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## U.S. GET OUT NOW! Vietnam, Laos, Puerto Rico...



### *Don't Rely on Politicians, Ally With Workers*

During the week of April 11-18 nationwide demonstrations against the Vietnam war will take place in cities all over the country. During this week and in general SDS is attempting to link the growing anti-war movement with the struggles of working people, especially non-white workers who are hurt most by this system and are fighting back hardest against it. We feel these mass actions are important only if they help build an ongoing movement that fights against the concrete ways this system hurts people, a movement which must continue to grow. We are demanding that the U.S. STOP NEGOTIATING AND GET OUT OF VIETNAM NOW, a demand that exposes the "anti-war" schemes of the liberal politicians and their allies, the leadership of the Mobilization and Moratorium committees, schemes which don't fight to get the US out of Vietnam but rather serve to help maintain US presence in Vietnam, and the rest of Southeast Asia. In addition we will be raising such demands as: US OUT OF PUERTO RICO, HANDS OFF STRIKING WORKERS, COPS OUT OF THE HIGH SCHOOLS, FREE THE PANTHERS AND ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS, and many other specific demands against racist and anti-working class policies. These activities will be part of ongoing campaigns against ROTC, military recruiters, racist police institutes, etc.

THERE ARE TWO GROUPS OF ALLIES THE ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT CAN TURN TO. One group is the liberal politicians---McGovern, Goodell, McCarthy, etc. The other group is the masses of American people, the vast majority of whom have to work for a living. The Moratorium/New Mobilization leadership (see next page)

# widespread actions against

# WAR & RACISM

This summary is intended to give only a general picture -- there are many other actions we don't have room to mention. In general, all these demonstrations are raising 'No Negotiations, US Out of Vietnam Now', so the summaries mention only the other demands. In all areas where the Mobe is having rallies, SDS plans on leading an anti-imperialist contingent raising the demands.

New York, April 15. Preceding the Mobe demonstration at Bryant Park, SDS and others will demonstrate at City Hall Park demanding no loosening of rent control laws, raising the salaries of apartment maintenance workers, and fighting all racist attacks on black people, including the Black Panthers.

Chicago, April 15. SDS is joining a demonstration led by high school students at 1:30 at the Board of Education building to demand 'No Cops in the Schools'. At U of Illinois Circle we are leading an anti-ROTC campaign, and at U of Chicago a campaign against an institute set up and funded by the Shah of Iran for counter-insurgency against working people and peasants all over the world.

San Francisco, April 15. Rallies on campuses will lead to a contingent which will break away from the Mobe march demanding hands off the strikers (SF recently had a city-wide strike of 7000 which shut the city down), US out of Puerto Rico, Free the Panthers, and Free Los

Siete (seven Latin Americans who have been framed by police in the Bay Area). The Berkeley chapter of SDS just held a rally of 1500 to hear Miriam Fuentes, a leader of the Puerto Rican students' ROTC fight, who came to speak at the initiation of an anti-ROTC campaign there.

Boston, April 15. The New England Anti-War Coalition is calling a demonstration at City Hall at 2:30 demanding Cops out of Boston City Hospital, Convict Duggan the Cop for Racist Murder, Compensate the Murdered Man's Family, and Free Bobby Seale and All Political Prisoners. Later, at the Mobe rally the coalition plans on forcefully demanding a speaker. The Mobe leaders have been building the rally with speakers and politics that the New England Anti-War Conference rejected -- the YSA/SMC leaders walked out of the coalition and planned their own march anyway with the help of city officials who had given them a permit.

Tallahassee. Following a forum on ROTC on Tuesday, the next day, April 15, SDS is co-leading an action with the Malcolm X Liberation Front against ROTC and then marching to downtown Tallahassee. On Thursday, Florida State SDS plans a militant demonstration against the notorious United Fruit Company recruiter.

Salt Lake City, April 15. SDS will lead a rally demanding abolition of ROTC, freeing of all political prisoners, and ending police harassment and attacks on ghetto residents of Salt Lake City.

Detroit, April 15. A rally at Wayne State U at 1:30 will march downtown to Kennedy Square where an SDS speaker will be followed by a contingent breaking off to the Federal Building to demand the government stop its attacks on working people's struggles, especially black workers, and free Bobby Seale and all political prisoners. At Wayne State the janitors' union passed a resolution demanding ending military and scab recruiting on campus.

