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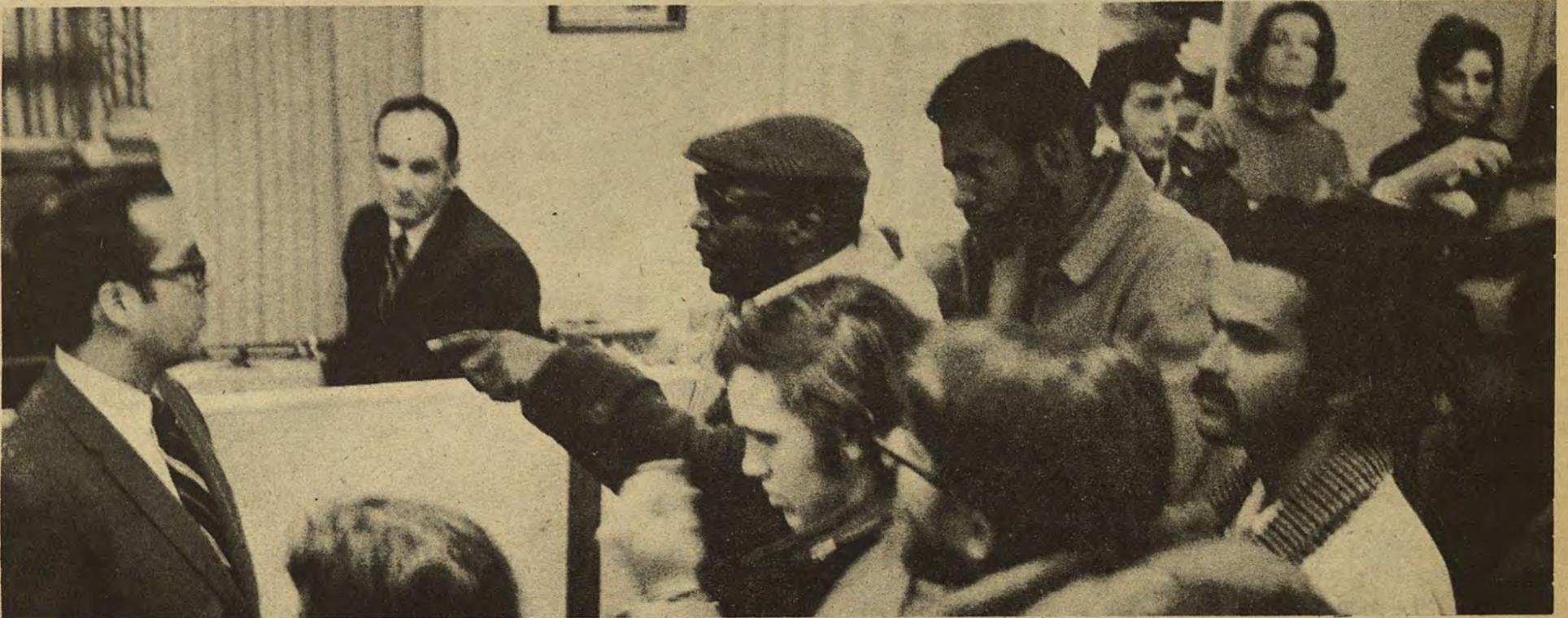


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Campus Workers Take the Lead to: **BEAT RACIST HARVARD**



Harvard's "apprenticeship" program is just fancy cover for making more money by paying Black workers less. The University is able to put Black workers in low pay grades by saying that they lack "experience" or "education" when in fact they are able to do (and in some cases already do) advanced work. The fight of workers and students led by a black electrician, Charles McNeil, has exploded this whole racist line!

Charlie's case is not unlike that of other Black workers in the apprentice program. Ever since he started in the program in December of 1969, Harvard has done nothing but give him a hard time. First they put him in a pay category about 20¢-an-hour below the one he should have had according to the time he had been working in his department. Then Harvard tried to prevent his enrollment in a technical school where he could get the training necessary to become a licensed electrician by making him change schools. In one math class "necessary" (according to Harvard) to take for a promotion, Charlie found another campus electrician six grades above his own.

At the beginning of January Charlie asked SDS to join his 18-month fight against the racism at Harvard. Workers and students wrote a leaflet calling for a confrontation. About 60 workers and students went to the Personnel Office to demand that Charlie be promoted. At first many students were unsure how to act, but Charlie knew how to deal with these bastards — he took the lead in being really militant and refusing to let them get away with their doubletalk. A Portuguese worker who also had been in the apprenticeship program supported Charlie's demands.

Coleman and Butler, Harvard's labor bosses, said that Charlie hadn't done any electrician's work, and that that was the reason he had been slotted at the first step. So when 90 workers and students went back again, a white journeyman electrician who had worked with Charlie for six months said that Charlie had done the work necessary to be promoted — pulling wires, fixing motors, installing ballasts, and handling pipes. Coleman and Butler, caught in a lie, didn't know what to say (except, of course, that they weren't "convinced" that Charlie ought to be promoted).

Their next move was to say that Charlie didn't have the math to be promoted. But as we noted earlier, that's a lie, too, since a seventh-step apprentice is in Charlie's math class. Harvard's current lie about Charlie's experience is that he didn't do electrician's work long enough — but the contract says 200 hours or five weeks — far less than Charlie actually worked.

We have gone back two more times, each time bringing more workers and more students. And although Harvard has not yet given in, now that Charlie is fighting many other workers have come forward with their grievances. Another Black worker, Kurtis Bridgeman, who has two years' college education in electronics and has done work in electronics at KLH, is a utility man (which means he's washing lightbulbs). He has asked to become an apprentice electrician, but Harvard has refused on the ground that there are no openings. This is just another lie, since the Portuguese worker who supported Charlie at the first confrontation was harassed into dropping out of Harvard's apprenticeship program, and that opening has not yet been filled. Also, two Black secretaries came forward, demanding that they be paid the salaries they were promised

when they were hired.

Since Harvard bosses profit from their racist practices, they're obviously not going to give in until they're forced to. Harvard's latest dodge is that they can't make the final decision in the case — the Joint Apprentice Training Committee (JATC) has to decide. Dick Dav, Charlie's racist foreman, is on the JATC, along with some other Harvard bosses and two Union men. In other words, Harvard is passing the buck to its rubber stamp!

They're getting scared now, because it looks like they're coming up against the only thing that can beat them — a real worker-student alliance! At the last confrontation, they locked up the Personnel Office and filled it with cops because workers in the Personnel Office were beginning to see how Harvard screws all workers through racism. And they have plenty to be scared of, because workers and students at Harvard are going to keep right on fighting together until we smash Harvard's racism!

Charles McNeil and Students
in Harvard-Radcliffe SDS



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INVASION OF LAOS

The invasion of Laos was leaked out slowly to the American people in the two weeks preceding this writing because of the lesson the US learned last spring — that students and workers are now ready to FIGHT to end the war. By not breaking the news of the invasion all at once, they were trying to avoid militant action by students and workers. The US Government want us to become accustomed to the escalation of the war—from the resumption of the bombing of North Vietnam, to the invasion of a POW camp, to the invasion of Laos.

