Dear Friends,

You may not have seen the article reproduced below. We bring it to your attention because it shows the depth of opposition to the war which is developing, even among people not previously so concerned. It indicates that support for anti-war activities can be expected from very broad circles. In building the April 15 mobilization, don't neglect to ask such people as student government figures, editors of college newspapers, etc., to become involved, to sponsor and support the actions.

Sincerely,
The Staff

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**Student Leaders Vs. Dean Rusk**

JAMES A. WECHSLER

Secretary of State Dean Rusk has conducted an historic exercise in non-persuasion in a closed-door meeting with 38 student leaders and campus editors who had voiced their concern over U. S. policy in Vietnam.

They were a cross-section of 200 young men and women whose restrained declaration of doubt and uneasiness stirred wide notice.

Their statement was taken seriously at the White House; it received a formal if stereotyped response from Rusk and a meeting was finally arranged.

The astounding, but overlooked news is that in a session on Tuesday lasting from 4:15 until 6 p.m., in a conference room on the 12th floor of the State Dept. Building, Rusk failed to convince any of the 38 that their anxieties were unwarranted.

Actually the reverse result occurred. Those who previously had been most critical of the U. S. position found their hostility fortified; more important, many of those who had been mildly skeptical emerged as vigorous dissenters. All of them agreed they had found Rusk's responses so unsatisfactory and disturbing that they engaged last night in drafting a letter to President Johnson asking for a personal audience at the White House.

Rusk's extraordinary failure was described in telephone interviews yesterday with several of the student-body leaders, including Gregory Craig, student government chairman at Harvard, and Rick Weidman of Colgate.

"The general impression of the group," Craig, co-chairman of the delegation, said, "was that Mr. Rusk was more concerned about awaiting action from the other side than about our own country initiating moves toward peace.

"We really came out quite disturbed and even frightened. We had the feeling that our government is not willing to accept any settlement except one completely favorable to us."

Weidman, who noted that he comes from a conservative Republican home in Queens, said:

"I was pretty appalled. I have tended to be moderate on this issue, and I've really hoped we were pursuing a peace that could be negotiated. But I left with the feeling that we are looking to a solution through guns and bullets, not reason and words."

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Among others who participated in the question-and-answer period was Jim Graham, president of the Michigan State undergraduate body. In 1964 Graham was an active Goldwaterite; last year he was the sponsor of a flaky student petition supporting our stand in Vietnam.

Steve Cohen of Amherst remarked yesterday that "Jim was certainly eager to be convinced—but he came out fuming."

Howard Kaibel, campus president at the University of Minnesota, was so dismayed by the Rusk rendition that he solicited and obtained a meeting with Vice President Humphrey.

"Kaibel told me he felt a little worse after that," Craig reported.

It should also be recorded that among the unconvinced campus presidents in Dean Rusk's audience were Cliff Drummond of the University of Texas and Charles Matthews of Davidson University. Mr. Rusk's own alma mater. Not even such old schoolies could bridge the communication gap.

Under the ground rules of the confrontation the students agreed they would not quote Mr. Rusk's replies to their inquiries and would confine themselves to a recital of their own reactions. But their off-the-record remarks indicated that nothing new or startling they heard created the aftermath of apprehension and alienation. It was basically the sense that they detected no atmosphere of creative initiative and an almost fatalistic acceptance of an inerrmible, possibly widened dead-end war.

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The student questions covered wide ground. One asked why, after Ambassador Goldberg had authorized U Thant to take "any steps necessary" to achieve an armistice, we had spurned the UN Secretary General's subsequent plea for cessation of the bombings of the North. Another pressed for a statement of what political conditions would be acceptable to us as the basic for an armistice. The answers were obviously deemed unresponsive.

"I don't think Mr. Rusk had a sense of how miserably he had failed," said Harvard's Craig.

"I think he felt our questions had been answered, even though we tried to make clear our dissatisfaction. It was like two ships passing in the night. We just weren't communicating at all. It seemed a little appalling that a diplomat could be so insensitive to the feeling of our group."

"The major effect of the meeting was to make up a lot of minds. I think nearly everyone came out more militant than we were when we went in."

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There was no personal venom in the student comments. They agreed Rusk had been earnest, attentive and patient even when a few voices became shrill.

Yet by almost any law of averages it seems implausible that the Secretary of State could address himself for nearly two hours to 38 young, representative students from every region, few if any of them doctrinaire adversaries, and find himself rejected 38 to 0 at the end. Surely there could be no larger proof of the deepening disquiet and the crisis of confidence Vietnam has produced. This silly kerfuffle kid stuff; it is serious news for the country.
Scattered Peace Activists Seek to Unify Movement

By DOUGLAS ROBINSON

The nation's numerous anti-war groups, scattered and separate in recent demonstrations, have undertaken the arduous task of joining together in a single massive protest movement.

The initial target date for the new movement, which calls itself the Spring Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, is April 15. Demonstrations are scheduled for that day in New York, probably at the United Nations, and in San Francisco.

There are scores of peace organizations across the country, varying from such large groups as the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, with an announced membership of 25,000, to such splinter groups as the War Resisters League, with only a few hundred adherents. In the past, the smaller groups have joined forces for major protest marches but otherwise worked alone.