San Diego, April 18. SDS, Movement for a Democratic Military, high school students and others will demonstrate against the racist treatment of non-white servicemen on the bases and forts in the San Diego area. On Tuesday U of California at San Diego SDS will demonstrate against a Navy Lab recruiter.

Los Angeles, April 15. SDS will raise demands around the government's attacks on workers' struggles, in particular the Teamsters' wildcat which is 95% effective there, and around the racist suppression of black militants at San Fernando Valley State. At Cal State there will be action against a Bank of America recruiter, and at UCLA intensification of a campaign against the Thai Project (a center of counterinsurgency). At El Camino Jr. College demonstrations are planned against Senator Mendel Rivers of Mississippi and Chairman of the Senate Armed Forces Committee when he comes to speak.

## Politicians Continued

(including the Student Mobilization Committee, Young Socialist Alliance and 'Revolutionary' Youth Movement) build the politicians and the idea that in order to end the war we have to strengthen the ability of the liberals to 'defeat the conservative warmongers' who are 'irrationally' keeping the US in Vietnam.

Can we seriously rely on these politicians to get the US out of Vietnam? All of them oppose the demand that the US stop negotiating and get out now. Most of them, in fact, couch their proposals in terms of de-escalating in Vietnam in order to better meet our 'military obligations' elsewhere, or imply, as Goodell does in his S-3000 bill, that while it's unfortunate that US soldiers are dying in Vietnam, we should continue to give aid to the corrupt military dictatorship (i.e. continue to aid the suppression of the vast majority of Vietnamese) while we take out some troops. But 'Vietnamization' is nothing more than a hoax. If the US pulled out all its troops, the present Saigon government wouldn't last two weeks before the heroic Vietnamese people, who have been fighting to free their country for decades, swept them out of power.

This war is no 'mistake' as the politicians claim, it's part of a consistent foreign policy based on the needs of huge corporations. US News and World Report, a spokesman for big business interests, says:

One of the world's richest areas is open to the winner in Indochina. That's behind the growing US concern. Tin, rubber, rice, key strategic raw materials are what the war is really all about. The US sees it as a place to hold at any cost. (April 1954)

There is no question that tremendous profits are made from corporate investments in Southeast Asia. Raw materials, markets, and inexpensive labor are made available to US business by dictatorships armed and supplied by the US and backed up by planes and combat troops whenever necessary. This pattern has been repeated many times throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America.

The only 'mistake' the US government made was underestimating the tremendous stamina, courage and dedication of the Vietnamese people.

### NEGOTIATIONS...

Since the US has no just reason to be in Viet-

nam, it should immediately and totally get out. The negotiations are nothing more than an attempt to hang onto a piece of Vietnam while trying to sidetrack the anti-war movement by concealing the government's real intentions.

The liberal politicians' call for 'peace' is really a call for a piece of Vietnam. And they too are trying to sidetrack the anti-war movement. Sometimes they are not even very subtle. During his bid for the Presidency, McCarthy often remarked that he was campaigning in order to get the young people 'off the streets and back into the system'. When he and others put forward 'better, faster negotiations', some think, 'Well, at least what those liberals are doing is a step.' That's true, but it's a step in the wrong direction. Allowing the liberal politicians to lead the anti-war movement would be a big mistake. Differences between the hawks and doves are only tactical, while their strategy is the same: how to protect US business interests in Southeast Asia and throughout the world.

### ...AND PSEUDO RADICALS

In this context the role of many 'radicals' is really indefensible. The New Mobilization Committee, Student Mobilization Committee, Young Socialist Alliance, 'Revolutionary' Youth Movement and various others have consistently failed to point out the role of liberal politicians and what they're after. In fact they've helped make them look good. Mayor Lindsay of New York has been a key speaker at Mobe rallies in New York. In 1968 he spoke in Central Park at the same time some of his cops were beating up anti-war demonstrators in Washington Square and others were going into Columbia to bust students fighting against the Institute for Defense Analysis. And Lindsay is speaking again this year, although he's been a main leader in the campaign of lies and frame-ups against the New York Panthers.

College administrators are also invited to speak in many places. These are the same people who guarantee (if they can) that ROTC stays on campus, GE and other striking companies recruit, war research goes on, etc.

