

## STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

presents

A Forum Discussion: "Should the Left Support Johnson?"  
Presented in cooperation with the DuBois Club and the San Francisco  
Opposition  
on Thursday, September 24 at 7:30 P.M. in 145 Dwinelle Hall

A talk by Mike Miller, field secretary of SNCC and director of the  
San Francisco Freedom House, on: "Community Organizing--A Tool for  
Social Change in the Bay Area"

on Tuesday, October 6 at 12 noon in Stiles Hall.

(Stiles Hall does not necessarily subscribe to the views expressed at  
meetings in its building but continues its tradition of supporting the  
constitutional guarantee of free speech and assemblage.)

Michael Harrington, expert on the problem of poverty in the United  
States, author of The Other America, and advisor to the War on Poverty  
program, will speak to the campus under the auspices of SDS sometime  
in October. Notices will be posted.

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Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) is a national education  
and social action organization dedicated to increasing democracy in  
all phases of our common life. It maintains a vision of a national  
and international order that is free from poverty, ignorance, war,  
and exploitation, where at all levels the people have control of the  
decisions which affect them and the resources on which they are  
dependent. It seeks a relevance through the continual focus on  
realities and on the programs necessary to effect change at the most  
basic levels of economic, political, and social organization.

Founded in 1905 by Jack London, Clarence Darrow, and Upton  
Sinclair, SDS, student department of Michael Harrington's League for  
Industrial Democracy, now numbers one thousand members organized in  
thirty campus chapters. Through the autonomous programs of these  
local chapters SDS members work for civil rights, disarmament, full  
employment, reform politics, and the revitalization of the university.

In addition, SDS members work for their goals through

- 1) the SDS Peace Research and Education Project (PREP), whose  
full-time staff  
conducts educational activity and publishes papers about peace  
and its relation to other issues,  
organizes direct action against such manifestations of the Cold  
War as the draft at home and U. S. interventionism abroad,  
is sponsoring in Boston a pilot project to organize unemployed  
defense workers into groups demanding full employment through the  
conversion of defense industry to socially beneficial non-military  
production;

- 2) the SDS Economic Research and Action Project (ERAP), which  
helps poverty-stricken communities, both black and white, to organize  
to demand the action necessary to meet their fundamental economic needs.

Last summer under the auspices of ERAP over one hundred students worked full-time in the poor areas of nine Northern and border state cities. Thirty of this group will continue to work full-time for ERAP in the fall.

3) the National Office, which supports and coordinates local chapter activity and the activity of the two national projects and publishes and distributes an exciting variety of papers on subjects of interest to liberal and radical activists and scholars.

The Berkeley chapter of SDS is involved this semester in several projects of research and action:

We are assisting the Welfare Rights Organization (WRO) in their struggle to assist welfare recipients in Alameda County and to secure bare conformity of Alameda County to the state welfare laws and regulations. One of the most effective weapons of the WRO is publicizing the atrocities committed by the Alameda Welfare Department, bringing them to the attention of both the public and the hierarchy of the state Welfare Department. Since most of the time of the WRO volunteers is spent in interviewing welfare cases and helping them through the application and appeal procedure, student help in gathering, writing down, and publicizing the facts of the cases can be of tremendous help in improving the general welfare situation.

We are engaged in research on the power structure of Oakland. Oakland is controlled by a "non-partisan" combination of businessmen, publisher, and politicians. We are studying how this alliance operates and looking for its weak points. We are studying the community, the groups which make it up, and their grievances in preparation for a possible project of community organization (see ERAP above).

We are working to set up reciprocal relations between Cal and one or more Southern Negro colleges to alleviate their teaching deficiencies. Yale has a program of encouraging and supporting faculty and advanced graduate students to teach in the South, while some Southern faculty come North to take courses. We will advocate a similar arrangement to the Administration, and, in cooperation with other concerned organizations, will encourage qualified people to go South.

Finally, Berkeley SDS plans to get involved in the peace issue as mentioned above under PREP. Of particular relevance to the Bay Area is the large number of military installations which would be affected by disarmament. In anticipation of an impending shutdown of the Hunter's Point shipyards, we are considering organizing the workers there around the issue of conversion to peaceful activity.

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