

STATEMENT OF AIMS
Student Mobilization Committee

It is two years since the U.S. government began bombing north Vietnam and expanding enormously the scale of destruction in south Vietnam. In Vietnam the war is being paid for by increasing bloodshed of American and Vietnamese soldiers, the increasing killing of Vietnamese civilians, and the destruction of their culture. At home the war is maintaining the oppression of the poor, forcing young men into war against their wills, and transforming high schools, universities, and research institutes into instruments of regimentation, militarism, and destruction. What is worse, it is sapping the democratic spirit by penalizing dissent and creating a state of moral numbness that is paving the way for even more massive and brutal Vietnams around the world.

This poses a challenge to those Americans who for the past two years have been striving to bring the horror of the war to the attention of their fellow citizens: for now large segments of America can be reached with the message that the war is a barrier both to their own individual happiness and to the fulfillment of the American dream of a nation with liberty and justice for all.

We must respond to this challenge by confronting our fellow students and our professors with the truth about the war and its perverse effects upon our society:

We must face the true nature of the war. It is a war of aggression against the people of Vietnam, calculated to thwart their efforts to determine how they will run their own society. It is an illegal war fought in our name without our consent. The war has become genocidal in its destruction of the Vietnamese people. It reflects the assumption that the people and resources of non-white countries are to be exploited by the white people of the world. Our policy in Vietnam reflects on an international scale the tradition that has oppressed the American Negro people -- the tradition of racism. It is but one symptom of a diseased society, a symptom that must be ended if it is to be possible to begin treating the disease itself.

We must face the true nature of the draft system. It assures manpower for destruction and frees the government from the necessity of justifying an aggressive foreign policy to those young men who are conscripted to kill. It converts the classroom into an arena in which the losers are sent out to kill and be killed and the winners must live with the knowledge that their "success" in school may mean another's death on the battlefield. The draft enables the government to continue to depend on the use of violence as a major instrument of international policy. It is the responsibility of the most powerful nation in the world to seek an alternative to this policy.

We, the Student Mobilization Committee, therefore urge all those high school and college students who wish to oppose the criminal war in Vietnam to dedicate themselves anew to the task of ending the war. We urge national student action around the following focal points:

- (1) Bringing the GI's home now.
- (2) Opposing the draft and supporting the right of individuals to refuse to cooperate with the military system.
- (3) Ending high school and college complicity with the war effort.

It is especially appropriate that we American students, fighting for the right to determine our own future, support the right of self-determination throughout the world and call for international opposition to the war in Vietnam, which denies the right of self-determination to the people of Vietnam.

Proposals decided upon at Student Mobilization Committee Conference

A. Summer Proposals

1. Education

- a. expansion of the Student Mobilizer
- b. publishing an organizers' handbook
- c. establishing a speakers' bureau
- d. distribution of literature, films, tapes, etc.

2. Communicate antiwar information and build coalition with labor unions

3. Research and planning for activity against campus complicity.

4. Organizing a high school student mobilization committee.

5. Organizing antiwar caravans in each state.

6. Getting antiwar referenda on ballots in communities.

7. To investigate and support all cases of GI's opposed to the war and to send letters of support to Pfc. Howard Petrick and the Fort Hood Three. To give support to all veterans and reservists groups opposed to the war. Distribution of antiwar information to members of the Armed Services.

8. To coordinate demonstrations at napalm plants, defense factories, etc. Civil disobedience would follow after the original confrontation, along with local education.

9. Draft Resistance

- a. To oppose 2-S deferments.
- b. To support black resistance unions and to realize responsibility to organize draft resistance unions in white, middle class areas. To organize anti-draft sentiment in white communities. (motion from black students' caucus)

The following antidraft proposals were tabled favorably to Continuations Committee.

a. To organize unions for draft resistance to do the following:

- 1. direct action at induction
- 2. education of potential inductees
- 3. disruption at induction centers, recruiting, etc.
- 4. encouragement of GI's to oppose the war.

There should be financial support from the SMC and the SMC should be a clearing house for information.

- b. for a summer anti-draft demonstration in Washington
- c. for nationally coordinated "we-won't-go" demonstrations
- d. for womens' anti-draft unions
- e. for mass civil disobedience on national and local scale
- f. for national anti-draft agitation
- g. conference to go on record as opposed especially to draft of black men.

B. Fall Proposals

1. Coordination of a national campus referendum on the war.

2. (For recommendation to the Spring Mobilization Committee) To hold a national March on Washington in the fall supported by international actions.

