

Northern California S.D.S.

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The Conference held August 2-3 was attended by 475 people. The main focus of the conference was on the fall actions and the formation of a regional staff and council to coordinate these actions. The proposal passed concerning the fall actions to take place during the International Industrialists Conference (Sept. 15-20) and the Japanese Trade Fair (Sept. 5-20) is:

KICK THE ASS OF THE RULING CLASS
BRING THE WAR HOME

The Ruling Class Conference in September brings home clearly the unity of the various aspects of imperialism at home and abroad. It demonstrates the relationship between the exploitation of peoples of oppressed nations and workers in the mother country, the war in Vietnam and the repression of those who oppose the authority of the ruling class. It becomes obvious that imperialism is not simply the foreign policy of capitalism, but its highest stage of development as it divides up markets both internally and externally. The Conference provides an opportunity to demonstrate the common origins of the many struggles against the ruling class. In organizing around the conference, we will make clear the connection between these various struggles and their importance to the people of this area. The International Industrialists have no right to meet here or anywhere--we have every right to stop them.

We propose that the focus of our organizing and demonstrations be:

I. Occupation forces out! Immediate withdrawal of occupation forces from Vietnam, Thailand and the ghettos (TW Communities); and from the high schools, the streets of Berkeley, workers' picket lines and any other places where they oppress the people. We will no longer tolerate the fascist "law and order" which serves only the interests of those who own and rule the country.

II. Vietnam will win! The National Liberation Front of South Vietnam has been leading both the military and political struggles against the same forces who are the enemy of the people at home --U.S. imperialists. A major step toward a just peace in Vietnam has been the establishment by the National Liberation Front and others of the Provisional Revolutionary Government, a broad based coalition committed to peace, independence, neutrality and gradual reunification with the North. We will fight on the side of the NLF to materially defeat the U.S. aggression in Asia and end the war in Vietnam. "We demand that all U.S. troops be brought home immediately before any more Third World and working class lives are wasted in a ruling class imperialist war of oppression. The ruling class shall fight its own wars."

III National Liberation for Black and Third World Peoples! The same forces which murder and pillage the people of Asia profit from the exploitation of the people of the black and third world communities. We struggle along side them for their demands of open admissions, community control and black and third world studies; self-determination and an end to the domination of the international ruling class. We support Third World women's struggle against male supremacy.

IV Free all political prisoners! The courts and prisons are used as tools to unjustly frame and jail. They take away from us our leaders--such as Huey P. Newton, Los Siete de la Raza, the Conspiracy 8, Ahmed Evans, the Black Panther Party, San Francisco State strikers, as well as hundreds of other valiant fighters. We demand the freeing of all those who have been victimized by the brutal attempts of the ruling class to repress the struggles of the people for what is rightfully theirs. We also demand the freeing of all those people "guilty" of abortion.

V End the war taxes! The ruling class is only able to maintain its control of foreign and internal markets by squeezing the tax money to pay for its armies from working people. This especially oppresses women who are the first workers laid off and who since their role is to keep stability and security in the home, feel the greatest pressure as a result of inflation and taxes. Moreover, these corporate capitalists deny to working people control of their unions--though collusion with union bureaucrats--as well as control of production in their workplace--working conditions, automation and the like. We demand an end to the surtax, an end to lay-offs, the lowering of the cost of living and an end to all taxation which murders and oppresses working people both in this country and around the world for the private profit of a small, rich elite.

VI. Tax the Corporations! We demand that the corporations be taxed for programs which serve the immediate needs of the people (such as free day care centers and

free breakfast, lunch and dinner programs) as a first step toward making the wealth of this country directly serve the people.

VII Stop raping our land for profit! The squander of our resources is everywhere evident--the oil slick in the Santa Barbara Channel, the denuding of the forests, the pollution of the air, the filling of the San Francisco Bay. The list is endless, and it exists throughout the world. Exploitation of the world's natural resources will not end until capitalism ends.

VIII Stop the exploitation of Women! We support women fight for independence in the economy. Women are pulled in and pushed out of the labor market depending upon the needs of the economy. We demand that women be allowed to work and receive equal work. Women will not continue to be subservient, and a tool for the division of the working class. We demand the ending of the channeling of women in the schools into low paying unskilled occupations. Women should have full control of their bodies and they should be able to get free legal abortions. We demand that corporations pay for day care centers, birth control and maternity leaves.

DON'T PASS UP A GOOD THING. In organizing around the issues of this conference, we must give our work a dual emphasis. We will raise the level of struggle by raising militant demands and by materially striking a blow against imperialism. At the same time, we will lay the foundations for long range work with the working class highschools and junior colleges, the army and national guard, etc.

BRING THE WAR HOME. In September the ruling class is bringing the instruments of war and imperialism home--the military research of the SRI, the tyranny of the International Industrialists Conference, the festive political manipulation of the Japanese Trade Fair, and the repression of the Security Activities Control Board.