The announced purpose of this attack was to cut off the Ho Chi Minh trail, which is the supply route between North and South Vietnam, passing through both Laos and Cambodia. In the eyes of the imperialists, this was needed to strengthen their position in the Southeast Asian war and at the negotiations. But in fact the entire escalation of the war in Southeast Asia should be seen as an attack on workers worldwide. It means the death of even more Vietnamese and Laotians, it means more unemployment and starvation of workers in the US, it means more and more racism, and it is part of the US plan to stem the tide of popular revolt all over the world.

We must build a movement that will fight against imperialism at every turn, and only a worker-student alliance can do this successfully. To this end, actions were taken at a number of schools around the country in response to the US invasion of Laos, including the following:

Iowa: On Wednesday, February 10, about 1500 people took part in a class boycott and teach-in organized by a coalition including SDS and NUC. Workshops were also held on ROTC, racism, working people, unemployment, and the People's Peace Treaty. At a mass meeting that evening, 400 people passed three demands: (1) US out of Indonesia now. (2) End university support of the war. (3) Stop campus layoffs. On Thursday SDS held a demonstration to confront a recruiter for Bank of America. The hastily-called action drew only about 50 people, but resulted in valuable discussion of how we could build a winning movement. That night a somewhat-spontaneous march of about 200 people moved on the ROTC

REBELLION IN WILMINGTON

Wilmington, N.C.

A curfew was imposed on this city, Sun. night, Feb. 7 and the National Guard was subsequently called in to quell what the press called, "racial violence." The racist press played up the shooting of a white truck driver on Sun. morning (although it is not known who shot him) and barely mentioned the fact that the night before a Black teen-ager had been shot to death by a cop.

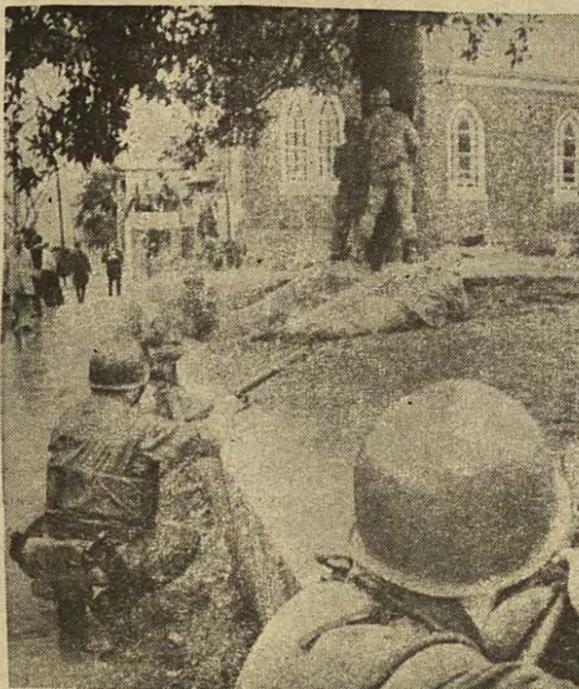
Students and workers have been protesting the beatings and suspensions of Black students in the Wilmington school system. At a recent rally, a Black high school student was shot by a cop touching off the latest rebellion. A boycott of the schools has been in effect for almost a week.

loudest applause.

Berkeley: About 3,000 students turned out two days in a row for demonstrations. The student government, SMC, and some "radical" groups tried to channel the militancy of the people involved into electoral solutions. SDS already had been banned from campus and was thus in a bad position to provide leadership. At the end of two days the sellout leadership refused to lead a march of some 3,000 people (most ready to fight) because they lacked a permit. A student from the Iranian Students Association tried to get people to march anyway, but the campus cops shut off the sound system while he was speaking.

Madison: Between 1,000 and 2,000 students participated daily in rallies and night meetings at the University of Wisconsin. There was some talk around demands of supporting the People's Peace Treaty and freeing all political prisoners. SDSers talked to people about concretely allying with workers, and started a movement to do so by organizing people to leaflet and talk to campus workers.

What is clear on almost every campus is that students are looking for a winning strategy. We in SDS think that a worker-student alliance has the strength to bring the war in Indochina to an end. A necessary part of that is building a united movement of campus workers and students to smash ROTC, war research, and imperialist institutes — the institutions that US bosses use to oppress workers and peasants worldwide. Also we should fight the ways the US bosses make war on American workers — like speed-up, layoffs, and unemployment, both on and off campus. The National Day of Solidarity with Puerto Rican students (March 4) and the March Against Racist Unemployment (March 20) are actions called by SDS (see other articles in this issue) to bring together people who have been fighting on their campuses into a united national mass movement that will force US rulers out of Southeast Asia and win jobs for thousands of American workers.



Building, the Iowa City draft board, and an Army recruiting office. Windows were smashed to the chants of "ROTC Must Go!" and "Out of Laos!". SDS hopes to build for actions around the three demands passed at the mass meeting, especially stop ROTC (on March 4) and end campus layoffs.

East Lansing: At Michigan State University 600 students demonstrated against the invasion of Laos. Students showed what they thought of the SMC-led rally when they booed and hissed the SMC speaker. An SDSer spoke of how he thought the bosses' war would be defeated — through a fighting alliance of workers and students against US imperialism at home (as manifested by both unemployment and racist pay differentials) and abroad (as manifested by the Vietnam war and the invasion of Laos). These ideas received the



PHILIPPINE STUDENTS BARRICADE ROADS IN SUPPORT OF TRANSPORT STRIKE... Transit workers struck protesting price increase of gasoline products (involving Standard Oil, Getty, Mobil and Shell). Students backed them against these U.S. imperialist outfits and Phillippine henchmen by forming human barricades across

streets and the main entrance to the University of the Philippines. They fought the police with homemade bombs. The cops — defending the bosses' class interest, as everywhere — killed three and wounded 41. The government declared the strike "illegal" but the workers and students fought on.

BACK CHICANO REBELS!

The past week has seen tremendous militant activity by the Los Angeles Chicano community. At Cal State a rally around the issue of police brutality was called by Mecha, a Chicano student organization, on Friday, January 29. Over 300 people, mostly Chicano, attended the rally, which included one speaker from SDS, and marched to the Police Science Building.

This rally was followed by a mass rally on Sunday, called forth by the Chicano Moratorium Committee, against police terror in the barrios. About 5,000 people attended, mostly Chicanos, but also including many Blacks, Asians, and whites. The Southern California Regional SDS marched to the rally along with Cal State Mecha under a huge banner that read "Viva la Unidad Obrero-Estudiente". Other signs read "More Jobs, No War, No Layoffs Anymore", "Lay Pigs Off — Not Workers", and "US Out of Vietnam, Cops Out of the Barrio". We also distributed a leaflet that

pointed out the connection between police terror, unemployment, and other lousy barrio conditions.

