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MARCH IN CHICAGO -- DEC. 30th

FIGHT RACIST UNEMPLOYMENT

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Black workers demand jobs, picket racist merchants in Cairo where the unemployment rate is over 35%.

In Chicago we plan to do more than talk. Every morning we'll go out to the factory gates, unemployment lines, high schools, super markets and streets to talk with thousands of working people and students and build the MARCH AGAINST RACIST UNEMPLOYMENT. Each day at the Coliseum we'll have panels, workshops, skits and mass meetings to discuss the progress of a worker-student alliance in fighting against imperialism, racism and the oppression of women. On the basis of these discussions we'll make plans for the coming year.

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Interview— Black Hospital worker on strike says,

"Students and Labor together - UNBEATABLE!"

Two SDSers recently went down to a welfare center to talk to unemployed workers there about SDS, our Detroit and San Jose demonstrations, worker student alliance and politics in general, and a massive demonstration against unemployment and racism, which members of Chicago SDS will recommend to the Convention for December 30th.

The first person we approached turned out to be a black hospital worker on strike. The following are excerpts from our discussion, which actually lasted well over an hour. We asked if he had heard of the SDS led demonstration in Detroit of 2,000 to support the GM strike.

'Yes,' he said. 'It's good when students and labor get together. They are unbeatable. Some students have been supporting our strike, and we welcome that.'

Question (SDSer): 'Is unemployment much of a problem?'

Answer (worker): 'Yes. It is not so bad if you have special training; but most black people don't have that training. A lot of times you go to a place for a job. They only brush you off. They say, 'I'll call you.' Then they might hire a white guy. It's racism. It's racism, no doubt about it.'

Q: 'Do they try to split black and white up?'

A: 'They don't want that unity. They are hip to what togetherness can do.'

Q: 'The papers have been spreading lies about students and SDS... they say we are mad bombers to try to scare people away from us.'

A: 'Well, they want you to look the worst; They don't want out unity. With the young people it is a different era today.'

Q: 'What do you think of the plan to have a big march against unemployment and racism on December 30th?'

A: 'They'll try to block it any way they can, but the con't on page 11'

Army Recruiters Off Campus



Of 'On the boss' armed forces' and 'Smash racism ROTC must go' filled Hayes Hall. Dean Murray a big-shot administrator was exposed as a flunkie for the big bosses who sit on the board of trustees. If the University is a neutral and apolitical institution, and not a boss, why do blatantly racist and imperialist programs exist on campus and why are campus workers paid only \$2.35 an hour. ROTC, military recruiters, and the defense research, like project Themus, support the boss' armed forces that wage racist imperialist wars against workers abroad, break strikes of workers, and put down ghetto rebellions here at home. The University of Buffalo also has a law enforcement education program. Under this program cops are paid \$1800 a year to take courses at the University. The same courses that undergraduates take so they can more effectively repress working people, especially black working people. Time and again Murray was asked why campus workers were paid only \$2.35 an hour, and he refused to address himself to the question. He just stood there with his mouth gaping. The Administration was given a three week ultimatum and we promised to return. As a followup on Dec. 11 and 12, Niagara region SDS, including chapters from all over upstate New York will organize a demonstration and conference here at U.B. The demonstration will be against ROTC and against layoffs to the tune of 10,000 at Bethlehem Steel and rising unemployment connecting U.S. Imperialism and it's campus branch, ROTC, with the struggle of thousands of working people in Buffalo.

FIGHT TO WIN!

Buffalo SDS

NY Daily News, Nov. 21, 1970

A Bunch Of Cupcakes

Binghamton, N.Y., Nov. 20 (UPI)—The State University at Binghamton chapter of the radical Students for a Democratic Society raised money on campus today for its activities. How? A cupcake sale.

But what the Daily News did not say was that the cakes were baked by campus workers and said on them, "Power to the Workers!"

The power of worker-student unity was demonstrated at the State U at Binghamton Wed., Dec. 9 when campus workers and students confronted administrators over the issue of Christmas vacation time layoffs. They won, there will be no layoffs!

Welfare Mom Writes,

"COME ON STUDENTS, FIGHT THIS ROTTEN SYSTEM WITH ME AND ALL WORKERS!"

I am writing this letter in hopes of encouraging all students to join SDS at the National Convention in Chicago. As a welfare mother of five, I have worked with SDS and my views about students have really changed. I found they don't just care about themselves, they're not troublemakers. They work with and help the poor, the workers and the under dog.

I went to Detroit from N.Y. to my first SDS national demonstration supporting the auto strikers. My first reaction on seeing so many students was that I would be out of place, as I have no education. But I needn't have worried as people went out of their way to be nice to me. As I was marching with 3,000 SDS'ers, striking workers, and welfare recipients, I felt proud to be there. But as we hit the city, arms locked, and I saw 200 cops, I was a bit scared. But the students who were marshalls kept trouble away. Another thing was the bags and bags of food that was collected for the auto strikers by SDS and the PLP.

SDS has babysitted for welfare recipients so we could attend meetings. They also held an Anti-War Conference at RPI where I learned about SDS and the PLP. I myself ran a workshop on welfare so students and workers would know what its like to be a recipient and why students, workers and recipients should fight together against this system. I hope to see more students supporting workers like the SDS at RPI is doing with Sterling-Winthrop strikers.

I wanted to give an example of what its like to be on welfare: I have a five year old who is extremely shy and doesn't mix well with others. He was told by a doctor to go to a different school which has fewer children but the welfare refuses to pay for it. They said to keep him home until he is seven. Then he can be put in a school for the retarded, even though he is not retarded! This gets the welfare department out of paying any money for him because the state pays for kids who attend retarded school!

I hope to see a lot of new faces at the Chicago convention. Come on students, fight this rotten system with me and all workers and others trying to make a better life for all. It's nice to know if you're lonely or depressed you can always call on SDS for encouragement. And that's what SDS is -- friends doing the job together and fighting back. Join SDS now and come to Chicago!

Bette Cocca
Welfare mom
Troy, N.Y.

"Join SDS now and come to Chicago!"

Georgia State SDS

DEMAND FREE MEALS FOR CAFETERIA WORKERS, DRESSING ROOM FOR WOMEN WORKERS, IN



FIGHT AGAINST CAFETERIA BOSSES

Georgia State University, Wednesday, Dec. 2

Today at 12:15, 50 militants, black and white students, marched into B and D cafeteria demanding a dressing room for women workers and free meals for all cafeteria workers. The lunch line ground to a halt as the workers crowded out of the kitchen. The busboys gathered around the demonstrators, answering the questions of the students. The supervisors tried to get the workers to go back, but they were ignored.

B AND D OPPRESSES WOMEN MORE

Before the demonstration the boss, Emory Brook, distributed a leaflet stating that the women did have a private dressing room. When students went to see for themselves, they came back angry. The room in which the women are forced to wash, take breaks, and dress in, is a small public bathroom without heat or ventilation. This is one more way - on top of paying women less than men - that B & D oppresses women more.

DEANS SERVE B & D BOSSES

When we entered the cafeteria, the first to defend the B & D bosses and their rotten policies were Deans Singleton and England. They said they would get an assembly room upstairs, and Brook would meet with us there. And they threatened disciplinary actions if we continued to disrupt the cafeteria. Debbie Russell spoke thru a bullhorn and told people that the boss was afraid to tell his lies in front of cafeteria workers and students. She said we should stay and expose Brook.

YSA SCABS

Many students were confused about what to do. A member of the Young Socialist Alliance, YSA, was shouting that 'We've made our point. Let's go upstairs and talk with Brook.' We weren't sharp in pointing out that this was a scab argument for walking out on the cafeteria workers and negotiating with the boss behind closed doors. It was an appeal to student elitism and liberalism. Brook and his flunkies, the Deans, feared the obvious militancy of the workers. They offered students the carrot of a private conference with the boss, and raised the stick of discipline. Because we weren't sharp and because we hadn't won other students in support of staying, we had to leave. We went upstairs and waited. The boss never showed up.

