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MARCH ON GM



"MEN AND WOMEN, BLACK AND WHITE, WORKERS AND STUDENTS MUST UNITE!"--THOUSANDS TAKE UP THE CHANT IN FRONT OF GM'S WORLD HEADQUARTERS IN DETROIT AT SDS ELECTION DAY MARCH. SEE PAGES 6-7 FOR THE FULL STORY.

— San Francisco State —

Newspaper Office Takeover Sparks

FIGHT AGAINST SEXISM!

'The pill has liberated women. Since they aren't afraid of pregnancy they want to do it all the time.'

Tony Rogers
S. F. State Phoenix

This is the kind of sexist crap that S. I. Hayakawa is fighting for tooth and nail. And S. F. State SDS is fighting hard against it! On Nov. 16, around 100 students took over the office of the Phoenix, a university-funded students newspaper which dishes out a daily menu of blatantly sexist columns and derogatory anti-working class articles and editorials. They demanded that the authors of these attacks, columnist Tony Rogers and editor Otto Bos, be fired, that the paper retract these articles, and that they print an SDS-written article denouncing the attacks on women.

The Phoenix staff refused and the administration called in the Tactical Squad.

When a university sends the cops to protect a paper's 'right' to push sexism, it makes it clear that, for the ruling class, THE CONTINUED OPPRESSION OF WOMEN IS SERIOUS BUSINESS! The administration at S. F. State is fighting to keep ideas about women's inferiority in circulation, but SDS there is militantly challenging their 'right' to do that.

THE TAKEOVER

The following interview was taped over the telephone between the editor of NLN and Gary Barton from S. F. State SDS, during the takeover of the Phoenix office. At the time of the call,

people in the office were discussing the political effectiveness of seizing the office and whether they should stay or leave, since the Tactical Police were coming down the hall.)

GB: We put out a leaflet this morning and asked for people to assemble in front of the Commons at 10:30. From there we were going to go to the Phoenix office. We were going to confront them with basically the chauvinist articles that had been printed in the paper in the last year and a half and which had been coming to the forefront this semester. It came to a head last Friday when the school newspaper printed on the editoria page a really anti-working class article called 'Workers Versus the New Left'. I'm going to

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Champaign, Illinois

500 WORKERS AND STUDENTS PICKET SCAB G.M. RECRUITER

Nationwide, hundreds of students have come to see the importance of allying with workers. Champaign, Ill. is one example. There is no SDS chapter at that campus of the University of Illinois but there are some leftist organizations and a lot of sentiment in support of the GM strike. U of I students had a very militant demonstration against a GE recruiter last year. Support for the GM strikers was just as strong, no doubt helped by the fact that there is a GM plant 30 miles away in Danville.

Some people in SDS in Chicago accidentally found out that there was going to be a meeting Monday, Oct. 19 to talk about the GM recruiter that was coming the next day. Not knowing quite what to expect, three of us went down with some SDS lit and information about the Nov. 3 demonstration. It turned out to be a mass meeting with over 400 students and 25 GM workers. The meeting was very enthusiastic and the idea about the march in Detroit met with good response. We got some names of people whom we hope can be won to organizing to come to Detroit from Champaign.

We asked a friend to tell us about the action that occurred the next day. The following is part of his letter:

Yesterday (Tuesday) was a demonstration against GM and to protest the GM recruiter who is on campus. The demands were (1) selling the university's 4,000 shares of stock in GM and turning the money over to the Danville strike fund, (2) GM recruiter off campus, and (3) open admissions with taxes on corporations to pay for opening up the university. About 400 to 500 people marched over to the building where the recruiter was and set up a picket line with about 15 UAW workers participating. The chants were 'Wormaker, Strike-breaker, Off GM', 'Smash GM, Ally with Workers', and when a policeman showed up, 'Today's pigs are tomorrow's bacon'. About 75 of us went upstairs where the recruiter was and when the door opened we saw the recruiter surrounded by uniformed police. COPS PROTECT G.M. RECRUITER!

Anyway, the demonstration sort of collapsed and people thought it was a good demonstration politics-wise but came away with the feeling that we have to step up our struggle. People down here are collecting money (with good luck) for the laid-off workers at Danville, some auto workers and students went up to present the demands to the chancellor and were told that 'no responsible person would demand those things' and tonight is a meeting to discuss the next step in offing GM and talk about the GE recruiter who is also coming.

GM Dealer Shut-down

150 people concretely demonstrated their support for striking GM workers on Sat., Oct. 31 by shutting down Minneapolis' largest Chevy dealer. SDS organized a contingent from the anti-war rally sponsored by IMPAC, a successor of the now-defunct Student Mobe, by calling on students and workers to support the auto workers and reject the various liberals and union sell-outs speaking at the rally. The SDS-led contingent broke away from the main march upon its approach to Long Park, where the rally was to be held. The contingent, which represented about a fourth of the anti-war rally, marched to Downtown Cheyvtown and set up picket lines. Cops dressed up as workers tried to get people into fights and to break up the picket line by, for example, shouting male chauvinist remarks to the women. Despite the harrassment, the picketing remained organized. It was a real victory: a lot of new people were won to coming to the Nov. 3 demonstration and the idea of the worker-student alliance gained more support on the Univ. of Minn. campus.

Auto Strike:

UAW SELLS OUT GM WORKERS

Leonard Woodcock called the GM settlement a 'major victory'. That's just what it is -- a major victory for the big three bosses -- GM, Ford and Chrysler. NOT ONE DEMAND HAS BEEN MET.

1. The 'big wage increase': The papers talk about a '51¢ raise'. Actually, 26¢ of that was lost because of the ceiling on the cost of living increase in the last contract. That leaves auto workers with 25¢ in new money -- about \$7.00 a week take-home.

2. 'Unlimited cost of living'. This 'victory' is PURE FRAUD. The UAW dropped its demand that the cost of living be figured on the basis of 1¢ for every .3% increase in consumer price index; so the way it stands now, wage increases will only be 75% of the price increases, not 100%. But that's not all! Quarter readjustments won't be made until the third year of the contract. That means that cost of living will be figured according to last year's prices. The first adjustment won't be made until December 1971. This won't come close to keeping up with inflation.

3. 'Thirty and out'. No change at all until October 1971. Then retirement with full pension at a minimum age of 58, PLUS THIRTY YEARS SERVICE. This means that if a worker starts at age 18 and retires thirty years later, he won't get the full pension, but only \$100 a month.

4. 'Paid dental care'. This 'high priority' demand was ABANDONED.

5. 'Local issues'. No real fight was made around issues like speed-up and hazardous working conditions, which are some of the main grievances of the strikers. This year, as in the past, Woodcock wants everyone with a local settlement to go back to work while others are still out. THIS IS ACTUALLY AN ORDER TO SCAB ON THE WORKERS WHO HAVEN'T SETTLED AND GONE BACK.

6. The UAW has never even talked about demands against GM's policy about keeping black and other minority workers in the lowest classifications at the lowest pay, nor demands against racist harrassment by foremen. It all adds up to one thing: this is the worst sellout in the history of the UAW!

CONTINUE SUPPORT OF G.M. STRIKERS!

Auto strikers aren't fooled by this settlement; they know that it stinks and that the union leadership didn't lead a fight to win a better one. In many areas, workers' committees are organizing against the settlement. They aren't fooled by the papers' and Woodcock's attempt to say the strike is over. Even if the settlement was accepted, the strike wouldn't be over. Hundreds of local grievances remain to be settled.

Students shouldn't be fooled either -- we should build the boycott against the GM. On Sat., Nov. 14, the Workers' Strike Support Committee, including members of the Progressive Labor Party, led a march in Boston of about 300 people. Workers and students marched through some of the city's housing projects to Luby Chevrolet, where picket lines were successfully set up. SDS supported and took part in this demonstration. We should continue to boycott until every worker has gone back. SUPPORT THE AUTO STRIKE!

Detroit SDS

U.S. resumes bombings students demand: US Out of S.E. Asia

The US government has decided to continue heavy bombing raids against North Vietnam. They say this is necessary to "warn" the Vietnamese not to "take advantage" of Vietnamization by stepping up their fight against US imperialism. In other words: in order to get out of Vietnam, they're escalating the war! This is the same phony argument Nixon used during the Cambodian invasion. US students and working people weren't fooled then, and they won't be fooled this time either! The bombings make it clear that the US HAS NO INTENTION OF GETTING OUT OF S.E. ASIA. In fact, US rulers are willing to use tremendous force in order to stay there. This is no "tragic mistake," as liberals would still have us believe. The rich men who run this country have been trying for years to make S.E. Asia "safe" for US big business interests. That's the REAL reason why the US has to keep up the bombing: because Vietnamese peasants and workers have been fighting back heroically--THEY REFUSE TO GIVE IN. They have every right to shoot down US planes; these reconnaissance planes and bombers are part of US rulers' vicious attack on the Vietnamese people.