Participants in the New York demonstration will be drawn from antiwar activists living east of the Mississippi River. Those living in other parts of the country are being asked to join the San Francisco protest.

The organizers of the spring protest expect large numbers of Negros to take part, following the example of those civil rights leaders who have switched to the peace movement and now insist that the war in Vietnam is a "conflict against a colored people."

### Source of Energy

The national director of the Spring Mobilization Committee is the Rev. James Bevel, a 30-year-old Baptist minister who is on leave from the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Southern Christian Leadership Conference. There are indications that Dr. King himself will take part in the New York demonstration.

Mr. Bevel, who has been involved in many anti-segregation and voter registration drives both in the North and the South, was asked in an interview last week why he left the civil rights campaign to join the peace movement.

"White Americans are not going to deal in the problems of colored people when they're exterminating a whole nation of colored people," he said quietly.

It is Mr. Bevel who is supplying the energy that is now generating the drive to bridge, at least temporarily, the political and ideological differences among antiwar groups—differences that range from militant Maoism to moderate militarism.

A forceful and impassioned speaker in the manner of rural Southern ministers, Mr. Bevel has appealed to pacifists and Marxists alike with his call for the extension of the nonviolent policy from civil rights to peace.

His slogan for the Spring Mobilization Committee is simple and direct: "Stop the mass murder in Vietnam."

Mr. Bevel has steadfastly refused to be drawn into debate on the political nature of the conflict or on the mechanics of how peace might be achieved.

"A peace movement that is serious," he tells his listeners, "must take the position of the folks whose kids were burned up this morning. Otherwise, it has no position."

Mr. Bevel explains that his position is uncomplicated because "I just never get into political arguments since they usually don't make sense."

"The things that make peace movements effective are those things that are nondebatable," he says. "Gandhi said 'we need salt' and you just can't argue with that."

The minister says his only job is to "educate people" to the idea that "wars are something out of the Dark Ages" and that this education "must extend to those who would use violence in any form, including the radicals."

### Won't Exclude Radicals

Mr. Bevel says he will not exclude radical organizations from his movement even at the risk of alienating moderate groups. It is this policy, together with what some consider his rather simple answers to complex problems, that is creating problems in his attempt to solidify permanent and ad hoc peace groups into a whole.

In New York, objections are being raised by both moderate and radical organizations. The National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, for example, has declined so far to endorse the movement.

Mr. Bevel, the executive director, says his members will participate as individuals "in significant numbers."

The official reason for SANE's lack of formal approval is that it "did not find the policy and scope of the Spring Mobilization Committee consonant with our policies."

At the same time, Youth Against War and Fascism, a militant leftwing group has said that while it will join the demonstration on April 15 it objects to a "growing tendency toward moderation" on the part of the peace movement leaders.

According to Mr. Bevel, the main disagreement is between the moderates and the so-called "hippies," the large community of young people who have "turned off" society and who find it difficult to relate to the peace movement in what moderates think is a possible way.

The West Coast demonstration is being organized by Edward M. Keating, the publisher of Ramparts magazine, with occasional help from Mr. Bevel.

Mr. Keating is a vice chairman of the new movement.

Other vice chairmen are David Dellinger, editor of Liberation magazine, a pacifist publication printed in New York; Sidney M. Feck, a sociologist at Western Reserve University in Cleveland; Robert Greenblatt, an assistant professor of mathematics at Cornell University, and Cleveland Robinson of New York, vice president of District 65 of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Workers Union.

Spring Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam

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WE, PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, DECLARE AN END TO OUR SILENCE. WE DECLARE IT PARTICULARLY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Men cried for justice; you mocked them with the law of guns.
Men hungered; you laid waste their fields.
Men sought brotherhood; you answered with war against a colored people.
Men searched for freedom; you imposed puppets and tyrants upon them.
Men tried to build; you burned with napalm.
Men voted for peace; you escalated war.
In Vietnam, you create a wasteland and kill indiscriminately, and call it "pacification."
At home, you betray the dispossessed, conscript the youth of the nation for war, and call it "democracy."

WE ADDRESS A CALL FOR ACTION TO ALL AMERICANS WHOSE LIVES ARE TWISTED BY THIS WAR:

- To the mothers and fathers whose sons are taken;
- To the GIs who face death;
- To the youth, filled with love of life, drafted to take the lives of others;
- To the black people and other minorities, who are tired of fighting for a "democracy" they have never enjoyed;
- To labor, facing higher taxes and prices while war profits soar and pressures are applied against wage increases and the right to strike;
- To the farmers caught in the "cost-price" squeeze and being taxed off their land;
- To professionals, businessmen and others who are disturbed about the war and are anxious to see it end;
- To the clergy who call all men to be brothers and who are mocked by this slaughter.

We call all Americans to unite and mobilize in a movement to end the senseless slaughter of American GIs and the mass murder of Vietnamese. We call for the enlistment of the men, money and resources now being used to maintain the military machine in a fight against the real enemies of man — hunger, hopelessness, ignorance, hate, fear, discrimination and inequality.

