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U. Of Maryland Students Attack ROTC

On May 5, after a rally called by the Spring Coalition, some 3,000 students marched up to the Administration Building, chanting "ROTC Must Go!" and "Smash US Imperialism!". When we arrived there was a split among the students who wanted to hold the building and those who wanted to adopt May Day tactics by blocking traffic on Route 1, a highway on the edge of the campus. (We later discovered that the prime instigator of the Route 1 escapade was a cop.) However 500 or more students did remain in the building to militantly confront Chancellor Bishop.

Thousands of students, Black and White, at the University of Maryland have been struggling to abolish ROTC. In the fall and later this spring, students occupied the Armory and Chancellor's office to intensify actions against ROTC. SDS members principally worked within a student and faculty group, the Committee to Abolish ROTC. We explained to people that we opposed ROTC because it trained officers to direct attacks against workers, students, and peasants around the world. ROTC is instrumental in attempting to suppress revolutions and ghetto rebellions, to break strikes, and to attack demonstrations by students.

Because of the action at Route 1, the National Guard and police dogs began to sweep the campus and martial law was declared. At about 8 a.m.

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Thousands rejected liberal politicians and the racist, sellout leadership of SMC-NPAC at SDS breakaway demonstration in Washington April 24.

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CAMPUS ROUND-UP

U. ILL. - URBANA SIT-IN VS. ROTC, MARINE RECRUITER

On May 5 the spring anti-war offensive began at the University of Illinois Urbana campus with a student strike. More than a thousand students, Welfare mothers and community people took part that morning in a mass march on the Champaign Federal Building. The march was led by the Asian American Alliance. It was generally peaceful except for several minor militant struggles.

The following day a spontaneous sit-in against Marine Corps recruiters and ROTC took place in the student union. Nearly 400 students and faculty members took part. After three hours of sitting and five minutes before the sit-in ended, a group of about 40 pigs charged in and arrested 39 people, including two teachers.

That night a mass rally of over 200 people and students was held to protest the arrests. Among the speakers at the rally were representatives of the American Servicemen's Union and striking

workers from Danville General Motors. The crowd marched in the downtown area and was met by lines of pigs. Several arrests were made, several windows were broken, and two or three pig vehicles were damaged, including one that was turned over.

The next day, May 7, the strike came to an end with a March Against Repression by the Iranian Students Association, the student government, ASU, and various other Leftist groups. They marched down to the Urbana jail chanting "Freedom for all political prisoners" — Angela Davis, et cetera, and now the "Champaign 39".

To keep this kind of action on the minds of students and make this an ongoing struggle, it would be good to start an SDS chapter here with the idea of building lasting ties between workers and students.

Bill Breihan, U of I Urbana Campus

(Editorial note: The same day that there was a sit-in against Marine recruiters at the Urbana Campus, about a thousand students marched to a campus auditorium where a South Vietnamese official was speaking. The students chanted the speaker down whereupon he left.)



SDS joins in Progressive Labor Party led May Day march for international working class solidarity and Socialism.

Arrests, High Bail Won't Stop Fight To END CUTS IN MEDICAID

Boston, May 7 — END CUTS TO MEDICAID! ALL BILLS MUST BE PAID! demanded angry Welfare mothers at Roxbury Crossing Welfare Office. Over 150 students, workers, and Welfare mothers held a demonstration to oppose recent cuts in Medicaid and demand that the Welfare bosses pay up. The demonstration was sponsored by SDS, PLP, Mothers Against the Flat Grant, and the Boston Workers' Council.

In the face of increasing unemployment (which hit 6.1% again) states are putting the screws on workers out of work. In Massachusetts the Medicaid program is to pay medical expenses of unemployed and underemployed. It has been inadequate, but in this depression year the steep increase in the number of workers on Welfare has left the program short of even its typical low level of service. Medicaid ran out of money in March and has since paid out no money.

Last week "liberal" Massachusetts Governor Sargent announced a freeze on payments. Those cutbacks mean Medicaid funds will be cut 85% from the already-inadequate \$20,000,000. All Welfare payments for medical expenses have ceased, druggists refuse to fill prescriptions, doctors and dentists are turning people away, the Department can force you to sell everything you own down to \$150 before you can get a cent for Welfare, and you are required to accept any job, including scabbing on a strike. People are dying because of these cutbacks.

When the demonstrators got to the Welfare office, the Welfare boss allowed only ten of the mothers inside. When the rest of the Welfare mothers went inside, the police got orders to close the doors. A fight followed between angry mothers and cops.

Eventually the police reinforcements arrived, attacking the crowd and arresting eight students. The cops picked out some of the students with the longest hair. Their plan was to make it seem that all the "trouble" was caused by lazy radicals who don't want to work. But in fact the Welfare mothers led the whole action, fighting for money they desperately need.

At one point after the arrests the court set the bail at \$45,000. But dozens of people from the neighborhood called in to protest the arrests, and the people who worked in the Welfare office circulated a petition in support of the action. At this point the courts let many people out on personal recognizance and dropped bail. We had the rulers really worried!

SDSers, the Mothers' Committee, and the Workers' Council are going to continue to fight these medical-care cutbacks. We in SDS plan to force the hospitals controlled by our schools to not deny medical treatment to people because of cutbacks. We won't let the Welfare Department get away with murder!

Boston Area SDS

ALABAMA STUDENTS FIGHT RACISM, ROTC

Tuscaloosa, Alabama — In the middle of April 50 Black students occupied the University of Alabama president's office. Among the demands were a Black Studies program, a Black cultural center, a Black counselor for new students, and integrated athletics. They also demanded fair wages, no split shifts, and improved working conditions for the Black workers in the racist fraternities and sororities. The president of the University urged the Black students to discuss these demands, but Afro-American Association spokesman John Bivens said: "We're here not for talk, but for action." The only action so far was the arrest of five students.

On May 4 about 700 students marched on the Army ROTC Building on the Alabama campus, demanding the immediate withdrawal of ROTC from the University. Many of the students wanted more-militant action, but liberal SMC leaders kept students from any positive actions. As yet the demands of the students have not been met, and further action is planned before the summer.

Bob Kindle, University of Alabama

Madison sds Backs Tailors

A few weeks ago tailors at a large Madison clothing chain went on strike. The main demand was higher wages — Madison tailors are the lowest-paid union tailors in the nation. The other demand was an increase to a two-week vacation with pay.

The day after the tailors struck at one store they were locked out of six other stores. SDSers and others picketed at two stores, turning away thousands of dollars of business. Workers were receptive to SDS politics, despite the fact that two of the women had almost been hit by rocks thrown at the stores where they worked last spring by students called SDS.

The tailors have won most of what they asked for. The SDS efforts were a factor, though not a major one, in this victory. SDS is the only group on campus that actually goes out to build an alliance with workers. We want to get that word out to every student and campus worker at our school!