US bosses have NO RIGHT to be in S.E. Asia. The lesson is clear: the only way we can get them out is

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MIT — SDS Follows Lead of Black Workers'

FIGHT RACIST PAY DIFFERENTIAL



SDS rally supports workers fight against racism, William Pinson, professor and friend of SDS, hits racist boss MIT.

'I THINK S.D.S. IS USING THESE BLACK WORKERS FOR THEIR OWN ULTIMATE GOALS,' SO SAID BLACK DEAN JAMES BISHOP, ON BARGING INTO A STRATEGY MEETING OF THE M.I.T. ANTI-RACISM CAMPAIGN.

'NOBODY'S USING US,' RESPONDED HERB LEE, ONE OF THE WORKERS WHO WAS CHAIRING THE MEETING. 'WE'VE BEEN LEADING THIS STRUGGLE FROM THE START.'

Herb, and two other black workers at the MIT Faculty Club have initiated and led a terrific struggle against MIT's racism. For sixteen years they've worked under a racist alcoholic boss named William Morrison. This guy is arrogant enough to demand personal service of the workers like taking his clothes to the laundry, calls all the black workers 'boys', and still claims that he's not a racist -- that some of his best friends on his high school football team were 'colored'.

On top of this, at the present time Morrison pays the workers (banquet custodians) 65 cents less than white workers (stagehand janitors) for exactly the same work.

The workers decided that they had to fight, and contacted SDS for student support. We organized an initial rally of one hundred at the Faculty Club, where the workers explained their demands:

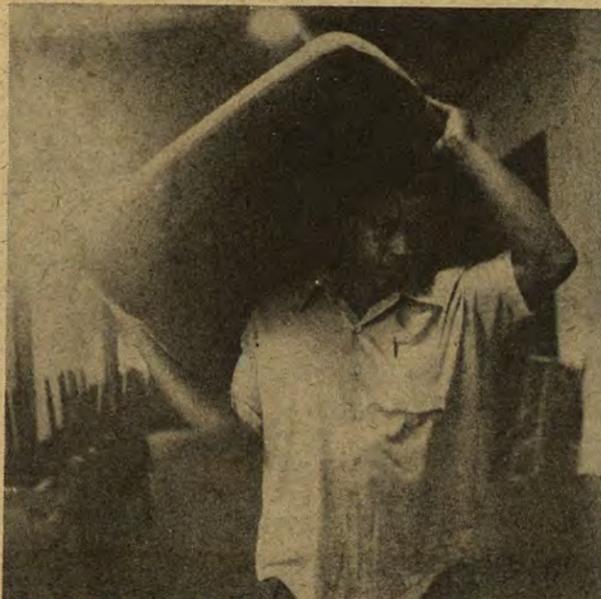
1. Equal pay for equal work -- end the racist wage differential.

2. Retroactive pay -- make up all the money the workers lost because of the differential.

Sixteen years worth in the case of Herb Lee.

3. FIRE MORRISON -- a pig like Morrison cannot stay. The bosses must be intimidated from using racism again.

4. Preferential promotion and hiring of black workers. As Herb Lee explained, 'We don't want to stop with our own demands. We want to bring the struggle to a higher level -- to fight MIT's racism across the board. There are no black plumbers, painters, carpenters, electricians -- in fact, the only skilled black workers are three heat and vent men.'



Boss Morrison claims Faculty Club workers don't move furniture; but 1 picture beats 1000 lies!

A week after this spirited rally, the workers confronted the Faculty Club management with about 150 student and faculty supporters, black and white. MIT's sole response was that they would submit the issue to arbitration with the union.

This is a joke! The workers know that the union is racist and a sellout. They report that when they first asked the union rep, Cadigan, for help, he replied 'What can we do?'

The workers, who themselves initiated the fight, refuse to accept this 'arbitration' that 'their' union has agreed to.

The next action was when about 25 black students confronted MIT's 'Equal Opportunities' Commission and presented the workers' demands. The Commission refused to discuss the matter, giving the same sham excuses and dodges as the other administrators.

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THE STONING OF A PRESIDENT, 1970

Oct. 29 -- Nixon's personal secretary said that San Jose was the worst reception he'd received since Venezuela. About 4000 people, including over 1000 workers greeted Nixon, Reagan, and Murphy's election pitch with boos.

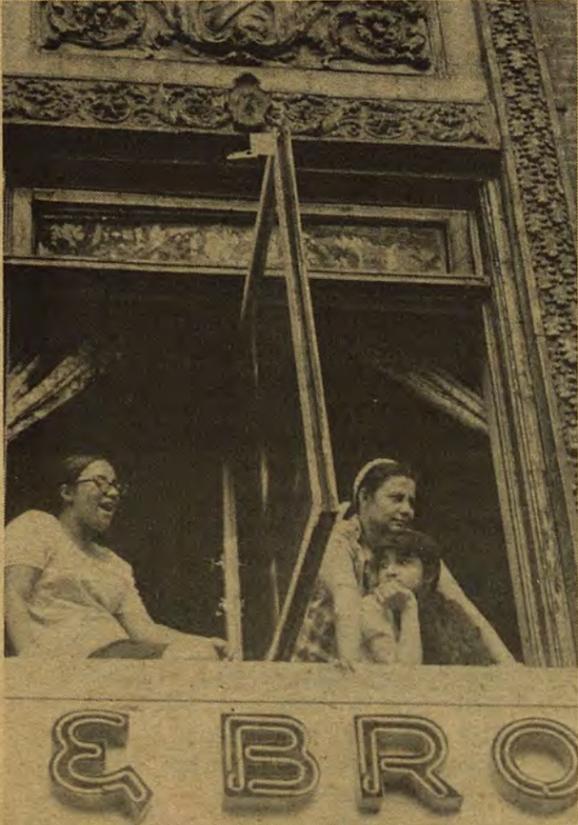
When the president flashed a double V sign, the crowd fought off the Tac Squad, and attacked the motorcade with eggs, rocks, and bottles; smashing windows and hospitalizing at least one secret service man.

Among the 'anarchistic nihilists' present were hundreds of aerospace workers, layed-off when companies went after low wage labor in Asia, South America, and open-shop New Mexico. Unemployment in Santa Clara county is now officially 9.3%, fed by an average of 125 lay-offs a week.

Nixon's attempts to split students and workers were further exposed by the presence of GM strikers, hospital workers, Chicano farmworkers, and construction workers organized by a group called 'hardhats against Nixon'.

A week earlier, Democratic congressman John V. Tunney was also met by fists on a handshaking tour of East Los Angeles. Chanting 'Down with Tunney' and 'Bandidos', Chicanos chased Tunney and Henry Fonda to a helicopter escape.

CELEBRATE WORKERS INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY



Puerto Rican workers in NYC respond to cries of "Que viva socialismo!"

For hundreds of SDS members who are friends or members of the Progressive Labor Party, the weekend of October 24-25 was a landmark in the struggle of and for the working class of all countries. International Solidarity weekend brought 2500 people together in the capital of US imperialism to shout to the world's ruling classes that more and more are ready TO FIGHT FOR SOCIALISM! Early Saturday afternoon, people from Canada, the northeastern US, and Puerto Rico assembled on Essex St. for a quick, spirited rally and began the march through New York's Lower East Side. Chants of 'Que viva socialismo', and 'Same enemy, same fight,

NEW LEFT NOTES DEADLINE: NOV. 30

In order for the next issue to be out in time for the convention, we will have to have all articles and especially proposals for the convention in before November 30. It is really important that proposals be clear and sharp and are given a chance to be discussed before the convention. So get started RIGHT NOW. DON'T WAIT!

Dear friends of Democracy:

After reading a copy of 'SDS New Left Notes', distributed at the anti-Agnew rally here, I would like to subscribe to this outstanding publication.

However, I am not certain that I am eligible to enroll as a member of SDS, since I am not a student. Possibly I am, in the sense that all thinking, concerned working people are students.

I have worked in factories for 27 years, as I presently do, always a union man and what Mr. Agnew calls a 'radical-liberal'. Therefore, I heartily applaud the efforts of SDS to formulate a student-worker coalition, working together for the betterment of both groups.

So, if I am eligible for membership in SDS, please enroll me as a member for one year, but, in any case, please enter a subscription to SDS New Left Notes for that period.

For Love and Peace,
Burrell B. Burke, Jr.
Hartford, Conn.

P.S.: I admire Tom Hayden and Rennie Davis tremendously. I was one of the many thousands wildly applauding Tom Hayden's address at the Bobby Seale rally in New Haven, May 2, 1970.

workers of the world unite' were hailed by cheers and clenched fists in the largely Latin and black community, and a number of people joined the march. Led by the Internationale played from a sound truck, we advanced to the Canadian consulate to denounce Prime Minister Trudeau's war measures act, one of the fiercest tools of rulers' repression in this hemisphere.