LEARN FROM MISTAKES

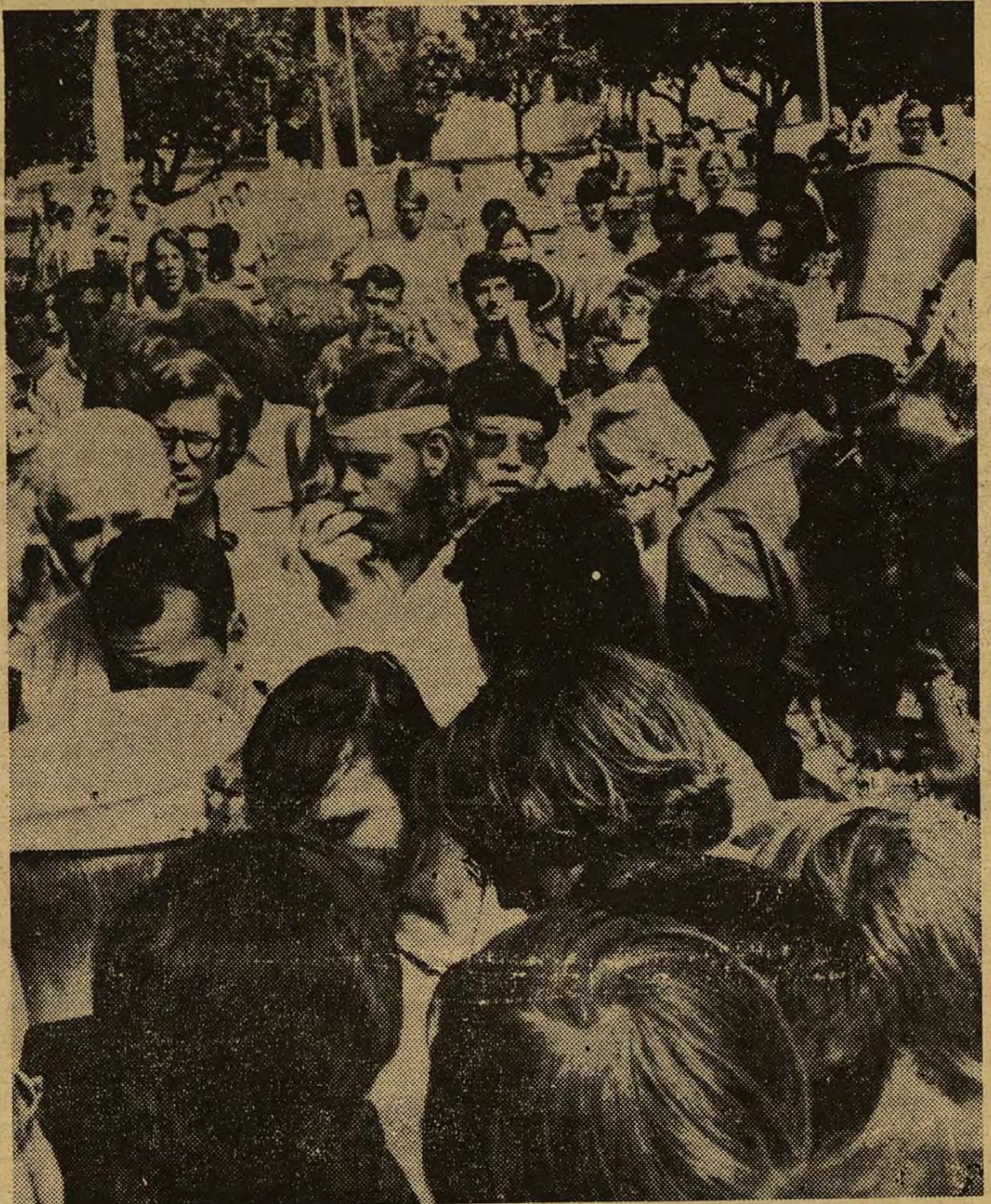
We must learn from this mistake. Earlier this year SDS members joined two black students in ripping down racist and male chauvinist posters put up by the Sigma Nu fraternity. Many students came around SDS then because we said we were a fighting organization, and we had shown it. But we didn't follow through and build a fighting worker student alliance. So we began to grow cynical. We became isolated. New people who had been enthusiastic started to drop away.

BREAKING OUR ISOLATION

As soon as we began talking to campus workers about it, we saw that they were enthusiastic, but they didn't know much about SDS and they weren't sure if there would be student support. When we began circulating a petition among the students we found that there was tremendous support, but students didn't know what the conditions in the cafeteria were, and they had a lot of questions about SDS. In two days we got several hundred names on the petition.

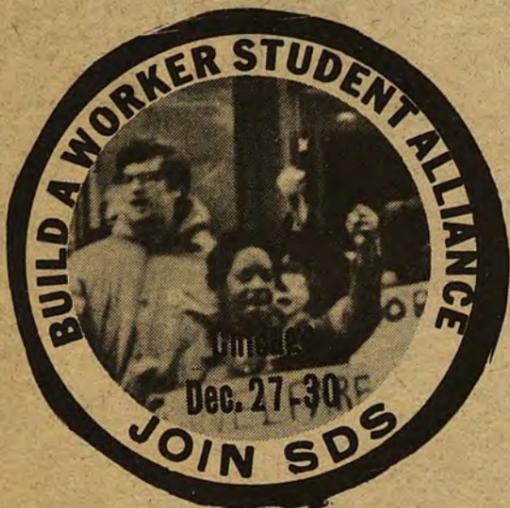
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HAWAII SDS BLASTS MARINE RECRUITERS



Marine Corp recruiters were harassed by hundreds of students led by Hawaii SDS. Many of the most militant SDSers were veterans. They spoke

to their fellow students of their experiences with the Corps; the storm troops of imperialism and racism, in the service of the US business empire.



Owners fear worker-student alliance

NEWSWEEK LIES ABOUT SDS



SDS demonstrators marching on GM in Detroit: Out of gas - NEWSWEEK, NOV. 30, 1970...

On November 30, Newsweek, America's leading liberal newsweekly, ran a full page story about the SDS Election Day march on GM's World Headquarters in Detroit. According to Newsweek, there were only '750 desultory protestors' and that 'nowhere visible was there...an ordinary workingman. The photo on the right, which was taken by Harvard-Radcliffe SDSer Mike Sobel, shows the march from a slightly different perspective.

Over 2000 workers and students (half of them from Wayne State University in Detroit) linked arms on Nov. 3 to march in support of the 375,000 striking GM workers. Along the route, working people emerged from gas stations and storefronts to stand and watch the march. Others peered down on us from the office windows. Some flashed raised fists, and as many as 100 workers from Detroit and elsewhere took part in the one-mile march from Wayne State to GM and back again.

Why did Newsweek lie about SDS? Some of us in SDS believe its because the owners of Newsweek fear the growth of a strong, militant alliance between workers and students. Together, workers and students - men and women, black and white - can and must win the battle against those who profit from imperialism, racism, and the oppression of women.

The only thing that Newsweek fears are the people themselves.



NLN ... MARCH FROM A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE.

Chicago: Roosevelt State STUDENTS CONFRONT WELFARE RECRUITER

'Why are you picketing on the welfare department for being racist? We're no more racist than General Motors, the Army, etc.' These were the words spoken by a recruiter from the Cook County Department of Public Aid, better known as the Welfare Department.

About 20-25 students at Roosevelt University in Chicago where there is no SDS chapter, came

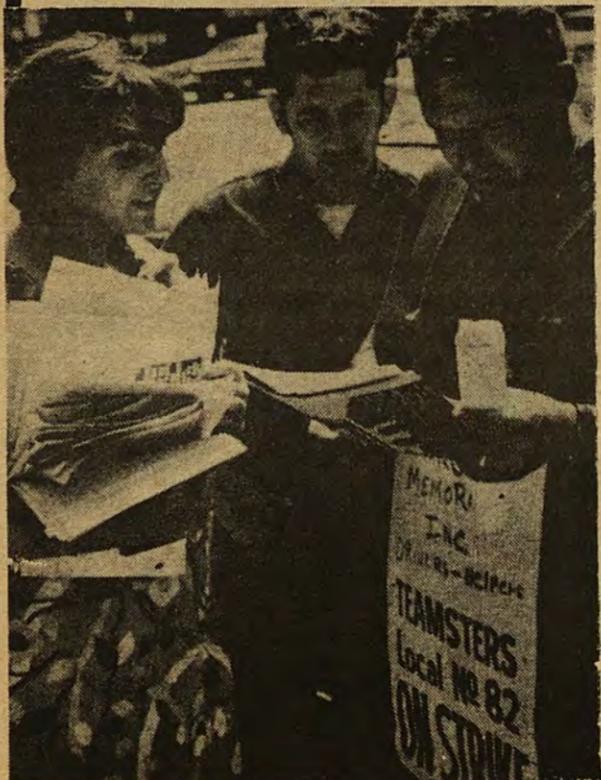
to a rally on Nov 24 to confront this recruiter and expose the racist practices of the Welfare Department, a rally called by SDS. This welfare system says that its clients are 'the unfortunate, the misguided, the troubled.' This is a racist LIE. The overwhelming majority of welfare clients are working class men and women and youth who want to work but find this system doesn't provide jobs for everyone. Black and Latin workers are hit hardest by unemployment. They also have the lowest paying jobs. This is why a much higher percentage of black people than white are forced onto welfare.