University of Wisconsin SDS

Danville - May Day: Striking Workers Lead Solidarity March

On May Day a Labor Solidarity March was held in Danville, Illinois in support of the rank and file of the three striking unions — UAW, bus drivers, and ESCO iron workers. More than 150 workers, Black and White, and an equal number of students and faculty members from U of I Urbana and Danville Junior College marched through downtown Danville. A rally was held on the mall, and a few hundred spectators gathered. This Labor Solidarity March was initiated by the workers themselves — especially a group known as the Danville Collective, a committee made up of both workers and students that acts as liaison between various local unions and also puts out a labor paper called Overtime.

This action and other actions like the joint student-worker marches in both Danville and Champaign during the GM strike last October are good examples of how a good student-worker alliance can be built and is being built even in the heartland of Amerika.

Bill Breihan, U of I Urbana

As Unemployment Soars to 50%

BROWNSVILLE WORKERS REBEL!

The visiting Mayor of Boston, Kevin White, wondered last month as he visited Brownsville's dilapidated houses and saw the rubble-strewn streets and their derelicts, warming themselves around small fires, whether this "may be the first tangible sign of the collapse of our civilization". (New York Times, May 9, 1971)

High unemployment and cuts in Welfare led thousands of workers to rebel in the Brownsville community of Brooklyn. Mostly Black and Puerto Rican, Brownsville's 130,000 people are hit by 50% unemployment, and four out of five families receive public aid. The following is an account from the New York Times about the development of this rebellion:

The most-recent disorders followed weeks of petitioning by parent groups and the Brownsville Community Council staff to legislators in Albany against proposed state budget cuts that would decrease funds for public assistance, Medicaid, education, and anti-narcotics programs.

A demonstration at Brownsville, sponsored by the parent groups with Council support, was held on Wednesday morning by way of further protest against budget cuts. The demonstrators forced the closing of local stores "to make some merchants starve as long as our people have got to starve", and blocked several area streets. (All of which the Council tried to oppose, but with no success.)

.... The first trouble started about 10:30 a.m. when a white compact car drove through the demonstrators who were blocking traffic.... Twenty-eight-year-old demonstrator William Elliot either was forced or jumped onto the hood of the car and was seen carried away two blocks to Osborne Street. There the driver, who was White and was later identified as a policeman in civilian clothes, stopped the car and scuffled with Mr. Elliot. Then he held Mr. Elliot against the car at gunpoint.

"One move and he's dead!" the policeman reportedly yelled to a crowd of about 50 youths who had followed the squad car.

Soon another squad car arrived and Mr. Elliot was arrested and taken to the nearby 73rd



Precinct station. A mostly-youthful crowd of about 100 gathered in front of the station demanding Mr. Elliot's release. The youth was later released on a summons, but before that small groups of teenagers and younger children began hurling debris into intersections, roaming the streets, and breaking into trucks and stores. Fires were set in some stores and at some intersections. Firemen responding to the fire alarms were pelted with bricks and stones. The disorders had begun in earnest.

Two days later SDS had a march through Brownsville in support of the rebellion. The march started with 30 people and swelled to well over 100 before the cops broke it up. The

scores of Black youth and workers who joined the march took up the chants WE WANT JOBS! and COPS OUT OF THE GHETTO! over and over again. The cops were scared shitless!

On the news that same night we heard a cop got shot to death on that same corner only an hour after our rally ended. Television cameras surveying the scene of the cop killing showed two Black workers holding up an SDS flag. The press was trying to imply that some "outside radicals" are the cause of all the activity in Brownsville. But the real heroes are the many thousands of Brownsville residents fighting for a better life.

Bob, Brooklyn College SDS

SDS'ers, Workers Confront Welfare Bosses

"GIVE HIM THE CHECK OR A JOB"

When a young unemployed Binghamton worker, Mark Bennet, began to sell Challenge, the paper of the revolutionary communist Progressive Labor Party, outside the unemployment office, the Welfare bosses tried to stop him cold by cutting off his checks. What they didn't count on was the fighting unity of workers and students. SDSers and members of the Binghamton Workers Council to Fight Unemployment put the screws on the Welfare Department and forced them to give Mark his checks.

Mark had been receiving \$34 a week before he started selling Challenge. The scum that run the Welfare Department cut off his check, saying: "You are ineligible for work. Attachment to labor market is tenuous." "What labor market?" asked Mark and his friends. There were hardly any job openings with nine thousand people unemployed in the county.

But Mark still needed his checks. He couldn't get Welfare because the lying bureaucrats said he didn't want a job. When he tried to appeal the unemployment office's cancellation of his checks he was met by a barrage of red tape and double talk. They said he would be allowed to appeal to an "independent" tribunal — if only he would wait eight weeks till it met!

Mark's friends in the Workers Council and SDS supported him and joined in the fight against this bureaucratic frame-up. On April 28, fifteen workers and students marched together into the unemployment office to demand a check or a job for Mark and for all other unemployed workers. We passed out a leaflet by Mark explaining the situation inside the office and talked to people waiting in line.

The bosses must have been really scared of the other workers and unemployed joining us, because they capitulated that very same day. But only because we were resolved to win. They tried everything. They called the cops and they referred us to two different offices. We marched over to one with a "friendly" police escort, and then back again. By this time they knew they would have to arrest us or give Mark his checks. They gave him his checks.

This experience was a valuable lesson for us all. Fighting unity is the only answer to the bosses' attempt to put us down!

Terry Pitts, Ken Wiland
Harpur College SDS



APRIL 24, MAYDAY ACTIONS LEAD STUDENTS TO SAME Dead End



Dove Sen. Muskie, endorser of the April 24 march has no quarrel with well-known Chicago pig.

THE APRIL 24 "MARCH ON WASHINGTON" AND THE MAY 1 "MAY DAY" ACTIONS GOT TREMENDOUS AMOUNTS OF PUBLICITY IN THE BOSSES' NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES. The men who run this country are scared to death of the kind of militant upsurge which took place on hundreds of campuses last spring. They would much rather see students lining up behind members of the Democratic Party, and they love to see the anger over their imperialist war being channeled into such pacifist, anti-working-class actions as blocking traffic. They would rather have movie-star types such as Rennie Davis and Abbie Hoffman leading the movement than have militant workers and students who have involved themselves in everyday struggles of the people.

The press tries to separate the group actions of "May Day" and April 24, saying that the first was a responsible peace march while the second was a more-militant Left-wing action. In reality the leaders of "May Day", the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice, never opposed the April 24 picnic with liberal politicians — they actually co-sponsored it! Although their tactics differed somewhat, the goal of both groups was the same: to get Congress to pass some kind of bill calling for a slightly-earlier date for withdrawal from Vietnam.

SMC - Rennie Davis Klan Sabotage Anti-War Movement

The April 24 march and the May 5 student moratorium were attempts to lead anti-war

sentiment here in the US into the laps of a few liberals in the Democratic Party. The National Peace Action Coalition (NPAC) leaders brought together the biggest coalition of politicians and union bureaucrats that they have been able to gather to date. The May 5 Kent State Memorial was an even-bigger sellout. Students were told to mourn the "senseless killings" at Jackson and Kent State. Even the President of Kent State shed crocodile tears at a rally on the Kent campus — the same boss who called in the troops to protect ROTC last spring.

