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CHICAGO CONFERENCES DECEMBER 27-29

# GIs & Civilians Join to Plan Spring Antiwar Actions

Over 60 individuals and organizations in the antiwar movement have already endorsed the National GI-Civilian Antiwar Action Conference to be held in Chicago on December 28. On December 27 there will be a GI Teach-in and on December 29 there will be a SMC conference. The series of meetings between GIs from all over the country and representatives of the antiwar movement will call the spring antiwar demonstrations.

The Conference is being hosted by the Chicago Peace Council, Chicago SMC, and the Chicago GI Weeks Committee. See the enclosed leaflet for further information or write to SMC at the above address or Chicago SMC at 9 South Clinton, Chicago, Illinois.

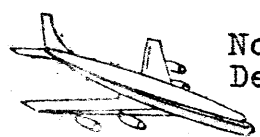
\*\*\*\*\* HOUSING \*\*\*\*\*

To get a 10% group discount you must send in a reservation in advance to the YMCA Hotel, 826 S. Wabash, Chicago, Ill. Note in the reservation you are with the SMC "group". Use the business reply card to send in a reservation or a copy. (OVER)

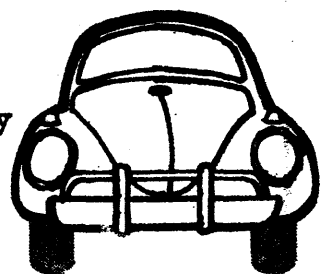
We will have free housing for only a few people and GIs. Please don't ask for free housing unless you are really broke.

TRANSPORTATION

No Youth Fare on:  
 Dec 20-21, Jan 2 or 5



Local Antiwar Committees may be arranging transportation from your area. GIs may get reduced fares. Write to SMC for details.

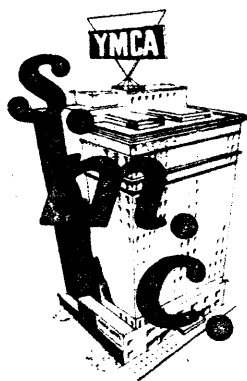


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NOTE: Send the housing reservations for the YMCA Hotel to them, NOT to SMC.....

send to:  
Residence Manager  
YMCA HOTEL  
826 South Wabash Avenue  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60605

These room prices are before the 10% group discount.



2000 Accommodations  
Men • Women • Families  
826 South Wabash Ave.  
Phone (312) 922-3183  
Free Overnight Parking  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m.

### Chicago's YMCA HOTEL

Please reserve the type room I have underlined below. I will arrive:

| DAY  | DATE   | TIME            |
|--|--|-----------------|
| I plan to stay _____ nights. Number of persons _____ |  |                 |
| SINGLES  | TYPE OF ROOM   | DOUBLES - TWINS |
| \$4.00-\$4.75  | Basic Room (Community Shower Room)                   | \$8.00          |
| \$5.50   | Basic Room with Basin                                | \$9.00          |
| \$6.50   | Basic Room with Basin & Toilet                       | \$11.00         |
| \$9.00   | Full Facility Room*<br>(Inc. Basin, Toilet & Shower) | \$13.50         |

FAMILY ACCOMMODATIONS (Full Facilities)  
For 3—\$13.50-\$15.00 For 4—\$17.00-\$18.00  
More than 4—Combinations of singles, doubles, triples or quads.

MR. \_\_\_\_\_  
MISS \_\_\_\_\_  
MRS. \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Please confirm.  Group Rate (SMC)

All rates subject to change—  
Illinois state tax included \*TV and phone additional

#### By Hugh Smith

Reprinted from TASK FORCE, the antiwar paper published by GI and veterans in San Francisco that organized the Oct 12th march of 500 GIs and 15,000 civilians. Copies of the paper can be ordered from Box 31268 in SF, California. Hugh Smith is a 2nd Lt. in the Air Force and one of the organizers of the demonstration.

Fellow GI's:  
The GI and Vets March for Peace on Oct. 12 was our victory. Its conception and its control were carried out by GI's. We marched, and we won more than we had ever hoped for.

This is the first time in this nation's, and perhaps any nation's history that, during war, soldiers gathered together in an organized and democratic fashion to protest their own country's commitments and conduct.

This is not the first time that active duty servicemen have openly and freely expressed themselves on national policy, but is rather the beginning of the American servicemen's determination to voice their concerns, their dissent, their grievances, in a sane and orderly fashion — whether in support of or in opposition to any particular policy.

The American GI has initiated the first legitimate and intelligent political action on the soldier's part in world history. Too often the warrior has merely slaughtered, maimed, or suppressed; he has altered only by destroying. But with this demonstration, he has begun a new struggle: The attempt to halt useless destruction, end wars and liberate men from endless conflict; all, within and for the sake of traditions that allow organized society.

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The serviceman will no longer condone military involvements without having a voice in determining the use of power and the cause in which it is used.

Freedom of expression is our basic heritage. That right is not eliminated when a man becomes a soldier. Indeed, that right becomes en-

hanced; it becomes a duty, a duty to laud his country for its greatness, and, like any other citizen, to criticize any betrayal of its basic ideals. A soldier's obligation is not silence and unquestioning obedience. It is to speak out for what is best in his people, and perhaps to die in defending them.

Today, American soldiers have spoken out. They, and thousands of veterans, have pronounced a cruel and immoral war. In voicing this opposition, like any other sane and concerned group of the citizenry, they have become, for the first time, active citizens.

The soldier has established his right to freedom of speech and freedom of assembly.

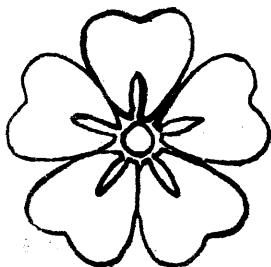
The country has learned that creative dissent exists within the military also. And that it cannot be crushed.

It cannot be stifled if the soldier finds organized and legitimate channels through which to work. Individual battles against the military rarely succeed; illegal actions never do.

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The serviceman, for the first time, has remembered his civilian roots. By appealing to the clergy, to lawyers and any other legitimately concerned member of our society, and by utilizing their assistance, the soldier re-establishes his civilian origins. He then becomes — as he became on Oct. 12 — an effective group in his society: A force to effect change in his own, and his nation's involvements.

Soldiers must and will organize around critical issues.

And that organization has only begun.



## Are you missing the action?

...Please send more information on SMC and its activities.

...Please send me the next series of "Action Bulletins"; the cost of a dollar is enclosed. (FREE TO GIS.)

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city..... state..... zip.....