Another example of the racism pushed by the welfare bosses is the division between clerks and case workers whom they employ. The clerks are black, the case workers are white. The bosses feel they can get away with a pay differential because of the college degree needed to be a case worker. So then they get the black clerks to do the same hard work the white case workers are doing for less money. A militant case worker, who is a member of the revolutionary Communist Progressive Labor Party, spoke to the students about his experiences with the department.

The rally was good in that it helped to expose to a number of students the way the rich rulers in this country use the welfare department to push racism, and to cover the fact that unemployment is not a result of the laziness or unwillingness of people to work - but is caused by the greed of the wealthy men who own the industry of the country.

Chicago Area SDS

READ-SELL NEW LEFT NOTES!



The tremendous barrage of media reports that SDS is mad bombers and the blackout of our real actions make it clear that New Left Notes is absolutely necessary if the worker-student alliance is going to be more than a secret a relatively small number of people know about. We have to build this paper--send in letters, pictures, articles .. and sell it! MAKE NEW LEFT NOTES A MASS NEWSPAPER! Bulk orders: 173 a Mass. Ave., Boston 02115; Subscriptions: \$5 yearly.

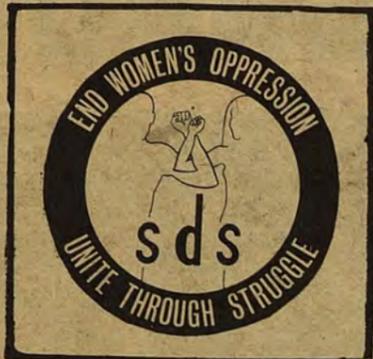
JOIN SDS!

TENANTS UNION - RENT STRIKE

WORKERS AND STUDENTS BEAT LANDLORD

S.F. STATE MALE CHAUVINISM BUTTON

S.F. States recent struggle around male chauvinism (as is in the new issue of New Left Notes) lead to the arrest of seven members of SDS. We still need \$800.00 for bail. In trying to carry on the struggle and raise bail, we collectively made this button. We're asking that people help



us by paying \$.25 a piece for the button. We think that the button is really great and that you'll be able to sell them for \$.50 a piece. Also, try and send a dollar or two to help us with postage if you can.

STRUGGLE!

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Gary Barton, S.F. State SDS
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criticism of the proposal,

'BUILD A MASS WORKER-STUDENT ALLIANCE'

A number of very good criticisms of the 'Build a Mass Worker-Student Alliance' proposal have come in from around the country. (this proposal appeared in the last issue of New Left Notes, Vol. 5, #20, 11/22/60)

#1) First of all the proposal didn't put forward that UNLESS THE STUDENT MOVEMENT BUILDS A MASSIVE FIGHTING WORKER-STUDENT ALLIANCE THAT IT WOULD EITHER DIE OUT OR WIND UP IN ONE OR ANOTHER KIND OF ALLIANCE WITH THE RULERS - AND AGAINST WORKING PEOPLE. The student strike of Spring 1970 began as a massive militant fight against the rulers of this country, but on most campuses students did not consciously side with workers and actively build a militant worker-student alliance. In almost every case, the ruler and their friends were able to seize leadership of that movement. (For example, the president of Yale, Kingman Brewster, who suspended students to protect ROTC, actually led the Yale spring students strike 'against' the war). The ONLY way to consistently fight the rulers and their friends and not be fooled in supporting them is to build an alliance with working people who fight these rulers the hardest most consistently.

Furthermore, the strategy of a worker-student alliance is the only way the fighting SDS can become really massive. This strategy can win the tremendous numbers of students who dropped away from the movement after the strike because of cynicism created by its sellout leadership. Most students don't want to ally with the rulers. SDS must take the lead in allying masses of students with working people in general, and must build a massive fighting worker student alliance.

The second criticism was that it should be made clear that we have to fight all misleaders, including union sell-outs, university administra-

More than 150 workers, students and welfare recipients meeting to form a tenant's union and organize a rent strike is enough to shake the shorts off any greedy landlord. This is exactly what happened in Salt Lake City on Nov. 30.

Two SDSers along with eleven black families living in a building owned by local bankers, have been tolerating substandard living conditions for quite some time.

Three weeks ago, rent increased twenty dollars per apartment, with no repairs made, and this was accompanied by eviction notices. Western Savings and Loan Bank, owner, also stated a screening committee would be set up to more carefully select their tenants.

This made it more obvious that they wanted the black people out of the building.

These blatant racist attacks are being employed to push the workers, students and welfare recipients out of the area.

High cost, hi-rise apartment buildings for upper class people, a grand shopping mall and various business offices are planned for this area, obviously dear to the businessmen's interests, leaving the people here homeless.

tors and liberal politicians. Furthermore we should oppose anyone who wants to ally with these sell-outs (such as the Young 'Socialist' Alliance, the Student Mobilization Committee and the National Student Association, etc.) We want to build an alliance between millions of rank and file workers and students!

A movement which is trying to build a worker-student alliance must fight racism very hard. Otherwise it will become just another racist tool of the bosses. Fighting racism means fighting campaigns against racist wage differentials, racist professors and police institutes, and supporting ghetto rebellions, etc. To really fight racism, we must win black and latin students into SDS and build a solid alliance with black and latin workers.

Finally, in order to build a worker-student alliance and fight against unemployment, IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO WAGE ON-CAMPUS STRUGGLES AGAINST THE WAYS IN WHICH THE UNIVERSITY OPPRESSES WORKING PEOPLE AND STUDENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD. In part we should fight ROTC, war research, racist and male chauvinist courses, police institutes. In particular, we should ally with the struggles of campus workers and build a solid alliance with them around all these issues.

It is important that there be a lot of discussion and debate of this proposal before the Convention - especially at chapter meetings. We ask everyone to send their criticisms to Jeff Singleton, 3742 North Clark, Chicago, Ill. 60657.

Jeff Singleton, Chicago Area SDS
Martie Riefe, R.P.I. SDS
Al Spector, SDS Education Sec., Chicago SDS, PLP

This is not an isolated event. Four weeks ago an entire block was demolished, booting black, chicano and white workers out of the area.

In SDS' efforts to help organize the tenant's union, we realize that mistakes were made on our part. Too much leadership was assumed by SDS and not enough community support was secured.

When SDS became aware of the existent situation, we began talking to the people directly involved. At their suggestion, we all decided to revitalize the dead tenant's union, and began canvassing the community. After this it was decided by all to call a demonstration against Western Savings and Loan Bank.

Fifteen students showed up for the demonstration. At this point, Western Savings and Loan, decided to give in and resinded the rent increase.

In a more recent development another apartment building, the Kelso, became involved, after we talked with the people there concerning the tennant's union.

Although active participation by the working people was not as high as it could have been, the demands for lower rent were won, mainly due to their refusal to pay rent.

A petition was introduced by Ray Sharing, a welder and resident of the Kelso, and was circulated by him along with one member of SDS and another community member. The petition called for immediate repairs or no rent, period.

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Workers jeer boss —



Cop protects boss sweeping up tacks meant for scab cars. This picture was taken by Troy SDSers at picket lines where they joined the workers in throwing eggs at cops and scabs. This militant strike at the Sterling-Withrop Chemical plant in Rensselaer N.Y. has been going on since June 8 over working conditions. The workers have welcomed the idea of student support and have made plans to speak at the RPI campus.

■ UNEMPLOYMENT — BOSSES WON'T END IT...



'An inflated economy grinds toward a dark winter, and the ranks of jobless keep swelling,' Chicago Sun Times, Nov. 8, 1970.

'I can see why there's trouble in this town, nobody wants to give a guy a chance... I can last about two more weeks, then I'll have to give up and go back south, but there's no work left there either,' New Orleans key punch operator interviewed by the Chicago Sun Times, Nov. 8, 1970.

'It's getting to be like the old days when you could go outside the gate where there'd be dozens of workers who needed jobs. You could just say, 'You, you and you, in here,' hire ten of 'em for ten hours, fire eight and keep the best two. Then tomorrow you can do it all over again.' --Hammond, Indiana plant manager to Chicago SDSer.

The specter of mass unemployment haunts American communities from Seattle, Washington, twenty-five per cent unemployed, to New Bedford, Massachusetts, thirty-five per cent unemployed. In some black and Latin ghettos the situation is already as bad as it was during the depression. GI's returning home from Viet Nam will increase the jobless ranks even further.

Unemployment has hit skilled workers, like construction workers, who face massive layoffs in Seattle, Kansas City, and other cities.