MANY STUDENTS WHO CAME TO THESE ACTIONS HATE THE WAR AND WANT TO SEE IT END. But we won't end the war by lining up behind liberal politicians and union hacks. From Roosevelt on down, liberals have held up every mass movement. They only want to "prove the System works" — which it doesn't. Vietnam is no mistake, and the bosses will send in the troops every time their interests are threatened by people fighting back. And when people fight back the liberals are as willing as any "Right-winger" to send in the cops and troops. New York Mayor Lindsay spoke at an SMC rally in New York City at the same time he was sending in his cops to attack an SDS rally downtown.

The SMC-NPAC leaders want to deliver us into the greasy hands of the liberal misleaders. AND IN THE NAME OF UNITY THEY TRIED TO SMASH ALL MILITANT STRUGGLES DURING LAST SPRING'S STRIKE. They tried to break militant picket lines (San Diego), they linked arms to protect ROTC buildings (U of I Circle Campus), and they even called in the cops (Wayne State University, Detroit). Is it in the name of unity that SMC puts out one leaflet for Black students calling Vietnam a "White Man's War" and another for White students not even mentioning racism?

MANY MILITANT STUDENTS TOOK PART IN THE MAY 1 PEOPLE'S COALITION FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE ACTIONS. But students who want to see US imperialism smashed must beware of the fake militancy of "May Day" and must reject the leadership of phonies like Rennie Davis and Abbie Hoffman. Pacifist actions such as throwing yourself in front of someone's car don't threaten the men who are behind the War at all. For many years movement misleaders and the press have been pushing useless anti-working-class actions like blocking traffic on students as examples of militancy. THEY WOULD MUCH RATHER HAVE STUDENTS ATTACKING THE PEOPLE COMING HOME FROM WORK THAN ATTACKING THEM.

This way they get to have their cake and eat it too. Bosses' interests aren't really threatened, and they have a good chance to divide students from working people. This is why they always try to portray student radicals as rich kids turned bombers in the press. Students who fall for such anti-working-class tactics as blocking traffic are only suckers for the bosses' strategy of divide-and-conquer.

IF OUR MOVEMENT IS EVER GOING TO GET ACROSS THE STREET, WE MUST GET RID OF MOVIE-STAR RADICALS LIKE RENNIE DAVIS AND ABBIE HOFFMAN. Where would hotshots like these be if the press hadn't built them into



Passive May Day actions can't stop government.

big movement leaders? Where were the phonies when students took over a computer center in a fight against ROTC last week? Where was Davis when students and workers at Stanford University took over a medical-center building and fought off the cops three times while protesting the layoff of a campus worker? Probably down at some clothing store getting outfitted in his latest radical wardrobe. NONE OF THESE MOVEMENT STARS MADE THEIR REPUTATION BECAUSE THEY WERE INVOLVED IN THE DAY-TO-DAY STRUGGLES OF THE PEOPLE.

Sellouts Fear Militant Leadership of Workers

Militant students must join forces together in a powerful movement that will encourage the rank-and-file struggles of students and workers for more jobs, against ROTC, and against all the ways the bloodsuckers who run this country exploit people. Struggles like the ones you read about in the pages of this newspaper should be the basis of any movement. We urge all students to join SDS and build a nationwide movement based on fighting unity between workers and students, Black, Brown, Red, White, and Yellow. Join the summer project and help expand this movement to every corner of the country. SDS doesn't get any help from liberal politicians or movie stars, but WE WILL NEVER BE MISLED BY THESE SELF-SERVING PHONIES EITHER!

Jeff Singleton, Byron King
Chicago SDS

Thousands Break from Liberal Politicians

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NPAC Marshalls can't stop breakaway

As the liberal politicians and Union hacks droned on, thousands streamed away from the National Peace Action Coalition rally at the Capitol building. NPAC's cop-marshalls, fearing their rotten politics would be exposed, tried to direct students away from the SDS demonstration—saying that it was a cop trap. But thousands walked through their puny "defense" lines.



Not a liberal politician in sight



"Vietnam's a Bosses' War, No Layoffs Anymore"

April 24 March on Washington, D.C. 4,000 Break from Liberal Politicians

When I was in Washington on April 24 one of your people gave me a leaflet. I was impressed by the fact that you spoke about a worker-student alliance. I was a radical at one time and left the movement because at the time it seemed like a farce. No one talked about solidarity with the workers. It seemed as if the revolution had been made up by the ruling class to co-opt and pacify the youth. I was convinced by the "liberal" news media that the "hard hats" were representative of the working class. But coming to Washington convinced me that I was mistaken.

Please send me SDS literature and information on your summer project. If what your literature says is what I feel is right, I will join SDS, try to influence other people to join, and possibly start a local SDS chapter.

A Student from Connecticut



(Photos by Dave Hoffman)

THIS SUMMER:

Support Steel Strike

Smash Racist Unemployment

Support Ghetto Rebels

Fight Welfare Cutbacks

Stop Racist Courses

Stop ROTC

U.S. Imperialism Out Of Asia Now

Build Worker-Student Unity

— JOIN SDS

NYC youth rebel--demand JOBS!



This summer hundreds of students all across the US will initiate one of the most-intensive campaigns ever conducted to build a nationwide worker-student alliance and spread this alliance to every city and town in the country. We want every student in the US to get active and get involved in building this alliance. Students from all over the country will be moving to 20 of the largest industrial cities in the nation to enroll in school or take jobs for the summer. We will have 15 to 30 students in each of those key cities actively building SDS chapters and the worker-student alliance.

This is the summer to do it. Unemployment is higher than it has ever been since the last recession, and in some cities unemployment for Black and Latin youth is actually as high as 50%. Hundreds of thousands of steel strikers will be dealing a powerful blow against the billionaires who run this country and will be fighting for decent wages and against the rotten racist working conditions which make jobs miserable for all workers.

More workers and students now oppose the imperialistic US foreign policy than ever before. The Government is planning cutbacks on the already-meager aid they "give" to people they can't find jobs for: In New York you're supposed to feed a kid on 90¢ a day. And now the word is that those racist murderers are planning to cut back on polio vaccine for ghetto youth in several major cities this summer.

When the people fight back against these inhuman "living" conditions, cops and troops will be called out to kill and injure hundreds. All students should take the side of working people. We need to build a massive alliance with employed and unemployed workers, GIs, Welfare mothers, high-school students, and all other people oppressed by this rotten imperialist system.

Specifically, SDS will build campaigns to support the massive steel strike, fight racist unemployment and demand jobs for all, support ghetto rebellions and oppose police terrorism in the community, and build struggles on campus against the Vietnam War.

The key in all these areas will be to build SDS chapters and to build a LASTING alliance between students on campus and working people on the job, in the community, and on campus. In addition to those 20 major cities, this project is being built in scores of other American cities. ANYWHERE there are interested people, SDS chapters should be built.