SDS attended the rally to express support for the Chicano community against police terror and to put forward the idea that the only way students can win anything from university or other bosses is by building a united Black, Brown, Asian, and white student movement that allies with workers in their struggles. The adoption of an explicitly pro-working-class perspective was the first step in building SDS into the kind of organization that can win fights. But it is essential for the white students in SDS to overcome their racism; win Black, Brown, and Asian students into SDS; and follow their leadership.

Our building for the rally was weak in the respect that few of us brought new minority students with us. On the other hand, many people sold New Left Notes and SDS pamphlets during the rally and got SDS ideas out to the people

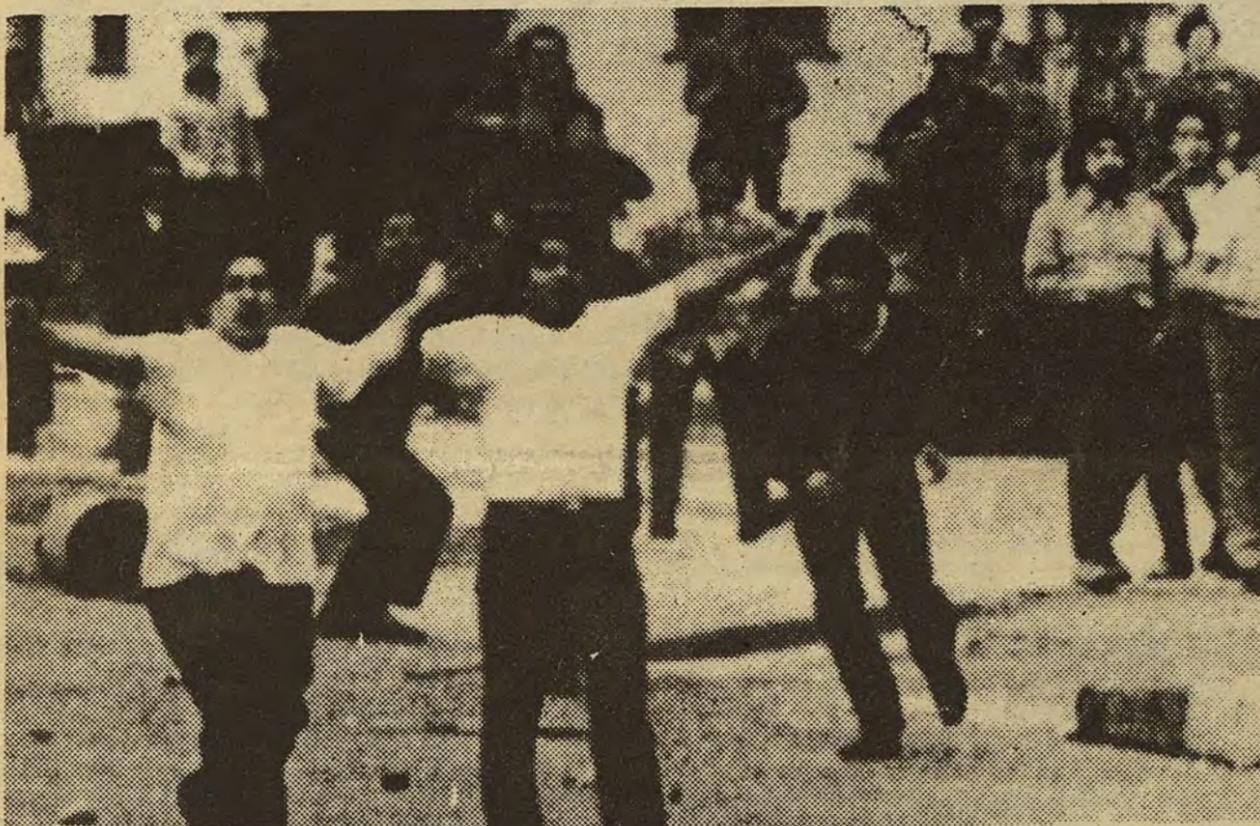
there. Our pro-working-class ideas were warmly welcomed by most workers and students on the march, many of whom picked up and carried SDS signs, but were met with dismay by the pacifist Moratorium Committee leadership.

Throughout the rally Moratorium leadership goons harassed the people selling SDS literature and those selling the Progressive Labor Party's magazine Challenge, since both SDS and the PLP reject the pacifism preached by the Moratorium leadership and instead encourage people to fight back against the lousy conditions they face daily. The hypocritical Moratorium leadership even announced on the microphone that only La Raza literature could be sold at the rally since, as one goon put it, "Chicano money should not be spent on Anglo papers", while openly admitting that they had a "working relationship" with the police and Federal marshals to keep the demonstration peaceful. Many Chicano workers, students in Mecha, and members of the Brown Berets saw through this attempt to keep them away from pro-working-class ideas, and defended the SDS and PLP literature sellers against the goons.

During the rally the Moratorium leadership repeatedly cautioned the demonstrators against violence, but such admonitions met with little enthusiasm from the people. After the rally about a thousand people marched to the Sheriff's station to show that they were not going to take police terror sitting down. The cops provoked the people by driving a car through the crowd, which responded with rocks and bottles. In the ensuing battle the cops killed one Chicano and wounded two dozen others, while the people put seven attacking cops out of action. The people fought the police all night and destroyed many businesses in retaliation for lengthy exploitation.

On Tuesday SDS is sponsoring a rally at UCLA with support from some members of Mecha and of FAME (Fund for Afro-American Education), a Black group on campus, in support of those who fought back against the police on Sunday and in protest against police terror in general. The main emphasis will be placed on the connection between police terror, ROTC, the war, layoffs, and racist unemployment, and on the need to build a united militant student movement led by an integrated Black, Brown, Asian, and white SDS.

Dan O'Hearn, UCLA SDS
Steve Cushing, UCLA SDS



Workers and students attack police station in east L.A. after Chicano Moratorium.

Student protests YAF subsidy

To some they give, to some they take away.

After kicking out SDS, the administration is now bending over backwards to support a new political group on campus, YAF, Young Americans for Fascism (Freedom-Ed.). This group supports the administration policies toward student dissent; they are racists; they support Red Guard spying and attacks by Pigs on students.

The CSA has granted a request by YAF for \$743.00 in student funds to bring Frank SS Meyer, editor of the right wing Nationalist Review, on campus to speak.

SDS supports workers, fights to end the wars in Southeast Asia, and works to smash racism. The result, they are kicked off campus, and their members are arrested.

Why is YAF getting preferential treatment?

STREET CORNER RALLIES REACH 1000'S

On January 23 the Los Angeles Area SDS held a demonstration around the two main slogans "Fight Racist Unemployment!" and "End Police Brutality!" Because only 50 students showed up it was decided not to have a traditional march and rally. There were hundreds of workers out shopping, and although we had already leafleted the area we realized that mere chanting was not the way to win people to our ideas and get them to join the march. Therefore, with the aid of a megaphone, we had two or three people give out short raps on the street corners, and then we formed up and marched militantly to the next

corner, where we again made speeches. Most of the people were Mexican Americans who listened intently when they heard some of our speeches in Spanish. The leaflet was also in Spanish and English. Every place we stopped, brigades of people leafleted and sold NLN.