In Chicago, where unemployment is usually low because of wide spread and diversified industry, 150,000 workers are out of work, and the problem is on everyone's mind.

This year there were 51,000 applications for 3,100 Christmas vacation postal jobs.

Despite the rosy predictions of government paid economists like Milt Friedman (the U of Chicago prof, who said that the unemployment would drop below five per cent this Fall). Workers now find that the unemployment crisis is not a 'summer problem'. Now the government admits an unemployment figure of 5.8 per cent. This means nearly five million workers are out of jobs in the US.

But actually the figure 5.8 per cent gives a totally inaccurate picture of the jobless situation. Here are just a few of the people the statistics do not include; workers who have given up looking for jobs or haven't applied for unemployment; people with part time jobs; people on welfare and GI's. The actual unemployment figure is probably over TEN PER CENT. Also the 5.8 per cent figure doesn't tell how bad the situation is in certain cities. Seattle, Washington, for example; one quarter of the work force is unem-

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ployed. The figure doesn't show how hard it is to find needed summer vacation and part time jobs. In Boston, Massachusetts, the summer unemployment figure for people between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one was eighty per cent.

BLACK AND LATIN WORKERS FIGHT RACIST UNEMPLOYMENT

It's no mistake that in city after city across the country you find a disproportionate number of black and latin workers unemployed. New Bedford Mass., with thirty-five percent unemployed among blacks and latin, is just one example. The official unemployment figure among minority workers is about ten per cent. It's not just an 'injustice', this phenomenon. Racist unemployment is a tremendous boon to the big businessmen; it gives them a pool of workers (who can't afford to complain about low wages) to draw from. In Detroit, auto manufactures actually make lists of workers, mostly black and latin, whom they hire and fire before ninety days so they can't join the union and gain protection.

Women are also hit extra-hard by unemployment. According to the Wall Street Journal, 'most ober unemployment increase occurred among young women 16 to 24 years of age, the majority of whom were looking for full-time work.' (12/7/70)

By pushing the idea that 'women's work is in the home,' and that when women do in fact get jobs it's only for 'pin money' (even though women make up nearly half of the U.S. work force), the ruling class not only justifies paying discriminatory wages, but also justifies laying women off if and when it's profitable.

But unemployment is also a time bomb ready to explode in the face of big businessmen and government. Jobless workers always fight back the hardest. Most of the ghetto rebellions which have swept across the country during the last decade have occurred in areas of high unemployment. In Asbury Park, New Jersey scene of massive rebellion this summer, hundreds and hundreds of workers applied for the few dozen jobs offered by the city. The rebellion in Cairo, Illinois is another example. Jobs - as well as police terror - is a key issue in the town where 35% of the population is on some form of welfare and there are only two main industries that together employ about 1200 workers. The average yearly income in Cairo is \$4000 -- the town is the highest in the state in poverty.

UNEMPLOYMENT -- THE GOVERNMENT WON'T END IT

High unemployment occurs periodically in the U.S. It's a 'problem' neither the republicans or the Democrats ever solve. Democrats usually prefer to keep spending and investment and production a little higher and unemployment a little lower. This causes inflation. Nixon has tried to solve the problem of inflation with a policy that has essentially led to a cutback in production, but this means massive layoffs. Closely linked with unemployment is the war in Southeast Asia. Much of the inflation Nixon is trying to solve with layoffs is caused by the war. The big businessmen and government will never make sure

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Lumber yard burned in the struggle of black workers in Cairo against racist unemployment and cop terror. The lumberyard is owned by bus inessman Bob Cunningham leader of the 'white Hats' an organization of cops

MARCH AGAINST RACIST UNEMPLOYMENT

SDS will hold its National Convention Dec. 27 to 30 in Chicago. Let's take a look at the city. There are nearly 8 million people in the metropolitan area, and there is more industry here than any other city in the United States. More steel is produced in the Chicago area than any other city in the world -- more than Pittsburg and Birmingham combined. Chicago is key to transportation in this country. Its airport is the busiest in the world and employs the most workers. There have been several strikes there in recent months. Its Teamster local led the national wildcat strike last spring, defied the union leadership, and forced the companies to give an important wage increase. Thousands of railroad workers here are prevented from striking by court order and the threat of federal troops. There are several auto plants in the area, including a few which were recently struck. Right now there are several strikes going on, including one at Wesley Hospital where strikers attacked scabs and damaged 4 trucks. Fifteen strikers were arrested two weeks ago, another seven last week. 123,000 people are out of work in Chicago right now according to government figures. There have been several ghetto rebellions here in recent years. Every week or two the papers carry another story on a cop who has been shot or injured. Five high school students have been murdered by the cops in the last month or so. Militant rebellions have shut down area high schools this past week, and on Dec. 4th, thousands of high school students walked out of school to protest the murder of a local Black

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Convention Proposal

FIGHTING RACISM, A DAY TO DAY ACTIVITY

Racism is more than bad ideas, it is a structure which effectively oppresses millions of people in the U.S. and throughout the world. In the US, black, Latin and American Indian people get hit especially hard, being paid low wages, living in the worst housing, receiving the poorest, if any, hospital care, to mention a few forms of oppression. All this gives the big business men more money, which is why racist ideology is pushed so hard in the press, and in the schools of this country.

Racism not only hurts millions of minority people, it makes a gigantic division or wedge, between white working people and students, and minority working people and students. White people's racism stops, and has put a halt many times to fights against the big business men who run this country.

All students should fight racism and support the militant struggles of minority workers and students.

SDS and the student movement has had a history of racist responses to many important national and international events. Although SDS is the only student organization to emphasize the many racist aspects of the war, there still must be a more concerted effort to expose the racist nature of the war. Until this summer there was little if any, support for and educational work done around ghetto and barrio rebellions. An example is the racist reaction of SDS and students to the four workers killed in Augusta, Georgia. Virtually nothing was done by the student movement in support of these militant black workers fighting against a racist murder. The same response of no action occurred after two students were massacred at Jackson State. If SDS is going to progress and not become a reactionary organization, fighting racism must become a top priority and on every SDS'er's mind.

SUPPORT GHETTO AND BARRIO REBELLIONS

Perhaps SDS' greatest weakness is its failure to build support for ghetto rebellions. What are ghetto rebellions? The press makes them appear to be a bunch of black, Puerto Rican, or Chicano people letting off steam on a hot summer day. The fact is that every rebellion is a violent response to the piss-poor living conditions, and to police harassment or other racist attacks (such as the fascist group 'White Hats' in Cairo, Illinois). Black and Latin workers have learned through their own experience that the only way to get anything is to fight for it. After every rebellion some victories have been won. After the Detroit rebellion black workers won thousands of jobs. However, the big businessmen haven't just sat back and enjoyed the excitement; they have attacked workers with terror, killing hundreds of minority workers each year.

The businessmen of this country can continue to kill black and Latin workers in the streets because white workers and students see black and Chicano people being killed as something different from white people being killed. Just this fall two ghetto rebellions have occurred; one in Cairo, Illinois has been going on for years, and one in Henderson, North Carolina. These struggles were virtually blacked-out in the press, and yet thousands of people were involved in militant fighting. SDS held a few demonstrations and forums supporting these rebellions, but they were very weak attempts. Students in the US must

come to realize that our response to these rebellions is racist and that we must work hard to change our attitudes. We shouldn't say as the YSA says 'No more Augustas!', but instead say 'More Augustas!' and join the side of the workers.

One way to support these rebels is for SDS to call local support demonstrations all across the country to raise the morale of these struggles and to educate people about these rebellions. We should take the initiative to build material support for the workers, i.e., fundraising and foodraising.

which the university is their tool) greed to make more profits, i.e., \$22,000,000,000 a year off black people alone.

On many campuses black and latin people comprise a large segment of the campus workers. At Columbia University where a majority are minority workers the campus workers with the students shut down the university demanding US Out of S.E. Asia, End War Research and Recruiting, End Repression of Panthers, Free All Political Prisoners, an historic strike, perhaps the first political strike in thirty years. This was a culmination of fights where students



Rally called by Boston area SDS in support of the Cairo Henderson rebellions and to protest the vicious and racist flat welfare grant pushed through by 'Liberal' Gov. Sargent.

FIGHT RACISM -- SUPPORT CAMPUS WORKERS

The strategy of the Campus-worker-student-alliance was passed at the L.A. and New Haven N.C.s as a key way to build a worker-student alliance. On campus is where we are in a position to fight against the same enemy as working people in a concrete way. Mass struggles in support of campus workers are probably the ideal issue because direct actions can be waged against the administration in direct support of workers and involving workers and students fighting side by side. Added to this, many campus worker grievances involve the racist exploitation of minority workers. Consequently, fights against racist pay differentials, and racist harassment and firings is hitting against the whole basis of racism -- the big businessmen's (of

had united with workers to rehire certain militant minority workers. This fall in a trial involving Columbia SDSers, a group of campus workers raised money to place an ad in the school newspaper saying 'We support these students and we think you should too.' The possibility of this alliance expanding and lasting, can be clearly seen. There are other examples of workers and students working together around certain demands, e.g. at San Francisco State where a black woman worker was rehired this fall.