As the war cruelly destroys in Vietnam, so it denies hope to millions in the United States. The need for decent homes, quality education, jobs and fair employment are brushed aside. Our cities smother in smoke and grime, strange in traffic. Our slums continue to rot. Streams and rivers are polluted, and the very air we breathe is fouled. Our vast wealth could in a short time eliminate these ills. It goes instead to murder and destroy. War contracts and the draft corrupt our campuses and laboratories. And, as the war continues, the ultimate danger of nuclear holocaust hangs over all.

Therefore, to launch this movement, we call for a mass march and rally at the United Nations in New York and at the birthplace of the UN in San Francisco, on Saturday, April 15, 1967. We march to the UN to affirm our respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, acclaimed by mankind and embodied in the UN Charter, but violated by the United States. We march to dramatize the world-wide hope that the United States remove its troops from Vietnam so that the Vietnamese can determine their own future in their own way.

This national mobilization will affirm the will of the American people for peace in Vietnam and a new life for America and for all mankind. We speak to people around the world to mobilize to stop the war in Vietnam. We declare not merely a protest but a new beginning.
The Spring Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam is composed of individuals from many organizations who represent a wide variety of views. There is no exclusion on political, racial or religious grounds. We invite peace, civil rights, labor, church, professional, political, veterans, farmers, youth and students and other groups and individuals all over the country to support and actively take part in the National Spring Mobilization. We solicit the closest cooperation. Organizations retain the freedom to determine the extent and manner of their activity. Those wishing to issue their own calls are free to do so. We do not wish to compete with or replace ongoing activities of existing anti-war, peace and civil rights groups. We seek to stimulate increased activity everywhere.

APRIL 15

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MARTIN LUTHER KING: "We are willing to make the Negro a 100% citizen in our race but reduce him to a 50% citizen on American soil. One-half of all Negroes live in sub-standard housing and he has one-half the income of the whites. There are twice as many Negroes in combat in Vietnam and twice as many died in action--as whites in proportion to their numbers..."


ADAM CLAYTON POWELL: "The Student draft deferment test is reminiscent of Hitler. First we provide an inferior education to black students. Next we give them a series of tests which many will flunk because of inferior education. Then we pack these academic failures off to Vietnam to be killed. The U.S. has no right to impose an idea by force. America should be comforted in the knowledge that a higher percentage of black soldiers is already dying in what is ingloriously being referred to in many areas of the black community as the 'White Man's War' against brown people."

May 10, 1966

MALCOLM X: "We are not anti-American. We are anti or against what America is doing wrong in other parts of the world as well as here. And what she did in the Congo in 1964 is wrong. It's criminal, criminal. What she's doing in South Vietnam is criminal. She's causing American soldiers to be murdered every day, for no reason at all. That's wrong. Now, you're not supposed to be so blind with patriotism that you can't face reality. Wrong is wrong, no matter who does it or who says it..."

January 7, 1965

GENERAL DAVID M. SHoup, former Marine Corps Commandant: "I believe that if we had and would keep our dirty, bloody, dollar-crooked fingers out of the business of these nations so full of depressed, exploited people, they will arrive at a solution of their own. I don't think the whole of Southeast Asia, as related to the present and future safety and freedom of people in this country, is worth the life or limb of a single American."

--From a speech at Pierce College, May 1966

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"YOU AREN'T A GOOK ARE YOU?"

The following is a letter received by the Executive Director of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship. The writer is an American volunteer worker for the U.S. AID (Agency for International Development) program in South Vietnam.

Hue, Vietnam
1/23/67

Dear Friends,

This is going to be a rather emotional newsletter, I fear. The work here at the Animal Husbandry Station is going along satisfactorily and I have gone out into the countryside several times and visited some places in Hue. My work here is quite similar to any Peace Corpsman's who works in Agriculture; except for one thing. I find myself working in a country visited by war.

Do you know what that means? Can you even begin to imagine the utter horror and indescribable suffering that that word represents. WAR. The United States is fighting a war to prevent South Vietnam from begin taken over by the Communists. I am here to tell you, my very dear brethren, that if I were a poor Vietnamese peasant in this day, only death would prevent me from being a Vietnamese Communist. Do you understand that?

Do you understand what it means to have a plane fly overhead and just stop in utter terror of what that plane might be doing? Do you understand what napalm does to people? It explodes and spreads a jelly all over everything in the vicinity. This jelly is on fire. It burns through clothing and destroys the skin with burns. It leaves the people not already dead to die a horrible death by burns. It burns trees, houses, everything. Do you understand what a phosphorus bomb does? It gets on the body and burns; and it does not stop burning until it reaches bone. What does it feel like, I wonder, to have phosphorus on your face and feel it eating away right down to the skull. Do you like that picture? Well, that is what your government and mine is doing!