Many minority and white workers asked us questions and joined the march. Since a city ordinance prohibited the use of megaphones, we organized protection for our speakers which — along with the supportive spirit of the people — prevented the pigs from confiscating our phones.



This letter appeared in The Illini, the University of Illinois Chicago Circle campus newspaper. The author was not known by the S.D.S. chapter.

Boycott Against Cafeteria Speed-up

On Wednesday, January 20, members of UCI SDS and supporters began leafleting the Commons (the only dining hall on campus) and calling for a boycott against Ara Slater, Irvine's food-service company. The boycott began on Thursday and continued on Friday with picket lines in front of the Commons during the lunch hour. Everyone who eats in the Commons at Irvine is familiar with the high prices, low-quality food, long lines, and lack of tables.

Complaints against the food-service company came to a head after Christmas vacation, when returning students and faculty and staff members discovered that the seating arrangements in the Commons had been changed. A number of tables and chairs had been removed, and people were actually forced to sit on the floor to eat their lunches. One of the demands raised by SDS was that the Slater Company provide more tables. The Slater management responded that they had provided more seating by opening the Gatepost Restaurant in what had been the student poolroom and Third World lounge. How many students and staff members can afford to pay higher prices for Slater food merely in order to be waited on or get a chair?

The major demand raised by the boycotters was the hiring of more employees so that the present workers would not experience speed-up and so that we could get better service. We also demanded food machines inside the Commons (promised to us three years ago!) and that the Commons be open late at night so that people could use the facilities. Many students and staff members have complained that when they are studying or working late in the library there is no place to take a break and sit down with a cup of coffee.

The managers of Slater were very nervous about our picket line and wanted to meet with us the first day of the boycott. We refused. Late Friday afternoon we did meet with Slater men and a representative of the University — we met only to verbally present our demands and find out if they would be met. Slater and the University agreed to the food machines and keeping the Commons open; but, as expected, they would not bring in more tables or hire new employees. They assured us that arrangements would be made to provide faster service. SDS fears that this simply means speed-up for the present employees. We have leafleted and talked with the Slater workers to let them know that the boycott is not an attack on them but an attack on the Slater bosses and that we wish to aid the workers in a fight against speed-up.

After some discussion, J. Phillips of the University decided to conduct a poll to see whether people really felt the need for a change in the Commons. During this week we conducted our own poll and kept in touch with the Slater employees to find out whether in fact speed-up was being used to get the food out faster. If this is the case, and our demands are not met by early this coming week, we will act.

The response of workers and students to the boycott was overwhelmingly positive. Many staff members remarked that "SDS is finally doing something good around here." And members of SDS feel that we are finally making some real contact with people who work at UCI.



San Francisco SDS Supports Iranian Students

"The U.S. fundamental interests... are deeply involved in the Middle East." Sen. J. Javits

Following is a rewritten version of a proposal on the Middle East introduced by San Francisco State SDS at the National Convention. Because of the importance of the situation in the Middle East the Convention felt that it should be printed even though there was not time at the Convention to formally act on it.

SDS supports the struggles of Arab, Jewish, Iranian, and other Middle Eastern workers against US and Soviet imperialism, Zionism, and the reactionary Arab and Iranian Governments for the following reasons:

(1) Israel's ruling class uses racism to exploit Arab, Jewish, and other Middle Eastern workers. Its racism is manifest in lower wages for Arabs and non-European Jews, more police repression against Arabs, and the ideology of Zionism which explicitly states that Israel is a country created for the benefit of one people, the Jews (although in fact Zionism benefits only a small number of European Jews who control the industry and the government).

Israel's ruling class has pursued expansionist policies which first drove thousands from their homes and on two later occasions, 1956 and 1967, increased its size at the expense of the Arab inhabitants.

Israel has a government which, like the South Vietnamese Government, serves the interests of those rich and powerful Americans who seek secure outposts from which they can expand and protect their investments (in the case of Israel) in the rest of the Middle East.

(2) The root cause of the Middle East problem is US and Soviet imperialism. In the words of Senator Jacob Javits:

defined by our economic and commercial interests with three continents at stake...our strategic interests are heavily and deeply involved in the Middle East...unlike Southeast Asia, where the best Lyndon Johnson could do is to say we are trying to establish...self-determination for the small peoples.

"Secondly...in the Middle East you've got the resources of Europe — 80% of European oil and ...90% of Japan's oil. So the economic life of the world is at stake...." (Face the Nation, August 9, 1970)

"What is at stake in the Arab Middle East," said the Wall Street Journal on May 5, 1969, "is money — a lot of it." Or in the words of the Arab Economic Review: "...with the Arab world returning \$2,000,000,000 on US investment, it is vital to the US economy, and vice versa." Two billion to whom???

(3) Not only are the Israeli rulers working against the interests of the people of the Middle East, but the reactionary Arab and Iranian Governments also exploit and oppress Middle Eastern workers. They are supported militarily by the US and Soviet Governments in their efforts to suppress the people to protect US and Soviet interests. Unlike the puppets of South Vietnam, who mouth "democracy", the Middle East reactionaries don't even pretend to. The US Government supports them because "...In the past economic realities have ultimately prevailed over political considerations, and there is reason to expect they will in the future." (George T. Piercy, Vice President of Standard Oil New Jersey, 1968)

These governments also use racism to divide and exploit Middle Eastern workers. Racism is manifest in attacks on Kurdish, Black, Jewish,

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SUPPORT THE STRUGGLE OF WORKERS

The proposal passed at the last SDS National Convention concerning a worker-student alliance called especially for solidarity with Puerto Rican students. Specifically, the proposal called for the observance on March 4 of a day of international solidarity to commemorate the massive struggle of Puerto Rican students against ROTC. On that day last year, Puerto Rican students, led by 400 women, fought the cops and ended the day by burning the ROTC Building to the ground. One woman student was killed and others injured in this heroic fight. Over the last two years many battles have been waged against ROTC in the US and Puerto Rico, resulting in more than a 50% drop in ROTC enrollment.

Why has this happened?

ROTC has been training and recruiting officers in Puerto Rico for the last 25 to 30 years. The necessity to acquire officers — especially away from Puerto Rico — becomes apparent when one considers Puerto Rico's strategic importance in the Caribbean.

At the beginning of the Twentieth Century, Latin American countries were set up for US corporations and traders. The US policy has been one of "open door" ever since — open door to unrestricted cheap labor, raw materials, and markets in Latin America for bosses in the US.

The US became a policeman of the Caribbean when Spain, the only other major contending imperialist power, was defeated by the US in the Spanish-American War — a policeman to protect and defend certain American corporations and to make sure the people didn't cause any trouble.

So the US Government extended the ROTC program to Puerto Rico, and the Puerto Ricans have been fighting back ever since. It wasn't the act of a mad bomber when ROTC was burned to the ground there a year ago, but the mass action of thousands of Puerto Rican students fighting against the system of oppression, racism, and imperialism perpetuated by the US Government.

