

I. Nov. 15 Demonstration

Plans for the fall antiwar offensive culminating in the student strike and march on Washington are moving ahead, in many respects faster than at a comparable time for previous national actions.

In the past few weeks the New Mobilization Committee has organized regional meetings in over 60 cities to set up coalitions for the fall actions. Functioning coalitions now exist in cities such as Little Rock, Denver, St. Louis, New Orleans, Milwaukee, as well as more established centers. Almost all organizations in the national coalition took this project seriously, and a wide range of representatives have participated.

Initial leaflets, Mobilizers and buttons have been printed for Nov. 15. The logistics of the mass march and rally are set. A speakers list for the rally is being worked out. The March Against Death, to precede the mass march and rally, has received initial favorable response and will help build the Nov. 15 action.

Press coverage was extensive at the first New Mobe press conference. Participants included a range of coalition forces, with Dr. Spock as main spokesman. The SMC was present at the press conference and got good coverage as well.

Local areas should be sure to order plenty of literature, buttons and other material from the New Mobe national office (1029 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005). Big advance orders will insure that a sufficient supply of material is printed.

Steering committee meetings of the New Mobe are held on a regular basis. Functioning local coalitions should be encouraged to send representatives to these meetings. This is important in order to make the decision-making structure reflect the real situation in the antiwar movement. Local coalitions should send their addresses and contact lists to the Washington office of the New Mobe.

The central problem now facing the Washington demonstration is the weakened status of the New York Parade Committee. Our past experience with demonstrations in Washington indicates that up to 50% of the organized turnout must come from New York. We are taking steps to strengthen the political and organizational capability of the Parade Committee. But in any event, the New York SMC will bear a heavy responsibility for helping to organize the New York side of the action.

II. Vietnam Moratorium Committee

The Oct. 15 Moratorium is picking up steam across the country. The actions planned for Oct. 15 will vary from area to area, but in general will be actions that we can fully support. The Moratorium has received considerable financial support and publicity, has contacts with a very broad range of student government leaders and

faculty, and will have the means to mobilize large numbers. Many schools will be striking Oct. 15, some with the official sanction of the school administration. This indicates a large and significant antiwar action.

The Vietnam Moratorium Committee was initially organized by leaders of the youth for McCarthy. They are attempting to reach the same sections of the student movement that supported him. The Moratorium's image of political legitimacy and its association with the student governments will enable it to win wide support.

But this is not a major election year. The immediate Moratorium campaign of activities is something we can work on, and through it build the SMC. As long as we can support the Oct. 15 actions, we need not hesitate or feel "tainted" by united front association with the student government leaders. The SMC should develop close collaborative relations with the local Moratorium committees, as the national SMC is doing with the national Moratorium. The SMC should give full support to the Moratorium, build broad united fronts for mass action on Oct. 15, and use the Oct. 15 actions to build the Nov. 15 mass demonstration. The Moratorium is also planning a second round, Nov. 13-14, which will tie right in with the SMC-called student strike.

The Moratorium's organizing techniques are qualitatively different from the SMC's. The Moratorium acts mainly as a coordinating center through student government contacts. Its long-term viability is doubtful. The SMC, however, is building a national organization of functioning local committees, with a mass base for action and with democratic decision-making bodies. The SMC will be the real political and organizational leadership of the student antiwar movement, including Oct. 15. Collaborating closely with the Moratorium, the SMC can draw students into effective mass action and counter both ultra-left and reformist pressures, now and in the future.

III. The Student Mobilization Committee

The SMC is making its greatest impact ever. (See the Militant's roundup of new developments.) Student rejection of SDS and support for the SMC is becoming a national phenomenon, and our projection of the SMC as the national student antiwar organization is becoming a reality. Sizable SMC meetings, usually larger than SDS meetings, have occurred on many campuses in the first weeks of school. Every indication points to tremendous opportunities. In most areas, the SMC is now viewed as the student component of the antiwar coalition.

All tendencies supporting antiwar action have to relate to the organized leadership of the student antiwar movement, the SMC. The New Mobe has formed a youth task force headed up by Carol Lipnan and Rennie Davis, and including Carl Davidson of the Guardian, Dave Hawk of the Moratorium, the DuBois Clubs, Resistance, and church groups. The Guardian and Liberation News Service have given favorable publicity to the SMC strike as well as the Nov. 15 demonstration. The

local SMCs should seek this kind of support locally and use it to build the strike and other mass actions.

As the SMC grows, one important job, both nationally and locally is to have the real broadness of the SMC reflected in its organizational forms, in regular, democratic, decision-making meetings. Regular national steering committee meetings will be held in Washington beginning Sept. 28. This is especially important as other political tendencies get involved.