However, SDSers should try harder to become friends with campus workers and to build support for their demands.

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RACISM PROPOSAL

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THE UNIVERSITY PUSHES AND SUPPORTS RACISM -- CRUSH IT!!

The University, like any other enterprise run by big business, employs black and Latin workers in the worst campus jobs, with the lowest pay, and the worst conditions. No accident that the racist ideology which justifies this extra-profitable exploitation, on campus and off, is taught (taught blatantly by at least one professor or textbook) in every social science department in the country. The usual and most insidious presentation, always cloaked under an 'objective', 'scientific' detachment, implicitly assumes that the miserable conditions which oppress black and Latin people are due to intellectual or emotional deficiency on their part. The intended message? Don't fight back -- minority working people belong in the ghettos, in the unemployment lines, in the retarded school classes.



SUPPORT WORKING CLASS FIGHTS

Another way to fight racism is to support specific struggles that are being waged by the working people in the community. This, of course, is related to supporting ghetto rebellions, which are simply working class fights on a high level. Two very good examples occurred in Salt Lake City. The first was at West High school where a teacher called four black students 'niggers'. Together with working people, we organized a demonstration last summer of over 150 people. In a concrete way this fought racism, helped working people, and built many lasting friendships, which has led to another active worker-student alliance. In the past months SDS has helped organize a worker-student tenant union, and supported rent strikes in two apartment houses where over half of the people are black and Chicano. Both of these strikes have been practically won and we are continuing to fight to win all of the demands.

In the rent strike, the working people, especially black and Chicano, have taken most of the initiative, and students have followed their militant lead. During this struggle we have met many workers, and we are now planning a boycott of the stores owned by the landlord. In Salt Lake City we have the beginnings of a live worker-student alliance fighting racism. A fight for decent housing against the rotten conditions all working people face, but especially black and Latin people, is a real fight against racism.

Other ways of fighting racism in working class communities are by fighting racist hospital care, racist murders, rent raises, and police terror.

FIGHT RACIST UNEMPLOYMENT!

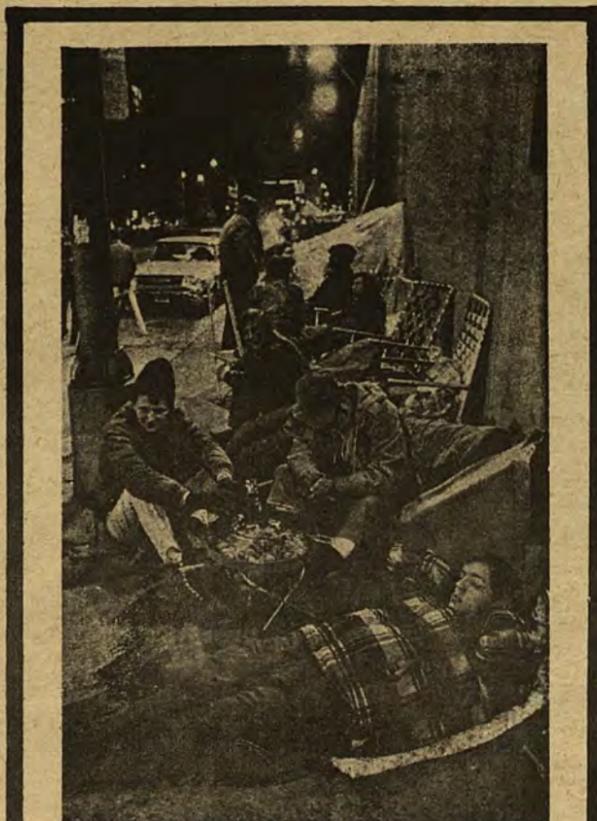
No accident further that the racist police harassment and attacks which enforce the super exploitation of black and Latin workers are scientifically developed by police science Institutes on campus. Students can concretely support ghetto rebellions by smashing police science and all 'riot control' courses. We can fight the ideological justifications of racism by degrading that racist professors be fired, like the University of California at San Diego, and that racist texts be rejected, like at University of California at Los Angeles.

In the middle of the month of November unemployment reached a seven and one-half year peak. Of course, Nixon blamed this on auto workers for fighting for a decent wage. The way things look, it's probably going to get worse, and as always minority people are the last to be hired and the first to be fired. We should call anti-racist actions at unemployment offices or other places to demand jobs, and or protest unemployment. If SDS is going to progress, we must fight racism on a day to day basis. An excellent anti-racist action would be a national demonstration in Chicago on the last day of the convention (Dec. 30) against racist unemployment. Each morning we could leaflet factories and working class communities to build for it so that we aren't just getting together to talk, but to fight racism and build the worker-student alliance.

WIN MINORITY STUDENTS TO SDS

Why is SDS a mainly white organization? Primarily because of white students and SDSers racism. The ways in which SDS has been racist, and, programs to fight racism, are mentioned in this resolution. Why would a minority student want to join SDS when we don't in practice make fighting racism a major priority? Why should a black student join SDS after seeing our half-hearted actions in reaction to Jackson State? Why should a Chicano student trust SDS after the Chicano Moratorium Rebellion in east L.A.? We have been effectively keeping ourselves from uniting with the most militant students, minority students. Consequently, many struggles on the campus have been destroyed by the racism of white students, i.e., the National Student Strike last spring, was used by administrators to split white and minority students, or weakened because the struggles lacked the lead of militant black and Latin students. Not only hasn't SDS fought racism hard enough, but our racist attitudes have come through when we seldom invite minority students to join SDS, SDS should take a more serious attitude towards fighting racism, following this program as a start, and joining minority students in fighting the racist system which exploits black, Chicano, Puerto Rican and Oriental working people.

Laury Hamel NIC, SDS U. of Utah
Sarah Davis SDS U. of Utah
Jeff Gee SDS U. of Cal. at San Diego
Steve Cushing SDS UCLA
Nanette U. of Cal. at Berkeley



Camp out for jobs

Job applications won't be available until Monday morning, but these young men who want to become apprentice electricians lined up Wednesday on sidewalk alongside union headquarters at 600 W. Washington. There are 270 applicants already camping out, some since last Monday. Story on Page 34. (Sun-Times Photo by Howard D. Simmons)

Convention Proposal

STRENGTHEN NIC — BUILD STRONG REGIONS

RE: National Convention and Councils

That each year, preferably in late December, SDS hold a National Convention. At this Convention a new NIC will be elected, and new set of national officers will be elected and policy changes will be made. Local and regional meetings should be held far enough ahead of time to draw up proposals to be presented at the convention which will be several days long to allow for full discussion and debate, in workshops and plenary sessions, before final decisions are made.

- That at least twice a year (preferably in early fall and late spring) SDS hold national actions in major US cities. These actions would be patterned after the Nov. 3 1970 demonstrations in Detroit and San Jose, that is: One demonstration on each coast, both on the same day, each action preceded by extensive publicity and base-building among workers and students, each action attempts to bring workers and students together around definite issues in a fight against their common enemy. The main purpose of the national action would be to bring SDS politics to the people and to build SDS and the worker-student alliance in that area and nationally.

- That between National Conventions, the National Interim Committee and the National Officers be responsible for handling the national affairs of SDS, especially building for the National Conventions and Actions. The leadership must seek out and be responsive to the political opinions of the regions and chapters and must act in coordination with them.

The proposal favors one National Convention a year rather than several or one with several National Councils because we believe that it is nearly impossible to build for two National Conventions a year and also that National Councils are national in name only, usually bringing representatives of only one coast. It is our belief that the regions must be strengthened and must take over many of the functions now unnecessarily handled by the National Office (Fund raising, NLN article solicitation, coordination of local chapters) There must be frequent regional meetings with heavy political discussion, more regional actions and more regional initiative in putting together RAT troupes, new pamphlets, etc. Fifteen NC's a year will not build SDS; only chapters built by constant struggle can change the political reality of SDS. On the regional level, we can plan strategy for building a worker-student alliance and a strong anti-imperialist, anti-sexist, anti-racist movement in deed rather than in words. We can plan our expansion into community colleges and Catholic Colleges; we can, over the course of several years, increase awareness of SDS pro-working class politics, with regional demonstrations in many cities throughout the region, we can build ties with workers through CWSA and strike support and maintain these for decades, we can plan geographical expansion into major cities; we can build ties with other organizations with the goal of winning them to pro-working class politics and learning from them also. None of these things can be done just on a chapter level, or on a national level. We must build a worker-student alliance in deeds on a regional level and multiplying the number of NC's will not do this.

