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PEACE AND FREEDOM...

POLITICS AND PROGRAM



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WHY WAIT FOR THE CONVENTION?

The route McCarthy supporters take today is the same route that the peace movement has tread before. McCarthy supporters were among those who built barricades in the streets of Oakland during Stop the Draft Week and who occupied buildings at Columbia. Today McCarthy supporters march to show the California delegates to the Democratic Convention that Californians support McCarthy.

Significantly McCarthy began his campaign for President by saying it was designed to move protestors off the streets into normal electoral channels. Moreover, the pressure of you the people has influenced his campaign. In December McCarthy said he would keep troops in Vietnam five years after successful negotiations. By the end of the California primary he came close to calling for immediate withdrawal of troops. Close, but not to that point, for that is the difference between being in the Democratic Party and trying to woo the politicians, and breaking away to form a new party based on the movements.

There has been talk among certain leaders of the McCarthy campaign such as Waskow and Raskin, of a "third presidential ticket". This "third ticket" means a partial break from the Democratic Party this year only and supporting local Democrats, to eventually return to the Democratic Party. McCarthy himself has been decidedly cool to this proposal. To this we put forward California Peace and Freedom Party. On the other hand among McCarthy supporters such as on this march, there is a healthy feeling for a third party. Peace and Freedom is that party as it has the basic politics which will further the movements. Peace and Freedom is based on the anti-war and black liberation movements and will not relinquish the streets during the election campaign out of fear of scaring away the voters. More importantly the Peace and Freedom Party will be around after November.

The Peace and Freedom Party calls for an Immediate Withdrawal of Troops from Vietnam, and opposes the whole thrust of American foreign policy which led us there in the first place. We must prepare the American people now to resist another war, whether it be in Korea, Bolivia or elsewhere, which seems a likely possibility for the future.

The Peace and Freedom Party supports the Black Liberation Movement as led by groups like the Black Panthers. Through a meaningful coalition like that between Peace and Freedom and the Panthers and militant chicanos, each recognizing the integrity of the other, both movements can prosper and aid each other. A minimal demand in support of the black liberation movement is that Huey Newton and other political prisoners must be set free.

Though McCarthy and Kennedy won virtually every primary they took part in, largely because Americans want an end to the war in Vietnam and a progressive solution to the ghettos rather than repression (which is not to say that McCarthy and Kennedy wanted this), the Democratic Party politicians have selected Humphrey in all states without primaries. The Democratic Party is being revealed for what it always has been, an undemocratic party, controlled by unresponsive politicians committed to the corporate Establishment. Attempts to reform the Democratic Party of war and racism are doomed to failure because the power structure has set the rules of the game.

We invite you to join us in the Peace and Freedom Party now. Work with us up to the Democratic Convention, to the elections and most importantly after November in general movement activities and in their electoral expression. Work with us on some of the problems facing San Francisco: by circulating the rent and tax control petitions, supporting the Muni fare fight and defending the hip community from police attack. Of course we're on the ballot in California and will be soon in Illinois and New York. But more importantly, we have set up a democratic structure to insure that the membership and not the elected officials control of the party. We urge you to join your local neighborhood group of the Peace and Freedom Movement and help make decisions. Help us build a real, permanent, radical alternative to the status quo.

JOIN PEACE AND FREEDOM NOW!

PFM ON THE WAR AND NEGOTIATIONS

The PFM stands for immediate withdrawal from Vietnam. The only issue in the war is whether or not the Vietnamese have the right to settle their own affairs. We deny them that right when American soldiers fight and American diplomats negotiate the future of Vietnam. Either we allow the Vietnamese people complete sovereignty or we allow them none. There is no middle position when national self-determination is at stake. We believe that the U.S. had no legal or moral right to become involved in the civil conflict in southern Vietnam and has no right, today, to participate in any way in the development of the future of Vietnam.

The history of our involvement has become well known in recent years and few people believe that the U.S. is in SE Asia to protect a small democracy from the menace of communism. Polls show that a large proportion of the population believes that we never would have become involved. After conceding this, some people then go on to say that, as unfortunate as it is, we are there and cannot pull out. This position means that the U.S. must perpetuate the original mistake. These people urge that we change our tactics and try to help the Vietnamese in a different way. The PFM maintains that the U.S. can best help the Vietnamese by withdrawing and letting them decide their own affairs. Anything less, legally, is a violation of their sovereignty and, realistically, represents the U.S.' desire to maintain a permanent position of power in Vietnam. By withdrawing immediately, the U.S. will not only do what is best for the Vietnamese people, but for the American people also.

