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Workers and Students Unite!

SHUT IT DOWN

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US Out Of Southeast Asia NOW

End ROTC, Military Recruitment, War Research

Free The Panthers & All Political Prisoners,
End All Racist Attacks

Support The Struggles Of Working People

Force Universities To Close Until Demands Are Met!

Students all over the country are fighting to kick ROTC and war-related activities off campus as a concrete way to materially hurt the government's ability to carry on the war. On over 250 campuses already, students have initiated struggles to force ROTC, war recruiters, and war research institutes of campus. For students to wage concrete struggles against the war means in practice that the strike must be one against the university administrations.

The university is not a neutral conglomeration of coexisting and equally valid ideas. The function of the university is to serve the men who own and run it through the board of trustees. What does the university do? The administration exploits its campus workers through low wages and lousy working conditions, and as such acts as a boss. Another function of the university is to directly serve the war through ROTC, war research institutes, and military recruiters. Ideological justifications for these anti-working class practices of the university are put forward in and are the main function of the classroom. For example, Jensen's article which "proves" that black people are genetically inferior, and liberal Moynihan's books which blame black people for the problems that black people face are widely used in classrooms and are racist in content and serve to build myths about black people. These lies are constantly put forward in an attempt to divide white workers and students from black workers and students.

Theories about the war that are pushed in classes invariably attribute the cause to some "tragic mistake" rather than the drive for additional profit by the men who run the

government. These policies of exploiting campus workers, expanding into black communities, serving the war, and providing slick justifications for these practices are against the interests of the majority of people in Southeast Asia and in this country and for these reasons students should be fighting in a mass way to shut down the university.

Only through an alliance of workers and students fighting to shut down the university, and thus preventing the continued operation of these war-related facilities, can the war effort be materially hurt. This alliance must initiate struggles and fight against the ways that the administration exploits campus workers, the black community through expansion and police institutes, and serves to perpetuate the war against workers and peasants in Southeast Asia. The power of workers and the double-talk of the administration was clearly revealed at UMass Boston, where at a faculty meeting discussing an administration-called three-day strike, a proposal introduced by radical faculty calling for pay for campus workers who wished to join the strike was denounced by the administration who bemoaned the fact that "this would stop the functioning of the university".

On and off campus, working people are already waging militant fights against the war and oppressive effects it has on working people at home. At Columbia, a worker-student strike closed the university; at the University of Minnesota, 300 campus workers demanded that ROTC be abolished; in Washington, Iowa, teamsters have voted to support the SDS-led strike at the University of Iowa. Only by allying with workers, in whose hands lies the real power

to shut this country down, can students effectively strike against the policies of the government.

Concretely this means forming and joining coalitions within strike committees to fight around specific demands of campus workers and/or war-related activities of the university. In many cases the strike has meant that many campus workers have been laid off. Struggles around these layoffs, linking them to the war, are concrete ways to hurt the bosses that profit from the war and the exploitation of workers at home. Militant and obstructive picket lines that keep administrators out are effective ways to shut the university down and expose the nature of the administration.

"Liberal" college administrators throughout the country have been pushing the line that the strike is a strike of the entire university community which is unified in opposition to Nixon's war policies. In many cases they even say that they support the three national demands of the strike (which in the abstract costs them nothing and builds illusions about the nature of the university). Another idea that is being pushed is the concept of a "people's university", most notably at Yale, where Kingman Brewster, Yale's racist president, opened the school to the people. Yet this in no way affected Yale's expansion into the black community or the building of the racist social science center.

It is important to look at the proposed "solutions" to the war that these administrations are putting forward all over the country. They are all based on the premise that the war is a "tragic mistake" rather than planned

- STRIKE SCOREBOARD -

SCOREBOARD OF WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE COUNTRY.

SDS** means SDS is leading it or heavily involved.

SAN FRANCISCO STATE

Thousands rallied against ROTC; planning for a strike. (SDS**)

People attacked San Francisco City Hall; will have a city-wide demonstration.

STANFORD

Strike over ROTC and counterinsurgency research (SDS**)

BERKELEY

Thousands rallied against ROTC; planning for a strike. (SDS**)

SAN JOSE STATE

Several thousand marched against ROTC and sat in.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Over a hundred demonstrate against institute donated by Shah of Iran (SDS**)

MINNESOTA

5,000 demand UMinn rehire striking worker--win the demand! (SDS**)
300 campus workers demand abolition of ROTC.

BOSTON COLLEGE

Hundreds ransack ROTC building. Academic Senate voted to abolish ROTC.