Sunday's drizzle was ignored by the 2200 who celebrated in the Riverside Plaza Ballroom. After a chicken dinner, leaders of the Canadian Party of Labor, the Liga Socialista of Puerto

Rico, and the Progressive Labor Party told of fights in their own countries and stressed that international working-class solidarity was crucial to success in each country. Skits and songs like 'Bella Ciao' emphasized that we must depend on militant, fighting people, not politicians, negotiators, or sell-out union hacks to win our battles.

We ended the afternoon singing 'A better world's in birth'. No birth comes without struggle or pain. After this great weekend, we are sure our struggle will win!



SDS members join with workers and students of three countries during International Solidarity weekend proclaimed by three communist revolutionary parties.

UTAH Students, Workers Shout Down Agnew; Demand:

U.S. OUT OF S.E. ASIA, COPS OUT OF THE GHETTOS!

Catch this scene: A 'patriotic rally' of around a thousand people gathered together in the cold autumn air, outside the high grey wall which surrounds the Mormon Temple in downtown Salt Lake City, Utah. The crowd, not overly enthusiastic, listened to an enthusiastic emcee and waited for Agnew to make his appearance. Dispersed throughout the crowd were about three to five hundred students and workers with anti-imperialist, anti-Agnew signs.

Pre-rally entertainment included the Brigham Young Singers with a number of patriotic songs -- Brigham Young University is owned and run by the Mormon Church which is headed by the biggest businessmen in Utah and most of the West!

The songs are over. The emcee tried to fill the time, Agnew still hadn't arrived -- suddenly, into the street, from around the corner, burst 150 high school students, marching three abreast, and chanting at the top of their lungs, 'Same enemy, same fight! Workers and students must unite!' They carried signs reading, 'Smash Racism!', and 'U.S. Out of Viet Nam Now! No Negotiations!'

At first the crowd was surprised, silent -- the militant high school students marched to join the rally, their chant, 'WORKERS AND STUDENTS MUST UNITE!' hitting the ears of workers, students and bosses alike. At that point, many in the crowd cheered them while bosses and reactionaries booed. Several goons attacked the high school students, but they stuck together and repelled the attack. When Agnew finally arrived, the high school students along with a good number of the college students and workers, showed him what they thought of his anti-worker and student, pro-boss bull shit speech by booing and chanting, forcing him to stop more than a few times!

This was the first city-wide high school demonstration in the history of Salt Lake City and was organized by high school students working with us in the chapter here at the University of Utah. The demonstration has helped tremendously to solidify the high school anti-imperialist movement in the city. In building for the demonstration, thousands of leaflets were passed out at about ten high schools, and at nearly every one.

SUPPORT BLACK REBELLIONS!

* Cairo

Black workers have been fighting back! Here in Alexander County, which is 50% black, they face some of the worst and most racist conditions in the country: **LOW-PAYING JOBS:** The average yearly income is \$4,000 and \$1,60-1,65 is the starting wage in the two major factories here; **TREMENDOUS UNEMPLOYMENT:** 35% of the people have to go on some form of welfare. Over a year ago the United Front, an organization of black residents, began an effective boycott of the white businesses that were exploiting the community. Cairo businessmen didn't like this one bit; the Ill. State Attorney organized a KKK-type vigilante group made up of white businessmen, cops, and city officials. Known as the 'white hats', this group freely attacked blacks, shot up housing projects, etc. But black workers haven't been intimidated -- several times they have successfully driven cops out of their community with sniper fire. On Nov. 8 they burned a lumber company owned by a leader of the 'white hats'. And two weeks before, they pinned cops down in their own police station for six hours.

* Carbondale

On Nov. 12, two campus cops at Southern Illinois Univ. here were shot by an unknown black man, who had been stopped for a traffic violation. The cops used this as an excuse for an attack on the black community; they shot up half a block with machine guns, including a house where several Black Panthers live. Several people were wounded. In order to fight back, the black people of the community are talking about a boycott like the one in Cairo, fifty miles away.

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After all these attempts to get MIT to respond to the demands had failed, black students shut down a gala 'Wild West' party given by, of all people (!), 'Wild Bill' Morrison at the Faculty Club. Starting about 7:30 Saturday night, they leafleted and asked people to leave. Some faculty turned away and the party was cancelled. SDS and UAG (University Action Group, composed of faculty and grad students) organized a support rally of 75 people at 9:30.

The main point of the campaign is that SDS has held back from making ties with black students. The administration is using its black deans like Bishop and Allison to split the struggle. First they promised to help if the BSU would keep white students out of the struggle. Now with 25 blacks facing discipline for the party disruption, they promise leniency if the whole struggle is cooled. These black sellout administrators who try to split people up and smash struggles with intimidation are no friends of anyone except the university bosses.

Our main strength in this struggle has been the workers. They see clearly that unity between black and white students is essential, that the black deans and union leaders are sellouts, and that only mass struggle will win their demands, and on a higher level, SMASH RACISM AT M.I.T.



U.Conn students begin standing ovation for African liberation; after a few minutes Patricio got the message!

UConn SDS

STUDENTS PUT PORTUGUESE DIPLOMAT ON RUN

Minister Patricio's speech in the Student Union Ballroom never got further than his opening: 'Thank you for your warm welcome.' At that point, Afro-American, African and white students, numbering 300, stood up, clapped rhythmically, and prevented Patricio from spreading his racist lies. Amidst SDS led chants of 'Out of Asia, Out of U. Conn', Patricio - with a nervous smile and a quivering chin - was escorted out by eight Secret Service men carrying walkie-talkies in paper bags.

Not only was Patricio driven from the Student Union, but according to the Hartford Courant, he immediately left Storrs, Conn. and fled to New York City!

Dr. Rui Patriocio, the foreign minister of Portugal's fascist and colonialist regime, tried to give a speech on 'Portuguese policy in Africa' at the University of Connecticut on November 16. He intended to organize support for the racist, colonialist oppression of Africans in Mozambique, Angola and Guinea-Dissau, which he personally spearheads for US and Portuguese big business.

With only four days notice, SDS and African students met, and wrote a leaflet calling for mass action to prevent Patricio from speaking. The leaflet was mass-distributed on campus.

In its African colonies, Portugal, right now, has 100,000 troops trying to suppress the people's liberation movements there, using US supplied napalm to do it. The country with the lowest standard of living in Europe, Portugal nevertheless spends 50% of its budget to maintain this army, with the help of the US and NATO. Gulf Oil Corporation, the largest single investor in Portuguese Africa, maintains its own small army!

Stopping Patricio from speaking was a tremendous victory for students at U.Conn and for workers and oppressed people in Africa. As the foreign minister of the fascist Portuguese regime, Minister Patricio's right to justify and try to gain support for Portuguese colonialism and its racist atrocities in Africa is in direct conflict with the right of the oppressed people of Africa to fight for their freedom. Since these rights are in contradiction, one or the other must be smashed -- either the rights of the people or the rights of the bosses to exploit and oppress. We side with rights of the African working people to build a movement of liberation.

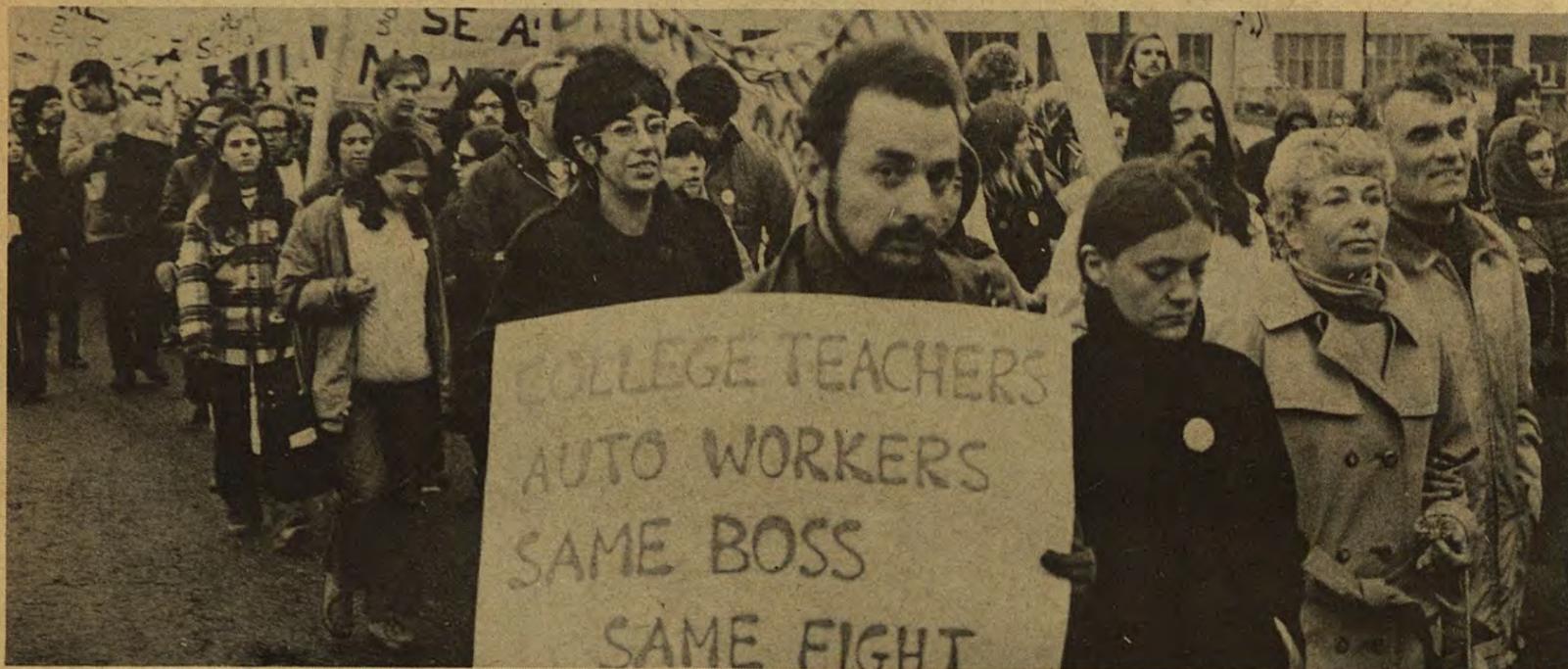
There are those who say that we should have let Patricio speak and then put him down with facts and figures. It is fine to study about Portugal and Africa, but when a murderer comes around, he must be treated as a murderer -- not a debating opponent. There is nothing about colonialism to be debated... it VICIOUSLY oppresses many to serve the few!!