Recently many "peace" candidates including McCarthy, Rockefeller and Kennedy have endorsed various negotiated settlements. Our government has decided to try for a negotiated settlement because we have failed to achieve a military victory. There is nothing inherently wrong with negotiations, rather the participants can make them wrong and whenever the U.S. has a role in determining the future of Vietnam, whether one calls it exploratory talks, negotiations or whatever, it is wrong. We have no basis to negotiate from.

Do we negotiate on the basis that billions have been spent in Vietnam and that many thousands of American lives have been lost, or do we claim the basis lies in the fact that a dictatorial government, based in Saigon, with no support from the Vietnamese people invited us into the country? Neither of these is valid as a basis for our participation in negotiations. By rejecting the American leaders responsible for Vietnam and making sure that there are no future Vietnams, the American people can show that at least they have learned something from the experience. Nothing can bring back the lives or money. The invitation and support of south Vietnamese governments, past and present, is meaningless because they represent only the government officials and a few civilians who are profiting from the war. Since we had no justifiable cause for becoming involved in the first place, and this is generally agreed upon, we certainly have no right to continue our involvement by talking instead of fighting, or talking while fighting.

By including diplomatic efforts in their tactical plan, the U.S. government not only protects its imperialist position in Asia, but it also protects its position at home. All candidates supporting negotiations contribute to preserving the status quo. It is expedient to call for negotiations because it helps keep the opposition within the two party system. The peace movement is growing fast and the only way to prevent it from becoming a force outside the two party system is to toss it palliatives like negotiation and "peace" candidates. The PFM rejects both of these. We are a permanent third party and will not be co-opted by the Republicans and Democrats.

Anything less than immediate and unconditional withdrawal is a violation of Vietnam's sovereignty and a support of a continued American presence in Asia. Join the PFM in working for real peace in Vietnam.

Attack the war and racism:

Fight for Rent & Tax Control

The Peace and Freedom Party is part of a broad based coalition of community and church groups supporting the Campaign for Rent and Tax Control.

The Rent Control and Tax Relief charter amendment calls for the election of neighborhood boards to inspect all housing and set a fair rent depending on the condition and size of the place. As well, no tenant would pay more than 20% of his net monthly income in rent. The amendment gives tax breaks to home and small property owners as an incentive to make improvements. An accompanying statement of policy limits the assessment on homeowners and small property owners to no more than 10%. It places the burden of taxes on those corporations which make over a million dollars annually, to insure that revenue for needed city services will not be reduced.

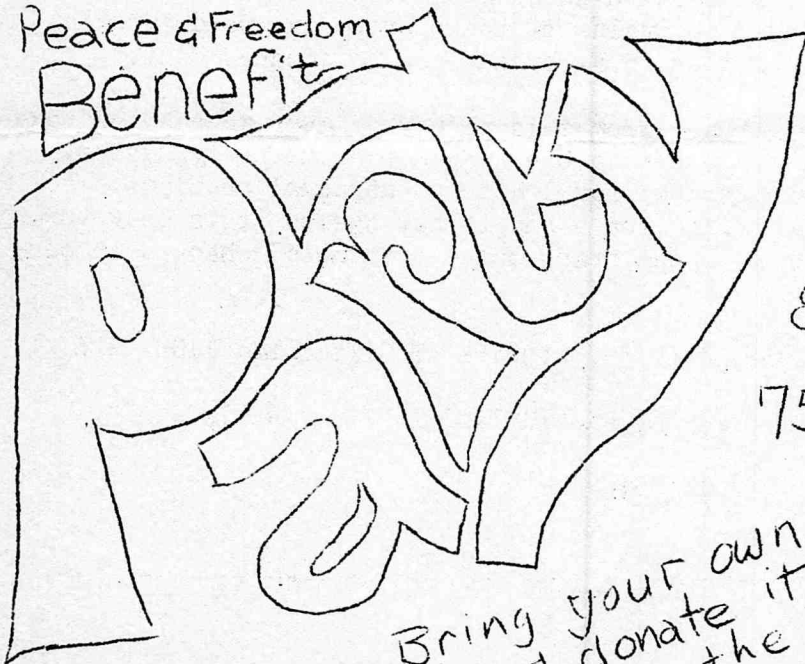
Peace and Freedom supports this petition for the following reasons:

..... This campaign is an effective way to oppose the war in Vietnam. It challenges the tax structure which supports that war by attacking the very corporations in San Francisco which direct and profit from foreign policy while making us pay the bill. Only a strong local movement can divert federal priorities away from military expenditures and into much needed domestic programs. We can not depend on one elected official to make necessary basic changes for us.