We will bring the war home! We propose that education and demonstrations be conducted around the following points: the arrival of the Japanese fleet; the evening demonstrations at the state banquets of both Nixon and Agnew; and a militant demonstration at the Security Activities Control Board hearings. We propose a mass militant demonstration to shut down San Francisco on September 19, the last day of the conference.

The proposals passed to set up an interim regional council and regional staff is:
TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS-TCB

The organizational structure proposed herein is an interim one, that is it shall exist until the next regional conference which shall be called after the fall action.

I. Interim Regional Council

a. There shall be a Regional Council with two votes delegated from each chapter and fraternal organization--a man and a woman. Chapters and fraternal organizations with a membership from 1(one) to 5(five) shall have two delegates, from 5-35 shall have one more delegate; from 35-70, one more delegate. There shall not be voting representation beyond a membership of 70.

b. It shall meet at least every two weeks in this interim period and in an emergency session when necessary.

c. The Interim Regional Council shall be responsible for implementing the decisions of the regional conference and for formulating interim policy. The Council should act both as a check on any tendencies towards 'political commissarism' of the staff(see below) and as a stimulus for the creation of strategy, theory, and program

d. The Council meetings shall be open to all members of the SDS region and all attending shall have the right to speak.

e. The Regional Council upon a 2/3 (two thirds) vote may remove any elected staff member.

f. Any member of the National Interim Committee(NIC) of SDS from northern California is an ex-officio member of the Regional Council.

II. Interim Regional Staff

There shall be an interim staff elected at this conference consisting of five(?) members:

a. It shall consist of an office manager, an education secretary, and three staff people in charge primarily of co-ordinating the Fall actions.

b. The Staff shall be responsible for implementing the decisions of the Regional Council.

c. Regional travelling shall consist not only in co-ordinating activities and communications between local chapters but travellers will also do mass work to build for the fall actions and establish new contacts toward creating new chapters.

d. The function of the staff shall include: 1) literature, 2) a newsletter, 3) a speaker's pool, 4) local contacts, 5) national communication and co-ordination, 6) research material, 7) organizing in areas where we are weak, 8) maintenance of ties with third world groups.ETC.

e. The elected staff will be an ex-officio member of the Regional Council and shall have one (1) vote among them.

III. An interim regional office will be established in San Francisco to serve as a communications, co-ordination, and planning center for the fall actions. The staff and the Regional Council are jointly responsible for raising and allocating funds.

IV. In order to pool many of our political resources, especially those that are concentrated in certain areas--law and medical, research, bands, Newsreel, etc. there

shall be formed regional project committees, such as, a Bay Area Labor Committee, junior college organizing committee, etc. Each committee shall work closely with the Regional Council and the regional staff.

There was also a proposal passed to give our support to the rebels of Northern Ireland which reads: Remembering the immortal James Connolly, remembering the heroic rising of the working class of Dublin on Easter Day 1916, remembering Ireland as the earliest colony of the hideous British Empire, remembering her more than 700 yearold fight for national self-determination," watered with the tears of her mothers and the blood of her martyrs:, we, SDS, support the rebels of Northern Ireland. We endorse their slogans "Up the rebels: and "Up the Republic". And we promise to call a nation-wide demonstrations to show support for the struggle of the people of Northern Ireland against national and class oppression.

The regional office has been set up and is located at 345-basement Franklin Street San Francisco. The office will be used to coordinate the fall actions and shall be a central place for information concerning these actions. There will also be a supply of movement literature and any leaflets or literature printed in the region. This literature is available to all those organizations who will be working to form this northern California regional SDS. The office will also send a newsletter monthly to provide the region with the activities that are occurring at the office and at local areas in Northern California.

It is necessary for the local chapters to help take on the responsibility of keeping this office functioning and also in planning and co-ordinating the fall actions. In order to keep the office functioning it is necessary to request that those who do not have specific business not stop by the office to bullshit. Due to security problems and the size of the office it is necessary for us to enforce this request. The first need is financial help which can be done through the monthly pledges which each area has been given forms have filled out and returned with the money. It is very important for us to work together in fighting the imperialist ruling class who is oppressing the people of the world and to do this we must start working together.

The Regional Council met Tuesday August 12th, and regional committees were set up to work on coordinating specific areas for the fall actions and also for future activities. Those people who would like to work on these committees should contact the regional office. We really must all utilize all of our skills and learn new ones in our fight against the oppression of the people by the imperialist ruling class in our struggle.

The committees are:

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| 1. legal defense | 6. Agit prop |
| 2. Labor | 7. Army and national guard |
| 3. Medical | 8. Media |
| 4. High School | 9. Research |
| 5. Community | 10. Fund Raising |

Everyone is urged to contact us about working on these committees and to especially work in their communities to raise funds through pledges, benefits, films, cocktail parties, etc.