Build SDS

SDS is an organization of Black, Brown, Red, White, and Yellow students. And SDS has been building worker-student alliances in many cities and also on many campuses. Students in a dozen cities have joined with workers to fight against racist layoffs of campus workers. We have built support for strikes, like the nationwide General Motors strike and the Iowa Maytag strike, by joining in picket lines, raising money, building boycotts, opposing the recruitment of scabs on campus, and in some cases actively joining with workers against cops and bosses to keep scabs from getting to work.

SDS has also taken actions with workers to oppose the War, as at Columbia last year when campus workers struck against the Cambodian invasion, or at Wayne State in Detroit when the janitors' union passed a resolution opposing any military recruiting on the campus. And in Des Moines, Iowa recently, SDSers and construction workers stood side by side to jeer at Nixon and pelt him with eggs. We've also demonstrated in



FIGHT BACK!

many cities to support ghetto rebellions and demand cops and troops OUT of the ghetto — including a massive demonstration of more than a thousand in Boston last summer to support the militant rebels of New Bedford.

And SDS has held several significant national actions as well. In Washington DC on April 24, thousands of students broke away from the main rally and its liberal politicians and attended a rally led by SDS calling for students to fight racism and ally with workers, not with liberal politicians. SDS joined with over 6,000 workers and students in Washington March 20 in a march against racist unemployment, and led a march of over 1500 in Detroit last fall to support the GM strike. Throughout all our campaigns, whether fighting ROTC or opposing racist textbooks or supporting campus workers, SDS always seeks to build lasting ties with working people based on common actions and struggles. But we have to go much further.

THIS IS WHAT THE SUMMER PROJECT IS ALL ABOUT. We need an alliance of tens of millions, workers and students who will fight together whenever workers, students, or other oppressed people come under attack. We need a united nationwide movement. We need the kind of unity that means that hundreds of thousands of workers and students will join together to oppose the use of cops against the ghetto. It means militant worker-student actions to oppose racist Welfare cuts or demand jobs for all. It means thousands of students going on picket lines to support striking workers. It means workers going on strike when cops or troops are used against students. And it means really MASSIVE demonstrations — demonstrations that make the recent marches on Washington look like peanuts — of millions of workers and students to fight against imperialistic US foreign policy.

IT MEANS A UNITED, MASSIVE MOVEMENT OF STUDENTS AND WORKERS OF ALL RACES, EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED, WHO WILL JOIN TOGETHER AND WILL FIGHT TOGETHER WHENEVER ANY OF US COME UNDER ATTACK FROM THE BOSSES, THE POLITICIANS, AND THEIR COPS AND TROOPS.

The SDS Summer Project can be a giant step forward in making that powerful alliance become reality. We will strengthen and expand our work in areas where SDS is strong, such as Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, and New York. In addition we will work intensively in order to spread the worker-student alliance to other major cities — including Atlanta, Baltimore, Cleveland, Houston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Diego, Seattle, and a dozen others. Some of these cities have very high unemployment or are major steel centers. All of these cities have thousands of students who can be won to building a militant alliance with workers against the racist bosses who run this country.

Finally, there are scores of other cities and towns in the US where there are people who are interested in building SDS and the worker-student alliance. (In the last two weeks we've received

letters asking for information on starting SDS chapters from students at 40 different schools.) The student movement does not have to taper off during the summer. If we keep in touch, it can be a period of tremendous growth. We need a national organization — SDS — to tie these local actions and movements together and unify them. We can send literature or speakers to your city to help build struggles against racism and the War, and we can put you in touch with members of SDS in your area. We will be holding regional demonstrations and conferences to plan fights against the War and racism.

We want to build SDS and the worker-student alliance everywhere. We urge everyone to get active and get involved. Drop us a line if you'd like to join the summer project, start an SDS chapter, or just receive some free pamphlets and other literature to tell you more of what SDS is about.

Join the SDS Summer Project

If you want to join the SDS Summer Project, clip out this form and send it in to us.

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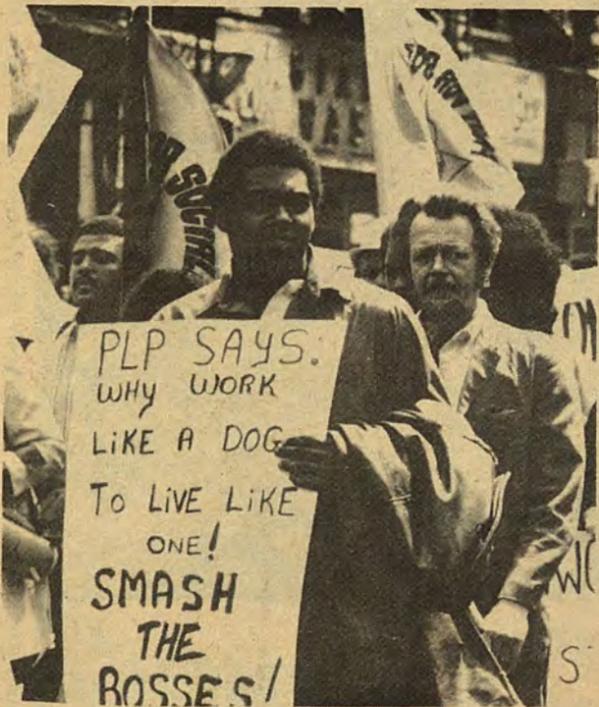
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Send me _____ copies of New Left Notes. (bulk orders 10¢ each)

I'd like to JOIN SDS (membership \$5) _____

Don't forget summer address.
Phone Number too,

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Illinois, 60605**

May Day Reclaimed As International Working Class Holiday As Thousands Of Workers March In U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico For SOCIALISM!



The streets were a sea of red flags as thousands of workers and students in three countries marched for international working class solidarity to smash all bosses and establish Socialism-rule by the workers. The marchers also commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Paris Commune as the first workers' state. These marches were the largest workers' actions calling for Socialist revolution ever to occur in this country.

The May Day actions were organized by Progressive Labor Party, the Canadian Party of Labor, and the Puerto Rican Socialist League, three fraternal communist parties. Marches and celebrations were held in Ponce, Puerto Rico; Toronto, Ontario and Atlanta, Houston, Chicago, San Francisco and New York in this country.

The complete blackout of these events in the bosses' press shows that they are scared to death of workers and students uniting under communist leadership and will do everything they can to stop this kind of movement. But May Day showed that workers aren't buying the rulers' lies and are organizing for the day when they will smash all bosses.

Bruce Clark, U. Chicago

"Shut it down! Shut it tight! Bosses can't profit when the workers unite!" and "Power to the working class! Kick the bosses in the ass!". The growing working-class movement in this country is reclaiming May Day as our own international working-class holiday.

There were all sorts of people - - - - - speaking for the need for unity and struggle. A student in SDS at Wayne State in Detroit spoke



about student support for workers, stressing that workers' demands for a six-hour day with eight hours' pay should be fought for by students, too. A Black steel worker from Chicago told about speed-up, layoffs, and racist humiliations and harassment that plague steel workers. He said these things could be defeated only by smashing the bosses till they're all six feet under.

