

STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE TO END THE WAR IN VIETNAM

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SMC CALLS FOR SUPPORT OF UAW STRIKE, ACTIONS ON CAMPUS

In the midst of the war in Southeast Asia, 340,000 workers have struck General Motors, shutting down plants across the country and in Canada. This strike reflects the realization among the American workers that Nixon's plan for dealing with inflation is not in their interest and that the only way to end inflation is to end the war in Southeast Asia.

War inflation has made deep cuts in the standard of living of the American workers. Nixon has no intention of ending the war and has, instead proposed a plan to end inflation which is based on keeping wages down and cutting necessary social expenditures. The workers' understanding of this is underscored by the UAW demand for no top limit on the cost-of-living clause for the next three years.

It is the intention of General Motors, in cooperation with the Administration, to place the burden of inflation on the workers. In fact, a major cause of the inflation is the war spending, a significant chunk of which is being paid to General Motors! GM is among the top ten war contractors in the U.S. and makes huge profits from the military machine. GM is directly involved in the production of engines for use in Air Force and Navy attack bombers as well as other war materials.

The attempt by the administration to make the workers pay for the war and GM's direct involvement with the war make this strike an issue for the antiwar movement. The UAW strike is a direct obstacle to the Government's ability to carry out its war policies. SMC supports this refusal of the workers to make sacrifices for the war.

In projecting actions to aid the strike, our purpose is twofold: to expose and strike out at GM as a major war profiteer and to bring into the antiwar movement that sector of the population which can force an end to the war.

The power of SMC is on the campuses. We can be most effective by projecting campus actions. GM's need to produce new recruits for its management will provide us with ample opportunity to do this.

The Boards of Regents of many universities include men who have heavy financial interests in GM. GM recruiters appear periodically on campus to enlist college students to the ranks of its white collar employees. These and other GM-University ties must be explored and exposed. SMC chapters should organize actions around the demands of: **GM RECRUITERS OFF CAMPUS! ALL GM-UNIVERSITY CONTRACTS MUST BE CANCELLED!** and **SEVER ALL TIES WITH GM!**

Many campuses are planning antiwar rallies and meetings during the last two weeks of October. UAW spokesmen should be invited to speak to the students about the strike and its connection with the war. The October 31st demonstrations, of course, will be a major focal point of the process of drawing into antiwar action UAW members and other sections of the labor movement.

The UAW strike, like the strike against General Electric last year, gives us the opportunity to reach out to the labor movement. Our orientation towards the present strike should be much the same as toward the GE strike. The important thing for SMC chapters is to be able to gauge the sentiment on the campuses in favor of the strike and to be prepared with facts and plans for action when that sentiment shows the potential for turning to action.

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Response to the SMC National membership drive has been very good as the campuses reopen. At opening SMC meetings around the country enthusiastic antiwarriors are eagerly signing up. Boston has reported 121 new members, New York 87, Detroit 81, Washington D.C. 65 and De Kalb 25. All of these areas report that this is just the beginning. Over 125 individual requests for membership have been received in the last two weeks at the SMC national office.

Experience so far has shown that the best way to sign people up is to announce the membership drive at the beginning and end of every meeting. Also, all new people should be approached individually.

National membership entitles people to vote in national conferences but non-membership does not limit participation in local and regional SMCs. However, it appears everyone wants to and should be encouraged to join. New members receive membership cards, SMC pins and "What is the SMC" brochures when they pay their \$1 membership fee.

Membership packets for regional and local offices are available from the National Office. They include an equal amount of cards, pins and brochures. There is no charge to the SMCs for these, but the \$1 must be sent to the National Office as soon as the cards are sold.

When selling the cards, fill out all three parts. Give the card to the SMCer, keep the local stub for your files and forward the national stub to the NO (15 E 17th St., NYC, 10003) with the \$1. Do not send cash. Check or money order should be sent to us promptly. Credit will be given to the SMCs for the membership cards sold. When individuals join directly through the NO their names and addresses will be sent to the local or regional office from New York.

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ON THE OCTOBER 10th EXPANDED STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING...