To begin our fall actions we must mobilize people to demonstrate against Nixon, who will be in San Francisco on August 21 to talk to Premier Park of South Korea. They will be meeting at the Saint Francisco Hotel in San Francisco, and demonstrate. For more information concerning this please contact the office.

The next regional council meeting will be held Monday August 18 at 7 PM. at Stanford in Junipero Lounge in Wilburn Hall. All groups who have not elected council members should do so according to the structure put down in the passed proposal for the formation of the Regional Council and these council members should be at this next meeting at Stanford.

Prevent Injury By Preventing Confrontation???

In the past street actions it has been realized that the need for having politically hip medics functioning in the streets is great. Medics in white coats command authority; if these people are pacifists, liberal, or authoritarian, they create chaos and spread fear and hold back the energies of the people.

Anyone can be trained in the basics of first aid--what to do about gases, club wounds, etc. The SDS medical committee can train at least one person from every chapter, collective, organization in the Northern California SDS Region by the time of the I.I.C. Conference. This would require 1 or 2 persons for 2-4 weeks. Please contact the office so that a schedule of sessions can be started immediately.

NOTE: 1) All local chapters should have a report from the regional council at the beginning of their meetings. This means that all groups must attend all Regional Council meetings so that the fall actions become a success for us.

2) Local chapters will be asked to give a brief five-minute presentation on their work (Campus, community) including size, activities, programs, etc.

3) Send \$1.00 for a year's subscription to this monthly newsletter.

4) Office supplies needed:

envelopes

pens and pencils

stapler and staplers

scotch tape

thumb tacks

note pads

scissors

file dividers

rubber bands

erasers

string

ash trays

waste baskets

pencil sharpeners

paper clips

magic markers

etc.

5) The public utilities hearings on P.G.&E. rate hike were held on August 13 and 14. SDS was present and testified. Everything went very well and there will be more hearings September 2-5 at the State building, 350 McAllister in San Francisco. Be there!! Our demands were: 1) Hearings should be held in working class communities at night, 2) End the racist hiring practices of PG&E, and 3) No rate hike; Rate reductions!

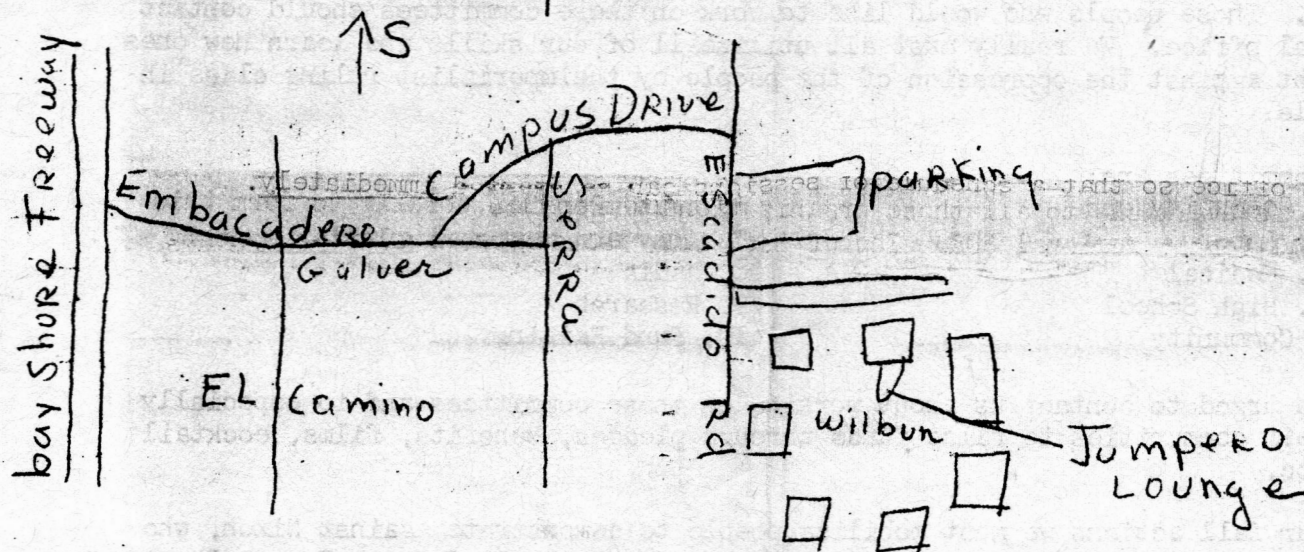
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directions to get to the Regional Council meeting
at Stanford Monday August 18.



"To work half-heartedly without a definite plan or direction; to work perfunctorily and muddle along--"so long as one remains a monk, one goes on tolling the bell".

"To regard oneself as having rendered great service to the revolution, to pride oneself on being a veteran, to disdain minor assignments while being quite unequal to major tasks, to be slipshod in work and slack in study."

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