Do you understand what it means to be a sustenance farmer, just growing enough rice for the family to live on for a year. And do you understand how it feels to watch a plane fly overhead spraying chemicals on your field just before harvest, and then watch that field become brown, and then black. Would you like to watch your family starve to death because of some nebulous fight that does not matter. Do you know why it does not matter? Because the very thing that the U.S. seeks to preserve (freedom and abundant life) is that which it destroys every day. Do you understand that bombs and artillery are indiscriminate and don't just cause death and suffering among Vietnamese Communists? Do you understand what it is like to be living in a village in an "insecure" area and to have a plane unload its bombs and then strafe your village without mercy because someone fired at him with a rifle? Can you even begin to imagine the utter horror of being in a village where the planes come in dropping fragmentation bombs to drive people into the open and then following with napalm and phosphorus bombs to get an effective "kill." My God, can you even imagine what it is like in the villages? Do you know that at least 5 civilians are killed or wounded for every one combatant in Vietnam?

(over)
What does it matter that I work from dawn far into the night trying to increase production so that we can distribute more chicks to the countryside when there is no way to assure the farmer of adequate feed supply, and when a simple quirk of war could wipe him or his family off the face of the earth?

Can you imagine how my Vietnamese friend felt when an American soldier stopped me and asked, in a loud voice, "You aren't a Gook, are you? Don't worry, my friend; we aren't killing persons over here, we are cleaning up the Gooks."

If you could hear me writing this letter you would know that these words are being shouted in desperation and anguish. No, I have never seen the effects of a napalm raid close up, but I am beginning to understand the fear, as I work more out in the villages. I sense the terror that they feel when a flight of jets go overhead. I have seen defoliated fields, and the people who were driven from their homes by the defoliation. Do you understand that almost 90% of the refugees in Vietnam are refugees of U.S. firepower? Have you ever been in a refugee camp? Sensed the hopelessness, the fear, the deep sorrow and yearning for the now destroyed home?

Many of my friends have written and asked if they could help me and my work with an offering of money. I respond to them and to you. If you have been able to grasp even a tiny fraction of the anguish and desperation of this letter, and I have been able to record a fraction of what I feel, and I feel only a fraction of what my people in the countryside feel; then you will do everything in your power and in the power that God offers you to STOP THIS WAR!! Picket, go to jail, protest, organize politically, preach, pray, write letters, bring our bumbling giant of a nation to its knees. Do whatever is necessary but please please, in the name of everything that is sane and loving, please STOP THE WAR!

I am sure that there are any number of good reasons why we should be fighting this war, but I really can't find any good enough as I see what this war does to our brethren.

Please don't sleep well tonight, or any night until somehow a way is found to stop destroying human beings in Vietnam.

I send this letter in love and agony.

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Mr. President:

On April 15th more than a half million Americans mobilized and met in New York and San Francisco to condemn the U.S. war in Vietnam. These were only a small part of the millions of Americans who reject this American intervention. On that day the Spring Mobilization Committee in the name of those millions issued a call to the President to stop the war. We received no response. The war continues. In the ensuing time since April 15th we have sent two telegrams requesting a meeting with you, Mr. President. We have received no response. Thus, today we have come to the White House to present our case.

We are profoundly alarmed and concerned. We see the world on the brink of World War.

In the brief period of two years we have witnessed the mass conscription of our youth for war and the transformation of our factories into arsenals. We have seen our nation transformed into a military state to the exclusion of all other domestic concerns. Plural criticism, and dissent have been forced to yield to unquestioning jingoism and unanimous support for U.S. pride and military honor.

Our foreign policy has come to focus exclusively on Vietnam. In two years we have witnessed the consistent, inexorable development of all-out war there and the unyielding assertion of total victory. In these ways our nation just as inexorably has created the conditions for World War III.

Mr. President, the frequent comparison of contemporary America with Nazi Germany of the 1930's is not idle. As then our nation today has eschewed an internationalist attitude and fallen into the trap of equating U.S. national interests with the interests and desires of all peoples. In so doing we have resurrected the ill-starred, discredited assertion of global dominance by a nation state and rejected international pluralism and cooperation. As in Germany then we today suffer the blindness of supranationalism with its attendant mindless commitment to pride, honor, and chauvinism.

But, Mr. President, the epoch of military rule and political control by national states has long passed and must remain a cruel memory. Our nation played a crucial role in ending that epoch when we defeated Nazi Germany in 1945. We dare not forget.

For all the tangible alarming parallels we are not yet the Germany which brought indiscriminate death to millions through war and cursed mankind with the grotesque horror of systematic genocide. We must not repeat that ill-famed example. We must and can be different. The German peoples may have criticized and protested these atrocities done in their name for the honor and right of Germany, but they stopped short of outright disobedience and total non-cooperation. The American people have learned the lesson of that failure well. We will not acquiesce. We cannot. Our nation can and must stop this irrevocable rush to world war, this policy of American murder and devastation in the name of national honor and pride - now.

Legation from the April 15th
Mobilization to end the war in Vietnam
Text of speech prepared by Linda Dannenberg for delivery to April 15th rally in New York. Because of rain at the end of the rally, it was impossible to deliver the speech.

It is two years since the United States government began its insane policy of bombing north Vietnam and steadily escalating the illegal war in both north and south Vietnam. During this time there have been many viable new developments in the struggle against the war.