CREDENTIALS REPORT FROM STUDENT MOBILIZATION
COMMITTEE CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO
MAY 13-14 , 1967

Total registration: 490. In addition, many of those who attended neglected to register.
Estimated total attendance is 600.

Independent CEWV's (32)

1 Pittsburgh
5 Antioch
18 Detroit
2 Kent
2 Cambridge
3 M.I.T.
6 U. of Ill. (Chicago)
2 Atlanta
2 U. of Ill. (Urbana)
13 Cleveland
8 Minnesota
1 Oklahoma U.
9 Madison
3 Cal. State
1 Orange Co.
3 U. of Penna.
1 Harvard
5 Columbia U.
4 Western Reserve U.
1 Kenyon College
1 Hiram Walker College
1 C.C.N.Y.
1 South East College
1 Suffolk Community College
1 American University
1 New Paltz
8 Wayne State
2 Queens College
3 Hyde Park
2 Indiana U.
1 N.Y. Teachers'
2 Brooklyn Student Faculty

Other antiwar and peace groups (25)

10 Pittsburgh Students for Peace
4 Vets for Peace
1 Vets Against the War (Detroit)
1 Workshop in Nonviolence
1 SANE
1 Trade union SANE
1 Baldwin-Wallace Peace Forum
1 Cleveland Students for Peace
3 Sullivan Coll. Students for Peace
6 Politics for Peace (Chicago)
4 A.F.S.C.
1 Canadian Student Assn. Against the War
3 Contra Costa Students for Peace
1 Chicago Peace Council
3 Vietnam Summer

(Other antiwar and peace groups, cont'd.)

1 Hunter Coll. Students for Peace
1 Women Strike for Peace
2 N.Y. 5th Avenue Peace Parade Comm.
2 Roosevelt U. Students Against the War
3 Teens for Peace
2 War Resisters' League
2 Dayton Area Committee
1 Milwaukee Organizing Committee
1 Mannes College Students for Peace
1 Ad Hoc Faculty Comm. on Vietnam (Urbana)

Spring and Student Mobilization Committees (14)

11 New York Student M.C.
6 New York High School M.C.
3 San Francisco Student M.C.
5 Berkeley campus M.C.
6 Philadelphia Spring M.C.
2 U. of Michigan Spring M.C.
1 Boston Student M.C.
1 New York (nat'l) Spring M.C.
3 Chicago Student M.C.
1 Washington D.C. Spring M.C.
1 New York U. Student M.C.
1 Detroit High School M.C.
2 Los Angeles Spring M.C.
1 U. of Chicago Student M.C.

Anti-Draft Organizations (4)

1 Resistance
4 Wisconsin Draft Resistance Union
1 San Jose Draft Resistance Union
1 Draft Denial

Religious Groups (7)

1 Chicago Christian Federation
8 University Christian Movement
2 Lutheran Student Association
2 Young Christian Students
1 Student Religious Liberals
1 Catholic Peace Fellowship
1 Episcopal Peace Fellowship

CREDENTIALS REPORT, cont'd.

Civil Rights Organizations (4)

8 SNCC
1 CCCO
3 SCLC
9 CORE

Political groups, publications, etc. (23)

5 PLP
11 YAWF
61 SDS
1 SSSC
1 Spartacist
1 Workers World Party
26 YSA
5 CP
27 DuBois Clubs
5 SWP
1 Young Dems
1 Underground Press
1 The Militant
3 The Worker
1 Teachers Union
1 Free Student Union
1 U. of Chicago Citizens Forum
2 Howard Petrick Defense Comm.
1 Wider Horizons
1 SSEU
2 CAPAP
1 Englewood Action Committee
1 FOR

Colleges (51)

4 San Francisco State
1 Oberlin
1 Oberland
1 East L.A. CC
3 San Fernando State
1 Drexel Institute of Technology
4 Illinois Institute of Technology
1 Walden College
2 Carthage College
1 Alcorn College
2 Pock Valley College
1 Rockford
1 Santa Ana College
2 Carnegie Institute of Technology
1 Chicago Teachers' College
8 Western Reserve
2 Cuyahoga
1 Community College (Philadelphia)
3 M.I.T.
1 Iowa State
1 California State

colleges, cont'd.