The role of ROTC is perfectly clear to most Puerto Ricans. It was no mistake when 44,000 Marines and Army troops invaded the Dominican Republic in 1965, using Puerto Rico as their base of operations, resulting in the massacre of many thousands of people. Puerto Rican "lackeys" and ROTC personnel were the brains of the atrocity.

And it isn't a mistake that the same collegiate administrations that support ROTC across the country have tried to ban SDS in many places. For it is SDS which has put its radical ideas into action by launching concrete mass struggles on the side of workers and peasants the world over against US imperialism.

March 4 is not merely a day of action against ROTC, but also a day of activity in solidarity with workers, peasants, and students who are now fighting US imperialism all over the world. Actions on campuses may be directed against military recruiters, war, research, imperialist institutes, and so forth. Whatever the specific struggle happens to be, they will also raise the idea of building an international worker-student alliance by concretely fighting US imperialism at home. What better day to do that than on the anniversary of one of the most fierce and most massive struggles ever waged against ROTC?



Workers and students march in Detroit on Nov. 3, 1970, in support of the auto strikers and demanding that the US get out of SE Asia now.

Day of Solidarity

An important way to build for the March 4 National SDS demonstrations against ROTC is to canvass students and campus workers and to discuss the important role ROTC plays in US imperialism and how necessary it is for all of us to act against ROTC. Although most people feel that they are against the war and that ROTC is bad, many do not agree that ROTC should be abolished. They maintain that ROTC has the "right" to "recruit" students and that we have no "right" to infringe upon this.

We believe that this argument IN PRACTICE supports US warmakers, because while it allows ROTC the "right" of free speech, it denies the Vietnamese people their "right" to live free from oppression and agony. Because we're at the supposedly-neutral University of Iowa — where truth is our only pursuit (War research? ROTC?) — we're supposed to forget the years of suffering of millions of Vietnamese; the thousands of soldiers dead and wounded; and the giant corporations, with tentacles all over the world, whose profits all have died and suffered for.

Remember, rights of individuals and groups are very often in conflict with rights of others, as in the case of imperialists' "right" to make war on the Vietnamese, as opposed to the right of the workers and peasants of Vietnam to throw

WORLD-WIDE WORKERS & PEASANTS



The NIC decision concerning the proposal on ROTC was that it should be printed even though there was no time to consider it at the National Convention. The following is the programmatic part of that proposal.

(1) BOMBARD THE CAMPUS

(a) Circulate information leaflets, pamphlets, and newspaper foldouts, and get articles printed in the campus papers and the underground press. Call press conferences with the pig press to get all events publicized.

(b) Organize Radical Arts Troupes (RATs) — an indispensable way to attract attention to the issues. Go around performing on campus and in classrooms, living groups, factories, shopping centers, and movie theaters.

(c) Make wall posters and post them daily with current and detailed information about the war, facts about ROTC, and statements of various liberal and conservative politicians.

(d) Organize mass meetings to discuss issues like the war and the case for abolishing ROTC. Break mass meetings down into small workshops so that all get a chance to air their views and people get to know each other. Try to make such meetings regular.

(e) Set up public debates with government, military, and college administration spokesmen on the question of ROTC. Organize informative forums, rallies, and teach-ins on the connection between ROTC and the war. Pass around work sign-up sheets at events like these as well as at meetings.

know where SDS stands.

(c) Visit ROTC classes initially with small groups (5 to 10) as vocal auditors to (1) disrupt classes "peacefully" by asking questions and bringing up unpleasant facts about imperialism, the war, and ROTC; (2) convince cadets to quit the program; and (3) see and report on what these classes normally teach.

(d) Visit ROTC classes with larger groups of people. Eventually, as the fight against ROTC gains support, it will be possible to visit ROTC classes with enough people to stop them from functioning.

(4) DEMONSTRATE

(a) Prevent ROTC recruiters from keeping up their tables. Throw other military recruiters off campus. Organize people to picket and generally harass ROTC recruiters. This tactic has proven reliable in gathering large groups, even if you start with a small group carrying picket signs.

(b) Conduct serpentine marches around the campus and through the classroom buildings. (People could carry a burning effigy of "General ROTC".)

(c) Set up informational picket lines at ROTC and Administration buildings.

(d) Set up militant picket lines when support grows enough to keep officers out. As more and

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Unity with Puerto Rican Students

the French and Americans out. Similarly, the right of Vietnamese workers to strike and refuse to work for \$1.40-a-day wages is in conflict with the "right" of US factory-owners and investors in Vietnam to send in troops to break strikes so that they can continue their exploitation.

These examples should serve to show that certain opposite sets of rights are mutually exclusive; that is, to affirm one is to deny the other. You can have either one, but not both.

ROTC, the Military, the Government, and the owners of the big corporations the Government serves have been oppressing the people of this country and the world long enough. The people are fighting back. The struggles in Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America show this. So do the ghetto rebellions in this country, along with strikes of workers. Pious words of support or sympathy are meaningless, and in essence cruel, if we don't aid these struggles. To be against the war and against the suffering it brings to Vietnamese and Americans and then allow the warmakers on campus, despite the best of intentions, is taking a side: the side of the warmakers.

The question for each of us to answer remains "Which side are you on?"

