also putting forward that SDS should not provide political leadership for the student movement. This would be a serious mistake. I believe SDS should put a set of politics forward: SDS should have the political and strategic outlook of allying the student movement with the interests of the poor and the working class people around the world, and against the big corporations and their governments which oppress us all. Furthermore, we should build concrete alliances with rank and file workers. Some examples of current SDS positions which are in the interest of working people around the world include: Fight Racism, that is, Support Ghetto Rebellions; Support Workers' Strikes; U.S. Stop Negotiating and Get Out of Southeast Asia NOW!; Fight Male Chauvinism; Ally with Campus Workers; Abolish ROTC; etc.

BUILD TIES WITH WORKERS

It will not be enough to be pro-working class in the abstract, however. We must also build real ties with workers by actually going down to their picket lines, by opposing recruiters from struck companies like General Motors, by supporting and working together with campus workers in support of their demands, and by discussing issues like the war, racism, male chauvinism, and on the job oppression with working people. If we don't build an alliance against the rulers and with the majority of the people, those who are hurt most by these social injustices and have the power to change them, that is, working people, then we will find, in practice, that the movement will be led by those who want us to 'rely on the system' and ally with one or another group of politicians. This is what happened with the Moratoriums, the spring anti-war strikes, and now all these electoral campaigns.

An example of what happens when we try to put forward no politics of our own but instead simply support on-going struggles can be found in a leaflet which called for a Mid-West Conference recently. This leaflet was discussed at some length during the meeting. The leaflet said that we had made a serious mistake last year for not supporting any of the anti-war actions before May 9 except our own. It went on to say that the reason we made this mistake was because we thought there were 'correct and incorrect' ways to fight against the war. Actually, however, what this leaflet is saying is that we should have supported those Mobe and Moratorium demonstrations. Certainly it would be wrong to ignore those demonstrations or condemn the thousands of people who participated in them. But it is essential to criticize the rotten politics of allying with politicians which those demonstrations put forward. To say we should have built those demonstrations without attacking these politics is not really having 'no politics' -- it amounts in practice to having bad politics. This does not and will not mean that everyone in the

organization will have to agree with everyone else. On the contrary there is quite a bit of healthy political disagreement within SDS on a wide range of topics from the Black Panther Party to the question of whether we should ally with workers. Anyone sincerely interested in working on campaigns like fighting male chauvinism, or fighting ROTC certainly belongs in SDS whether or not they fully agree with other SDS positions and whether or not they are sure that building a Worker-Student Alliance should be the strategic outlook of the movement, but it is critical that SDS as an organization actively work to build a real worker-student alliance.

WOMEN'S LIBERATION

There was some intense debate on the question of women's liberation. Here discussion was somewhat abstract, with debate on abstract questions like 'Is male chauvinism as serious a problem as racism?' What would have been better would have been more concrete discussion around ways we can fight the special oppression of women. However, a proposal was passed unanimously at the NIC which stated that there had been serious weaknesses in our approach to struggles against male chauvinist practices and ideology. It said that we should see it as particularly important to intensify our fight against male chauvinism both by initiating and supporting campaigns against specific examples of the special oppression of women, and by fighting chauvinism in all other struggles too (such as anti-war and anti-racism struggles) and encouraging female leadership in these campaigns as well.

PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY

Another topic discussed was the presence of members of the Progressive Labor Party - a revolutionary communist party - in the membership and leadership of SDS. Members of PL are active on the local level in chapters, and several members of the NIC are also members of PL. Some people at the NIC put forward that PL's presence in the membership and among the leadership hinders the development of SDS and drives people who might have differences with PL away from SDS. In opposition, many other people at the NIC both in and out of PL spoke up to disagree and say that PLers have actively built SDS all over this country. Furthermore, many said, there is nothing wrong with PL arguing its positions within SDS -- such debate is essential if SDS is to live and grow. The fact that PL shares leadership in SDS is a reflection of the fact that many in SDS - whether or not they agree with PL on everything - recognize that PL has played a good role within SDS.

LACK OF CONCRETE DISCUSSION


A major weakness of the NIC was the lack of concrete discussion. With the exception of fall strategy there was a tendency to discuss questions in a general. Disagreements, for example, were often sharply expressed on general questions without nearly enough discussion on what those differences would be in practice. The NIC closed with a consensus that we should have meetings in every chapter to discuss ideas raised at the NIC meeting, and encourage a lot more discussion on all these questions on a local level, at conferences, and in New Left Notes.

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"The Mideast is important with 80 percent of Europe's oil, 90 percent of Japan's oil coming from the Mideast. We know that the Mideast is the gateway to Africa. It's the hinge of NATO, and it's also the gateway through the Suez Canal down into the Indian Ocean."

President Nixon,
July 1, 1970

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U\$ OUT OF THE MIDEA\$T!

The history behind the events in Jordan can be traced to several main events in Jordan's history. Jordan is a kingdom started in 1919 when Hussein's grandfather, Abdullah, and King Faisal of Syria made an agreement to get a kingdom around the city of Amman. In 1948 after Israel was founded, Abdullah incorporated all of trans-Jordan (the west bank) where over half a million refugees had fled; these refugees, however, were refused citizenship into Jordan.

In 1967, after the Six Day War, the power of various liberation groups such as El Fatch grew and began conflicting with the pro-Western government. The war now in progress is an outgrowth of that conflict.

