

DEMONSTRATE CRISLER ARENA WED. SEPT. 15 - 7:00 Pm

It's election time 1976, and Wednesday night Gerald Ford is coming to Ann Arbor's Crisler Arena to promote himself as the way forward for the American people. Ford and Carter are now taking up their roles in the perennial charade that the people can exercise their "freedom of choice" by voting. Ford in Ann Arbor, like Carter in Dearborn the same night, will be trying to cover over the abuses that we face daily as a result of a system based on making profit and not on meeting people's needs. They'll be putting forward phoney instant solutions to the questions which we are all demanding answers to--rampant inflation, unemployment, cuts in social services, the deteriorating quality of life and the growing possibility of a new war as the US and USSR rulers compete to control world markets.

Both Ford and Carter are saying that the solutions to the problems of today lie in electing themselves to office. But all the presidential elections of the past haven't kept things from being the way they are today, and workers, students, and the great majority of people in America sure didn't choose for them to be that way.

In fact, both Ford and Carter are true to their real principles--first and foremost, doing a good job for the rich class that runs this country and secondly, getting elected. The most they can differ on is a little bit on how to serve the capitalists and a lot on who should get the job. Nevertheless, the ruling class is revving up its media machine to full throttle, hoping to whip up some enthusiasm for this elaborate charade. They are even hoping to have TV debates again this year, although there's not much to debate, because they hope, as one newspaper put it "the debates will stir public interest at a time when participation in the political process is discouraging low."

Our rulers are right--an awful lot of people don't bother to vote, not because they wouldn't like to do something about the way things are, but because they've seen with their own eyes that all the politicians and their capitalist masters are about is how to stick it to us. If they can't persuade people to be enthusiastic, they want us believing that at least we can pick the lesser of two evils. But the fact is that it's only a matter of choosing between poisons and we aren't about to swallow it.

WHY DEMONSTRATE

Ford's coming to campus now is an opportunity for us to say--NO WAY!--to say that we're not falling for their phoney instant solutions including that our only choice is to vote for a rock or a hard place--fumbles and stumbles vs. peanuts and grins--to say that the answer lies in our struggle, which means organizing ourselves and fighting back against all the abuses we face and against the ruling class behind them.

VICTORY THROUGH OUR STRUGGLE NOT THROUGH ELECTIONS

The Revolutionary Student Brigade uses Marxism-Leninism and the thought of Mao Tse-Tung to understand and change the problems we face at home and abroad. Made up of students of all nationalities on over 60 campuses, the RSB is dedicated to fighting every attack the capitalists bring down on the people: we have organized thousands of students to oppose cutbacks in education and to end U.S. aggression, and played a major role in building for the Rich Off Our Backs July 4th demonstration that took place in Philadelphia. Our final goal has to be doing away with the source of these attacks, uniting with the majority of the people in this country to bring down this rotten system and replace it with a new society--socialism, the rule of the working class.

We encourage all students to check us out, to work with us, and to bring us your suggestions!

REVOLUTIONARY STUDENT BRIGADE

ORIENTATION PROGRAM

THURS. SEPT. 23 7:30pm

INTERNATIONAL CENTER Rec. room

for more information, call

663-5364 or
995-8957



To learn more about the Brigade and to participate in discussion about elections and the world situation and our role as students in trying to solve the problems we're facing, come to an orientation program Thursday, Sept. 23 at 7:30pm in the rec. room of the International Center.