Jim Schneider, Cornell SDS

COME TO CHICAGO

WHO ARE THE BOMBERS? OFTEN THE RULERS!



The poster at the left is plastered all over the greater Boston area. The picture? One might remember seeing it before. This fellow is one of the thousands who rightly stoned the police off the Berkeley campus last spring in the fight to abolish ROTC there. Here he is made to look like a bomb thrower in part of the media's increasing attempts to portray radicals as small cliques of bomb throwing idiots. In many cases SDS has been accused of bombings or bomb plots. At Boston State College, for example, the school administration has organized bomb scares to coincide with all SDS activities. And then when SDS holds impromptu rallies among all the students the building to be 'inspected' the administration says this is proof SDS phoned in the bomb scares.

This is the oldest trick in the book. The government is behind many of the bombings -- witness the June Time Magazine account of undercover agent Tommy the Traveler who posed as an 'SDS organizer' and persuaded small groups of students to firebomb buildings. Back in 1903 a Colorado mining company hired a Pinkerton guard to derail a train in order to discredit the miners' struggle for a union.

SDS does not have and never did have anything to do with bombings and terrorism. We have a lot to do with a student movement that allies with working people to wage mass militant fights against imperialism, racism and the oppression of women. We support the hundreds of San Jose auto workers who seized the area around their plant and kicked the cops out, and we support the millions of working people (mainly black) who have organized rebellions against police terror and over rising unemployment. These are struggles that are directed against the real enemy -- the big businessmen who run this country. That's why these businessmen organize and publicize terrorist bombings.

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FIGHT CAF'T BOSSES

OVERALL A SMASH VICTORY

Although it would have been better to stay, the overwhelming aspects of the action was that it was good. We won some concrete victory -- while the boss was running off his leaflet of lies he had a lot put on the bathroom door. Also he stated that workers were allowed 80¢ of food for breakfast and \$1.40 for lunch. They only get 60¢ and \$1.20, but many of them said they would now demand the higher allowance.

MASS APPROACH WINS

A lot of the success of the action came from our mass approach. Campus workers and students drew posters and wrote up a petition to leaflet. We went from table to table in the cafeteria with these. On the day of the demonstration, the bullhorn was key. It really let the workers know what was going on. Fearing the people, the deans refused to speak into it.

INTENSIFY OUR WORK

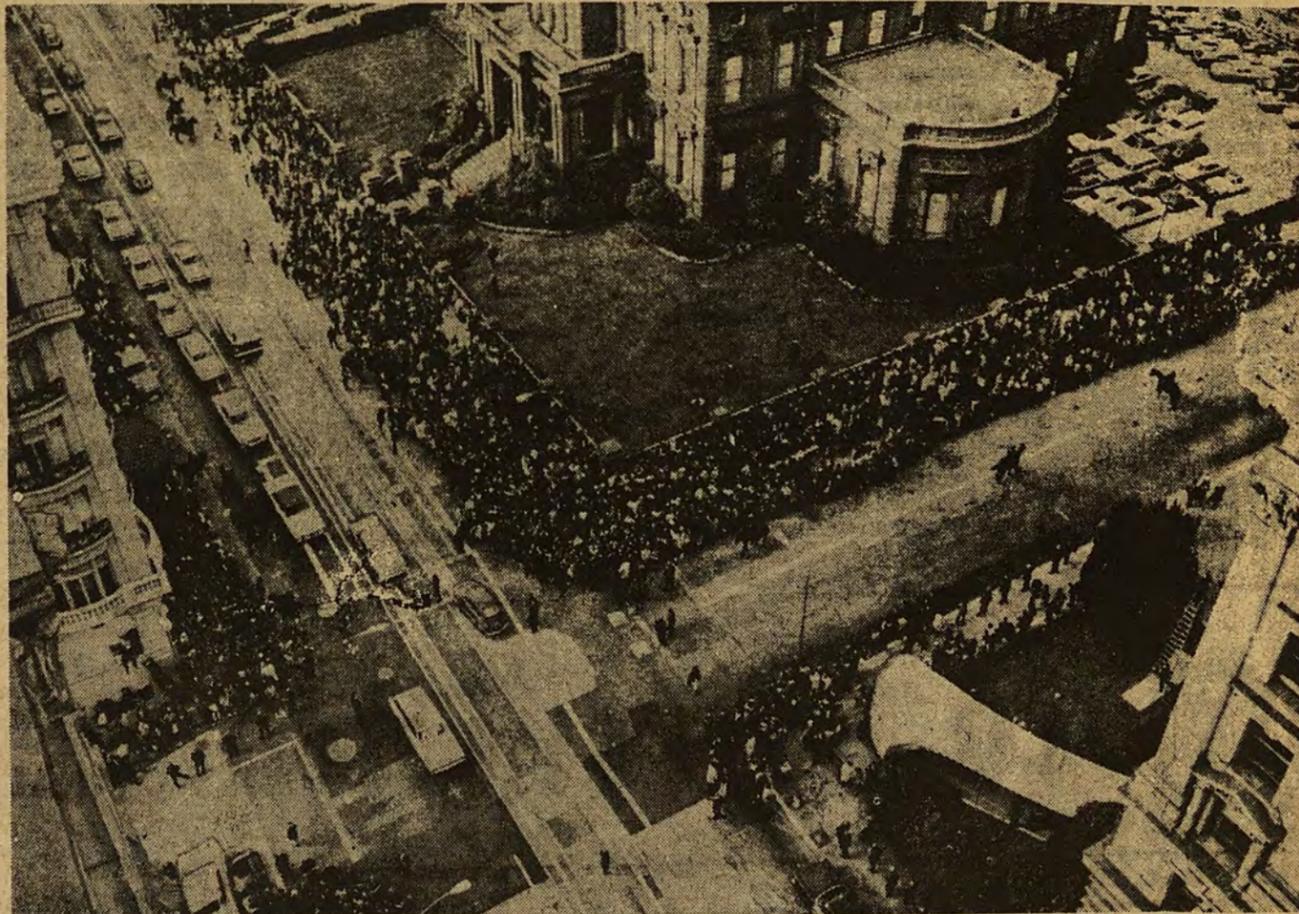
Now we must intensify our work -- get out a leaflet about the action to campus workers and students, sell SDS literature, and bring people to Chicago for the National Convention. Then come back strong in January with the radical arts troupe skit with the next action and a winning attitude!

WORKERS AND STUDENTS WILL WIN!

The key strength of the action were the militant unity of workers and students, and of black and white students. At their meeting Wednesday morning, members of the Black Federation Alliance urged other black students to support the action. It was this unity and militance that went far towards fighting the cynical idea that people can't get together. Previously, many workers and students had said 'I want to do it, but nobody else does.' Now many more people believe that uniting against the bosses, we can win!

A coalition has been formed of SDS, members of the Black Federation Alliance, and the SMC to continue the fight against B & D cafeteria and the Georgia State administration. A mass meeting has been called for Jan. 11, at 10:00, in assembly rooms 3 and 4. Less talk, more action! Fight racism and male chauvinism!

Yonni Chapman
Georgia State SDS



Thousands of students and working people demonstrated their hatred of Nguyen Cao Ky, Vice President of the US ruling class built government of South Vietnam, when he visited San Francisco earlier this month to rub shoulders with US ruling class rats. He knows where support

for the exploitive government he represents comes from, and it's not from the workers and peasants of South Vietnam!

SDS chapters from the Bay Area along with nearly twenty other organizations opposed to the war and US imperialism in general, participated.

CONVENTION

two sets of workshops, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. leaf-letting and talking at plants throughout the entire city during afternoon shift changes. 5:00 to 7:00 workshops. 7:30 to 10:00 second set of workshops (Optional workshops between 1:30 and 4:30 for people who want them). Dec. 29 -- 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Plenary discussion of proposals and national business. (plans for afternoon leafletting will be contingent on time) Dec. 30 -- plenary 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Brief rally an unemployment center near the convention. Then we spread thru-out the city to again talk to thousands of people. 2:30 p.m. come together and bring those of whom we've met for rally at Civic Center. March to downtown to Colliseum for massive indoor rally with worker and student speakers, rat skits and songs. Break for dinner, then a big party that night at the Colliseum.