..... Peace and Freedom sees this campaign as an important step in establishing a truly democratic institution. It allows the people to fight for control of a major necessity in their lives through the neighborhood boards.

Peace and Freedom offers this as a concrete program to support the struggle of minority people and fight racism. The neighborhood boards are empowered to take immediate action on all cases of discrimination in the housing market. As well, these boards are easily accessible to all residents. We feel that the best way to oppose racism is to build a strong movement in both the white and minority communities around a common economic need. A coalition of renters, homeowners, and small property owners from all communities must unite to oppose the banks and real estate interests who now control the housing in San Francisco.

Peace & Freedom
Benefit



Saturday
July 27

8:30 pm — \$1.00 donation

753 Elizabeth —
(off 24th St & Castro)

Bring your own
& donate it to
the Party

drinks
Food
MUSIC!

— No cops, spies, agents, scabs or other vermin allowed —

The Peace and Freedom program For a Free Muni:

The Muni, Taxes & liberal Democrats

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and the Board of Supervisors are planning to increase bus, trolley and cable car fares. They estimate that this will bring in money, while cutting down the number of people riding the Muni by at least 15%.

Working people are forced to foot the bill on every level for government and business projects, be it the war in Vietnam, beautifying Market Street, or public transportation.

Nickle and dime increases appear to be small on the surface, but for anyone who rides the bus to work, for a family with 2 or 3 kids, a family on welfare or on a fixed income, these nickes and dimes hurt badly. For those already isolated in the ghettos, this fare hike means decreased mobility and increased isolation.

The proposed increase actually constitutes a tax on those of us who can least afford it. And it is typical of Democrat and Republican solutions to financial problems. Rather than taxing those banks and multi-million dollar corporations who benefit from better transportation and who just had their taxes slashed by AB 80, their solution is to raise our taxes.

The Democratic Party has consistently supported these tax increases if not directly initiated them--showing that they represent the big financial interests and not the interests of the people. Even those "liberals" who support the concept of a "Free Muni" system call for another tax on all citizens to pay for it.

The Peace and Freedom Party opposes this fare increase and is currently fighting against it. In fact, we feel that the Muni system should be free. We think that the funds for the Muni should come from those businesses and banks who can WELL AFFORD IT. It is they who profit from public transportation which brings their customers and employees to them, and thereby increases the value of their property. We demand that the Board of Supervisors institute a tax on these S.F. businesses to finance Muni.

Peace and Freedom Party demands a break from this policy of ever increasing taxes on working people, as Peace and Freedom represents a break from the two party system. We are not relying on a candidate as a panacea for local and national problems. We are instead organizing within our communities on a day to day basis. It is only through such independent political actions that we can bring about meaningful changes in our society.

THE P.U.C. MEETING IS THIS TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2:30 PM AT CITY HALL WHICH WILL

TAKE THIS UP. WE WILL BE THERE TO PRESS OUR FIGHT AGAINST A FARE INCREASE.

JOIN US!

PUC HEARING: ROOM 282, CITY HALL -- BE THERE AT 2PM IN ORDER TO SIGN UP TO SPEAK

Self defense on trial in Oakland

FREE HUEY P. NEWTON NOW!

Huey P. Newton, the Black Panther Party Minister of Defense, is on trial for his life. He is charged with the murder of an Oakland policeman. We conclude, knowing Huey Newton and the cops, that if indeed, Huey shot a cop, he did so in self-defense and was forced into the confrontation.

The attack on Huey Newton is intended to kill the revolutionary potential of the Panther movement by killing its leadership. Newton and the Panthers are being attacked because they raised as the main organizing demand, the right of black people to defend themselves against oppression by any means necessary, including arms.

WHO IS HUEY NEWTON?

In 1966, Newton and Bobby Seale founded the Black Panther Party. They began organizing around the right of self-defense, and developed a 10-point program that calls for full employment, decent housing, education clothing, an end to police oppression and the freeing of all black prisoners. The Panthers began to tell people they did not have to accept brutalization from the cops; they had the right to armed self-defense.

Huey taught this by example. The Panthers began patrolling their community to protect the people from police harrassment. They carried legal weapons, and when they saw the cops stopping a black person, they would get out of their cars, stand a legal distance away, and inform the individual of his rights.

This example of black people prepared to defend themselves was contagious. The Panthers won support among the black population and grew in membership. As the Panthers grew the cops escalated their attacks on the Party itself, and particularly against the leaders.