Freedom of speech is not an abstraction; it has to do with people, not ideas. When the 'right' of the world's rulers to attack people conflicts with the right of those people to live decent lives, we know which side we're on. Denying the foreign minister the 'right' to justify colonialism is the same fight as denying ROTC officers the 'right' to oppress the Vietnamese people. At the same time that the U. Conn Administration and the US rulers talk about 'freedom of speech' they are charging Jim Sober (SDS and PLP member at U. Conn) with 35 years worth of felonies (see New Left Notes, Sept. 28). They're trying to keep Jim from speaking on campus because they fear his communist ideas -- ideas which say that not only should bosses like Patricio be denied the right to speak, but they should be denied the capacity to exploit and oppress workers and peasants.

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TO FORCE THEM OUT. That means stepping up the fight against all the ways the universities serve the warmakers. We have to continue campaigns to kick ROTC off campus, to abolish campus war research, and to stop war recruiters. It also means that we must ally with workers in this country -- who are most hurt by the war -- in their fights against US bosses, the same bosses who are struggling to stay in Vietnam. Only a fighting alliance against these can win the demand that the US GET OUT OF SOUTHEAST ASIA NOW! SMASH ROTC! FIGHT TO WIN!

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'Elections are a pack of lies -- don't vote, organize! Power to the working class -- Kick the bosses in the ass! Same enemy, same fight -- workers and students must unite!' Shouting these chants and waving hundreds of banners in the air, over 2,000 students and workers marched on GM's world headquarters in Detroit on Nov. 3. SDS's first national demonstration in years brought people from the entire eastern part of the nation - from as far away as Texas and Georgia - to rally in support of the auto strike, and to say that only an alliance with working people can fight to end the war, racism and the oppression of women. And over half of the marchers were from Detroit itself -- workers from the huge factories which make up the city and students from its universities and high schools. They came by the hundreds, despite the desperate pleas of Henry Ford, Leonard

Woodcock (UAW boss), Detroit's mayor, and the governor of Michigan -- all of whom went on state-wide TV a few days before the SDS demonstration to 'urge' people to stay away! But obviously the people weren't fooled -- they

know whose side these creeps are on -- and it isn't on the side of working people!

The main way people in Detroit were won to coming though, was through a massive effort on the part of SDS to reach out to them, with leaflets, New Left Notes, and RAT skits. About 500 SDSers arrived for the demonstration a day early. People got up at 5 a.m. to go to plant gates to leaflet and sell New Left Notes and Challenge, the newspaper of the Progressive Labor Party. At Mack Stamping Plant, five workers, after reading the literature being handed out, offered their homes to put up members of SDS for the night. After the shift change, many people went to high schools to talk with students about

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On December 27-31 SDS is holding a national convention in Chicago. All indications are that it should be the largest assembly SDS has ever had to date. SDS is a mass organization which fights against the oppression of women, racism, and U.S. imperialism invites everyone to come and participate in what should be the biggest gathering of pro-working class students this country has seen in recent years.

More and more students are realizing the necessity of an alliance with workers as essential in fighting against the things that divide and oppress the majority of people in the United States. During the student strike last Spring thousands of students became involved in taking leaflets out to factories and talking to workers. For this reason, liberal politicians, who have vested interests contrary to those of the masses of working people in this country, have been pushing a student-labor union leader alliance -- witness the recent plans Ted Kennedy used to work with Woody Woodcock himself in an effort to 'help' the workers at G.M.

Also there are the so-called 'radical' groups such as the YSA/SMC and YPSL which have openly invited noted labor union leaders to speak at their forums. These groups see relying on

sell-out union misleaderships rather than on the fighting militancy of the rank and file. Consistently they have pushed pacifism and fear rather than the idea of fighting back harder and advancing the struggle. Their civil libertarian stand on Kent State sounded like they forgot about the main point of the whole matter which was that people were fighting back against the university's involvement in U.S. imperialism, i.e. ROTC, and that those actions deserved the support of everyone.

We feel that SDS is the only organization of students which is serious about building a strong worker-student alliance that fights to win. During the GE strike last year SDS took actions against scab recruiters on campus. There were two huge demonstrations in Washington, D.C. in which thousands of students supported the GE strikers. Hundreds of students swarmed to the picket lines, and at Northeastern University in Boston, GE strikers actually came and set up a picket line to thank the students for their support.

Ghetto rebellions like the ones in New Bedford, Mass., Asbury Park, N.J., Hartford, Conn. and Cairo, Ill. have been supported by SDS. Black and Latin workers have spoken at many of our

demonstrations like the big one in NYC sponsored by SDS in support of Asbury Park.

Many campuses have seen workers and students allying in committees to fight around grievances against university practices.

Then on Nov. 3 - Election Day - 2600 militant black and white, workers and students marched against the bosses of GM in Detroit and San Jose in one of the biggest pro-working class demonstrations in US history.

Since SDS is the only organization really engaged in building an actual worker-student alliance, it has come under sharp attack from the big businessmen that run this country. SDSers are being arrested on trumped up charges nearly every week. Nine were arrested in Detroit on 'jay-walking' charges. (We must be doing something right!)

The Press has desparately tried to squelch any coverage of SDS marches and demonstrations. Either complete distortions are given or there are total blackouts, the classic example of which was the complete ignoral of the Washington, D.C. demonstration in front of the Labor Dept. where thousands of people took part. The other end of

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the demonstration. The response was tremendous.

The Detroit cops followed their bosses' orders and harrassed people who were trying to build for the demonstration (nine people were arrested for jaywalking while they were leafletting!). But workers and students stood with us against the cops. At one high school, when police began harrassing people selling NLN and Challenge, students came over and surrounded them, protecting them from the cops.

One group of SDS people went over to Detroit Univ., and held a rally about the demonstration. The students there thought the idea was great -- now they have an SDS chapter! These are only a few examples of the enthusiasm and support for SDS ideas and actions. In fact, Detroit SDS made over 400 contacts with people who want to join in struggle.

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the Press' ax has been aimed at spreading the lie that SDS is responsible for the late wave of terrorist activity. The truth of the matter is that in fact, SDS has had nothing to do with terrorism or the terrorist Weathermen.

SDS has had some successes, but there's a long way to go. There is a lot of work to be done and we've just scratched the surface. This is why Chicago is so important.

Several members of the National Interim Committee (NIC) have proposed that during the convention we do mass work and build for an action on the last day of the convention. There are many issues that we could help the people of Chicago fight around like unemployment and a possible steel strike in the near future. Hundreds of thousands of workers and students in Chicago will be reached and talked to. At the convention we will not only be discussing how best to build a worker-student alliance, but also we will be actually doing it, putting our ideas into practice. There will be much discussion also as to where, concretely we should go from here. (see proposals)

Everyone interested should bring their proposals, their ideas, themselves, and their friends and JOIN US IN CHICAGO IN DECEMBER!