We should begin NOW signing up people for transportation. People should register in advance for the convention. Money should be collected now in local areas and sent in to the national office. Each group coming should organize itself into 'brigades' of ten to fifteen each with one person chosen as the coordinator. This will make it easier for the Chicago people to plan inter-city transportation, housing, leafletting, etc. Bring sleeping bags, musical instruments and warm clothes. Most of all bring lots of people and lots of ideas on how to build SDS into a mass student organization which fights on the side of poor and working people all over the world. Build a mass SDS! Build a mass worker-student alliance!

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STRIKING WORKER

people would really want it.'

Q: 'So you think we should bring a couple thousand people?'

A: 'Yea, sure. You should bring eighty thousand!'

Q: 'Will you be able to come or bring any of your friends?'

A: 'Well yeah, I could probably bring half the picket line.'

Q: 'Also, SDS is having a conference here of students from all over the country. We discuss our ideas and actions, and try to learn from each other so we can return to local areas to keep our fights going and make them stronger.'

A: 'That's good. We should get this stuff going everywhere.'

Q: 'How is unemployment related to rebellions in the ghetto community?'

A: 'Most are willing and able to work -- you just don't get a chance. You get destitute. Some people take up the bottle, some take the gun. It's open season on cops. They ought to get combat pay. There are some things a man shouldn't do. I won't be a drunk and I won't be a cop. The cops ask for it. The bad conditions make the people mad, Then the cop comes along and pushes you around.'

Q: 'What about the ones who make all the money?'

A: 'The jackasses get all the money. The administrator at the hospital where the poor black patients get discriminated against is the director or Continental bank.'

* (SDS has found out that this bank owns a major interest in Cairo, Illinois, where black rebels have been fighting for jobs and against police terror, and the big businesses that run that city.)

We discussed other things, and then got back to the convention and demonstration. 'Get the maximum,' the worker said. 'It will be effective. This is our real power -- the poor, the laborers and the students.' (That was the end of the interview,

Chicago Area SDS

National Membership Drive

GM's GOT THE MONEY...

... ripped from the muscle of the working class, robbed from the resources of the third world, stolen from the minorities and women it doubly exploits. As students we have to choose sides: choose to fight against imperialism - racism - male chauvinism -- relying on workers and ourselves; OR: stay in 'our place' and get grants from Ford and Carnegie to do sociological studies and build pac ifist movements (ie. serve the bosses).

An organization which fights on the side of the people, which can give a unified thrust to pro-working class struggles, has to support itself by relying on the people.

1000 new memberships a \$5.00 a piece from old and new SDSers means \$5000.00 and a lot of political discussion about the kind of nationwide organization we're trying to build. Other contributions are also needed and welcomed.



JOIN SDS !! (\$5 includes NLN)
Now \$5 for non-members

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SLC Tenant's Union

At a mass meeting to establish a tennant union, the residents of the Kelso announced a rent strike -- which was the first of its kind in the history of Salt Lake City, and they have asked the students for our support.

This is full proof of the success WSA (worker-student alliance) is capable of producing, here, in Salt Lake City.

Today, the owner of the Kelso announced he will begin on the repairs, so desperately needed, by the tenth. This examplifies the strength of the tennent union and thre threat it has obviously made toward big business.

We are however ready for any tricks and realize that the strength depends on the unity of the people.

SDS at Utah thinks that whenever working people go on the offensive for better conditions, students should extend their full support. When this is done, it is a step in building a real WSA, which will enable us to make basic changes in society.

Robyn Bush, Salt Lake City SDS
 Reb Bush, Salt Lake City SDS

IOWA OUSTS DIA

SDS led a sit-in of 150 people against the Defense Intelligence Agency at the University of Iowa last week.

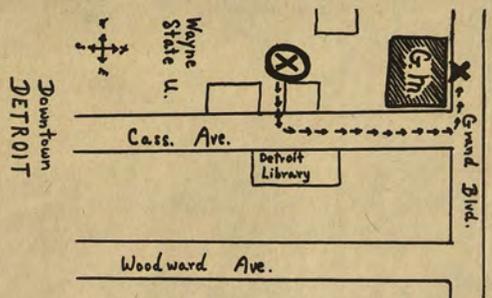
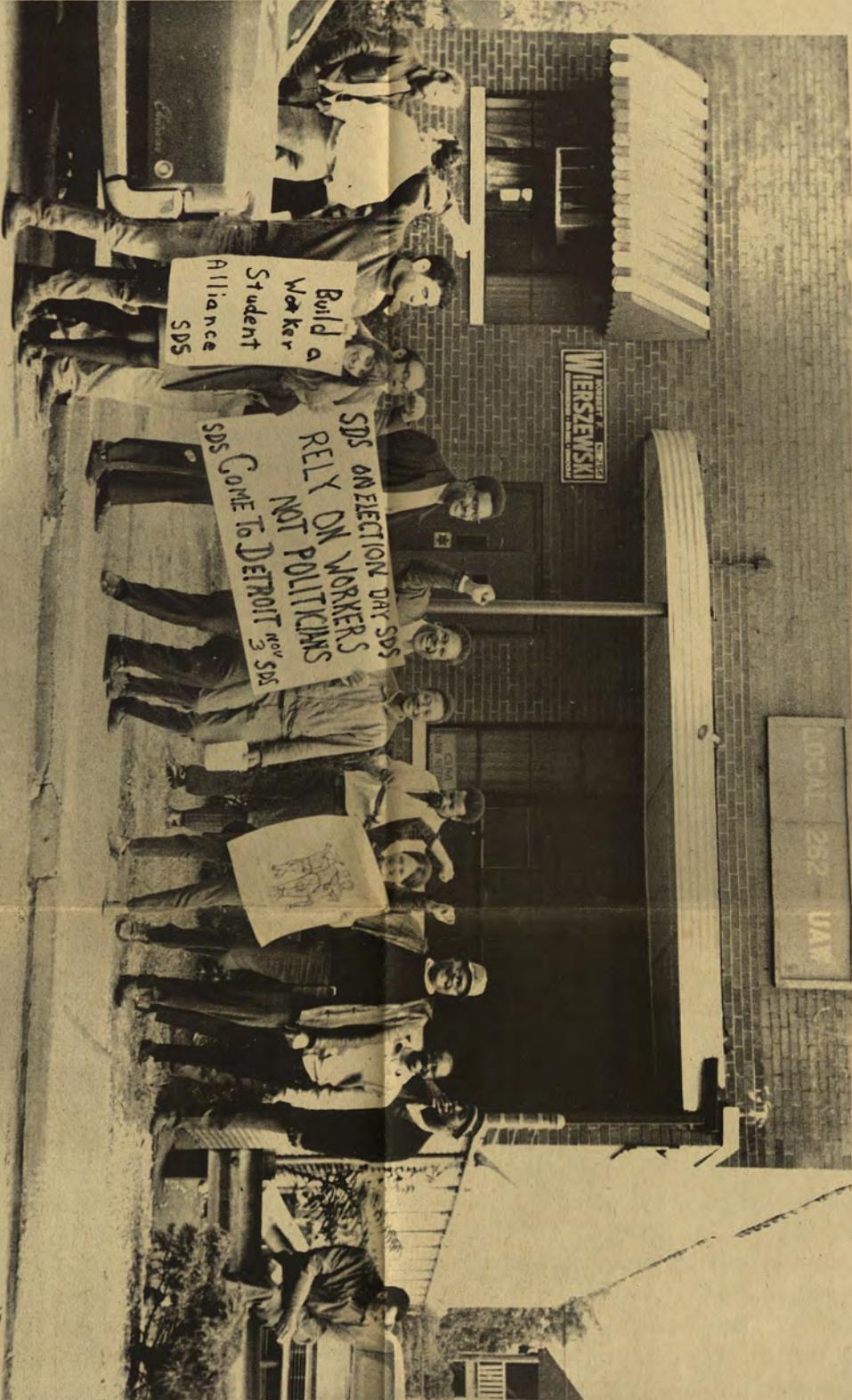
The DIA, which is funded by the Pentagon, is responsible for all military intelligence in S.E. Asia. It's budget is triple that of the CIA.

Following the sit-in at the placement office, at which students booted down a Northwestern Railroad recruiter who was also recruiting that day, we served notice on one dean that both ROTC and the CIA recruiter whose coming next month are going to receive the same treatment.

Iowa City SDS

COME TO DETROIT NOV. 3

BACK AUTO WORKERS NOT LIBERAL POLITICIANS !!