THE U.S. STAKE IN THE MIDEAST

The best proof of the U.S.'s investments in the Mideast come from the bosses' own figures: 'According to the 'International', Arab oil is essential, not to say indispensable, to the American economy.' (Atlas, Sept. 1970)

'Washington officials estimate that U.S. firms have invested \$2.2 billion in the Mideast and North Africa and well in excess of \$100 million in Israel. Most investments are in oil facilities, but there are sizable interests in mining, trade and manufacturing.' (US News & World Report, 10 Aug 70)

Many more quotes could be dug up, but these two quotes 'spill the beans' about the U.S.'s real motive in mobilizing troops and ships -- to protect the businessmen here from loss of their factories and oil wells in the Mideast.

Also it is notable that Hussein is the most pro-Western of the Arab leaders, and he is a 'big plus' for the continued control of the Mideast. His overthrow could mean that the U.S. will lose out on profits which Hussein's influence can now get.

THE PRESENT SITUATION

Whether or not U.S. troops actually need to be

used (by the government's definition of need) will probably be dictated by whether or not Hussein can defeat the people himself or not. Right now U.S. troops are on alert to board transport planes for possibly duty in Jordan. Troops from Germany have been moved to bases in Turkey, and of course, the sixth fleet is ready. Regardless of whether or not the U.S. does invade, one thing is clear: THE U.S. HAS NO RIGHT TO INVADE OR EVEN PREPARE TO INVADE JORDAN. Certainly, the alibis of protecting U.S. citizens are a hoax because nothing will seal their fates faster than an invasion. Any invasion will just be a direct attack on the people of Palestine.

In the case of an invasion, there will be a mass meeting to discuss courses of action.

Leaflet from Boston University

ISRAEL: PARADISE for WHOM

Most of us have grown up believing certain illusions about the state of Israel: That Israel is a tiny, defenseless country surrounded by mean, ugly, hostile Arabs who are out to commit genocide upon the Jews. That the Arabs are so slovenly and stupid that while they inhabited Palestine they could not develop it -- but when the Zionists took over they turned it into a socialist paradise, free from racism and exploitation. Another illusion is that Israel is only defending itself and peace and happiness would come to the Middle East if only the Arabs would be reasonable. Related to this is the belief that the U.S. wishes to play a conciliatory, helpful role in the conflict.

These are lies, just as the things we were told about Vietnam a few years ago were lies. The Arab people are not anti-Jewish, they are anti-Zionist. Zionism is a form of Jewish nationalism that says that the land of Israel should be run only for the benefit of the Jews. Arabs instead are demanding that they live together equally in a country run for the benefit of all the people.

The government of Israel is racist: It discriminates against its darker inhabitants, both Arab and Jewish. It has caused several million Arab people to become refugees, because the Zionist leaders insisted that there should be a 'Jewish' nation, in spite of the fact that the land they chose was already occupied by millions of Arabs. When the Israeli state was established on May 15, 1948, Arabs were subjected to pass laws similar to those of the racist South African government's apartheid against black people. Arab schools are inferior. Arabs are kept out of training for skills and hold only the lowest paying jobs. Moreover, non-European Jews euphemistically called 'Oriental Jews' by the Israeli leaders, suffer almost as much from racial discrimination. In 1958 thousands of Yeminite Jews disillusioned with the 'homeland' migrated to India.

It is no accident that in the past few years the cause of the Palestinian masses has been defended primarily by radical Black Americans. Articles exposing Zionist atrocities in Palestine first appeared in the June-July 1967 issue of the SNCC newsletter and more recently in the Black Panther Party paper.

Furthermore, Israel is an instrument of imperialism. Since its inception Israel was intended as a buffer -- an 'advanced' nation in the midst of a bunch of 'primitive' Arabs who might get uppity and threaten British and American military and economic interest. American investors make a higher rate of profit (64%) from Middle Eastern oil than any other investment. This amounts to \$973 million per year. In addition, the Middle East is militarily 'the soft underbelly of Europe', as Churchill put it. We therefore feel that the state of Israel was created for the sake of oil, and not for the benefit of the Jewish people. The lies we are told about Israel in the U.S. press are really in defense of American oil profits and strategic interests, and not of the Israeli people.

Israel's foreign policy is closely linked with that of the imperialist powers of the West. Israel backed American intervention in Korea; opposes China's admission to the U.N., and opposes sanctions against the Apartheid regime of South Africa. Israel sends advisors to the U.S. puppet government of oil rich Iran, set up by the CIA in 1953. To train the Shah's army and secret police (SAVAK) in the tactics used to suppress the struggle of the Iranian people against economic exploitation and political oppression.

This condemnation of Israel does not mean that we support the reactionary Arab governments who have also been bought off to serve U.S. imperialism and suppress people's struggles. In conjunction with the maintenance of Israel is the policy of the maintenance of those reactionary Arab rulers who receive concessions and royalties to protect U.S. oil interests. The U.S. supported

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King Hussein of Jordan a few months ago by sending the Sixth Fleet when his government was threatened by the people's movement under the leadership of the Palestinian commandos. Now Nasser of Egypt, afraid that the guerrillas are getting too strong, wants to accept a U.S. proposed cease fire.

On the basis of this understanding of the current struggle in the Middle East, we have begun to take actions, in alliance with Arab students to attack American imperialism in that area, and to dispel the myths which other SDS Americans, like ourselves, have been taught to believe.

S.F. State SDS recently supported a demonstration called by the Arab Student Association to protest the cease fire in the Middle East.

We marched into the Arab Information Center, and an Arab student announced that we were taking over to distribute true information about the struggle in the Middle East. Every SDSer across the country should form political ties with Arab and Iranian students in their areas. Finally we hope to see many more articles and letters from chapters across the country in NLN. Hopefully all of these activities will culminate in an SDS resolve to make the Mid-Eastern war a concern of everyone fighting racism and imperialism across the country.

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