The 'radical' groups ally with the liberal politicians and college administrators because they are opposed to an alliance with working people. That's why the New Mobilization Committee (which includes the Young Socialist Alliance and the Revolutionary Youth Movement) refused to give SDS a permit for its demonstration last November 15th around 'US Get Out of Vietnam/Support the GE Workers'. In fact, they offered us a seat on the steering committee if we'd call

the action off. We told them where to go and held a demonstration of 7500 people, the first national action in the US to link the anti-war movement with the struggles of working people.

### ALLY WITH WORKERS

The group within this country hurt most by the war are workers, like the 147,000 GE workers whose recent strike was a real blow at those who profit from the war. GE and other workers have increasingly been rejecting appeals to 'patriotism' and 'national' interest. And non-white workers, because they're the most oppressed, have fought the hardest against the system's abuses, leading strikes around the country like the recent postal wildcat.

Workers have the greatest need to end the war; they also have the power to do it. If every college struck against the war it would hurt, but if workers shut down basic industry they could bring the war to a grinding halt.

Recent major strikes in key industries and against the government clearly show that working people aren't falling for the 'national interest' line any more; they know their strikes hurt the war. This makes it all the more important for us to link the anti-war movement to workers' struggles.

### THE WAR IS RACIST

Just as racism is used in this country to justify the super-exploitation of non-whites, racist lies that the Vietnamese are subhuman or that 'they're not culturally equipped to work out their destiny' are a key justification for the war. And slogans like 'Bring the Troops Home Now' only serve to build racism, implying that the main thing wrong with the war is what happens to American GIs, not what happens to the Vietnamese. The anti-war movement must meet all racist ideas head on. And we must link the attack on the Vietnamese to the attacks on non-white people here in the US.

Racism also divides us from those who are fighting hardest against the war. For example, students at the University of Puerto Rico have burned out the ROTC building twice this year. The anti-war movement should raise the demand US Out of Puerto Rico.

We think the anti-war movement should do all these things, but not just April 13-18. This week should serve to help in building ongoing struggles that really hurt the war effort and in building an ongoing alliance with working people in a growing movement that fights to win.

# Summer 1970...

## JOIN THE SDS WORK-IN

During the past year, the United States has witnessed a tremendous increase in working class insurgency. Hardly a day goes by without some new struggle breaking out in a major metropolitan area. The three-month long GE strike, which crippled the nation's fourth largest defense contractor, and the more recent postal wildcat, which temporarily paralyzed the country's second largest employer (in spite of court injunctions and union misleaders), are only two examples of this new rank-and-file insurgency. Similarly, the phone company, the largest US corporation, has been far from problem-free -- with a major strike two summers ago and wildcats in major cities since. There were also near general strikes in San Francisco and Atlanta; the examples of workers' militancy go on and on.

But what's becoming increasingly clear to students everywhere is that workers have the power to bring this country to a grinding halt, that they have the real strength to end wars like Vietnam. In fact, strikes like the one at GE really hurt the US war effort and the people who profit from it. Down at the picket lines, we've discovered that most workers are not unaware of the power that they hold.

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

### Join the SDS Summer Work-In

Last summer the SDS Work-In took place across America, from Los Angeles to Boston. Over 1000 students, mainly SDS members, took jobs in factories, warehouses, loading docks, and offices 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 come 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 workers face and their ideas.

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 country, wanted to find out how workers could be won to fighting these injustices. Other students were mainly concerned with their special middle class background, and wanted to broaden their outlook by sharing the experience of the nation's thirty million industrial workers. Some of us, on the other hand, see the working class as the main driving force for revolutionary change, and we wanted to gain the personal experience that's needed to be able to win other students to this view.

The need for the Work-In was based on two assumptions about the radical student movement: (1) we are badly isolated from the people as a whole, particularly from the increasingly militant workers' movement, and (2) we still haven't yet developed a clear strategy through which we can help end this isolation.

In most places small Work-In groups met to discuss divisions, struggles, attitudes and conversations on the job, current political developments around the war, strikes, rebellions, etc. An important part of the Work-In concerned support groups of people unable to take jobs but willing to get up at 5:30 a.m. to distribute leaflets to workers. In many factories these leaflets were invaluable in raising questions with workers, in stimulating political discussion and in introducing SDS as a pro-working class student movement. Besides the basic discussion groups, many Work-Ins provided regular forms such as study groups and forums for discussion of various theoretical issues.