A tentative agenda has been set for the October 10th expanded steering committee meeting. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:30 am with general workshops on building the Fall Offensive, with October 31st as a focal point of discussion. After lunch, constituency workshops will be held for high school, Third World, GI activists, etc. Also planned for the afternoon session are special workshops on the UAW strike and the question of the U.S. intervention in the Mideast.

The evening National Steering Committee meeting will discuss the results of the workshops as well as questions of structure and the next national SMC conference. Only members of the Steering Committee will vote during this session; however, all are invited to stay and participate in the discussion.

This meeting should be a day-long gathering of student antiwar activists. We want the widest participation possible from all layers of the student antiwar movement. This will ensure the maximum benefit for the SMC and for building the October 31st demonstrations. The meeting will provide activists with a feel for the national antiwar movement as well as with concrete ideas for building the local SMC chapters.

Final plans should be made immediately for attending in terms of transportation etc. Housing and all necessary information will be available in Philadelphia. Call the Philly SMC office when you arrive if you need information (WA.3-0797) or go directly to Fine Arts Auditorium, U. of Pennsylvania, 34th and Walnut Sts.

National Peace Action Coalition has scheduled a steering committee meeting for Sunday, October 11th, also in Philadelphia. Everyone is encouraged to stay over for this meeting. Campus-wide meetings should be held, on the initiative of the SMC chapters, at which campus delegates to the NPAC meeting can be elected.

SEND THE FORM BELOW IN TO THE PHILADELPHIA SMC OFFICE BY OCT. 7th. IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE EXACT NUMBERS, APPROXIMATE AS CLOSELY AS YOU CAN. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT WE GET THE FORMS ON TIME IN ORDER TO FACILITATE HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS, ETC.

SMC chapter or campus \_\_\_\_\_

Address & Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending \_\_\_\_\_

Housing needed for \_\_\_\_\_ for Fri.  
\_\_\_\_\_ for Sat.  
\_\_\_\_\_ for both.

Send to SMC, 928 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107. Attention: Laura Dertz.

MAIL BY OCTOBER 7th !!!

## SMC CHAPTERS REPORT GOOD RESPONSE AS CAMPUSES OPEN

As the school year opens, on many campuses the SMC has begun to plan and carryout some promising activities which demonstrate that the antiwar sentiment on the campuses continues at an extremely high pitch. First SMC meetings have been very large at schools all over the country. A few statistics: University of Houston 150, Ann Arbor, Michigan 200, U. of Mass, Amherst 300, Austin 400, Northern Illinois Univ. 200. There are other examples as well, and certainly some that we do not know about in the NO.

All of the regional and local SMCs are gearing into building the October 31 demonstration in their region, and in addition there are a number of significant campaigns which are going on on a local level. The Houston SMC is organizing a Peace Mobilization Day during the first week in October, for which they are getting money from the Student Government on campus to bring a large number of significant outside speakers. Some of the honorarium money will go to the National SMC. Cleveland will be sending out a full time regional traveller to build the SMC and the October 31 demonstration. New York and Detroit will be doing this also, and it can be a tremendous aid in SMC activities throughout the region.

Many areas have found that it is effective to set up task forces which deal with mobilizing specific sections of the population. The most common are Women's and Third World task forces, although groups can also be formed to reach out to such forces as GIs, labor etc.

The Ann Arbor SMC plans to launch the Fall Offensive again this year, as they did last year, with a mass march and rally after the first football game of the year on October 31st. This promises to be an extremely successful action as a "kickoff" to the fall activities. Last year some 20,000 people joined in the march.

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OCTOBER 15, 1970

The National Strike for Peace, an antiwar group in New York City, has called for actions on the 15th of October across the country. SMC views these as important building actions leading up to October 31st. Wherever possible, campus SMCs should build rallies, meetings, etc. on this date and use them to publicize October 31st.

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## NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

The NO staff is planning to send out this newsletter on a regular basis. Its function will be 1) to get out information on national actions and campaigns and 2) to serve as a means of exchanging ideas between SMC chapters. In order to do this, we must have regular written reports on activities of SMC chapters sent directly to the SMC national office. This means organizational news of new chapters formed etc. as well as ideas for campus actions, fund raising, etc. This distribution of information is crucial to the building of a strong national organization.