Iowa City SDS

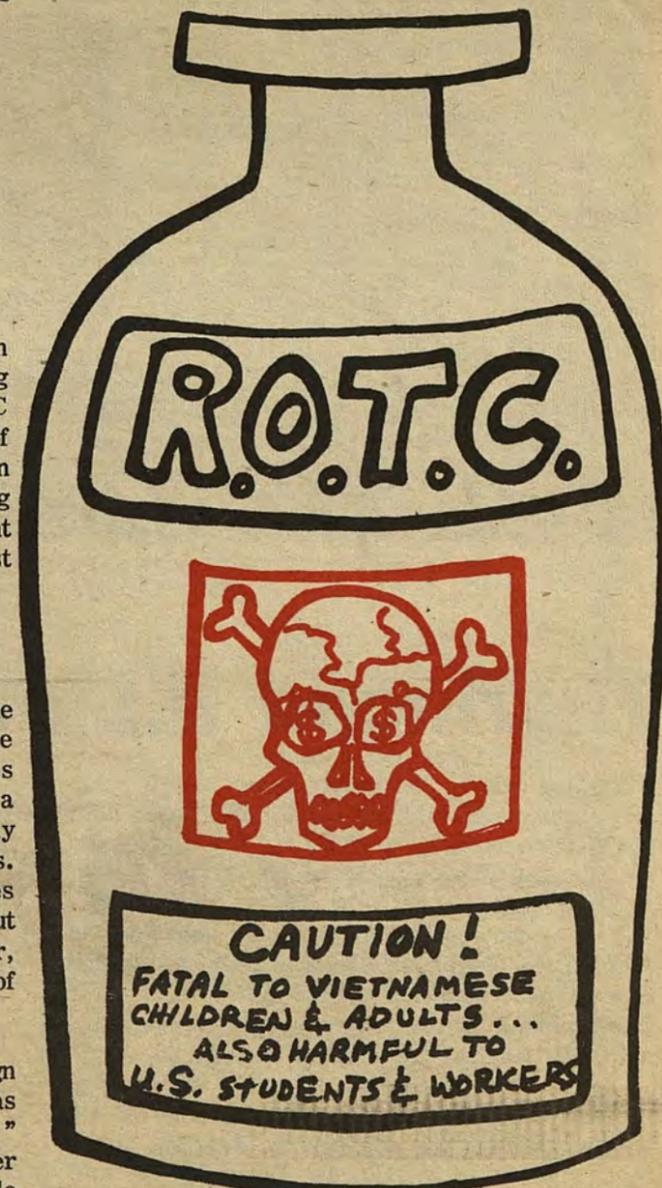
(2) ALLY WITH OPPRESSED GROUPS

Make alliances with Black, Chicano, and Asian groups on campus! These are the people being hurt the most by ROTC-trained officers. ROTC officers are trained to put down the struggles of Third World people in ghetto rebellions and in Vietnam. These alliances are crucial to building a united movement! Work together to hold joint rallies, forums, fund-raising events, and protest demonstrations.

(3) BEGIN THE ACTION

(a) Create classroom insurgency! Raise the issue of ROTC and the war in every possible class. Try to get friends to do it in their classes also. Go to the same classes regularly. Form a caucus in each class and get together regularly to put out leaflets and start discussions in class. Also get together with the people in other classes who are doing the same thing. Then spread out and turn all classes into forums on the war, ROTC, the draft, and the special problems of racism.

(b) Take part in student elections. Campaign on the basis of the chapter program as well as the demands "US Get Out of Southeast Asia!" and "ROTC Must Go!". This will provide another platform for raising the issues and letting people



200 Workers, Students Confront Harpur Bosses

SUNY Binghamton — liberal university of the year — got found out when some 200 students and workers showed up at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Faculty-Student Association (FSA), the governing body of the University, to give the bosses hell.

This fall the workers started organizing and won the right to a union election. This may have gotten the FSA bosses down, but it sure didn't count them out. The election was a farce. The wife and son of the food-service manager both voted in the election, though neither was eligible. Many workers were told they were not eligible to vote or were not given ballots. The workers lost the phoney election by three votes, whereupon 29 affidavits alleging unfair practice were collected by workers and SDS and the election was appealed to the State Labor Relations Board.

At this point both workers and students felt it was time to really get organized and at the same time reach lots of students about the issue. The workers went ahead and organized a union which represented over half of the dining-hall employees. SDS drew up a petition demanding (1) that the SLRB hearings on the phoney election be held in Binghamton so workers and students could attend; (2) that harassment of workers be stopped immediately; and (3) that all workers be paid a decent wage. We collected around 2,000 signatures and scheduled a demonstration to present the petitions to FSA boss Ed Dempsy.

The day before the demonstration, the FSA offered the workers a 10-cent-an-hour wage increase with no increase for student workers — not only insulting, but divisive. Well, that did it! The next day Dempsy found himself confronted by 125 angry workers and students. Dempsy made more promises than a five-and-dime-store Santa Claus, but we left convinced that it was time to stop pussy-footing around with this boss. (Later some workers pasted the dimes from the wage increase on pieces of cardboard and turned them in to Dempsy.)

At the next SDS meeting 15 workers showed up and we drew up a list of demands supported also by the members of Harpur Women's Liberation: (1) an immediate \$1-an-hour wage increase for all workers; (2) an immediate fair election to determine whether the workers wanted to be represented by a union; (3) a day-care center for University employees and students paid for by the University; (4) free uniforms for all the workers (men currently receive free uniforms, but women don't); (5) free medical care for workers (at present a worker has to get a note from a doctor for sick leave which can cost him as much as \$15 just for an appointment); and (6) no more layoffs of any workers. In spite of the fact that final exams were coming up soon, we decided to break up into teams of workers and students and go to the dorms door-to-door explaining demands, and to hold a demonstration in the Administration Building the next Tuesday.

On Tuesday about 50 students sat in at Boss Dempsy's office until Dempsy promised to hold an FSA Board of Directors meeting, open to workers and students, to act on the demands. Dempsy then tried to schedule the meeting at 4 p.m. so the workers wouldn't be able to come.

The 4 p.m. meeting proved to be the shortest in the FSA's history. About 60 students and a few workers who had left work early came to demand a postponement until 8 p.m. University President Gordon, who was chairing the meeting, tried to adjourn immediately because we were "shouting" at him. But as Gordon started to leave some of the students walked over to the door and stood in front of it. Gordon quickly changed his tune and reconvened the meeting — just long enough to postpone it until 8 p.m.

At the 8 p.m. meeting 200 people showed up, including about 50 campus workers. People had become incensed because of an article which had appeared in the local paper saying that SDS had stopped their sit-in to go to dinner and that the campus workers were well off. The bosses really got roasted that night as worker after worker stood up to describe the lousy pay, harassment, intimidation, and managerial corruption.

After four hours the meeting ended, and the score read "Workers 1, Bosses 0". They had granted our demands concerning free uniforms and personal and sick leave, and there would be a new union election. They also promised a reply in three weeks concerning the other demands.

In the days immediately following the meeting some interesting things happened. First a couple of managers who had been fingered by workers and students suddenly decided to "quit". Then the president of the workers' union was told that the Administration would give the workers "anything they wanted if they would get rid of their student support". She told the Administration to go jump in the lake! All in all it looks like the bosses are growing pretty desperate (one was seen crying in fact) as the worker-student alliance grows on!

Harper College SDS (SUNY Binghamton)

SDS Builds Mass Worker-Student Alliance



Harpur students confront administration in support of campus workers.

Thurmond ILL over SDS Reception

Senator Strom Thurmond, super racist, male chauvinist, anti-working-class, pro-imperialist boss, was scheduled to speak at Tufts University on Monday, January 25, on US foreign policy. A week before this Tufts SDS put out a leaflet and a poster calling for workers and students from Tufts and from elsewhere around Boston to confront Thurmond and not allow him to make justifications for the oppression of workers and peasants all over the world.

The leaflet exposed Thurmond's views on US foreign policy. He emphasizes the "big stick" more than other politicians. Thurmond has said that the death of one million wasn't enough, that the US should increase its terror bombing and

invade North Vietnam.

Thurmond favors a similar strategy against US workers. He has fought against anti-lynching laws and for more cops and troops to be used against Black workers. During the GM strike he introduced a bill to deny strikers food stamps to feed their families. Like all politicians, Strom Thurmond pushes racism, attacks workers, and waves the American flag to make profits for US bosses.

Some students argued that we should debate him, that he had a right to free speech. We said that racism and imperialism were absolutely wrong, and that there was no point in debating

this fact with a proven enemy of working people around the world.