We made many mistakes in the course of the summer. Perhaps the most widespread was timidity. The main emphasis was to listen and learn, not to preach -- and this was correct. But some of us took this too far and placed down our real thoughts in order to 'fit in'. We were most successful when we put forward our ideas in frank, clear and relevant ways -- explaining SDS and the anti-war movement, openly opposing racism as the tool of our common enemy to divide us for his profit and the people's misery. In these cases we made the deepest friendships, gained real clarity about fellow workers' real ideas and learned to make our analyses understandable in terms of their life experiences.

We found that it is true that many white workers are racist and that their racism primarily overshadows working class unity. We also found that during periods of intense struggle, it could be at least temporarily overcome (just as on campus through struggle we can defeat some of the racism in white students including ourselves, and unite with black students and support black rebellions). A number of white workers expressed admiration for the black workers in ghetto rebellions in the sense of 'They have the right idea. The only way you can get anything in this society is to take it.' Similar comments were made about the student movement.

We also found that workers would listen and argue the question of racism with us. More importantly, we realized that we must do this. If we are to build a worker-student alliance to change this country, we must consistently seek out and oppose racism as the divisive tool of those who rule.



This summer it is more crucial than ever to have a Work-In. On campus after campus the question of the working class has become a mass issue, especially through the GE strike. And since last summer SDS has initiated building a concrete, ongoing alliance with workers on campus. On many campuses we've initiated campaigns around the grievances of the campus workers and taken some sharp actions, and on some campuses we now meet with workers on a regular basis and the workers are more and more taking the leadership in the fight against the administration/boss. On several campuses workers and students put out newspapers together as part of jointly organized campaigns. Getting summer jobs on campus is a tremendous opportunity to initiate this alliance at some places and advance it at others. It's on campus that we're most likely to be able to build lasting friendships based on working together and organizing campaigns. But the past has shown that this is far from impossible at other places -- especially places that have been recently on strike -- which is quite a few!

### The Time to Start is Now

We'll have the best chance of getting good jobs now, so we should look for them now rather than put it off. Each area where there will be a Work-In should get this organized immediately, set up a coordinating committee, have a Work-In conference to involve people in and plan the project, etc. The guys who are running this country are scared to death of the Work-In -- last summer saw numerous attacks on it in the press, not to mention recent accusations by Labor Secretary Schultz and union hack Rademacher that the SDS Work-In was the reason for the recent nationwide postal strike. We must take the Work-In as seriously as ever this summer, because as the postal strike made clear, we've got a lot to learn from working people!

There will be Work-Ins in most major cities and several other areas this summer. People who are interested in taking part, and those who will not necessarily be taking jobs this summer but would be interested in working with the Work-In through study groups, support work, etc., should send their names and, if possible, their summer addresses to the Boston national headquarters. Regional co-ordinators and local planning committees are being set up, and the NH will attempt to help those people who will be in a certain area establish contact with the Work-In group in their particular area. In past summers, many students not in SDS have involved themselves in various Work-In projects in order to deepen their own understanding of working people; this summer, too, we hope that many hundreds who are interested in this kind of project will feel free to work on this most important campaign to bring the ideas of the student movement to working people and to develop a richer understanding of the working class among thousands of students.



French worker-student alliance shakes France—points the way to victory.

# Workers Lead Fight Against Columbia Win Demands

James Graham, a black cafeteria worker in Johnson Hall, a graduate women's dorm, was fired arbitrarily just two days before the end of his union probation period. He had heard of the campus worker-student alliance, and came to a meeting called by SDS. This meeting was attended by more workers than ever before. Mr. Graham told the people there what had happened to him. After an extended discussion of the situation, a secretary pointed out that we weren't going to get anywhere by talking. 'This man has no job,' she said, 'I think we should go over to confront his supervisor tomorrow. I'll take off work to go with him.' This livened up the meeting immediately. Other workers volunteered to round up people to go to the demonstration, and

students followed their lead. We agreed to hold a boycott of Johnson Cafeteria, if he was not rehired.

Despite a steady downpour on the day of the demonstration, about fifty people, at least half of them workers, showed up. People from the rank and file caucus of Local 1199 led the march over to the cafeteria and demanded to see the supervisor. She came out, but refused to give us straight answers to any of the questions about the firing. People eating in the cafeteria heard the exchange, and were largely sympathetic. With this kind of support, we thought we could go ahead with the boycott and announced this plan to everyone in the room (including the supervisor). A janitor standing nearby remarked that he was glad to see the supervisor in hot water. 'She gives all of us a hard time,' he said.