It was great that two carloads of steel workers came from Indiana to the march. If the spirit of the march spreads, the bosses will have a hard time trying to contain workers' fights like the upcoming steel strike.

Rich and Sylvia Schneirov
U of I Circle SDS

Haymarket Square, May 1, 1886: Hundreds of workers demanding the eight-hour day were gunned down by Chicago's pigs. In memoriam, a statue of a pig was set up and May 1 officially declared "Law Day".

Haymarket Square, May 1, 1971: About seven hundred workers and students gathered at the same spot to commemorate the massacre and to dedicate world-wide working-class unity against imperialism.

The Progressive Labor Party, a revolutionary communist party, held the demonstration, calling for oppressed people everywhere to fight for socialism. SDS supported the demonstration, as it supports the fights of all working people, and May Day we were there loud and strong chanting

May 5: Students Reject SMC Funerals, Fight For SDS Speaker chicago

Chicago, May 5 — On the anniversary of the murder of the Jackson and Kent State students who died fighting ROTC last year, the Student Mobilization Committee held a funeral march at the U of I Chicago Circle Campus and a picnic peace rally.

The deaths at Jackson and Kent were examples of what US rulers will do to stop any movement that threatens their ability to carry on the War in Southeast Asia. But we can't stop fighting back because some people were killed: What if the Vietnamese had laid down their arms after the first napalm was dropped on their people? The alternative would have been years of miserly and ruthless landlords, malnutrition, low wages, and unsanitary conditions, with no hope of any change. So for SMC to remember the killing of students with songs, poetry readings, dancing, and a silent funeral march is a slap in the face of oppressed people who have to build a fighting movement.

Of course SMC refused to let SDS speak at the rally. Talk about unity in the anti-war movement. SDSers have been involved in tremendous fights against the War, particularly against ROTC. And right now they are actively involved at the University of Maryland in trying to abolish ROTC. SDS is actively building a worker-student alliance in the community and on the campus

that will stop the warmakers. SDS at Harvard was the group responsible for ROTC's being ended there. So why won't SMC let SDS discuss its strategies at their anti-war demonstrations? BECAUSE IT WOULD UPSET THEIR COZY RELATIONS WITH LIBERAL POLITICIANS!

What if SDS won the crowd to shutting down the University as the only way to end the War, when SMC is supported by deans and politicians who are committed to keeping those universities open? What if SDS won students to supporting the steel strikers, when one of the main supports of SMC is Cyrus Eaton, owner of Republic Steel and responsible for the cold-blooded murder of seven steel workers during one of the strikes in the 1930s to unionize steel workers?

IF SMC BEGAN TO BUILD AN ALLIANCE BETWEEN WORKERS AND STUDENTS, THEN IT WOULD LOSE ALL OF ITS RICH LIBERAL BACKERS. SMC WON'T LET THIS HAPPEN. THE ONLY WAY WE COULD GET OUR IDEAS OUT AT THE RALLY AT CIRCLE CAMPUS WAS BY FORCIBLY TAKING OVER THE MIKE!

Even then SMC shut off the microphone, saying that the rally had been broken up by "disruptive tactics" on the part of SDS. But that's okay: We plead guilty to disrupting their disgusting sellout and promise to continue to oppose them in the future.

Later that day it was the same plot with a different cast of creeps in downtown Chicago. SMC again refused to let SDS speak. When one

SDSer tried to get up on the platform to speak, the SMC marshals fought to keep her back. WHILE SMC NEVER FIGHTS THE COPS, IT DID FIGHT SDS. We finally did get a speaker, but only with the help of a lot of students who are fed up with SMC's bullshit.

Over 100 of the 500 people at the rally signed the SDS contact list, and over 50 students came to a meeting the next day to work with SDS to build a movement that will put a stop to killings by stopping the criminals that run this country.

minneapolis

Minneapolis, May 5 — The SMC conception of the way to commemorate the death of students at Jackson and Kent State who had fought against ROTC was a candlelight march! What could that possibly do to bring to justice the criminals who are responsible for those deaths and for the war in Vietnam — namely Nixon, Rockefeller, and all the other big bosses? All it can do is get wax on the streets!

A lot of people thought the same way we did, as nearly half of the 2,000 people in their dirge broke away and marched with us, calling US Out of Southeast Asia, Fight Racism, and Build a Worker-Student Alliance!

University of Minnesota SDS

Jewish Defense League Attacks Black Students in N.Y.

Racist JDL Enemy of all People

New York, May 5 — After a rally they held on the Brooklyn College campus, 40 goons from the Jewish Defense League (JDL) trooped into the cafeteria and took over a section where Blacks and Latins usually sit. As a result of this and other provocative actions, a fight broke out between the JDL and Black students. Hundreds of Black, Latin, and a few White students came to the defense of the Black students who were attacked.

Continued provocations by the JDL resulted in sporadic fighting on campus for another hour, with several JDLers deservedly getting the shit beaten out of them. The cops were called, of course, to protect JDL and keep them from getting smashed.

Next Friday SDS called for a demonstration against JDL, against cutbacks in student aid and Welfare, and in support of a rebellion going on in Brownsville against Welfare cuts. Following is a leaflet that SDS put out about the JDL.

JDL represents a budding fascist movement in America. Rabbi Racist Kahane, leader of JDL, has a long history of organizing pro-war groups and is a rabid anti-communist. In 1965 he helped begin the July 4th Movement, an attempt to mobilize campus support in favor of the Vietnam War. He was "very upset by the spread of the radical Left movements on the campuses" and "particularly alarmed by the preponderance of Jews in the anti-war movement". (Also: "The League's first widely-publicized action was its unmasked-for 'protection' of a New York synagogue supposedly threatened by Forman-like Black disruptions — demanding reparations." — Time, May 3)

JDL is an organization of Zionist fanatics who try to tell millions of oppressed Jews throughout the world that they should immigrate to Israel, bulwark of US oil interests in the Middle East. This is similar to the emigration of Jews from Germany during World War II. In exchange for allowing the emigration of a few thousand rich Jews and professionals, Zionist leaders in the Judenrat (Jewish Council) collaborated with the Nazis in destroying the Jewish community. They even organized the Jewish workers in the ghettos to board the train that took them to concentration camps and certain death. JDL is the modern counterpart of those Nazi collaborators. They claim to support the oppressed Jews in the Soviet Union, but they haven't lifted a finger to

support the most-oppressed Jews in the US — Jewish workers.

Of course SDS opposes all racism, including anti-Semitism, but the JDL does not fight against anti-Semitism. What shows up these fascists the most is that they have never fought one concrete fight against anti-Semitism in the United States!