SAN JOSE

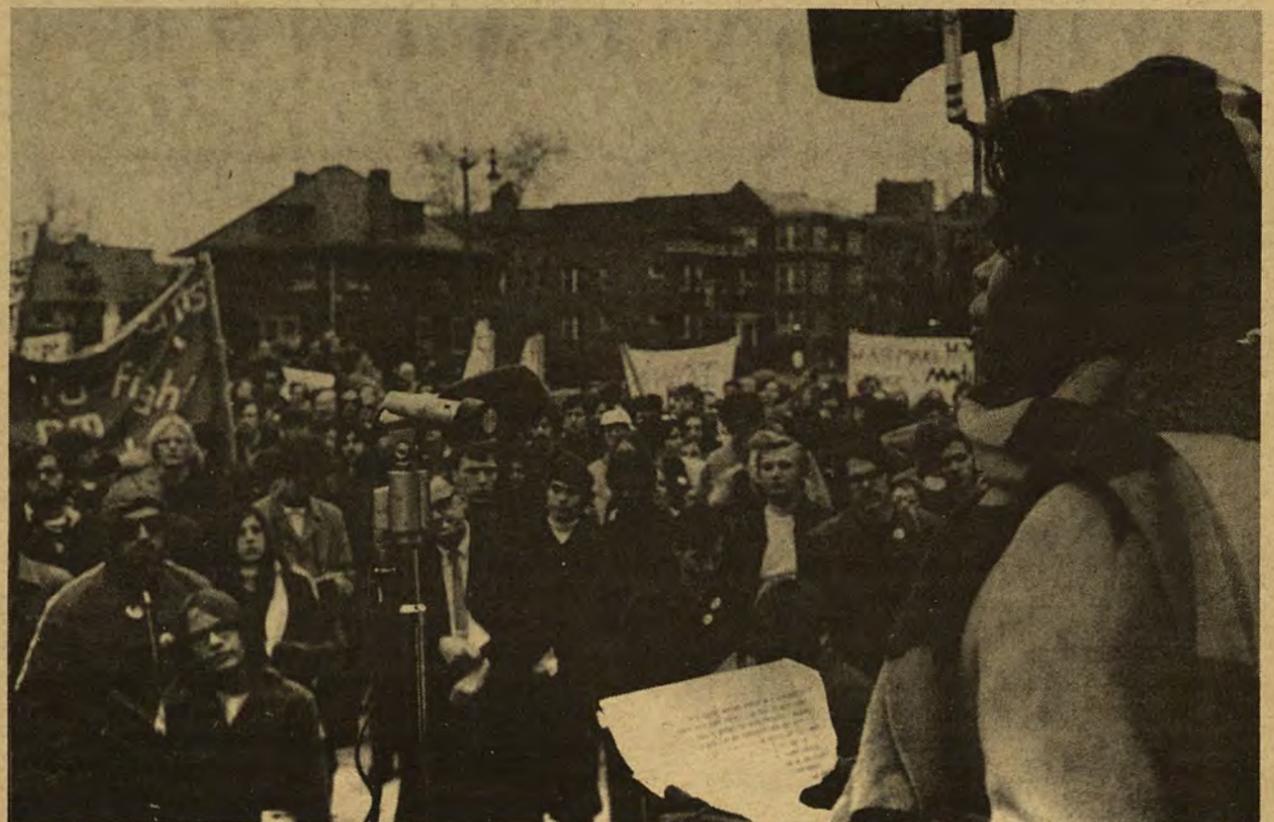
Meanwhile, on the same day, 600 students and workers from all over the West Coast demonstrated in San Jose to support the GM strikers and to expose the elections as a hoax. As in Detroit, the response was very exciting. People leafletted the colleges, high schools, factories, and shopping centers all over San Jose to build for the demonstration.

The speakers at the pre-march rally included a member of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, black and chicano auto workers, students from Berkeley, S.F. State, and Salt Lake City SDS, and members of the Progressive Labor Party. Beginning at a federal courthouse, the march advanced to Phelps Oldsmobile dealer. A lot of people joined the march en route, despite the riot cops who were trailing us in paddy wagons.

At Phelps, people found a sign in the window: 'We are closed to allow employees time to vote.' It was the first time in anyone's memory that a San Jose GM dealer had closed down on Election Day. Lesson: WHEN THE STRUGGLE SHARPENS, THE BOSSES START PLUGGING ELECTIONS. After a rally at the Olds dealer, people went out into the community to collect food and money for the striking auto workers. They brought back sackloads of food. The auto workers who spoke at the rally were exuberant.

These national demonstrations were a concrete way of supporting the GM strikers, and they were tremendously successful. What they showed is that a worker-student alliance can happen, if people go out and build it!

**DARE TO STRUGGLE -- DARE TO WIN
BUILD THE WORKER-STUDENT ALLIANCE!**



Detroit--Rosie Parks, Chicago welfare mother, speaks at rally on Wayne State campus before march to GM world headquarters.

The time is right

... BUILD A MASS S.D.S.!

It is evident that we are not anywhere near our goal of having the majority of students consider SDS their own organization. The question we are posing is: Is it just our timidity that is holding us back, or are we making fundamental political errors?

THE PROGRAM -- A START

Our campus activities should make mass issues of attacking the role of the university in developing a program around students' needs in terms of health care, skyrocketing tuition and

At NYU there is little cost free medical service for students; there is no gynecologist for women, no day-care center. The only way to get these concessions from NYU's owners is to fight for them in militant campaigns which expose the University's spending priorities: war research first, racist and male chauvinist research second, ... university students and employees last and least.



1969 West Coast National Council- SDS marches in support of San Fernando Valley State Students.

A worker-student alliance which has any impact, requires masses of workers and students. SDS has to bring the students, and we're not doing it. For a student organization we're doing a very poor job of bringing in students. We have the narrow approach of hammering away about worker-student alliance until we submerge the content of any particular struggle against the war, racism, male chauvinism, etc. -- for example, the demonstration at Columbia University, Riverside Research Institute which never mentioned the war or the Institute itself; the National Demonstration, Nov. 3, which was supposed to focus on the elections, the war, racism and male chauvinism, but which actually became just a support of the auto strike demonstration. On campus we never initiate struggles unless they are directly linked with the oppression of workers.

living costs, lousy classes which aren't just boring but racist and male chauvinist as well. These conditions can be improved through struggle and create a strong link between the students and community around their common needs for medical care, housing and some means of

Women's liberation has been discussed in and out of SDS, but as yet no large and militant fights have developed under radical leadership. Possible issues include university-funded day-care, gynecological facilities, and an end to university discrimination in graduate programs and financial aid, the job shortage upon graduation, etc. The male chauvinist practices which students are subjected to can be readily connected with the sharper examples among working women. But we must begin by raising these issues on campus and winning concessions from the university administration.

It is important to develop a program against political repression. This could take the form of support demonstrations for Black Panthers, Young Lords, SDSers, PLPers, and all other progressive political people being attacked by the government.

Liberals in the anti-war movement say 'Bring the boys home', but don't confront the origins of that war -- imperialism. Liberals in the women's liberation movement campaign for free abortions and campus gynecologists, but don't directly address themselves to the question of systematic male chauvinism. This does not mean that it is reformist for SDS to fight the war and it is not reformist for SDS to involve masses of students in the fight for day care, etc. In fact, we must do these things in order to relate to most students, but we must remember these are only the entry points into the struggles.

We have no political quarrel about the worker-student alliance, but it should be evident to everyone in the organization that SDS needs a great deal more than this one approach if it is to fulfill its goal of leading a mass student movement. The worker-student alliance is basically a revolutionary strategy; we shouldn't be afraid to say this, it's the best selling point for the alliance. However, masses of students are not, at this time, able to, or willing to, participate in building this alliance. Many see no connection between workers and basic change in this society. Often they think that there is no working class, that workers are reactionary and that they are already overpaid.



Asbury Park, N.J., 1970.

The problem with building a worker-student alliance, as with building SDS, is not just reaching workers but reaching students too. For that reason we feel SDS must do a lot more than just build a worker-student alliance. It has to put forward struggles that will relate much more easily to masses of students. And then, hopefully, after they struggle together, masses of students will see the essential need for ally-ing with workers on a revolutionary level.

counteracting the rapidly rising cost of living. At New York University, for instance, where tuition is rapidly approaching \$3000 per year, a struggle may be initiated around opposing any further tuition hike. The university of course pleads poverty, but we can show that the trustees are some of the richest men in the world.

We can approach liberal students (who have not been reached by any organization) by uniting with them around some of these mass issues on campus. In practice this will mean that we develop an area of agreement and work out political disagreements in personal and group discussion. But major polemics at meetings and demonstrations will only destroy any alliance or defeat it with boredom before it starts.

So-called 'liberal' students are not our enemies. They are not professional liberals like Humphrey, McGovern, etc. They are not bosses yet, or even bosses' tools, and won't be if we can show them how they can fight for their needs. That should be what we mean when we spout off frequent self-criticisms for being too sectarian. It is with such attempts to really reach out that we can attract liberal students to a winning radical alternative.

The struggle must always be focussed directly and the temptation to always slip off into flaming revolutionary generalities be resisted. So many times we have held one-shot demonstrations which aren't focussed against anything. In New York we worked our asses off building for the anti-war demonstration this summer. It was at the Riverside Research Institute, where they actually planned the strategic bombing pattern, detonation altitudes, etc. for nuclear warfare. And amazingly, although four or five speakers talked a lot about imperialism, sell-out liberation struggles, and things, we somehow forgot to ever mention Riverside Research. Instead of focussing our demonstration in support of ghetto

Take The Lead...