The next day, we were all ready to set up the picket lines, but we heard that Mr. Graham had been rehired with back pay for the week he was out of work. Even at this point, the manager could not refrain from making a racist comment: 'With sufficient training he could be brought up to the standard required of the permanent staff.' What kind of training do you need to be a porter?

With this action, the CWSA has taken a big step forward. Workers on campus now know that SDS is unequivocally on their side. When another worker was suspended a week later, SDS was immediately notified to join in a meeting of campus workers. About forty people were called together in half an hour. This worker, a black janitor, was also unconditionally reinstated. He had come to the SDS meeting to

speaking on behalf of the maids who were threatened with massive layoffs. Clearly, the Columbia bosses did not like this. Equally, they saw that they wouldn't be able to get away with firing him. It is worth noting that both of these workers are black. (Most janitors and cafeteria work-

ers are either black or latin.) However, they were supported strongly by many white workers in higher paying jobs. Columbia's efforts

to split up workers along racial and occupational lines aren't succeeding any more than their attempts to split up workers and students. Racial divisions among students are also breaking down. The Third World Coalition, a group of radical third world students, has been a leading force in the campus worker-student alliance. They led the meeting to discuss the maid situation, and supported the demonstration to rehire James Graham. With this kind of unity between students and workers of all races, the campus worker-student alliance has real potential at Columbia. Workers will be more militant with the knowledge that students are backing them up. And the combined force of workers and students, properly deployed, can eventually force the university to its knees.

Columbia has come up with a clever ruse in an effort to split students from workers. They have offered students a choice between losing maid service (i.e. firing the maids) and paying a \$50 rent increase next year. This puts the students in the position of having power over the maids' jobs, and leads them to feel that if the maids are fired, they cannot blame the administration. Students have rejected this decision. If the University wants to fire the maids, let them take the consequences. If they want to raise the rent, don't let them blame it on the maids. A closer examination of the proposed \$50 hike reveals that it isn't paying for maid service anyway. The calculations are as follows:

Each room is cleaned once a week. This takes 15 minutes. There are two students per room. Maids are paid \$2.06 per hour.

Therefore, a maid is paid \$15.60 per year for each room. Yet the University would be raking in \$100 per room per year.

## SDS: mass action, not mad bombings

Over the past few weeks a number of bombings have occurred throughout the country. The most notable have been the bombings of several office buildings in New York City, and the discovery of a so-called bomb factory in Greenwich Village. The newspapers and magazines have tried very hard to blame SDS for these incidents, but SDS completely condemns these terrorist acts and has nothing to do with them. The bombings, whether they were done by police or a bunch of crazy people, are an attack on people, especially working people, not a solution to their oppression. Bombings and bomb scares have not occurred in isolated places, but in the middle of office buildings where there is a greater chance that working people will be hurt or maimed. Moreover, the bombings have given the press an opportunity to picture student radicals as madmen who have no concern for the people except to attack them. SDS is an organization which aims at organizing students into a movement that can ally with working people to effectively fight against the war in Vietnam, and Laos, the racist oppression of black people, and the oppression of women. We are not opposed to violence as such. We support the 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. We support the actions of the hundreds of students and workers, including Longshoremen, Teamsters, and SDSers, who fought shoulder to shoulder against the police in support of a printers' strike a few weeks ago in San Raphael, California. Workers at General Electric have just completed a three month strike which saw thousands of workers battling against scabs and police. SDS has led and supported many struggles against the racist and anti-worker universities. At San Francisco State, Harvard, Columbia, and many other schools, SDS has taken part in struggles which won thousands of students to attacking war research, ROTC, the racist oppression of black and latin people, and more and more we have allied with campus workers to attack the university as a boss.

LET US REITERATE: WE SEE THE WAY FORWARD AS WINNING MASSES OF STUDENTS TO ALLY WITH WORKING PEOPLE TO ATTACK THE PROBLEMS THAT MOST PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY FACE. WE ABSOLUTELY CONDEMN AND HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH TERRORIST BOMBINGS THAT ONLY ATTACK AND INTIMIDATE THE VERY PEOPLE WE WANT TO ALLY WITH.

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