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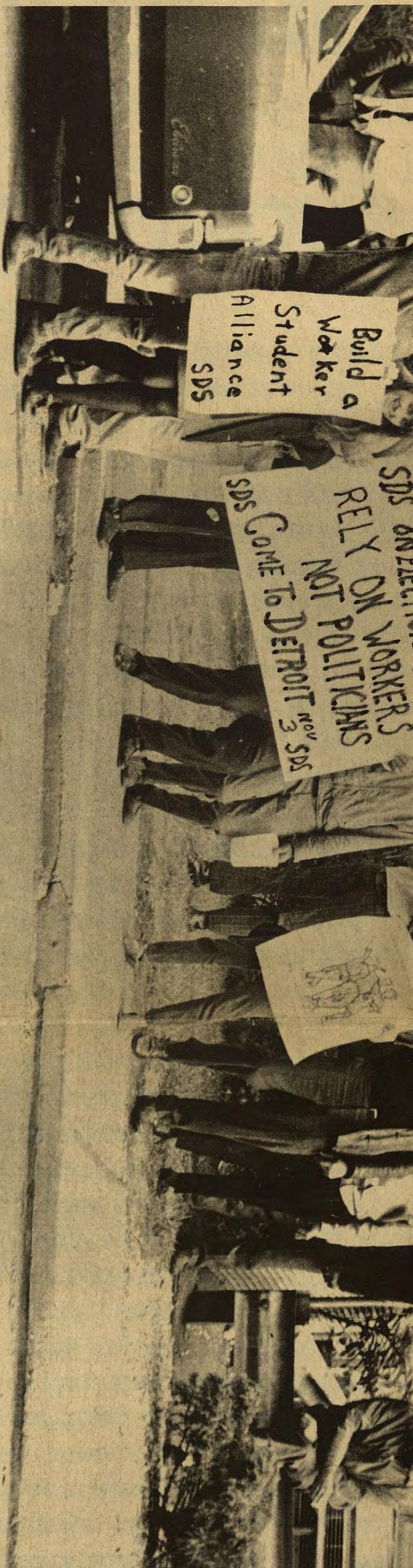
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OPEN LETTER TO STUDENTS FROM AN AUTO WORKER

Dear Students,

My name is Eddy Andrews, and I work at the Fleetwood G.M. plant in Detroit.

For those of you who might not know what goes on in a plant, well let me lay it on the line for you as to what type of working conditions we face. 1) There is the racism. The employers separate the ethnic groups so that they cannot unite and fight back against management. 2) If management knows that you are the type of fellow that speaks out and don't go along with them, you are classified as a trouble maker and are constantly harassed, and they are waiting for you to make a mistake so they can fire you. 3) We are forced to work overtime, after completing eight hours work, without the consent of the workers. General Motors does not own us, we only work for them, and after eight hours let's call it a day. Our wages at G.M. are a little higher than at any of the other auto companies but not that much difference, considering the rises of the costs of living. I believe that G.M. could and should be made to pay their assembly workers at least \$10,000 per year compared to \$7,000 now, and even more according to each individual's job classification. After all, we are making millions for G.M. and they don't issue out bonuses to rank and file workers--only to the management. It is vitally important for non-auto workers as well as auto workers to demonstrate and picket G.M., because not only auto workers are affected by this strike, but also Unite Steel and United Rubber companies along with so many other companies which are laying off so many, thousands until after the strike. It is urgently necessary for rank and file workers to unite, so as not to let local leaders and international leaders decide on whether or not we'll be sold out to G.M.

I personally think that the mass demonstration announced for November 3, 1970 during election time is appropriate because we don't care about elections, because politicians never do workers any good. It will also have a tremendous effect if students, teachers, and workers participate, for it will show that the working class and students can come together to strike back at G.M. and large industries for their racist management. The demand for cops out of the ghetto is an important part of the demonstration. The police commissioners are sending cops to the ghettos for several purposes, not to protect, but to murder poor people, incite bombings, and to arrest innocent individuals for crimes they never committed, in fact anything that the police can charge to the minority groups they do--in order to keep racial imbalance. They allow dope into the ghettos so that we argue, fight, and destroy each other, so that we cannot organize to blast back at their trickery.

Another part of the demonstration is that the demands for the U.S. to get out of Vietnam now without negotiations. The war in Vietnam is not our fight; it is just another means of bargaining away the poor people's lives and they are using working people against working people over there for their own interests--exploiting and destroying people with similar type conditions as ours.

These are just a few injustices that should bring thousands to Detroit for the November 3 mass demonstration. I hope everyone comes, and I'm looking forward to meeting you personally.

Sincerely yours,
Eddy Andrews

NOV. 3-ELECTIONS ARE A HOAX!

SDS

U.S. Out of S.E. Asia No Negotiations

Cops Out of the Ghetto Support Striking Auto Workers

COME TO DETROIT

Support Transit Workers!

"MBTA BOSSES MAKE YOUR TRAIN LATE"

SUPPORT

TRANSIT WORKERS SLOWDOWN

The subway workers in Boston have been staging a slowdown since July for a better pension plan. They pay 8% of their salaries now, for their pension and after 30 years of service they only get \$125.00 per month to 'live' on.

The MBTA bosses and the newspapers, blame the lack of service on the MBTA drivers and maintenance men when in reality it is the businessmen who run the MBTA who are to blame. The work force was cut from 8500 years ago, to 5500 now, and the number of cars has been drastically reduced, which means that the remaining drivers have to do much more work and also

Undersecretary of Housing Affairs during the Detroit and Newark rebellions (1967) when black working people were fighting back very hard for decent housing (among other things). Here in Boston he worked for the MIT Urban Studies program which planned the destruction of working people's homes in Cambridge and the construction of a money making NASA center. After the demonstration and picketing at the hotel, the leaflet calls for a march to the MBTA head office for a rally in support of MBTA workers.

We've been passing the leaflet out throughout the entire city and all over the subways. It's



MBTA BOSSES BANKERS ROB THE PEOPLE - BLAME THE TRANSIT WORKERS!

that many more riders are crammed into fewer and fewer cars.

The Boston Globe and several other newspapers around the city have run vicious anti-worker articles and cartoons attacking the drivers as being lazy for not working overtime and has further attacked the drivers calling them greedy because they want a pension they can live on. What these papers are trying to do is obvious. They are attempting to pit the workers who ride the trains against the workers who drive them BUT IT ISN'T WORKING.

SDS has published a leaflet entitled 'SDS Says: MBTA BOSSES MAKE YOUR TRAIN LATE!' The leaflet calls for a demonstration and picketing at a Boston Hotel, where, in gala surroundings, past MBTA chairman Wood is being inaugurated president of UMass (Boston). Wood is an old hand at attacking working people -- he was

gotten a fantastic response from commuters as well as the MBTA workers themselves. One of the workers who changes bills in one of the subway stations read the leaflet and after that made sure that I'd given a leaflet to every bus driver who came in during that time. Another worker read it and asked for '15 or 20 more to put up on the union bulletin boards.' Another worker saw me coming toward him and waved and showed me that he already had one tucked away. I tried to give one to a man in a booth and he pointed to the ceiling where several of our leaflets were already hung.

The riders are just as excited as the drivers. One woman came running off a bus to tell me that it was the 'best thing that she'd ever read.' She took a handful for her friends.

Some people were surprised to hear that this fantastic leaflet had been written by the SDS. The

MBTA-

myths pushed by the media are easily dispelled when MBTA workers are slandered by the BOSSES press in the same way SDS has been in the past.

ANOTHER THING-

If you've ever leafleted you know how discouraging it is when you see a lot of leaflets scattered and muddy on the ground???? Well, after having passed out 1000 leaflets there were only two lying on the ground. Everyone else (while waiting for their trains) had read the leaflet front and back, and had folded it up and carried it home with the.

A woman said 'Work be damned', she'd go to the demonstration anyway. Several of the drivers have said they will do the same though they may not show up in uniform.

This looks like a terrific issue around which we can build a worker student alliance. The need is clear -- SDS began its support at the request of some MBTA workers. They saw the need of winning passengers, workers and students, to their side. They themselves couldn't pass out leaflets on the trains without risking their jobs. It makes a real difference to the morale of the drivers and maintenance workers that passengers don't blame them for the lousy service.

So far the campaign has resulted in extremely friendly relations between SDS members and a lot of the workers.

We have to be sure to follow up the workers we meet and continue to talk to them and learn from them, and build a fighting worker-student alliance.

Boston Area SDS



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PUERTO RICAN STUDENTS LEAD-FIGHT RACIST PROF

On December 8, the Puerto Rican Student Union and SDS, plus some independent students, disrupted the class of a racist Spanish lecturer, Prof. Keller. We did this to show our outrage over a list of Spanish "New Yorkisms" and Puerto Rican "slang" that he had circulated.

We felt that we must fight against the racist, degrading stereotype that the lists promoted about the Puerto-Rican community. We felt we must attack all aspects of racism at CCNY. Members of the Puerto Rican Student Union are demanding that this professor be fired. SDS supports this demand totally.

CCNY
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