Build A Mass Worker-Student Alliance

The following proposal is a rough draft.

On election day, 1970, an alliance of over 2,000 workers and students demonstrated in Detroit their unified support for the national GM strike. The demonstration - which also supported ghetto rebellions - put forward that the elections are a hoax, and that the US should get out of South East Asia now -- was a direct result of our work to build a worker-student alliance; it was a major step forward in building a solid alliance between millions of rank and file workers and students. Hundreds of auto workers came to the action, and literally hundreds of thousands of workers and students know that SDS is building a worker-student alliance.

Many students saw the need for a worker-student alliance when the idea was put forward within the anti-war movement a few years ago, but many thought it could not work. Students assumed that the vast majority of the workers were basically content with the status quo. Problems such as the Vietnam war were seen as the mistakes of a few government officials, rather than as class struggle. Many students felt, and presently feel, that (1) the struggles of Vietnamese people, and American black and Latin people are not basically the struggle of



GE workers at Northeastern University last year.

working people against bosses, and (2) on the job struggles at home could not deal serious blows to the ruling class.

Workers themselves have shown how false many of these ideas are. In Southeast Asia, workers and peasants continue to fight courageously in the face of massive intervention and 'phony peace proposals'; black and Latin workers, women and men, in ghettos from New Bedford to Detroit, to Los Angeles; workers' on the job struggles like the postal, GE and GM strikes have of necessity attacked the national interest as well as inflation, lousy wages and working conditions.

It is important that students, as they have often done in the past, side with workers against the bosses. It is necessary that in doing so, students build a solid alliance with workers so that the movement will constantly advance, grow and not become stagnant. SDS should take the lead in building this alliance.

FIGHT THE UNIVERSITY

During the past few years students have played a tremendous role in supporting workers' struggles in fighting the ruling class. The Columbia, Harvard and San Francisco revolts are all examples of pro-working class actions students have taken. In all the examples mentioned above, students who saw the need to support the Vietnamese and American working people found they had to attack the university administration which fought tooth and nail to protect ROTC, war re-

search and its racist, anti-working class policies. During the strike last spring, on the other hand, many students found themselves allying with reactionary university administrations, because they didn't see the university as playing a role in oppressing working people at home and around the world. It is absolutely essential that SDS put forward the need to attack the university's anti-working class practices. Students should look to SDS as an organization that builds fights against ROTC, war research, and racist expansion.

BUILD LASTING WORKER-STUDENT UNITY

But if we limit the worker-student alliance to students fighting pro-working class struggles, the alliance itself will remain just an abstract idea. Worker-student alliance means that masses of workers and students see themselves as allies, and actually ally against their common enemies -- big businessmen and their lackies the cops, university administrators, phony labor leaders, etc. Workers would look to students as allies to support their struggles against the bosses (as in Los Angeles where striking teamsters came to students for support). Students and workers would actually fight the universities, big business and the government, together (at numerous campuses teamsters refused to cross picket lines during the student strike against the Cambodian invasion). Our program should always be to develop unbreakable ties between masses of students and workers.

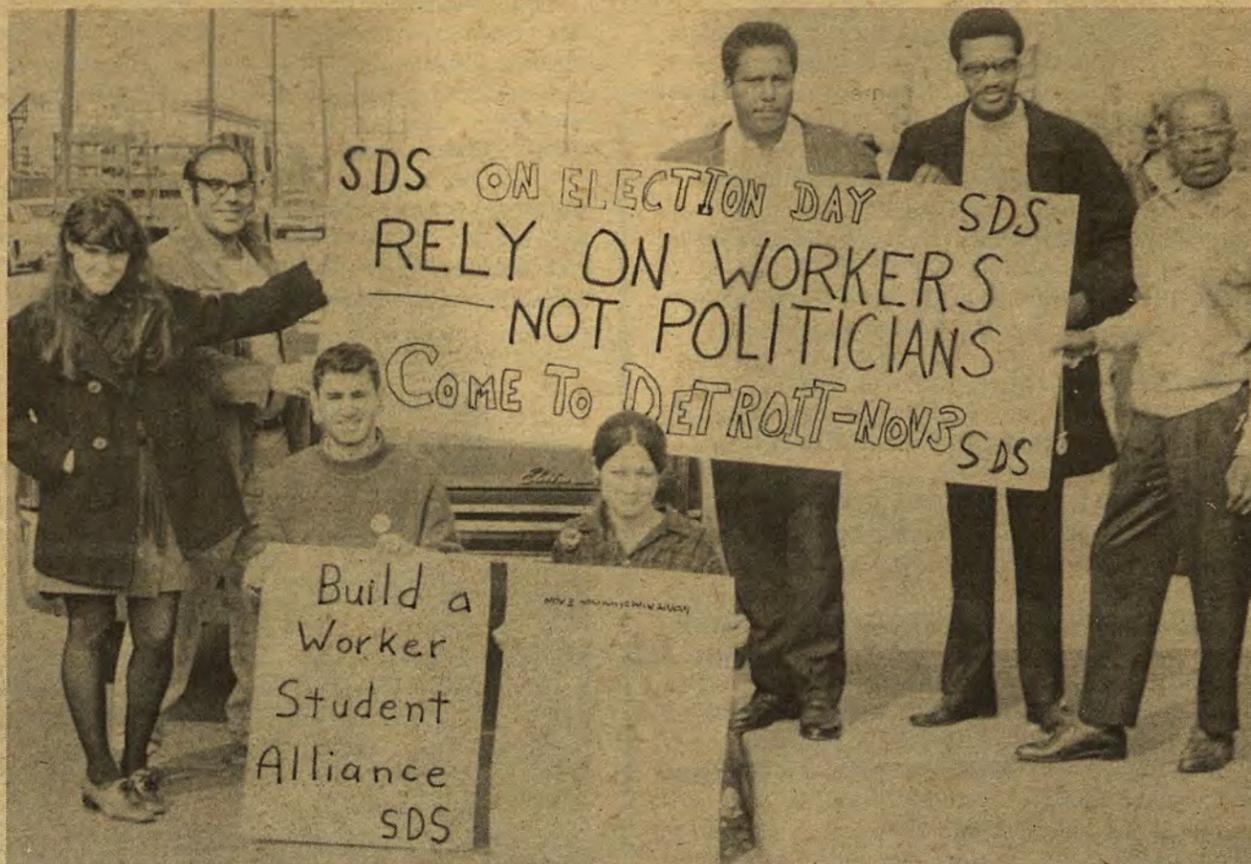
Some people say that the worker-student alliance is a good idea, but that it should not be

ganization with many people with many different ideas is right, but that alone won't beat the bosses.

In order to build a worker-student alliance we need to put forward a program to masses of students and workers and take the lead in building it. The program should include: (1) massive support for national strikes, such as the GM and postal strikes. Also we should build support for as many local strikes as possible. (2) Fight racism by building massive support for the struggles of black workers in the ghettos (leafleting, demonstrations, and when possible, militant actions). (3) Fight male-chauvinism by supporting the struggles of women campus workers against rotten wages and working conditions. Build other struggles against Chauvinist ideas and practices which oppress women workers and students. (4) Fight lies told by the boss's press which attack and divide workers and students -- lies such as 'strikes are inflationary', ghetto rebellions are 'aimless riots', and all student radicals are 'terrorists'. If we don't respond to these attacks, no one will. (5) Join in student-worker demonstrations to support strikes, ghetto rebellions, oppose US imperialism, support welfare mothers, fight unemployment. (6) Build a strong campus worker-student alliance based on campus workers' struggles. In fact, on most campuses this would probably be where students would first build strong ties with workers.

MASS APPROACH NECESSARY

We can't possibly build a strong worker-student alliance without raising our ideas sharply



the leading strategy of SDS. The reason often given for this is that allying with workers is not where students heads are at, and that the strategy would hold SDS back from becoming a mass organization. Worker-student alliance not being the leading strategy of SDS would be the wrong strategy for two reasons: (1) first and most important, it's right and absolutely necessary for masses of workers and students to build this alliance, and (2) there's just no reason to have a mass organization that doesn't put forward a winning strategy for change. SDS as an or-

with masses of workers and students, and without winning many people to actively building such an alliance. To do this we must take a mass approach in all our struggles and actions. There are many reasons why we hold back from reaching out to masses of students and workers -- fear of talking to people, feeling that people won't agree with us, and laziness. Probably the most significant reason is that we are not committed to those ideas ourselves.