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On this day at 3:30AM the police claim they stopped Newton for a regular traffic offense, and this resulted in the shooting of Newton and the two cops. But there is no doubt that the cops were up to more than traffic duty at 3:30AM. At that time, the Oakland police department had distributed lists of the license numbers of Panther cars, including the car Newton was driving. They had pictures of Newton and the Panther leaders on police station walls. The pattern of police hunting-down Panthers has been repeated throughout the Bay Area.

FREE HUEY!

Huey Newton is being persecuted for his political belief that people have the right to defend themselves against the repressive arm of the state. He is actually being tried for demanding the complete liberation of black people. It is impossible for the same system which oppresses the black people to give one of their leaders a fair trial; they cannot try the real issue: it is not murder, but black liberation from oppression. Only mass political pressure -- in the streets -- can try that issue and free Huey.

All people, black and white, who come to Newton's defense are defending themselves. We must make it clear that black and white people have the same needs, the same enemies, are in fact allies, and will not be split by the tactic of racism.

CCME TO THE FREE HUEY RALLY, SUNDAY, JULY 28, 1PM, DE FREMERY PARK, OAKLAND

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AFTER CHICAGO

The symbols of the Democratic Party are the billy club and the can of Mace. Its face is a composite of Hubert Humphrey, Mayor Daley, and Lyndon B. Johnson. Its policies are an affirmation of the criminal Vietnam war and of bloody repression directed against Black people, students, and all of those who would demonstrate their opposition to the course of American society.

After Chicago no one can doubt this.

New Politics? A change in American society? A meaningful policy for ending the Vietnam War? Whatever hopes some may have pinned on the candidacy of Eugene McCarthy--illusory hopes in our opinion--today it must be clear that the Democratic Party at its very heart represents the Establishment--just as in a different way does the Republican Party. Beatings, bloody heads, mace, "Gestapo tactics", "racism", "police state atmosphere"--the words are those of respectable Democrats--these describe the Democratic Party. These are the Democratic Party. No one who wishes to rebuild American society, to end poverty, exploitation, injustice--to support Black liberation and end the war--no one who wants these things can remain in the Democratic Party today.

After Chicago no one can doubt this.

Is it necessary to grind one's teeth in helpless rage, or to prepare (as McCarthy himself is doing), however reluctantly, to support Hubert Humphrey, out of fear for Richard Nixon? We already know the answer--from experience. People gritted their teeth and supported Johnson in 1964.

The lesson of Chicago, the lesson of the last four horrible years of war, of vicious repression of Black rebellion, is that the Democratic Party is not and cannot be the instrument of basic change which America requires. It cannot be changed from within. What was necessary in 1964 is a thousand times more necessary in 1968: not support for so-called lesser evils, but beginning the hard and perilous task of building a movement of opposition. A movement of such magnitude, drawing upon all of those committed to ending the war and for support to the struggle of the Black people to end their oppression by White America--a movement of such unwavering opposition to the Democratic Party and all of its tendencies that even the rotten old politicians cannot ignore it but must attempt to appease and even make concessions to it: This movement must take place in the streets, outside of the normal boundaries of the political system (and with Nixon or Humphrey the next President it is guaranteed it will take place outside of the old structure) and it must also take on an organized political form. A one-shot presidential campaign which leaves no movement or organization behind is not enough.

After four years of war can anyone doubt this?

The Peace and Freedom Party is a start toward such a movement and such a political break with the Democratic Party. But, it must be stressed, it is only a start. Without the support of those who find themselves convinced that a new beginning must be made now it is to be made at all, there is no hope--for exerting pressure on the existing parties, for beginning to reconstruct American society. The Peace and Freedom Party exists to be the instrument of that movement--it stands ready and open to those who do want to build such a movement. It stands for opposition to the thugs and political gangsters who

are the Democratic Party; it stands for immediate unilateral withdrawal from Vietnam; it stands for Black liberation and for the end of poverty and oppression. Its candidate Eldridge Cleaver will be a means of demonstrating opposition to Humphrey and Nixon in November. The Peace and Freedom Party invites all those who now recognize the need for such a movement, who see the need for a decisive break with the corrupt and criminal policies of the Democratic Party to join with it in making a new American society—one of real Peace and genuine Freedom.

BUILD AN ALTERNATIVE - SUPPORT PEACE & FREEDOM ELDRIDGE CLEAVER FOR PRESIDENT



"THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS LIKE A BIG HOUSE. IT HAS LOTS OF ROOM FOR ALL OF US. I AM HAPPY TO BE IN THE PRESENCE OF A GOOD DEMOCRAT."

—Vice President Humphrey with Georgia Governor Maddox