

Local Reports on Progress of Vietnam Week and Spring Mobilization --
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Boston -- Thirty-five students attended a city-wide Student Mobilization Committee meeting on February 23rd and a New England Area Conference is planned for March 16th.

The YSA and SDS are working together at MIT to organize an outdoor rally during Vietnam Week. At Boston University there is an unprecedented amount of political activity and the head of the student government has endorsed the call for Vietnam Week. A teach-in is being planned as the main activity during Vietnam Week.

The greater Boston Coordinating Committee to End the War in Vietnam and Massachusetts Peace Action Committee (PAX -- conservative Democratic Party-oriented peace group) are working together to organize people to come to New York on April 15th. PAX has donated their headquarters to help organize for the Mobilization.

Philadelphia -- There are united front committees at both the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University. One hundred and twenty-five people attended a city-wide conference on February 25th including 45 high school students. A city-wide Student Mobilization Committee has been organized that is going to send speakers to campuses in the area.

A Spring Mobilization Committee of 23 organizations has been established including CORE, Women Strike for Peace, CP, YSA, SWP, Student Mobilization Committee, etc. An office has been established and it is expected that 3500-4000 will be coming to New York.

Baltimore -- The SDS chapter in Baltimore is actively organizing for the April 15th demonstration and is holding a meeting this week for a speaker from the Student Mobilization Committee.

Antioch -- A trailblazing team consisting of an AFSCer from Dayton and a YSAer from Antioch will be organizing for the Spring Mobilization on campuses in Southwestern Ohio.

Detroit -- The Detroit Student Mobilization Committee is having excellent luck and has received responses from outlying areas such as Flint, Ann Arbor, Michigan State University, and Albion College. At Wayne State University in Detroit the head of the student government has come under attack by the administration for being an officer of the Vietnam Week committee. Consequently a great deal of publicity has been generated for the war crimes hearing against campus complicity planned on the campus.

The Detroit Spring Mobilization Committee is also having good luck and is signing people up for buses. They held a state-wide conference on March 5th. CORE and Rev. Cleage are organizing Negro participation in the Mobilization.

The committee immediately reprinted the call from the national office of the Spring Mobilization Committee as well as the national leaderhead with the addition of their own local address.

Madison -- There has been considerable protest at the University of Wisconsin against CIA recruiters on the campus. The protest mushroomed into demonstrations involving hundreds and a sit-in was held in the administrative offices.

Minneapolis -- Eighty people attended an area-wide conference in sub-zero weather. Sidney Peck, Mulford Sibley (local pacifist) and a professor from Gustavus Adolphus College spoke. Students from nearby colleges attended including Carleton College, Wisconsin State University, Macalester College, etc. Out of the conference a city-wide coordinating committee was established to organize people to come to New York.

Bay Area -- There has been a rather slow start on getting the Student Mobilization Committee going in this area and in drawing in the CP youth.

However, there are signs that there may be an upswing in activity in the next few weeks. Student Mobilization Committees have been set up on both the Berkeley and San Francisco State campuses, and there has been considerable interest at San Jose State College. The West Coast office of the Student Mobilization Committee, which is located in the West Coast Spring Mobilization Committee office, is in contact with about 60 campuses in the Western states. The Student Committee is planning to sponsor speakers from the sub-committees of the Spring Mobilization Committee on campuses during Vietnam Week.

Chicago -- A large rally has been scheduled for March 25th at which Emil Mazey, Martin Luther King, and Benjamin Spock are scheduled to speak.

A Spring Mobilization Committee has been established and is planning to use the March 25th rally to win support for going to New York. The Committee has agreed to print up 100 signs and a couple of banners which will be carried on the march, which will say "On to New York."

Thousands of Spring Mobilization leaflets will be distributed and cans will be circulated to help raise money for transportation. A downpayment has been made on buses and people are being signed up.

The newly formed Trade Union Division of Chicago SANE is

supporting the March 25th event and will be distributing a special trade union leaflet.

The Student Mobilization Committee is going ahead full speed. Trailblazing to outlying areas such as Champaign-Urbana has been very successful and buses are being organized from several of these areas.

New York -- The number of volunteers coming into the Parade Committee, Student Mobilization and Spring Mobilization Committee offices has increased considerably in the past two weeks.

The New York Student Mobilization Committee has held a number of successful street meetings outside high schools and has had increasing participation at its weekly meetings. The most enthusiastic response has come from high school students who have set up their own city-wide committee as well as committees of up to 60 people in several high schools.

Charlie Bolduc's Tour -- Charlie reports that Clark University and Amherst University in Massachusetts and Colgate University and the Buffalo area in upstate New York are all planning to send at least one busload. At least one busload is coming from Nashville and possibly one from Memphis. Charlie had several successful meetings in Nashville.

At Georgia State in Atlanta Charlie spoke to an audience of 300 white students as well as to two political science classes on the campus. The Atlanta area is planning to send at least one busload. There are a couple of people in Atlanta who are very interested in joining our movement.

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