One part of taking a mass approach means that
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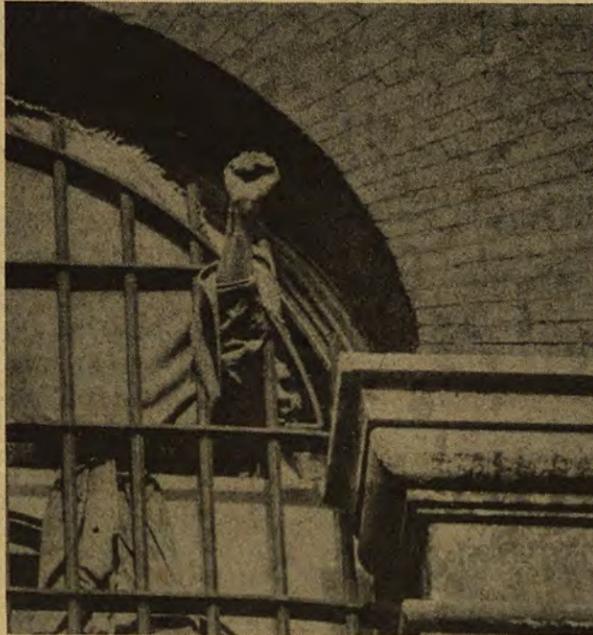
NYC Demonstration

YOUNG LORD MURDERED — THE PEOPLE FIGHT BACK

After months and months of 'working through the system' in order to have their garbage collected, the poor working people of El Barrio (New York's Spanish Harlem ghetto) decided in mid-October that they had had enough of Mayor John Lindsay's bullshit and dumped the trash into the streets and burned it. Soon Julio Roldan, finance cadre of the Young Lords Party, and Bobby Lemus, YLP field secretary, were arrested on trumped-up charges of first-degree arson for 'trying to burn down their own homes'. When Julio and Bobby were arraigned in court the next morning, they realized that the judge was not the impartial observer that he claimed to be (he set the bail at \$1500 -- the poor people of El Barrio don't have that kind of money). After a heated exchange between the racist judge and Julio, several cops pulled Julio into a back room where they beat him severely; in fact, one of the prisoners who had just come from the back room shouted, 'They're beating him in there! They're beating him!'

Soon they were brought to the NYC House of Detention (commonly known as the TOMBS), a prison notorious for its overcrowded and brutal

conditions, where Julio was separated from Bobby and taken to the 8th floor, which supposedly is the 'psychiatric observation' floor, although everyone knows this is where political pri-



Prisoner shows militant spirit during rebellion at Queens, N.Y., House of Detention.

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students were harrassed by the administrators and the cops, but this intimidation didn't stop anything -- it only made the high school students fight harder! The leaflet passed out by SDS was read over a local radio station. Some workers at Kennecott Copper heard it and called us up, asked for some copies and said they thought it was great.

This militant demonstration, along with hundreds of high school rebellions across the nation, shows that high school students are ready to fight. Every SDS chapter (and everyone else who sees the need to build a fighting alliance of students and workers -- see U of Illinois article--ed.) should build friendships with high school students and help to organize the high school movement. Most high school students do not go on to college but become workers, for this reason, a strong high school movement could become a real asset to building a worker-student alliance.

soners are put away. For example, all the leaders of the recent prison rebellions at the Tombs have been put on the 8th floor. Although the Tombs is famous for its overcrowded cells, Julio was supposedly put into a cell by himself where the cops claim they didn't remove his belt or shoelaces although this rule has always been strictly enforced. In a few hours, the cops announced that Julio had 'hung himself'!

Soon afterwards, the so-called 'liberal' mayor of New York City, John Lindsay, turned down the Puerto Rican community's request that members of the clergy be allowed to investigate the murder! Only a few weeks before, after Lindsay had promised prison rebels no reprisals if their hostages were released, millions of newspaper readers saw photos in all the major NYC papers of correction guards brutally beating the prisoners. When asked about the photographs of these beatings, 'Super-Liberal' Lindsay gallantly said: 'I have been told that there were injuries on both sides.' Bullshit! The cops had the guns and the clubs! The photos showed the truth!

Spurred on by Julio Roldan's murder, over 5000 Puerto Rican, black, and white students marched and rallied in a militant demonstration on October 30, starting in El Barrio and ending at the United Nations building. Demonstrators, including an SDS contingent, demanded that US corporations, which exploit Puerto Rican workers by giving them low wages while obtaining huge profits, get out of Puerto Rico now!

--N.S., Brooklyn Coll. SDS

NEW ROTC BUTTON--
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NATIONAL INTERIM COMMITTEE

CHICAGO, DECEMBER 4

The National Interim Committee (NIC) will meet on December 4 to plan the Convention and to discuss how the building for it is going. Chapters and Regional Committees should meet before this to discuss ideas concerning the Convention or anything else they think should be discussed, so that they can contact the NIC representative in their area before the NIC meeting.



A BOSS IS A BOSS.....
In front of GM's world headquarters in Detroit demonstrators confront an advertising executive for Chrysler. He'd been swearing at the marchers and trying to provoke something. Later that night he turned out to be the one person interviewed on TV. He claimed the marchers called him obscene four letter names. That's right BOSS!

Racist Courts Frame Soledad Brothers

On January 13, 1969, eight white prisoners and seven blacks were 'skin searched' for weapons and sent out to a special exercise yard in Soledad Prison, Salinas, California. Within minutes a fight broke out in the yard. What happened next is a matter of controversy. Convict survivors of the incident claim that a tower guard began to fire methodically at the black convicts without any warning. Four shots were fired and three black convicts were killed. One white prisoner was wounded in the groin. Inmate survivors claim that the guard would not allow them to remove the injured convicts to the prison hospital for over twenty minutes and that, as a result, one of the black convicts wounded in the leg bled to death on the concrete floor. Three days after the incident the Monterey County Grand Jury made public its finding that the guard's action was justifiable homicide. Less than half an hour after this finding was announced on the prison radio, a white guard, not the guard who had fired the shots, was found beaten to death. All the convicts in the wing where the killing took place were put into isolation. Six days later, three black convicts were accused of the murder, Fleeta Drumgo, John Clutchette and George Jackson. They were accused not because there was any substantial evidence of their guilt, but because they had been previously identified as black militants by the prison authorities. These people have come to be known as the Soledad Brothers, and the Soledad Brothers Defense has become a nationwide political issue.

On August 7, 1970, Johnathan Jackson, the younger brother of George Jackson, walked into a Marin County, Cal. courtroom with pistols, a shotgun and an automatic rifle, and liberated three black brothers, Ruchell Magee, James McLain, and William Christmas, who were on trial for a separate frameup guard-killing charge. (This is a favorite tactic of the California prison authorities, as many prisoners get one year to life indeterminate sentences, and therefore must get the gas chamber if convicted of killing a guard.) They took several hostages, including a judge and a district attorney. As they left the courtroom they said 'free the Soledad Brothers by 12:30.'

Jackson, Maclain, and Christmas were killed by San Quentin guards as they tried to leave the Marin Civic center parking lot. They took the judge with them.

This act was immediately labeled as 'terrorist' by the pig press. It is our feeling that this incident was an act of self defense by people with a revolutionary consciousness. These people saw that you get nothing from the system. All three of those on trial were defending themselves -- they were not relying on liberal lawyers.

Prisoners, those on trial, and the Soledad Brothers are people who not only see the contradictions inherent in the system in the abstract but experience the extremely sharp manifestations of them daily. The following quote from George Jackson's book, Soledad Brother -- The Prison Letters of George Jackson, expresses this more vividly.

They are fighting upstairs right now. It's 11:10 a.m., June 11. No black is supposed to be on the tier upstairs with anyone but other blacks but - mistakes take place - and one or two blacks end up on the tier with nine or ten white convicts frustrated by the living conditions or openly working with the pigs. The whole ceiling is trembling. In hand-to-hand combat we always win; we lose sometimes if the pigs give them knives or zip guns. Lunch will be delayed today, the tear gas or whatever it is drifts down to sting my nose and eyes. Someone is hurt bad. I hear the meat wagon from the hospital being

brought up. Pigs probably gave them some weapons. But I must be fair. Sometimes (not more than necessary) they'll set up one of the Mexican or white convicts. He'll be one who has not been sufficiently racist in his attitudes. After the brothers (enraged by previous attacks) kick on this white convict whom the officials have set up, he'll fall right into line with the rest.

The reason they were on trial in the first place is because they had been organizing the prison population against the prison system which, in George Jackson's words, 'produces the very best in brothers or destroys them entirely -- but never leaves them unaffected.' The very best are the Soledad Brothers, Christmas, Magee, and McLain. Men who have seen through the lies that say prisoners are 'mental defectives'. Men who see how the system perpetuates racism, refuse to allow it to conquer them -- in fact organize against it! As Jackson says, 'men who read Lenin, Fanon and Che don't riot. They mass, they rage, they dig graves.'

Support for the Soledad Brothers and the Marin incident has not been vocal enough in S.D.S. How many times have we said that the system will never serve the people? Here are men who grasp that concept and do something about it. We hope that vocal support will lead to substantive actions and eliminate the ambiguous reaction to this concrete struggle.