During the time when tens of thousands of workers and students of all races are uniting to fight the latest racist attacks from Albany, New York (Welfare cuts, closing of hospitals, aid to education cuts, cutbacks in SEEK — a program for minority students at CUNY), JDL has become the prime vehicle for spreading racism to divide black and white students. JDL thrives on racism. They always talk about "black savages" making the streets unsafe for Jews, and other racist nonsense. Rockefeller, Lindsay, and the Board of Education all would love to see a race war instead of a war directed against them and the other rich bastards who run this country. They would also like to see JDL develop into the fascist organization (like the Brownshirts) that could put down rebellions of all kinds against the System.

A year ago JDL raided and attempted to wreck the offices of the Black Panther Party and the Palestine Liberation Organization. Afterward, the following racist letter was received by an underground press service (source: Eyewitness, July 1970):

Dear White Trash:

The Jewish Defense League will not tolerate your pro-Panther stand. Those nigger Panthers you white trash support need to be sent to Africa where they eat people. You communists must all be jailed for trying to overthrow the American Government. We better not catch you burning the good American flag, publicly degrading Zionists, or printing anti-Zionist literature.

JDL

JDL claims to support oppressed Jews are nothing but a cover for their support of and help from the real oppressors — racists like Mayor John Lindsay of New York. As much as Lindsay tries to escape the blame for layoffs and SEEK cuts, it was his boys in blue who last week arrested 46 Black students sitting in at NYU

against scholarship cuts, and two months ago it was Lindsay who conferred with the president of NYU and sent in 150 cops to beat striking maintenance workers and students in an attempt to enforce inadequate wages and a racist pay differential against which the men were fighting. Also recently Lindsay and his "finest" pulled through again, arresting 15 students involved in a fight against cuts in the work-study program at Manhattan Community College. Hundreds of workers also took to the streets in Brownsville to fight Welfare cuts.

WANTED



MEIR KAHANE

FASCIST LEADER

-encourages racist attacks on black and arab people

-organizes support for the bosses' war in vietnam

Nationally, we are calling on all SDS chapters and all students to smash JDL wherever it may exist or wherever Meir Kahane speaks. These racist fascists spend their time trying to incite Whites to attack Arabs, Blacks, and Latins. They are literally cops! Toleration for them means toleration for the most-vicious form of racism. Any JDL meetings or rallies should be stopped by a united show of force by all students.

SUMMER PROJECT NEEDS \$\$

Demonstrations in scores of cities supporting the steel strike. Thousands marching to support ghetto rebellions week after week. SDS chapters in Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Seattle, Milwaukee, Indianapolis and other major cities. This is the potential of the SDS Summer Project. Students want to start SDS chapters. What's holding this terrific upsurge back? A major barrier is a lack of money--SDS is growing fast. This costs \$\$\$\$. The Summer Project needs money, lots of it, for: a new racism pamphlet, racism and male chauvinism buttons, and flyers about the steel strike. And there is an imperative need for money for regional travellers. So this week is the Summer Project Fundraising Week. Chapters and individuals should go all out to raise money. Bake sales, movies, lit sales, asking everyone you know for donations, asking for money when you sell NLN. This money is no luxury; it is absolutely necessary!

SEND MONEY TO: SDS, 1225 S. WABASH, 6fl-n, CHICAGO 60605

The Making Of A Counter Culture - Nothing New

SAME OLD RACIST, ANTI-WORKER CRAP

On the surface Theodore Roszak's book The Making of a Counter-Culture is very appealing to college students. It pats us on the back, calls us the bearers of the new age and generally claims that we're a pretty groovy bunch of people. But many students have learned to beware of liberal (professors) bearing gifts and this book is no exception. Perhaps more than any other recent book The Making of a Counter Culture represents the bullshit which passes for intellectualism on campus. Underneath the Greek allusions, the references to Zen and, of course, the appropriate lines from the poet Blake is every ruling class lie and distortion presently being pushed by the "establishment" which Roszak is supposedly so vehemently against.

His analysis of capitalism is ludicrous, to say the least: "It is certainly one of the oldest, but one of the weakest radical arguments which insists stubbornly that capitalism is inherently incapable of laying golden eggs for everyone." Not only are we swimming in affluence in Roszak's view but even profits aren't important anymore: "Yet even in our society profit taking no longer holds its primacy as an evidence of organizational success as one might suspect if for no other reason than that our largest industrial enterprises can now safely count on an uninterrupted stream of comfortably high earnings?" Is that so? Then why, Mr. Roszak have they been laying off thousands of workers to maintain those "unimportant" profits; then why have they committed thousands of lives and millions of dollars to overseas expansion to increase those "unimportant" profits and why have they attempted to bust up every effort on the part of workers to organize to take away even the smallest part of those "unimportant" profits?

Of course, no ruling class line would be complete without a good bit of racism and Roszak is glad to oblige. His analysis of ghetto rebellions: "But soon enough, whatever the black guerillas may intend, the main activity of the day becomes wholesale looting - which is the poor man's way of cutting himself in on the consumer society." And, according to Roszak, it's impossible to talk about the political activities of blacks in the same book as whites because black political activity "...has become for the time being as culturally old fashioned as the nationalist mythopeia of the 19th century."

Divide and conquer is the method of bourgeois rule and Roszak sure knows how to divide. The



Black and Latin rebels in Brooklyn, New York, fighting against welfare cutbacks smash Roszak's idea that working people are all bought off and support the system.

young, white American radical having forgotten about black people and old people can also forget about the rest of the world! For in Roszak's words: "Unless he follows the strenuous (sic) example of a Regis Debray, the white American radical can do little more than sympathize from afar with the revolutionary movements of Asia, Africa and Latin America." Oh yes, and forget about the U.S. working class too because they're "the stoutest prop of the established order." Roszak seems to have overlooked the fact that throughout history and at the present time when it comes down to a real battle with the "established order" it has always been workers, and not liberal professors who have done the fighting.

Rozzak's "view" of society is that we are controlled by a technocracy, that is: "...that society in which those who govern justify themselves by appeal to scientific forms of knowledge. And beyond the authority of science there is no appeal." In other words, it's those "bad guy" scientists who are causing all the trouble and we should turn to the "good guy" humanists for the answers. But Roszak's "good guys," those "mature minds" which are needed to lead the army of counter-culturites turn out to be not much different from the "bad

Guys." Sure Marcuse, Norman Brown, Paul Goodman, Ginzburg and Alan Watts wrap their racism, anti-communism and fear of the people in a different package but it's there none the less. Because these people cried out against the "establishment" many students turned to them for leadership. However, these media-built "leaders" because of their completely anti-working class outlook have about as much chance of beating the ruling class in this country as a snowball in hell.

If Mr. Roszak would ever step out of his office he would find that a lot of workers and students in this country are rejecting the "leadership" of these so-called intellectuals and are taking on the ruling class in this country by themselves. Too many workers both in this country and throughout the world are being hurt by capitalism and too many are fighting back for us to waste our time sitting around chanting "oom" with Allen Ginzburg or contemplating Allan Watt's navel. Mr. Roszak, intellectuals aren't the be all and end all of opposition to the "establishment". Rather, it is the workers, and students and intellectuals who ally with them, who are the force that will really break down the ruling class in this society.