1 Valpariso
1 Baldwin Wallace
2 Lake Erie
1 Kenyon
1 Hiram
1 Virginia State
3 Hunter
1 Sullivan County Community College
1 Southern Illinois
1 York
1 Michigan State
1 Yale
1 South Conn. State
3 Contra Costa
2 Bret Harte
3 Malecumb County
1 Suffolk County
1 L.A. State
9 Brooklyn
1 New Paltz
8 NYCC
4 Queens
1 Cooper Union
10 Antioch
2 Central YMCA (Chicago)
1 Georgia State
3 San Jose State
1 Mannes College of Music
1 Illinois State Teachers
1 Howard

Junior Colleges (4)

1 Wright
2 Loon
3 Wilson (all Chicago)
1 Thornton

Universities (38)

6 U. of Minnesota
2 Oakland U.
5 Harvard U.
1 St. Johns U.
5 Columbia U.
5 Northwestern U.
3 U. of Indiana
1 U. of Penna.
8 U. of Philadelphia
3 U. of Michigan
1 Gonzaga U.
1 Notre Dame U.
1 Boston U.
6 Michigan State U.

Universities, cont'd.

3 Kent U.
3 U.C.L.A.
2 U. of Mass.
1 Washington U.
1 Northeastern U.
2 U. of Iowa
1 Yale U.
2 American U.
7 U. of California
1 New York U.
1 U. of Texas
32 U. of Chicago
2 DePaul U.
9 Roosevelt U.
2 U. of Maryland
1 U. of Wisconsin (Milwaukee)
8 U. of Wisconsin (Madison)
19 Wayne State U.
7 U. of Pittsburgh
3 Loyola U.
2 U. of Illinois (Urbana)
12 U. of Illinois (Chicago)
1 Free U.
3 Temple U.
1 Lutheran School of Theology

Other Schools (3)

2 Chicago Art Institute
1 Central Night School
1 Institute for Political Studies

States (19)

Maryland
Georgia
Texas
New York
Iowa
California
Oklahoma
Illinois
Massachusetts
Pennsylvania
Missouri
Minnesota
Connecticut
Michigan
Virginia
Ohio
Indiana
Washington
Nebraska

High Schools (24)

1 Brookline
1 Cass Tech
1 Montgomery Blair
3 Canarsie
1 Beaubien
2 East Heights
1 Jamaica
2 Riverside
1 Poly HS
1 Dorsey
1 Brandeis
1 New Lincoln
1 Beaumont
2 Music and Arts
1 Laaren
1 Childs
1 Oakwood Jr. HS
1 Hubbard
1 Central
1 Rockford
2 Van Buren
1 U. of Chicago HS
1 Vashon
1 Huron

Other (2)

Washington, D.C.
Canada

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	<u>Prepaid cost</u>	<u>Regular cost</u>
SMC call to October 21 (brochure)	\$7/1000	\$8/1000
Posters (two kinds)	.25	.30
Ready within a week:		
Bring the Troops Home Now-- Oct. 21, Washington D.C. button	.12	.15
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Your Future is IMPORTANT. if we ever want to live in a peaceful society we must pool our efforts to STOP THE WAR IN VIETNAM!! In December of 1966 a group of interested students gathered together to mobilize other students to go to New York and protest the Viet Nam War. On April 15, 500,000 people gathered, not just students but people from all walks of life, Ministers, Priests, Rabbis, Doctors, Lawyers, Soldiers, Laborers, Housewives, Teachers, and Social Leaders from every community. These people are your fellow citizens. Many of you joined us to help the aim of the Student Mobilization Committee which is STOP THE WAR IN VIET NAM NOW. Help us to confront the war makers in Washington D.C. on Oct. 21, 1967. ~~Plan~~ to join us as we march up Pennsylvania Ave. and on to the Pentagon. If you can not join us but can help someone else Please send financial help to the STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE

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For additional INFORMATION ON OCT. 21, 1967 Call Student Mobilization Committee or Chicago Peace Council at 243-0022

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HIGH SCHOOL MARCH to END THE WAR IN VIETNAM Saturday, April 8

JOIN THE
MARCH



Assemble 11:30 Times Square.

March with other High School students to Union Square at 1:30; then, at 2:00, march on to Washington Square Park.

Rally in Washington Square at 2:30.

ORGANIZED by the HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE to END THE WAR IN VIETNAM (tel: 233-4535) ←

as part of the Student Mobilization Committee to End the War. The High School Mobilization is organizing participation in the anti-war activities to take place during the week of April 8 to 15. Two demonstrations, one in Manhattan & the other on Long Island have been organized to show that many High School students are against the war. The High School Student Mobilization is also planning to participate in the April 15th Demonstration at the U.N. under a High School banner. The Committee is coordinating activities in the N.Y. area and will provide speakers on request. for more information: HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE c/o Maxine Orris or Sam Zuckerman, 29 Park Row, N.Y. 10038

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