Strom Thurmond lost his freedom and power of speech on hearing that workers and students from the Boston area planned to applaud until he left the stage. He called four days in advance to say that he had laryngitis. The Boston press reported that the FBI had warned Thurmond of our plans. Workers and students must work to build a united movement that will not only shut up racists like Thurmond on the campuses, but will shut them up everywhere once and for all.

Tufts SDS



Some of us in the Boston Region have been talking about doing a record that would help us bring our politics to people and would also serve as a way of raising money.

A worker we know thinks the record is such a good idea that he has gotten us a studio to do the production work in. Another friend of SDS can get the record processed very inexpensively.

So the opportunity is there. SDSers everywhere have been writing great parodies for Radical Art Troupe skits and songs about demonstrations we have led. There are scores of good musicians in this area alone. But the record won't be good unless we all contribute — and win new friends in the process.

Original songs around anti-ROTC actions, demonstrations protesting racist unemployment, and the like can really help to build the struggle. Each chapter should take some responsibility for getting together songs and groups to sing them. Parties where workers and students can all get together are always good places to try them out.

So when you come up with something, or even just have suggestions, drop a line to Al Furst or Peter Golden at 132 Day Street, Boston 02130.

Workers and students must unite;
Sing a song to build the fight
Against the bosses and their lies;
Sing a song and organize.

SMASH RACISM

Build worker-student unity

Sell Tickets

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more people join, the shut-down should spread to other buildings (like Administration centers). Marches to ROTC buildings, although dramatic, are weak because of the problem of what to do when you get there. Also sit-ins are not very sound, because you can't hold buildings long and the cops will have you cornered when they come.

(e) Finally, once a good percentage of students are clearly on your side, call a STRIKE and shut down classroom buildings. Then it is essential to hold out till you win. This is why so much informational work is important.

leaflets and pamphlets should be handed out at shopping centers, factories, and so on. Try to form alliances with already-existing community organizations. This will help link the issues that people face in the community, like police terror, welfare cuts, and rent strikes, to the Asian war and ROTC. Such work will go a long way toward breaking down the divisions between the campus and the community.

(6) ORGANIZE POLITICAL DEFENSE

As a result of these actions some people may be arrested and suspended from school. It is important to organize defense and strongly support them. We must have a feeling of concern and responsibility toward people who get ripped off and attacked by the Administration and cops.

(a) We should raise bail and arrange lawyers for everyone. But our support should not stop there. We should continue to organize support for all those who are arrested by holding rallies, forums, et cetera.

(b) We should turn all attempts to crush and intimidate the movement into means of building the movement and exposing the courts. We should organize political defense for trials and bring as many people as we possible can to witness the "impartiality" of the System and its laws. Our support should be lasting and should not end with raising bail for those caught fighting the System. The only way we can win is to show the people who run the courts that we have the people on our side and that we are ready to move against the System.

(c) We should demand open hearings for all those who are faced with disciplinary action by the Administration. First organize the campus to attend the hearing, then PUT THE UNIVERSITY ON TRIAL for its ties with the war effort and particularly its ROTC program. Expose the real culprits on campus, the men who run the schools and sign contracts with the Defense Department.

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i.e. black people aren't really oppressed, they just aren't thinking positively.
- "the nation... is presently divided into two classes-- welfare recipients and taxpayers."

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Do Not Attempt to Apprehend Alone

Build a Worker-Student Alliance Now!

JOIN THOUSANDS OF WORKERS IN WASHINGTON AND SACRAMENTO ON MARCH 20--SMASH RACIST UNEMPLOYMENT!!

Use NLN to Build Struggles

NLN reports mass struggles on and around campuses all across the country, and it draws out the political lessons we must learn from these struggles. Through NLN, SDS politics can reach out to thousands and hundreds of thousands of students. There are two things we can do to build SDS' New Left Notes -- write for it and sell it. These go together. It's easier and more relevant to sell NLN when it carries news about familiar local struggles. The best way to sell NLN is to set up seller's collectives and canvas dormitories, and sell at registration lines, or in the cafeterias. (A good idea is to write or stamp a local SDS phone number on the front of every issue.) Most college book stores will carry SDS NLN if they are asked to. And of course, there are always literature tables to set up and selling at SDS demonstrations. The important thing is that we get out and sell New Left Notes, get new people to sell it, and write for it ourselves.

from Upstate New York Regional newsletter

Romona Hi SDS Fights Racist Suspensions

A new chapter at Ramona High in Riverside, California is making its presence known in a big way. After the Christmas break SDS wrote a leaflet about the use of suspensions against Black and Latin students to keep those students from fighting against racism in the schools. The following is part of the leaflet they put out:

"Suspensions, as well as expulsions, truancies, detentions, and tardies, are used as a weapon by the Administration. Black and Chicano students are the hardest hit by racist teachers, classes, and administrators and generally lousy conditions -- and they have been leading the fight at Ramona against these conditions. Who gets suspended? About 66% of all those suspended are Chicano students, and 14% are Black, in spite of the fact that Third World students compose less than 10% of the student body. Other disciplinary actions show a similar racist bias.

These statistics show clearly that the Ramona Administration disciplines students in a racist, anti-working-class way. The actions are racist because they aim to keep out of school those students, particularly Blacks and Chicanos, who have been leading the fight against racism at Ramona. The actions taken by the Administration are anti-working-class because they serve to maintain a school system which exists primarily to serve the interests of US business by training students to be technical personnel, industrial workers, future managers, and so forth. The tracking system (dividing students into college and vocational programs, usually along racial lines) and the counseling help to insure that US industry will receive the right number of people to fill its requirements -- such as troops needed to maintain US business interests in Southeast Asia."

The evening after they passed out this leaflet the Administration got in gear and banned SDS activities (including leafleting) within a two-block radius of the school, under threat of a five-day suspension. Next they called up the parents of SDSers and really tried to give them a scare. But all the Administration's babbling didn't stop the struggle -- eight more people wanted to join the chapter!

Middle East

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and other minority groups.

(4) The Rogers "Peace Plan" is no solution. We see the Plan as an attempt by the US, the USSR, Israel, and some Arab governments to crush the Palestinian resistance movement. It has the effect of legitimizing the Zionists and ignoring the Palestinian and Jewish peoples.

(5) We reject the concept of the "Palestinian State" because it proposes two Palestines. This plays on Arab and Jewish nationalism to divide

Arab and Jewish workers. The result will only maintain the status quo and solidify the control of the area by imperialists, Zionists, and Arab reactionaries.

(6) We reject all Arab chauvinist solutions to the Middle East problem, such as expelling Jewish workers from the area.

(7) Action proposals:

(a) What is taking place in the Middle East is one of the sharpest struggles against imperialism in the world. For this reason we of San Francisco State College SDS propose that the Palestinian struggle be the topic of a workshop panel at the Convention. It is crucial that members of SDS acquire enough information to mount an active campaign against Zionism and the imperialist backed solutions like the Rogers "Peace Plan" and the "Palestinian State".