The Hayward SMC's intervention at the California State College Student Body Presidents' Association can be repeated elsewhere. This group passed a proposal calling for immediate withdrawal, support to the Moratorium, the SMC student strike, and the Nov. 15th march, and provided for setting up SMCs to build these actions on the campuses. The national SMC also plans to put out a special national mailing to every college and university student government and newspaper editor calling for support to the strike and the fall offensive in general.

The SMC has called for a national campaign to demonstrate wherever Nixon goes, under the slogan --- "No Peace for Nixon 'til All the Troops Are Home!" We want to see the Los Angeles, San Clemente, and San Francisco demonstrations repeated from one end of the country to the other.

Literature already out or on the drawing board from the SMC national office includes two new buttons, a March/Strike poster, an international poster, an endorser and pledge card, a brochure and a national leaflet. Orders should be sent to the SMC right away.

To be able to take advantage of the SMC's potential, its financial situation must be improved. Plans are underway to beef up the national fund-raising, but much of the responsibility will lie with local areas. The changed objective situation gives us vastly expanded opportunities for fund raising.

Financial responsibilities of the local SMCs to the national office must be taken seriously. Experience has shown that the treasuries of the student governments are filled with money to be had for the asking. It would take only 100 student governments pledging \$500 each to the SMC to raise the \$50,000 necessary to build the action. Mailings to professors, meetings with prominent individuals and rock concerts can also raise thousands of dollars. And all bills for SMC literature should be paid promptly.

Both the SMC and the New Mobe will issue international calls to action around the time of Nov. 15. The SMC will put out an international mailing and an international poster. The SMC is calling for an International Antiwar Offensive, Oct. 15-Dec. 15. Demonstrations are already planned for Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Canada, and England during that time period, focusing against the war, against NATO, against the Japan-U.S. security treaty and continued U.S. occupation of Okinawa.

The SMC is now publishing a bi-weekly 16-page magazine, the GI Press Service. It is intended as a primary vehicle for spreading the concept of mass legal actions against the war as the way to oppose the war within the military. All locals should consider ordering a regular bundle of the GI Press Service. (Remember that many students will be GIs before long.) The magazine sells for 50¢ to civilians, 25¢ to GIs. Bundle rates (10 or more) are 30¢ per copy, with the SMC refunding 15¢ for every copy sold to a GI. The SMC pays postage and would like to have payment included with your order if at all possible. Comrades and leading antiwar activists are encouraged to subscribe to the GI Press Service for their own information. Civilian sub rates are \$5.00 for 6 months or \$8.50 per year. For a short period there will be a special introductory offer of a 6-month sub for \$3.00 But the SMC is not equipped to handle a large volume of subscriptions, so this offer should not be made to the general public.

IV. October 11

The character of the Oct. 11 action as now defined by SDS is not in the interests of the antiwar movement. The New Mobe has taken a clearer stand against building the Oct. 11 action. We want to publicize our opposition to Oct. 11 and counterpose the Moratorium, SMC student strike, and mass marches to this incorrect ultraleft and adventurist SDS action. The Militant and Young Socialist are carrying extensive coverage of our approach and polemics will continue.

The SDS Oct. 11 action continues to generate splits in the SDS circles. RYM II now plans to organize a demonstration of its own in Chicago Oct. 11 and is publishing a competitor to the Chicago New Left Notes, called Revolutionary Youth Movement. The New York regional office of SDS refuses to print literature for the Oct. 11 action. This continued division in SDS offers us the opportunity to pose the SMC and the YSA as the alternatives for antiwar and socialist youth.

In some areas SMCers attending meetings of the WSA-SDS have received a favorable response from some of the independents. SMCers have addressed SDS chapters inviting participation in the antiwar movement.

There is a healthy rejection of SDS on campuses across the country. Often the first question many students will ask at an SMC literature table is: "Do you have anything to do with SDS?" --- waiting hopefully for a negative reply. But many young people do not have our understanding of the antiwar movement. We must educate this new layer on the difference between militancy and SDS adventurism --- rejection of SDS tactics should not be confused with rejection of militancy.

Through discussion and action and sales of our publications, we will educate a new layer of youth on how to fight against the war effectively, how to fight the campus administrations, and the type of strategy and tactics which will gain the broadest support without con-

ceding principle. The YSA Program for the Campus Revolt will be a useful tool in this respect. The SMC meetings and publications will do the same in regard to antiwar action.

There are no doors closed to the SMC this fall. And no major obstacles to building the YSA. The Nov. 15 demonstration and the Moratorium and strike will provide us with the biggest opportunities ever for increasing the size and influence of the YSA in the student movement.