One of the major developments in the student anti-war movement was the formation of the Student Mobilization Committee, a national coalition of students that was born from the traditional student groups against the war and has enlisted the energy of whole new sections of the student body. From the radical left to the University Christian Movement, Newman Club's, and YMCA and YWCA members; from pacifists to student body leaders; from high school students to interfraternity councils; students have been involved in a nationally coordinated coalition of youth groups which recognizes and deals with the concerns of youth about the war in Vietnam. We have been able to maintain and even broaden support for our anti-war activity despite Red-hating attacks by the House Un-American Activities Committee and other such groups because we are based firmly on the principle of non-exclusion. Everybody, no matter what his political beliefs, must be part of the anti-war movement.

As youth, we have dealt with the issues that most affect us: the war itself, the draft, and university complicity with the war effort.

Young men are faced most directly with the draft, and we are united on a platform of ending the draft -- period. The newly proposed lottery system, or any other draft system that the government can come up with may deal with some of the inequities of the present draft system, but these cannot solve the basic question: that no one -- student or ghetto youth, civil rights leader or playboy -- no one should be drafted to fight in the war in Vietnam or any other war like it.

As students we are concerned with how the war in Vietnam has affected our lives at the universities. The rising war-induced inflation has increased tuition and other costs, making it even harder for the poor and minority groups to receive an education. More and more of our universities are engaging in war-oriented research, perverting their purpose from institutions of learning to cogs in the war machine, where research in napalm and chemical and biological warfare is conducted. We will not be satisfied until these bloody ties of campus complicity with the war are cut.

Thirdly, we are united on a platform of bringing our GIs home from Vietnam now, a platform of immediate and unconditional withdrawal of U.S. forces from Vietnam, which is the only decent course left to our government. We will not be satisfied with another Korea, or any other solution which leaves Vietnam divided against itself and our soldiers stationed there. We want our brothers, cousins, sweethearts, and husbands here now, where they belong, to build a truly free America.

Towards these ends, students on over 500 high school and college campuses have been working on Vietnam Week, which started April 8 with activities of all kinds on these campuses and has culminated in the participation of tens of thousands of students at the demonstrations here in New York and in San Francisco on the west coast.

From the beginning of the Spring Mobilization we have talked of launching a movement to end the war in Vietnam. To us, launching a movement has meant that the number of Americans totally engaged in antiwar activity of all kinds has to increase geometrically from its present number -- and I think that the time is ripe.
Students and youth especially must be involved, for we have been in the forefront of the movement and can continue to set the pace. Therefore, as a start, the Student Mobilization Committee projects that we call on every high school and college student in the country to spend his summer totally engaged in radical activity to end the war. The Student Mobilization Committee will provide national coordination for a series of action programs which are imaginative, viable, and serious, and which will provide every student with a job that he can do and is ready for. Some of the projects that we are considering are the following:

(1) Peace caravans of students in each state which would travel around to small towns, resort areas, camps, etc., during the summer and leaflet extensively, hold street corner rallies about the war, and, hopefully, leave behind them a group of townspeople willing to work on antiwar activity.

(2) There are, throughout the country, a number of napalm plants, bomb production companies, and research centers connected directly with our government's war effort in Vietnam. One such shocking example is a defoliation project which is going on right now in our own New York Botanical Gardens! We would like to see these operations exposed by whatever means necessary -- intensive community education, civil disobedience, leafletting at the plant gates, or by massive demonstrations that can bring a peaceful halt to this type of war production.

(3) There is, naturally enough, a widespread feeling among the armed forces that the war is not in the interests of GIs, as symbolized by the growing numbers of cases of servicemen opposing the war in Vietnam. Some examples are Lt. Henry Howe who was court-martialed for participating in an antiwar demonstration, the courageous Fort Hood Three who are now in prison for refusing to go to Vietnam, and just this week we have learned of Pfc. Howard Petrick, a young antiwar activist who continued to speak his mind about the war after he was drafted into the army and now faces court-martial merely for maintaining his constitutional right to free speech. These GI's report that anti-war sentiment is well received within the Army. One major project would therefore be nationally coordinated leafletting of GI's with the facts about the war and the GI's right to oppose it.

(4) Draft resistance is a major area of concern for students all over the country. We-won't-go projects, draft counseling, draft card burnings, anti-draft unions and educational projects are springing up all over. The Student Mobilization Committee can tie into these projects, helping local groups to coordinate their actions with national projects and helping to keep everybody informed, thereby aiding these vital grass roots movements.

These are just a few of many possible projects for this summer. The Student Mobilization Committee will hold a national student anti-war conference in Chicago on May 13 & 14 to which we invite all those interested in working on such summer activities. The purpose of the summer projects will be to coordinate activity on all levels in such a way that it will build the activities of all participating groups rather than conflict with any one.

We must unite and work together, whatever our differences, to end this illegal, immoral war. Let us begin! NOW!
Genocide!

"The systematic destruction of a racial, political, or culture group"
—Webster's 7th New Collegiate Dictionary

There are 6 civilians killed for each military casualty in Vietnam

—From a report to the House Foreign Relations Committee by the Hon. Clement L. Zablocki (D-Wis.) March 17, 1966

There were 250,000 military casualties in Vietnam from 1961-1966.
—Pentagon Sources.