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NOTES ON FUNDRAISING.....

Many chapters around the country are finding varied and interesting ways to raise funds for their own chapter and the National Office. This is important, not only to keep chapters financially solvent, but to be able to build the Oct. 31st demonstrations as big and as broadly as possible. Chapters around the country should be conscious of sending money to the NO so that we will be able to give Oct. 31st the largest amount of publicity possible. The lead of the University of Houston should be followed in that they voted at their last SMC meeting to send the NO half of all money that they raise.

Other areas have sent in their ideas for fundraising. Each area has unique possibilities for fundraising. In Cleveland for example there was a street fair, so some SMCers went there and asked people for donations. They were able to raise almost one hundred dollars in a short period. Detroit now organizes teams of people to go to shopping centers with buckets that are covered with antiwar buttons. A team of two people can average \$50 a day, just by asking for donations..

There are also ways that chapters can cut expenses and therefore send more money to the NO. One chapter was evicted from their Office so they asked around and a church gave them free offices in a school that is no longer used. The SMC now has wood paneling in their office and wall-to-wall carpeting. All for the price of asking! Another idea is trying to find sympathetic printers who will print material for us charging just the price of the paper, or, for free. It is also possible to get free publicity in campus and underground papers.

Campus SMCs are in extremely good situations for raising money and cutting expenses. Besides the fact that most colleges give student organizations free use of mimeograph machines, SMCers can get free paper from sympathetic professors who have access to free paper. The DeKalb SMC did this last year and saved fantastic amounts of money especially during the May upsurge. Other possibilities are from honorariums and donations from student governments. Some schools have student speakers committees which allocate money for speakers from recognized student groups. The National Office has speakers that can go to campuses anytime. SMCs should utilize these resources as much as possible. Most student governments by now are on the record as being against the war. It should be pointed out that the SMC is the largest student antiwar organization in the U.S. and that the student government should also support the Oct. 31st demonstrations. Not only should they pass a motion but they should give money to help build the demonstrations.

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NATIONAL STAFF In order to keep up with the growth and expansion of the antiwar movement, we are finding it necessary to expand the national staff of SMC. The seven full-time staff members are hard-pressed to handle all of these new opportunities in a way which can build the antiwar movement to its greatest potential. We are presently looking for SMC activists to come to New York to work in this office. If you know of anyone in your area who would be interested call or write the NO.

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GENSUIKIN Delegates from the Japan Congress Against A & H Bombs (Gensuikin) will be touring this country from the end of October through November. SMCs who have meetings and rallies planned for this period should look into the possibilities of inviting a member of this delegation to speak. Call the NO with your speaker request and we will make the arrangements with the delegation.

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The literature for October 31, and the SMC membership materials are now available. A new issue of the Mobilizer will be out before Oct. 31st. Use the coupons below to order literature (Oct. 31 materials should be ordered directly from NPAC) You should be aware that all prices are exclusive of shipping charges.

Mail to SMC, 15 E. 17th St., New York, N.Y. 10003

ITEM	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
Membership cards and buttons	_____	No cost until sold then \$1/member	_____
Membership buttons separately (little blue SMC)	_____	25¢ ea \$3/25 \$10/100	_____
Membership brochure (What is the SMC?)	_____	1¢ ea (minimum order 50	_____
Student Mobilizer	_____	15¢ ea \$10/100	_____
GI Press Service	_____	15¢ ea \$2.50/20 \$7.50/100	_____

(The National Office also has available a film on the Chicano Moratorium entitled, "Chicano Moratorium." It is an excellent film, approximately 30 minutes long. There will be a rental fee.)

Order the following materials from NPAC, 2102 Euclid Ave., Cleveland Ohio 44115,

October 31st button	25¢ ea \$3.75/25 \$12/100 \$20/200	_____
October 31st poster	\$.50 Ea \$6.25/25 \$10/100	_____
NPAC brochure	\$3.60/100	_____

Calls to October 31 (general call, labor call, 3rd World call, GI call) are available in single copies suitable for electro-stencil or other reproduction in your area.