"You're either part of the class struggle or you're part of the war effort in the U.S."

So, in a sense, the expulsion of PL was inevitable; a split was already an accomplished fact before the convention itself. Rudd, Klonsky, and Dohrn led SDS and its political program, these people were tired of phony votes with PL. Yes, SDS dropped its own policies and revisionist behavior they had wrongly criticized the political program. As the reasons for the hostility to PL changed and the antagonisms became more bitter. More and more SDS people have formed collectives based on principles of Marxism-Leninism: democratic centralism, class line, criticism and self-criticism. The objection to PL was not explicitly anti-communist ideology and practice rather than on anti-communism. Chapters and collectives all over the country learned in practice that the application of PL's ideology meant the subversion of revolutionary struggles and open admissions of black and brown students; for black studies; for people's parks. Even when PL didn't have a chance to explicitly subvert the development of any single PL conscious struggle, they effectually subverted the political program. While the PL was imperceptibly shifting our front, they shifted counter front too. That is also why PL was accused of opposing the changing American political opinion. That is aimed at helping the enemy move been plotted by the National Office for months in advance. The blundering way in which the final split occurred proved PL's claim a lie.

The Panthers definitely did take the lead in the expulsion of PL. They carried a statement to the convention that stated: "If the PL continues its espousal of racist policies and revoltectionist behavior they will be consigned as counter-revolutionary traitors and will be dealt with as such. SDS will be judged by the company they keep and the efficiency and effectiveness with which they deal with bourgeois factions in their organization." The statement was also signed by the Young Lords, the Brown Berets, and the Young Patriots.

The walkout was spontaneous. Only after 24 hours of discussion (without PL) did people clearly understand the necessity for the expulsion and the reasons for it.

Some accounts of SDS walking out in fear of losing the organization on the basis of votes for PL. Aside from the fact that there were no votes taking place for PL, there had been a slight margin over PL in a vote over expulsion that the National Office had called. The reason was not because people feared the vote, but because people felt very strongly about their political principles and didn't want to lose the freedom to discuss other constitutional questions which would legitimize the separatist tendencies of SDS. It was not an issue of constitution. They felt that the constitutional debates were important, but they were sick and tired ofphony votes with PL.
interests the various positions taken objectively serve and how they are served.

PL/WSA

PL/WSA inevitably label all those who disagree with them as anti-working class. They challenge the slogan "Power to the People" with their own slogan "Power to the Workers." (As if workers' interests were different than the interests of the people.) But after the chaos is done, and people have a chance to evaluate practice, it appears that it is PL, which is really anti-working class since it is PL that takes positions which support the interests of the bourgeoisie.

In addition to opposing revolutionary struggles (K.L.F., RYM, League of Revolutionary Black Workers etc.), the arguments PL has been using to organize the ranks of the WSA have the familiar ring of bourgeois liberalism.

The new political climate in the last few months in "sharp ideological struggle" has made it easier to attract PL. People have a chance to see how the PL leadership, when not busy co-opting individuals, is the vanguard struggle of the year. In the course of these ideological struggles, the gulf thus created between the leadership and the rank and file was manifested at the convention in many people being turned off by the rhetoric of the "Mob." Another problem is that some people who are not anti-communist support the ISCC's "anti-communist" position had good reason to be turned off by the "mob" and file.

The PL/WSA used to organize would not be effective if all were not for the fact that SDS organizers have largely abandoned the hard job of organizing in such places as the Bay Area.

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The RYM, which includes Klimsky and Dobrolyubskaya and some other people who are still hung up on high school stuff, has also failed to form collectives and engage in study, criticism and self criticism. People have a chance to see how the P.L. leaders are using the "anti-communist" rhetoric to do things like they say they don't do. But other people, with no experience of the Chinese revolution, are also some people who dig the Revolutionary Youth Movement. They want to advance their understanding of revolutionary theory on the level of persuasion, honesty, non-manipulative and working together whenever possible. This qualitative change in the relationship between groups and individuals has to accompany the ideological struggle, but we are against struggles on the local level. They call this manipulative and entist. When ISC says, "If you don't like them, join us," many people who supported the "independent" position had good reason to be turned off by the rhetoric of the "mob." Another problem is that some people who are not anti-communist support the ISCC's "anti-communist" position had good reason to be turned off by the "mob" and file.

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the potential for white support of a black-led movement at Malwhal at the present time. The question is not whether we should have ap­ proached white workers thoughtlessly, 500-long-haired kids stopping workers at the gate to demand that they hand over their weapons. But at Mahwah we learned little about this because we wouldn't bring any PL people with us. And under the circumstances, there was a definite link to the political situation--whether or not we have, whatever we did. We were outsiders, we took no political risks for ourselves, and gave little concrete material support to the strike. (The picket lines were manned by students who had no direct stake in the struggle, rather than by people who had no direct stake in the struggle, rather than by people having a direct stake in it.)

The point is, we should have begun to develop that base and build these ties from men.)