This means that from 1961-1966 there were——

1,500,000 civilian dead
This is 10% of the population

This year Viet Cong casualties alone are reported to be 8,000 per month
—Newsweek 3/27/67

This means 48,000 innocent men, women and children killed a month

Assuming that the war does not escalate further, there will be at least

576,000 civilian dead in '67

Rusk and Westmoreland claim that the war may last another 10 years

How many will be by 1977?

7,260,000? Or more?
GENOCIDE!

= extermination = destruction = mass murder = a crime against humanity

geneocide: The systematic destruction of a racial, political or culture group... Webster's 7th New Collegiate Dictionary

TWO CIVILIANS ARE KILLED FOR EVERY MILITARY CASUALTY IN VIETNAM...

THERE WERE 250,000 MILITARY CASUALTIES IN VIETNAM FROM 1961-1966...Pentagon. This means that from 1961-1966 there were 500,000 civilian dead.

This year the National Liberation Front casualties alone are reported to be 8,000 per month... Newsweek Mar. 27, 1967. THIS MEANS 16,000 INNOCENT MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN KILLED EACH MONTH. ASSUMING THAT THE WAR DOES NOT ESCALATE ANY FURTHER, THERE WILL BE AT LEAST 200,000 CIVILIAN DEAD IN 1967.

Rusk and Westmoreland claim that the war may last another 10 years. HOW MANY WILL BE DEAD BY 1977? 2,500,000? OR MORE?

GENOCIDE!
MAY 17

PROTEST THE SENSELESS WAR IN VIETNAM

JOIN THE CONFRONTATION AT THE WHITE HOUSE

RALLY - 11 AM - 11th & R STS. N.W. LINCOLN MEM. CONG. TEMPLE

MAY 17 WALK TO WHITE HOUSE WITH M.L. KING

WHY?

200,000 civilians will die this year in Vietnam if we don't stop the war.

Nothing justifies this - it is GENOCIDE!
MR. PRESIDENT- STOP THE WAR!

A delegation representing the more than ½ million people who marched on April 15th, in New York City and San Francisco to demonstrate their opposition to the war in Vietnam, has been attempting to see the President. They are returning to the White House to try to get a definite time for an appointment.

Assemble at:  
St. Stephens Church  
16th, St., NW and Newton  
11:00 AM Thursday, May 18th, 1967  
to support the delegation in a March to the White House!

To hear the report from this delegation, come to a:

MASS MEETING

TIME: 6PM  THURSDAY, MAY 18th.

Place: St. Stephens Church  
16th, St. NW and Newton
DON'T GIVE YOUR LIFE TO BURN VIETNAMESE CHILDREN.

FIGHT FOR FREEDOM IN THE U.S. - NOT FOR SLAVERY IN VIETNAM.

MASS MEETING FOR PEACE & FREEDOM
TONITE 8:00 PM
ST. STERANS CHURCH
REV. JAMES BEVEL

MASS MEETING TOMORROW NITE
(MAY 19) WITH
NATIONAL SPRING MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE TO END THE WAR IN VIETNAM

PRE-CONFERENCE MASS MEETING

St. Stephens and Incarnation Church
16th & Newton Sts., N.W.
Washington, D. C.

May 19, 1967 8:00 P.M.

Herb Kelsey, Chairman  Executive Director of
Washington Spring Mobilization Comm.

S P E A K E R S

Sidney Peck  Vice Chairman Spring Mobilization Comm.
            Prof. of Sociology, Western Reserve University

Gilbert Batten  Veteran of Vietnam

Rev. George McSorley  Georgetown University

Henry Crow Dog  Rosebud Sioux Indian

James Bevel  National Director
            Spring Mobilization Committee

Robert Burnette  Rosebud Sioux Indian
            President of American Indian
            Civil Rights Council

Rev. Walter Fauntory  New Bethel Baptist Church
            Aide to Martin Luther King, Jr.
            President, Model Inner City
            Community Organization

REGISTRATION FOR WEEKEND WORKSHOP CONFERENCE IS TAKING PLACE
IN THE LOBBY OF THIS CHURCH.

PLEASE SIGN ATTENDANCE SHEET.
Dear friends:

Enclosed is a copy of the draft resistance program adopted by the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam.

As you can see, the thrust of this program is geared toward organizing adults to directly aid draft resisters. Undoubtedly, the nature and extent of adult support actions will vary considerably. But we are hopeful that significant numbers of people will be prepared to commit themselves to dramatic forms of direct support. This will entail exposing oneself to the personal risks and consequences involved in such resistance.

The premises of this program are: (1) massive resistance to the draft is a vital and decisive factor in the immediate effort to end the war in Vietnam as well as in the long range struggle against the growth of militarism in our society; and (2) the adult community must assume direct responsibility for draft resistance and not allow the burden to be carried solely by draft-age young men.

We have a group of people who are ready to start work on implementing this program. It would be very helpful to us if you could provide the following information:

1. Are there any adult supporters presently associated with your draft resistance program? If there are, would you provide us with the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the key people we should contact.

2. What is your present status in regard to membership, activities and future plans?

3. What ideas or suggestions do you have for adult support actions?

Please let us hear from you as soon as possible.

