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THE TIME IS NOW...

TO BUILD



Call to the ATTICA BRIGADE National Convention

A National Anti-Imperialist Student Organization

On June 15, 16 and 17 in Iowa City, Iowa, the ATTICA BRIGADE will hold its first National Convention. It's been five long years (the SDS convention in 1969) since students from all over the country got together, as one organization, to figure out how we could best fight back against the oppression of people at home and around the world. During those years, however, students haven't just been sitting in their ivory towers, fed up with "politics." In 1970 thousands of students struck on their campuses against the invasion of Cambodia, the murders and Kent and Jackson State and in support of the Black Panthers in prisons around the country. In 1971, we demonstrated against the secret war in Laos and thousands took to the streets in Washington on Mayday to show their support of the Vietnamese people's struggle. Again, in '72 students struck on their campuses to protest the mining of the harbors and bombing of the dikes in N. Vietnam and the following fall thousands demonstrated in outrage at the murders at Southern U. In 1973 we again headed for Washington to demand the signing of the Peace Agreements and students at Antioch shut down their school for two and a half months to defend the right of Third World and working class students to go to that school. The student movement didn't die with SDS like the press is always telling us. Yes, many students did become cynical and some got misled into working through electoral politics on the McGovern campaign, but during the late '60s and early '70s some-





thing else happened to many of us. Because of the war, the Black liberation struggle (esp. the Black Panther Party), and through what we saw on our own campuses and high schools, many came to an understanding that it was more than just flaws or errors in the America, but a whole system of oppression and exploitation. And we called it what it was--IMPERIALISM,

In 1972 the ATTICA BRIGADE was formed as a mass, anti-imperialist student organization. We call ourselves the Attica Brigade to commemorate the unity, militancy and determination of brothers that rebelled in Attica State Prison in Sept. 1971. We saw the need to take all the energy, anger and understanding that students had developed and join together so that we could do more than just react, dissolve and react again. We saw that we needed an organization that could bring us together around clear principles: 1) Support for national liberation struggles abroad as exemplified by the NLF and PRG of S. Vietnam and 2) Support for the struggles of oppressed people at home. And we're unified on the fact that the attacks both at home and abroad come from one system--U.S. Imperialism or monopoly capitalism. We also understood the need to build one organization that could unite all students in struggle--white, Black, Latin and Asian. We needed to meet together to discuss our work so that we could learn and gain strength from what was going on on different campuses and not get demoralized. And we had to function together, as a fist, in joint work instead of only isolated on our individual campuses.

And we saw that it could be done. In the last two years the Attica Brigade has grown from five chapters in N.Y.C. to over sixty chapters in twenty states, from Florida to Washington to Massachusetts. In two years we've engaged in, and lead, struggles that have involved thousands of students: support of the Farah workers and farmworkers; fighting against cutbacks in the schools; protesting the murders at Southern U.; supporting the struggles in Africa, the Middle East, Puerto Rico and Indochina; kicking military recruiters off campuses; and now, demonstrating in every city where Ford and Nixon show up, on every campus, in Washington, D.C. and even at the Statue of Liberty, we're fighting to Throw the Bum Out.

Now is the time for all of us to get together--members of the ATTICA BRIGADE, independent anti-imperialist student groups, independent progressive students. We have to talk about the struggles we've built and what the issues are to build around in the future. We have to talk about our victories and also sum up our mistakes. It will be a time to figure out what principles unite us and also to struggle out our differences. There will also be representatives uninvited from other forces that are fighting back against imperialism--Vets, workers, Third World organizations, communist organizations--so we can learn how to best join our struggles with theirs.

Five years is too long. We've got to move now to build a new student movement--more unified, more conscious, more militant. We can't let another year go by with all of us all over the place, sometimes working on the same things, sometimes on struggles that should be linked, but never getting together; never really concentrating all the power we have. We can't afford to do this any more--to diminish our strength and let our energy be wasted.

JOIN WITH US IN IOWA, JUNE 15, 16 AND 17, TO BUILD A NATIONAL, ANTI--IMPERIALIST STUDENT ORGANIZATION!

ATTICA MEANS FIGHT BACK!

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