(b) SDS should form special anti-imperialist committees whose members could then organize struggles and plan forums aimed at exposing imperialist policy in the region. Where possible we should build ties with Arab, Jewish, Iranian, and other Middle Eastern students and seek their active participation.

(c) We should attack institutions on campus, such as ROTC, set up to advance imperialism, and should simultaneously expose their role in the Middle East. For example, in a leaflet we wrote to build a struggle against the holding of an entrance examination for the Air Force ROTC we pointed out that the AFROTC trained fighter pilots who drop napalm on both Vietnamese and Palestinians. (Numerous pilots have dual Israeli and American citizenships and fly in the Israeli Air Force.)

(d) SDS should organize struggles to throw off campus those recruiters who represent US Big Business exploiting the Middle East.

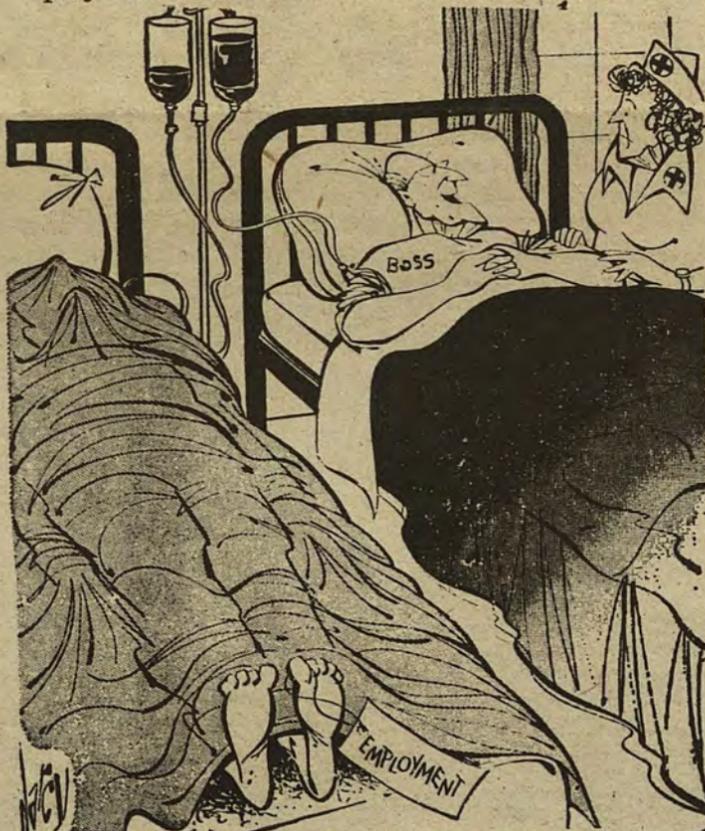
(e) We should attack professors who write books or articles in support of Zionist ideology.

(f) New Left Notes should include a regular section about imperialism which could include numerous articles on what's happening in the Middle East.

(g) SDS should attack leaders like Hussein, Faisal, the Shah of Iran, Golda Meir, and Moshe Dayan when they come to visit the United States.

(h) Imperialism is a world-wide system that oppresses workers in the US as well as around the world. The only consistent way to fight world imperialism is to build an international worker-student alliance. Furthermore we should raise the issue of world imperialism with workers as well as students in all our struggles.

Members of Harvard and San Francisco State SDS



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FIGHT RACIST UNEMPLOYMENT

JOBS FOR ALL! MARCH ON WASHINGTON & SACRAMENTO march 20

In their struggle against the US ruling class, the workers, peasants, and students in Southeast Asia, Palestine, Poland, Puerto Rico, and other countries all over the world have set courageous examples for US students and workers. By way of advancing the struggle here at home, we shall take a step forward with the National Day of Solidarity with Puerto Rican workers, peasants, and students. Puerto Rico's fight against the US imperialist bosses is our fight too, for we have a common enemy.

Later, in two national demonstrations to be held Saturday, March 20, in Washington, DC and Sacramento, California, students and workers, together with members of the Progressive Labor Party and SDS, will confront US bosses with the demand for an end to unemployment and the war in Southeast Asia — the main attacks on workers here and abroad by the US rulers.

The unemployment rate has skyrocketed to the highest level ever reached since 1962. In Seattle 25% are unemployed. In Chicago about 500 people line up every morning to try for 300 numbers redeemable for emergency food stamps. Unemployment means no heat in the winter, lousy homes, unfit medical care, malnutrition, and just plain misery and agony for millions of workers.

There is no end in sight to the Southeast Asian war. Indeed, the US bosses want the land, cheap labor (the maximum wage in Vietnam is \$1.40 a day), and the natural resources (tin, copper, and so on) so much that they have just invaded Laos too. The US presence in Southeast Asia means not only thousands of Asians massacred, but also a life of exploitation and oppression for the great majority of Southeast Asians.

The bosses' unemployment is racist on two counts: (1) because unemployment hits minority workers in the US the hardest, and (2) because US bosses fire workers here to take advantage of cheap labor in foreign countries to maximize profits.

And on the other side of the Pacific Ocean, the US bosses' war also is racist on two counts: (1) because thousands of Asian people have been killed in an attempt to insure US business in Southeast Asia, and (2) because proportionately more Black and Latin GIs die in Vietnam than white GIs.

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SDS has been working to build a massive worker-student alliance against the billionaires who run this country. The March 20 demonstration is a giant step forward in strengthening that alliance! Students, faculty, campus workers, and community people should all come.

FIGHT RACIST UNEMPLOYMENT
BUILD WORKER-STUDENT UNITY

Blacks, Latins, and Asians in the US always are the first to be laid off and the last to be hired. Furthermore, they are given the rottenest jobs when employed. Racist layoffs hurt minority workers harder than anyone else, and that is why they should be fought the hardest by all employed and unemployed workers and students. But racist unemployment hurts employed workers too, for it is a club over their heads to force them to submit to speed-up, unsafe working conditions, and low wages.

Workers internationally are not taking attacks by US imperialism lying down. Across the US, from New Bedford to Los Angeles, Black ghetto rebels have said no to racist unemployment and the conditions it causes. The Vietnamese people have fought courageously against the US rulers and their attempts to exploit Asian labor and land resources.

On March 20 SDS will demonstrate along with the revolutionary communist PLP and all other groups who want to unite with workers to smash unemployment and the war in Southeast Asia. It is a real step forward for SDS to sponsor a demonstration with PLP and other groups. SDS in effect is saying no to the anti-communist lies the bosses spread to divide workers, and yes to uniting with all groups who have proven through struggle that they are fighting on the side of the workers.

In a united action, thousands of workers and students will march on the State Department in Sacramento and the White House in Washington. We will be leafleting and talking to people in the communities in the morning, and the effects of the massive demonstration could be tremendous. Thousands and thousands of both employed and unemployed workers and students, both Black and white, will deliver the message in person to the bloodsucking bosses of the ruling class:

SMASH RACIST UNEMPLOYMENT: MORE JOBS FOR ALL! US OUT OF SOUTHEAST ASIA NOW: NO NEGOTIATIONS!