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OCTOBER 21 PLANS CONCRETIZED--The National Mobilization Committee has decided to make the focal point of the October 21 Washington action a confrontation at the U.S. Capitol. Although the Capitol building has been declared off-limits for demonstrations, the N.M.C. feels that opponents of the war in Vietnam have a right to bring their grievances to those who appropriate the funds and make laws to draft young men for the war. A central slogan will be: CONFRONT THE WARMAKERS, WASHINGTON, D.C., OCTOBER 21.

NEW BUTTON--The National Mobilization Committee has sent a new button to the printer. With a picture of the Capitol dome, the button reads: "Confront the Warmakers, Washington, D.C., October 21; Support Our Boys in Vietnam, Bring Them Home". This button can be ordered from the National Mobilization Committee, 857 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10003. In addition, the Student Mobilization Committee has three buttons available now: "Bring the Troops Home Now--October 21, Washington, D.C."; "End Campus Complicity--October 21, Washington, D.C."; "End the Draft--October 21, Washington, D.C." These buttons cost (for bulk orders) 12¢ each prepaid, or 15¢ each if we have to bill. Order from SMC at the above address.

NEW POSTER--SMC has a third poster to build the October 21 confrontation. With a photograph of Johnson, McNamara, Westmoreland, and others the poster reads: "Support our boys in Vietnam, not those who send them there. Confront the Warmakers to Bring the Troops Home Alive--Now! October 21, 1967. Washington, D.C." Like the other posters, this will be in two colors. Order from SMC.

Events around the U.S. to build the October 21 confrontation include:

BERKELEY--The PEACE TORCH MARATHON is gathering steam! Sidney Peck, National Coordinator of the National Mobilization Committee, recently went to the Bay Area to talk with organizers of the project, including Jerry Rubin, former head of the Berkeley VDC, and leaders of the Campus Mobilization Committee in Berkeley. Current plans: a Hiroshima victim will carry a peace torch by plane from Japan, arriving in San Francisco on August 5. After being received by a rally in San Francisco on August 5 a September 2 ceremony will send the torch with a lone runner across the Golden Gate Bridge to begin its travels across the U.S. The torch, accompanied by numbers of people, music groups, and literature, will then go to Los Angeles, Flagstaff, Albuquerque, Amarillo, Oklahoma City, St. Louis, Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, and end in Washington, D.C. on October 21. The group will hit over 100 towns on the way, carrying the message of the antiwar movement and recruiting people for the October 21 confrontation. The office of the Peace Torch Marathon is 381 Sixth St., San Francisco, phone (415) 981-2116. Berkeley office is % Campus Mobilization Committee, 2001 Milvia; (415) 845-9159.

SAN FRANCISCO--Following its big August 5 march and rally (cosponsored by the Student Mobilization Committee and the Citizens for a Vote on Vietnam) the Spring Mobilization Committee is holding an August 6 regional conference to build antiwar work. October 21 material will be available there.

SEATTLE--Members and supporters of the Student Mobilization Committee will take advantage of a big antiwar rally on August 2 to kick off the campaign for the October 21 confrontation. Calls, buttons, stickers, and posters from SMC will be made available at the rally.

DETROIT--The Detroit Committee to End the War is one of the sponsors of an "event" to greet President Johnson when he arrives there on August 2. The committee has ordered 5000 copies of SMC's call to Washington, plus a big load of buttons and posters, to use at this demonstration.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, DC--SMC is working with activists to help build a strong turn-out on October 21. Howard students will help organize the black community of Washington for the October 21 action.

MADISON--The Madison Committee to End the War in Vietnam was so impressed by the material SMC has put out for October 21 that they took the occasion to pay a back bill from last spring, send us a \$30 contribution, and send in a pre-paid order for \$35 worth of literature. We hope their actions will be an inspiration to all!

NEW YORK--The Student Mobilization Committee is cosponsoring a big march and rally in support of Capt. Howard Levy, M.D. (antiwar army doctor) and in commemoration of Hiroshima and Nagasaki days. This will occur on August 5, and will be used as an occasion to kick off work on the October 21 confrontation in New York City.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY DOWNTOWN CAMPUS (Washington Square Center)--Plans are beginning to be formulated around the October 21 action. The student government is planning a benefit concert for early October with proceeds going to either the national Student Mobilization office or to be held at NYU to help pay expenses of getting people to Washington. The student government hopes to use October 21 as a spring-board for work on a campus-wide referendum later in the term. The NYU CEWV is starting to make plans for a week of activity at the downtown center along the lines of Vietnam Week last April 8-15.

GENERAL

Groups all over the country are sending in the action surveys indicating new receptivity to the message of the antiwar movement. From the large centers like Berkeley, Detroit, Madison, and Boston, to smaller cities like Oak Park, Illinois, Red Bank, New Jersey, and Notre Dame, Indiana, committees report that their activities are increasing in spite of summer vacation. This has certainly been reflected in orders for material on the October 21 action! Within the first week we have already filled orders for over 13,000 copies of SMC's call to Washington, 600 posters, and 1000 buttons. New orders, requests for information, and statements of support come in every day.

MATERIAL NOW AVAILABLE FROM STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE:

	<u>Prepaid cost each</u>	<u>Regular cost each</u>
Posters (three kinds)	.25	.30
Buttons (Bring the Troops Home Now, End the Draft, and End Campus Complicity, all three with Oct. 21, Washington)	.12	.15
SMC call to Washington	\$7/1000	\$8/1000
Stickers	\$5/1000	\$5/1000

OTHER MATERIAL, INCLUDING LEAFLETS, BUTTONS, POSTERS AND STICKERS FOR THE OCTOBER 21 CONFRONTATION, CAN BE ORDERED NOW FROM BOTH:

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