Yours for peace,

Norma Becker
Karl Bissinger
Keith Lampe
Draft Resistance Project,
National Mobilization
NOTES ON RECRUITING STATION ACTIONS

The action at recruiting stations is designed -- an attempt to dramatize and balance the propaganda given to recruits by the military. Other effects may include increased visibility in the community and increased commitment. Thus, if successful, the action can be an important part of the process of building a movement.

The initial action is to send letters to recruiting stations in the area announcing the program and informing them that representatives of the group will visit the stations to ask some questions about their informational function. It has been our experience that the military, the selective service, and the police consistently over-react to this sort of communication.

After the representatives have spoken to those at the station there are a number of alternative courses, so that the program is subject to change depending on the circumstances. The basic objective, however, is to establish a presence next to the station. Usually this would take the form of an information table, but other possibilities include vigils and "inquire-ins."

In any case, the presence should be preceded by leafletting announcing the time and place where the presence will be established and giving an outline of the rationale behind the action.

There is a good possibility that a confrontation will occur at this point, as the police or hecklers attempt to interfere with the presence. The group should be very careful to decide beforehand how to react to possible summonses and arrests.

Furthermore, a concerted effort must be made, at this stage as at all others, to obtain as much support as possible from the community. Such support includes not only being part of the presence, but also leafleting nearby, taking pictures of the action, and, in the case of a confrontation, helping with bail, emergency communications, leafletting, and meetings.

Mobilization Direct Action Project
WHY WE ARE HERE

Last Tuesday (July 11) at the same time that Sen. Mike Mansfield was on the floor of the U.S. Senate informing the people of America that our Vietnam policy might be leading to World War III, at the same time as he was pointing out the consequences of Johnson's policies, a group of young people were--

ATTACKED ON THE STREETS OF FLATBUSH!

They were attacked for passing out literature in opposition to Johnson's policies in Vietnam. Their literature was torn and their card tables repeatedly knocked down. A number of them was physically assaulted. One was kicked in the face and sent to Kings County Hospital. He has undergone surgery for a broken nose.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO AMERICA?!

The Vietnam war has already resulted in a complete suppression of all rights of free speech for the South Vietnamese people. Is this pattern to be repeated in the United States? Are we to go the route of the German people, who allowed government-sponsored fear of "Bolshevism" and anti-Semitism to whittle away their right to dissent until they were incapable of stopping a war program that could lead only to disaster for the German people themselves? Is our hysterical "anti-communism" being used, in the same fashion, to eliminate the basic freedoms of the American people?

WILL YOU JOIN US?

WE AFFIRM HERE AND NOW THE RIGHT OF ALL AMERICANS TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON ANY TOPIC. The right of dissent is-a cornerstone of democracy. American soldiers are losing their lives in what they are told is a struggle to establish a free society in Vietnam. SHOULD IT BE NECESSARY FOR AMERICAN CITIZENS TO RISK THEIR OWN PHYSICAL WELL-BEING IN EXERCISING THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS IN FLATBUSH?

THIS IS YOUR COMMUNITY--
IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY--
TO HELP KEEP IT FREE!

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MOBILIZATION DIRECT ACTION PROJECT
857 Broadway
New York, N.Y. 10003
675-4605

NAME: _____________________________
ADDRESS: _________________________
PHONE: ___________________________

____ I am interested in continuing to be informed about your programs.
____ I enclose a contribution of $ _______
LETTER SENT TO RECRUITMENT CENTERS

With the continuing escalation of the U.S. Vietnam war, there is a corresponding increase in concern and activity on the part of those critical of our government's policy in that tragic part of the world. A large part of our concern is centered around the young men whose bodies and lives must carry the weight of executing the policies determined in Washington, D.C.

It is our desire to make available to young men considering enlistment in the armed forces and facing the draft a full picture of the issues involved in the war, a complete range of alternatives, and the possible implications and responsibilities accompanying different courses of action.

It is our feeling that information of this kind is a necessary part of and complement to information that you disseminate and is, in fact, designed to reach the same audience. For this reason, our program will be centered around Armed Forces Recruiting Centers and Induction Centers.

Although the issues we will emphasize and the course of action we will advocate differ from your own, I am sure you share our feeling that according to elementary democratic principles diverse points of view can and should be presented side by side in a peaceful and cooperative way.

It is in this spirit that I write to you to inform you of our program at its inception. In order to get a better idea of the information you furnish to young men who make inquiries at your centers, some of our representatives will come by to speak with you within a few days. Likewise, if you should have any questions regarding our program, our representatives will try to answer them.

Dr. Robert Greenblatt
Project Director
Mobilization Direct Action Project

7/3/67
Viet War Lashed By General

Hughes Calls It Immoral

Stuns Crowd At Capital Services

BY RICHARD BRAUThAM (Of The Capital Times Staff)

A Memorial Day audience on the State Capitol grounds was stunned into thoughtful silence today as a distinguished Army general made a fervent plea for an end to the war in Vietnam and a commitment to the cause of justice and good will.

Brig. Gen. Robert L. Hughes, U.S. Army Reserve, was the principal speaker at the traditional services arranged by Madison veterans' groups.