IRANIAN PEOPLE PUT FASCIST SHAH UP AGAINST THE WALL!

The struggles of the Viet-Nameese and Palestinian masses have inspired other masses of oppressed people to step up their struggles against imperialism and its puppet regimes. Similar such struggles have been mounting in Iran, in spite of the terroristic activities employed by the authorities. The peoples' struggles within the last year has shattered the image Iran has tried to create for itself as the "island of peace and stability." In the last 13 months, Iran has witnessed many demonstrations, strikes and clashes with the Shah's police. The following are a few examples of these: the boycott and demonstration of masses of people on the issue of the bus fare hike; the demonstration against the conference of 35 American capitalists in Iran; the strikes by oil workers, textile workers, auto assembly workers and teachers. This past year has also witnessed the renewal of the armed struggle of the people. The three hijackings, the bombing of the Israeli airlines office in Teheran, the burning of a section of the Iran-America Society, the bombing of the car of the chief of police, the gunning down of the chief of Savak (secret police) in Ahwaz, as well as another high ranking officer are only a few examples. Also a group of 24 Iranians attempted to join the Palestinian revolutionary forces but were caught at the border.

The reactionary regime has been trying in vain to stamp out the resistance of the people by increasing the terrorizing and jailing of patriots. There have been thousands of people arrested, and at least two murdered under torture. But these repressions have not succeeded in stamping out

the movement, rather they have only served to strengthen and widen the scope of the movement. The recent clash between a group of armed men and the Shah's army has provided a good example of this. The group, reported to consist of 150 persons, was organized and recruited in the jungles of Ghilan, a northern province of Iran, and trained in guerilla warfare. When a member of this organization, the Liberation Front of Iran, was suspected by a Savak agent and arrested in Siah-Kal village, the friends of this person overran the Gendarme station in this village and, with the full support of the villagers, punished the Savak agent and returned to the jungle. The Shah's army followed and caught up with them. After some fierce fighting, with many casualties inflicted on the army, two of the freedom fighters were killed and many arrested. Thirteen of those arrested

were executed a month later. The usual cover up of the news kept the executions secret until it was over. A few weeks later, Gen. Farsiv, the chief prosecutor of the army who had sentenced the 13 to death (by the secret military tribunal) was machine-gunned when leaving his suburban house around Teheran, evidently by the same group.

The lives of 12 other members of this group and many more political prisoners are endangered. The Confederation of Iranian Students will continue to defend the just struggles of the people as it has in the past, by exposing the injustices the Shah's regime has been imposing on the Iranians to the people of the world.

LONG LIVE THE STRUGGLES OF ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLE

IRANIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO

HELP BUILD NEW LEFT NOTES

NEW LEFT NOTES is the national newspaper for students and workers issued by STUDENTS for a DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. This newspaper tells the true story of how students and workers, BLACKS, WHITES, and LATINS are uniting to fight back against the big businessmen who run this country and oppress workers and students all over the world with RACIST LAYOFFS, ROTC, and MALE CHAUVINISM. These are the struggles that the bosses' media daily distorts or ignores.

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Upcoming Steel Strike, Key Battle for Workers, Students



The same bosses that are fighting the war in Southeast Asia and pushing racism and male chauvinism are the same bosses that are killing off the workers and paying them lousy wages in the steel factories. All over the country students have been allying with workers on campuses, in high schools, and during strikes. One recent example occurred when students at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa took over the Administration Building to demand, for one thing, minimum wage standards for campus workers. Last

fall, during the GM strike, SDS organized a march of 2600 workers and students in Detroit and San Jose to support the strikers. Strike support committees were set up to collect money and food for the workers. Now we are even stronger. Workers and students are fighting back harder than ever, and unity is essential. Going on peace marches with liberal politicians makes the bosses laugh. But the thought of hundreds of thousands of steel workers and students fighting together has the bosses shaking!

Buffalo, New York is one of the world's largest steel-producing cities. Bethlehem's Lackawanna plant just south of the city is the second-largest steel plant in the whole country, employing some 20,000 workers. As August 1 (the end of the steel workers' contract) approaches, Buffalo's bosses and their ruling-class friends around the country are beginning to brace themselves for a gigantic fight pitting some of the most-powerful firms in the world against many thousands of militant and determined steel workers. The Nixon Council of Economic Advisors (Council to Protect Bosses' Profits) has already declared an "inflation alert" (steel-profit protection alert) with respect to the strike. They have already said that any increase in wages comparable to those of other workers (especially in can companies) is certain to lead to layoffs.

The steel industry is the backbone of the US economy. Nothing in the whole country could run without steel. Yet the workers who produce all this steel have the dirtiest working conditions and lowest wages of any basic industry. Starting pay is a measly \$2.88 an hour for back-breaking work. In the blast furnaces, workers are being pushed to the limit — and then they are forced to do other jobs, like their own maintenance work!

Recently, Bethlehem plant supervisor Murphy hired agents to go around and take pictures of men "sleeping" during breaks in the shanties. But this blackmail didn't work out too well: One of these picture-taking stooges got the shit kicked out of him and a camera smashed to bits.

In the face of all this harassment, what do the United Steel Workers Union leadership do? They work hand-in-hand with every one of the bosses' profit-making schemes. For example, they didn't say a word when 6,000 steel workers were laid

off this past winter. Not a word about the death of a new man working alone by a faulty gas pump. Not a word about the ruptured eardrums of the blast-furnace workers who don't have protective sound muffs. Not a word about racist hirings, layoffs, and constant harassment. No action to fight against the male-chauvinist pay differential and harassment of women workers. No action to counter the bosses' threat to close down any

department which doesn't show a profit under the slogan "Production Equals Profit", or about the stockpiling of steel which the bosses hope will help them out and break the strike. Not a word about any of the things the bosses do to divide workers and extract as much profit as they can from the workers' blood. Nothing about the lousy living conditions Buffalo steel companies cause.

The only time the union misleaders say a thing is when workers start organizing to fight back. Then these parasites come out sounding militant while all along they prevent any action that could really be effective. As one of the Bethlehem steel workers has said: "The union is a rotten sellout right from the beginning."

The steel workers are organizing in spite of both the union and the company. A National Steel Workers Committee has been initiated by the Progressive Labor Party to organize the steel workers to fight against the steel bosses and the union sellouts and build for a real strike to fight stockpiling, racism, male chauvinism, speed-up, layoffs, and all the rest of the bosses' bag of tricks. Workers need their own organization, and they can use all the student support they can get!

We invite all students who want to support the steel strike to join us and:

- (1) Help build SDS as an organization to ally with steel workers.
- (2) Talk to all our friends about supporting the steel strike.
- (3) Help organize forums with steel workers to discuss the strike.
- (4) Go down to the picket lines to talk to and learn from the steel workers.
- (5) Help support the National Steel Workers Committee.