FREE THE SOLEDAD BROTHERS!!!

Johnathan DuBose, Gary Barton, Mark Zaler, Rosalind Black, George Allison, Tim Allison

-- of S, F, State SDS

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a lot of students should know what we are doing and what our ideas are. This means mass leafleting, postering and sales of New Left Notes, etc. But this should always be seen in terms of a second part which is winning new people to SDS, and taking leadership in building a worker-student alliance. When we find ourselves isolated on the campus it is often because we have not talked to many students on a person to person basis, won a circle of friends beyond SDS and made sure we have brought new people to all our actions.

In carrying out this program we should always ask ourselves two questions, (1) are we raising pro-working class ideas in all our struggles and fighting anti-working class ideas (such as ROTC is bad because soldiers are stupid and don't belong on campuses). (2) Is there at least one on going campaign involving students and workers on our campus? (This could range from supporting a campus-worker struggle to joint action to support striking industrial workers, to canvassing the surrounding community about an ROTC struggle).

--Frank Tortora, Chicago SDS;
Jeff Singleton, Chicago SDS;
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We support the Soledad brothers against the vicious racist attack by the courts. However, it's the collective opinion of the NLN staff that Johnathan Jackson's action in kidnaping the judge was not an example to be emulated. We don't think individualist actions help to build a mass movement that can really smash the racist courts and cops once and for all. People should write and express their opinions on this question.

--NLN Staff

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rebellions around the grievances of the rebels, we just walked around in a vacuum somewhere. An example is the Asbury Park rebellion. At a forum, several of the leaders of the rebellion said the people in the ghetto had risen up against unfair prices by food chains and racist employment practices at resort hotels. But our demonstration, instead of being targeted against the Hilton Hotel or the A & P, was held at Union Square Park. In Boston, the mass march to support the New Bedford rebellion wasn't at the Model Cities office, but at the Boston Common. Detroit was a lot better; we went to GM.

The ruling class and their press would like everyone to believe that the Weathermen and their anti-everyone bombings are the left's answer to our current society. Attacks by Nixon, Agnew, and the controlling forces have made the need for a fighting organization like SDS much clearer. This government 'fall offensive' has moved into more bold attacks on the movement, such as indicting the Kent State students and exonerating the National Guard. It is important for the struggle at Kent State that a militant radical movement be carried on without being led to a dead end by some liberal and/or pacifist leader. The Kent State issue has come up and was mentioned at the November 3rd demonstration. We should go further and make a big issue of such attacks on the student movement, which could be a major focus of such an SDS national demonstration.

One of the keys to building a link between us and the many who are already actively concerned is to develop a way to fight back against the political repression of students and the many ways in which students themselves are oppressed. Unless we do this, the students who have already tried liberal alternatives and found them useless will not commit themselves to our fight.

BUILD FOR THE DECEMBER CONVENTION

These proposals are intended to be preliminary ideas around which the definitive program for action can be drawn at the National Convention in December. Although this proposal has been prepared by a few people in the New York area, we hope that it will be discussed in chapters around the country and that people will share their ideas with us by mail or phone before the December convention. We have already had some help with proposals from Berkeley and Chicago. We are looking forward to the National Convention as a very progressive step toward reinvigorating the membership and expanding it tremendously.

--Dave Rosoff, NYU SDS; Sophie Rosoff, NYU SDS; Alan Adelson, Columbia SDS; Claire Sylvan, Brooklyn College SDS.

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read that as a start. The article is by Otto Bos (that's his real name). The article starts out 'Greyhound bus drivers, members of the Amalgamated Transit Union, leisurely drink coffee in the Federal Building. Their topic of conversation: gunning down radicals... Absolutism is like an ocean liner, comfortable and luxurious. The captain in command... the masses frantically row below deck... Times are a-changing, and for those who claim to speak for working America, heed the advice of Samuel Adams: 'Patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundred.'" That's the end of the anti-working class article.

Ed: I can tell.

GB: Now I'm going to read you something by Tony Rogers. This is called 'Up Front: The Seduction of San Francisco State'. 'On registration day S.F. State College, tired old whore that she is, lay wrapped in a grimy negligee of fog and solemnly greeted the boys home from the summer war. She could not remember how many students she had gone down for or how many greedy politicians had run their greedy hands over her...' Well, that's just one of them, there's around ten others by this guy Tony Rogers and that's one of the reasons we've seized the office.

Ed.: What do you figure on doing?

GB: This was put out by SDS this morning. It's called 'Nothing Up Front and Tony (Pig) Rogers'. It begins with a quote of Tony Rogers: 'The pill has liberated women. Since they aren't afraid of pregnancy, they want to do it all the time...' And another: 'That's fine for them, they just lie back and enjoy it while the man does all the work.' (from an article on April 9.)

Ed: What a schmuck.

GB: (continuing with the text of the leaflet) Women's liberation is no laughing matter. Women in this society are in a subservient position. Women on the average make only 60% the wages of men, oftentimes for the exact same work. In addition they are expected to do all the housework, childcare, cooking, chauffeuring, because 'that's women's work'. This is the essence of male chauvinism; the idea that women are inferior, inherently different and therefore ought to be exploited. The other function of male chauvinism is to divide women and men so that they can't get together to fight this economic exploitation.

Rogers portrays women as stupid, unimaginative, dependent on men, motivated primarily by things related to sex. It is this kind of image which is perpetuated to justify the inferior position of women in this society. By presenting this image Rogers' column helps to perpetuate the oppres-

sion of women... For instance, this is the type of quote Rogers enjoys using: 'Why should I have to take a girl out, spend ten or fifteen dollars on her and then have to huff and puff for two or three hours just for a five second orgasm. I'd rather do it myself.' Movies, television, and other media play a big role in formulating our ideas. Though we are not going to spend all our time attacking the Phoenix, there are so many blatant examples of racism, of male superiority and of female submissiveness in the Phoenix that this paper must be singled out -- especially Tony Rogers -- and attacked.' (end of leaflet)

Ed: What time did you take it over?

GB: 10:30 and it's only quarter after 12. We just voted to seize it a little while ago.

Ed: How many people...

GB: About 50 right now... The tac squad is out in the hall now...

Ed: Oh Christ... do you guys have any cameras or anything?

GB: Yeah, I don't know if we do, but there's all kinds of them around.

Ed: Well, try and get some pictures and let me know.

GB: Yeah, well this call is for free so I'll just hang on,, We're still discussing, politically discussing, whether we should split or stay... Seeing as how they just marched the Tac squad down the hall and we just saw them go by the door.

Ed: They went by the door?

GB: Yeah, by the door, down the hall... now they have massed outside the door... the tac squad has... (speeches in the background)

GB: We have two speakers now, pro and con; one for staying, one for going. He's saying the reason the Tac squad is outside the door is because we are effective, he's saying they wouldn't be there unless we were being effective in this office by staying and holding it.

Ed: What are the reasons for leaving?

GB: 'Cause the pigs are out there!

Ed: I see.

GB: 'Cause we don't want to get arrested.

Ed: Right.

GB: That's probably the reason. But the politics people are putting forward is that we should go out and build a larger movement and come back tomorrow morning.

Ed: OK.

GB: Theoretically it sounds great, but when you look at it in reality, you know it's not going to happen. We do this every time when we come this decision... 'We'll come back tomorrow.'... People are trying to vote whether to stay or to leave. I think we're going to have to split 'cause we're dwindling down to about twenty. I'm gonna hang up now.

Ed: People should, like, leave together

GB: Yeah, that's why I'm gonna hang up... I'll give you a call.

BUT HE WAS WRONG! This was no one-shot deal. The take-over of the Phoenix wasn't the end of the fight against sexism at S.F. State. After leaving the office, 22 people were suspended from school for two weeks -- supposedly not to set foot on campus. Seven of them refused to be intimidated and stayed on campus to let people know what had happened with the Phoenix and to try to mobilize people to support both the fight against sexism and the suspended students. As they were leaving the campus they were jumped by plainclothes cops and arrested for conspiracy to incite a riot and two misdemeanors: trespass and failure to disperse. All but the trespass charges have since been dropped.

The chapter called us back the next day to tell us they were building a mass struggle on campus to fight against this example of sexism. They leafletted all that day and had great discussions in classrooms -- all centered on the need to fight to end the oppression of women. They built for a forum at the end of the week and an action the following week. So the Phoenix take-over was just the first step in a long struggle.

The fact that the university is ready to fight so hard to stop attacks on sexism shows how much they value those ideas about women -- which they use to keep women down and men and women divided. Meanwhile the money rolls in -- the profits they make from paying women less than men and getting them to do lots of the socially necessary labor (read: housework and child care) for NOTHING. But, though they have the cops and the courts, our power is greater than theirs. We've got the power of masses of working people and students. Together, in fights for free day care, and against sexist pay differentials, hiring practices, and ideas which say women are inferior, we can smash sexism. The events at S.F. State show that it WILL take a fight. We can win it!

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