He wore the Silver Star, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, Oak Leaf Infantry Badge, Presidential Unit Citation, and the Army Commendation Ribbon as he stood before an audience of some 500 veterans and their families as well as citizens generally.

Gen. Hughes won these honors through long service in the Pacific Theaters during World War II.

Wounded severely at Buna, in New Guinea, he recuperated in the United States and then returned to the Pacific as a member of Gen. MacArthur's staff at Leyte, in the Philippines.

Hughes spoke quietly, but with the conviction of his long years of service.

"All over the United States today there are observances that are stereotypes of this one," he began.

"They are expressions of gratitude for those Americans who have fallen in battle in our wars to assure that the political integrity of our nation remains inviolate."

"The true significance of the day is most poignant to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one in the present conflict in Vietnam," Hughes pointed out.

"They died," he continued, "in support of an unstable foreign government that is maintained only by the strength of the United States."

"There is a paradox in the role of the United States in Vietnam," he said, "we are presenting an immoral war in support of a government that is a dictatorship by design."

"It represents nothing but a ruling clique and is composed of morally corrupt leaders who adhere to a warlike philosophy," he added.

This is illustrated currently by the need for the United States to lead in pacifying villages whose citizens do not trust their own government, he said.

Following World War II, the United States accepted its role of world leadership with humility and aid to nations to rebuild with American dollars, he said.

"In this new era of political interest, we cannot police the world, we cannot impose our social system on other nations," he added.

"We stood alone in Vietnam with 175,000 forces from some 15 other countries and mercenaries from Korea paid by the United States," Hughes went on.

"We are losing the flavor of American youth in a war that could stretch into perpetuity," he added. "After four years of fighting, we cannot be sure of the security of villages three miles from Saigon, because we can't tell the good guys from the bad guys."

"We are in that position because we selected sides in a civil war," he said.

"This is one hell of a war to be fighting. We must disengage from this war. It is the only way in which we have committed troops without first being aggressed against," he said.

Hughes called for a reassessment of American foreign policy in terms of our own American interests.

"We should recognize our errors in judgment and not compound them by trying to police the world," he said. "We must cease as a political force if we don't follow a policy of coexistence with other nations."

"We cannot afford a major confrontation with the people of Asia if we want to dedicate this country to our own and future generations," he concluded.
RECRUIT for PEACE

SOME PEOPLE IN THIS COMMUNITY ARE SO CONCERNED ABOUT THE WAR IN VIETNAM AND THE RECRUITING OF OUR YOUNG MEN TO FIGHT IN AN ILLEGAL AND PURPOSELESS WAR THAT THEY ARE

SETTING UP A TABLE

To Recruit for Peace

RIGHT NEXT TO THE PLACE WHERE THE ARMED FORCES RECRUIT FOR WAR AT FLATBUSH AND NOSTRAND AVE.

TODAY FROM 3:00 P.M.

FIND OUT ABOUT THE WAR
THE DRAFT
AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT THEM
INFORMATION THAT THE MILITARY SYSTEM WILL NOT SUPPLY YOU WITH.

COME AND SIGN UP FOR PEACE ACTION

JOIN the PEACE ARMY

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NAME:________________________________________
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I am interested in continuing to be informed about your programs.

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I enclose a contribution of $_______

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Dear friend --

Well, we got busted (arrested). Which is what happens when you try to be reasonable with the Navy. But all that's covered in the newsletter. The point now is that we're broke. We used up all our money, and then some, on the bail, and it's just lucky that the Civil Liberties Union is taking the case for free, because the rock-bottom legal fee would have been $900.00. Most of us have been living on $15 a week (so low that even the probation officer was shocked), but we won't get even that much unless we can get some more donations. Checks can be made out to Robert Greenblatt, who's a co-chairman of the National Mobilization, vice-chairman of the Teach-in Committee, and used to teach math at Cornell, so he's trustworthy (well, at least he can probably add), and he's been keeping track of the money we've been living on so far. We'll get your contribution if you mail it to:

Ellie Dorsey
Mobilization Direct Action Project
857 Broadway
New York, N.Y. 10003

Thanks so much.

Yours in peace,

Ellie Dorsey
WHY WE ARE HERE

BECAUSE 22 years ago today 100,000 people died instantly when the U.S. dropped the first atom bomb on Hiroshima. We are as a witness to the deaths of those thousands.

BECAUSE each day the war in Vietnam brings the world closer to another nuclear catastrophe.

BECAUSE 12,000 American boys, our sons and brothers, have been killed in Vietnam with hundreds more dying every week.

BECAUSE hundreds of thousands of women, children, and old people have been killed, tortured, and made homeless by American weapons in Vietnam.

BECAUSE today, a day of mourning all over the world, a destroyer is on display in Manhattan. A destroyer is an instrument of mass death. It is not a toy, not a park, not a place to bring our children. We are here as a witness to the murder that this ship and others like it have wrought.

Join us in demanding: End the war; No more American or dead Vietnamese in Vietnam; Bring the troops home; Bring the death ships back never to be used again.

Join us: Resist the war machine; Resist the draft.

NO MORE HIROSHIMAS!

NO MORE VIETNAMS!

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