The steel strike will be going on in a number of major cities, including Birmingham, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Gary, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, and Youngstown. If you are in any of these cities over the summer, or in any other city where there are steel plants, and you want to help support the steel workers, write the SDS National Headquarters, and we will get you in touch with others who want to do the same.

Write to SDS, 1225 South Wabash Avenue, Sixth Floor North, Chicago, Illinois 60605 (939-3321).

SDS'ER WRITES FROM JAIL:

JAILS - BOSSES' ANSWER TO UNEMPLOYMENT

(The following paragraphs are excerpts from a letter received at the National Headquarters from Anita Roger, a member of the National Interim Committee of SDS. Anita is serving a one-year sentence at Santa Rita Rehabilitation Center for anti-ROTC actions at the University of California at Berkeley last spring. As in all the jails in the US, most of the women confined with Anita are Blacks and Latins — always the hardest hit by unemployment and police terror.)

In jail the contradictions between the ruling class and the poor are very sharp. Many people are groping for solutions and want to know ideas and answers. SDS New Left Notes, newsletters can be a tremendous inspiration. To people here, the wrong choice in the face of this contradiction is very gruesome. Here you see the effects of racism. You see how it hurts. You see what unemployment means — arrests for drugs, petty theft, prostitution, and so on. It means the loss of children, home, and everything. It means a slow and agonizing death.

A few examples: A woman's mother died from cancer, and Kaiser kept telling her that nothing was wrong until it was too late. A child placed in a foster home died from falling or being put in a bucket of lye. All the women here say they would neither whore nor steal if they could get a decent job. (As for their "crimes", prostitution takes two people, and only one goes to jail — for six months.)

The rich steal billions and murder more viciously than anyone here ever would, and they are free. There are more and more political prisoners coming through the gates each week.

The National Headquarters and others should write to keep me in touch with what is going on.

In Struggle

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(Please write letters on one side of the page only and confine all letters to two pages or less.)

U Maryland: Thousands Defy Guard, Demand...

SMASH ROTC, BOSSES TOOL

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Thursday, 30 students gathered at the steps of the Administration Building to focus our demands at the seat of power. At noon we decided to tour the campus with a sound truck to attract more people to the building while we explained our position against ROTC and the Route 1 tactics. But before we could finish, the National Guard surrounded our car and arrested four of us. By the time they took us away, 500 people had gathered at the Administration Building. Because of their solidarity and militancy, the Chancellor was forced to order our release from jail.

On that same evening SDS and the anti-ROTC Committee held a meeting of 100 to discuss ROTC and plans for Friday. Halfway through it we decided to take over the computer science center which does Defense Department research. Our seizure did not last long, but we did shut it down. From there we organized a meeting of 200 in a nearby dorm, and in this way more people were brought into organizing activities and discussing political questions. On Friday we successfully closed down five buildings, chanting "Workers Yes, Business No, Racist ROTC Gotta Go!" as we occupied the Business and Public Administration Building. Sponsors of Maryland's Business and Public Administration Department include GE, Standard Oil, and Xerox Corporation. By 5:30 the National Guard was performing its military maneuvers to clear the campus.

The next big event occurred when Chancellor Bishop held a convocation on Wednesday to show how "grieved" he was over the War — yet how he had to punish those who fought ROTC. He was met with chants, eggs, and picket signs. By that afternoon two SDSers had been arrested and charged with "willful disruption of classes", and one had been further charged with the "verbal assault of a University employee" — a complete frame-up. In all 75 have been arrested with bail as high as \$22,000.

SDS wants all people who fought ROTC to join SDS — the only national organization that fights all year in alliance with workers. We've worked within the anti-ROTC Committee for too long without building SDS independently. The primary difference between SDS and the Spring Coalition is important. The latter includes SMC liberals, May-Dayers, and ego-trippers who never once built the anti-ROTC campaign until everyone else was fighting it. While the Coalition allowed Rennie Davis on campus to label the American workers "good Germans", it prohibited two friends of the Progressive Labor Party from criticizing May Day at an open rally.



Through this struggle we in SDS have learned a lot to help us make the fight against ROTC even stronger. We should all act on these lessons both now and during the summer to advance the struggle. We all need to go to campus workers to discuss ROTC and their working conditions. Nearly all the campus workers that SDSers have talked to agree that ROTC should be kicked off. If more students talked to these campus workers they would definitely become involved. This is especially important because campus workers have the power to shut down the whole campus. Not only that, but they suffer racism, speed-up, and layoffs at the hands of the same people who protect ROTC on campus — the Administration.

The War also hits workers harder than anyone else — with inflation, unemployment, and the commitment of their sons to the War. Right now the University is trying to split workers from students by sending workers home early without pay during confrontations. We must take action NOW to stop this divide-and-conquer tactic by demanding no loss in pay for workers and by

discussing what we are doing in a mass way with all campus workers.

Many Black students participated in the fight against ROTC. However there were no Black students in the leadership. This kind of racism hurts the struggle. Black students and workers have always been hit the hardest by the Army and the National Guard, led by ROTC graduates. They have been more consistent in fighting the War in Vietnam and its effects, whether leading wildcat strikes on the job, fragging officers in Vietnam, or rebelling against Welfare cuts in the ghetto.

Black students can supply the leadership most needed by the anti-war movement. The racism of White students, which emerges as a reluctance to rely on the leadership of Black students, has to be fought by all students in SDS — both Black and White.

Join with SDS over the summer to turn the fight against ROTC against the courts also — and to build a movement so strong that it will roll right over ROTC and every dean that tries to protect it!

There will be a Faculty Senate meeting Wednesday, May 19, to discuss the issue of ROTC. We invite all students to attend to let the University know that ROTC will be abolished and we will not settle for a mere study committee or referendum!

Chicago's Kennedy-King Community College - Two Year Racist Trap

Chicago's Kennedy-King Community College is one example of a racist college. There are a lot of Black students at this school because the tuition is cheap. But you have to go through a lot of red tape to get a grant or loan. Students get about three to five pages of paper with personal questions about the amount of income the parents make a year. If they make over \$3,000 a year aid is denied by the Administration. They feel that they can't afford to pay the student's way through school.

The school offers a GED test (the certificate equal to a high-school diploma) for students who

did not graduate from high school. You can enter the class to take the test and tell the teacher that you can't pass the GED but you are willing to pay to pass it. Everything is set up. So the teacher gives you the answers when you take the test. You have "passed".

The teachers and students are always at odds over the way the courses are taught on a virtual high-school level, with a lot of racism. Teachers and administrators try to scare the students into not doing anything for fear of being dropped or failed in their courses. (If this were to happen, they would never leave their two-year jailhouse.)

The school president doesn't give a damn about the students. He comes to school every day and sits on his ass. You never see him unless there is trouble in school. He always goes to sports activities along with his wife and kids, but when trouble starts a whole damn police force shows.

All of the students need to wake up and realize what's going on, and try to do something about their education and the way that it's being taught. We could have a better college and quit walking around talking. What the hell, long as I get my degree I'm satisfied; but it won't do you no good if you're getting it the wrong way!

A Student at Kennedy-King