SAN DIEGO

Hundreds took a building against ROTC (SDS**)

U OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO CIRCLE

500-1000 demonstrate against ROTC and sack ROTC building. (SDS**)

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

Hundreds riot over racist murder in jail--six dead, many injured.

FLORIDA STATE

Hundreds demanded end to ROTC, marched on building. SDS**

MIAMI U (FLORIDA)

Campus-wide protest against ROTC. SDS

UNIV. OF SOUTH CAROLINA

National Guard sent in to break up march of 1,000 students protesting administration action on 31 students arrested in anti-war protest.

HARVARD

Militant, obstructive picket line to demand an end to ROTC, rehiring of fired workers, pay for striking workers, abolition of racist pay differential for painters helpers. SDS**

UNIV. OF IOWA

Teamsters in a neighboring town voted to support student strike demands against ROTC and demands for pay for striking workers. SDS**

KENT

6 killed, a dozen wounded, campus closed. Anti-ROTC campaign--ROTC building burned down.

OHIO STATE

2 killed, a dozen wounded. Anti-ROTC campaign; campus closed.

MIAMI OF OHIO

180 arrested last week; campus closed.

MICHIGAN STATE

500 sat in; dispersed by police. (SDS**)

UCLA

Project Thai exists no more--completely sacked over a two-day period. Focus of campaign is now anti-ROTC. 4,000 students on campus facing hundreds of cops. (SDS**)

VALLEY STATE (CALIF)

Hundreds took building.

YALE

William Sloan Coffin tried to call a peaceful rally. SDS took leadership of it and the rally marched to ROTC building and stoned it. (SDS**)

BOSTON STATE

A hundred sat in in administration building. School on strike over military recruiting, racist pay differentials, cops. (SDS**)

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

Students fighting ROTC; ROTC building sacked. National Guard called in. (SDS**)

COLUMBIA

Fight against ROTC, racism in hiring practices and pay. Campus workers striking for three national demands; workers and SDS led a huge march through garment district to gain support for strike and Washington demonstration. (SDS**)

LOUISIANA STATE U AT NEW ORLEANS

Hundreds protest expansion of the war SDS** and arrest of sdsers.

RUTGERS (NEW JERSEY)

Sit-in against ROTC. President coopted by closing school to protest Cambodia invasion. (SDS**)

Note: By the time this NLN Extra comes out this partial list will be hopelessly out of date, since there are hundreds of schools on strike. But we wanted to give people some idea of the kinds of things that are being done to fight against racism and the war.

strike to WIN (cont.)

policy by men who have an economic state in controlling the labor and natural resources of Southeast Asia. Visiting congressmen, writing letters, working for various referenda or bills proposed by congressmen are all variations on this theme. Another alternative that is being pushed by administrators is the idea that students should go out into the community and talk to workers. The logic behind this is 1) that workers are responsible for the continuance of the war, because they are so reactionary and 2) that if all students are off campus, then there wouldn't be any struggle against the university and the ways that it serves the war. It is very important for students to talk to workers and learn what it's like to be a worker in this country, and in this context students should join the SDS summer work-in. In the context of the strike, though, students should initiate struggles against the university, preferably allied and fighting with campus workers.

All the solutions that are being put forward by administrators have two things in common: 1) none of them will in any way affect the continuation of the war and 2) they all reflect non-struggle, pacifist alternatives. Administrators are invoking morality and horror of violence as alternatives to all the violence that is present in the world. Yet militancy and violence are necessary; for example, in

the case of the Vietnamese struggling against U.S. domination, Teamsters throughout the country who are fighting the National Guard, which is attempting to break the strike, or black people who fight back against the oppressive conditions under which they are forced to live. Those people who run this country (including college administrators) in their own interest never hesitate to use violence to protect their interests. The only way to end the exploitation of Vietnamese and American working people is to fight back against attacks launched by these bosses.

With this wave of militance there has been a counter-offensive. College administrators have worked day and night to cover up their interests and involvement in the war, and instead try to present themselves as allied with the students against Nixon's policies. By cancelling exams and shedding crocodile tears over the war, they have attempted to cover up the relationship between a government owned by big business and the colleges owned by big business. University administrators, the bosses and the government are scared of the potential of the worker-student alliance which fights against the war and the exploitation of workers in this country. In New York City construction bosses protected by cops paid construction workers \$30/hr to attack a student anti-war rally. This attack has been built by the press in an unsuccessful attempt to discredit the worker-student alliance, and to build illusions about workers with the goal in mind of further dividing students from workers. The press never mentions the instances where workers and students have fought together against university bosses.

FIGHT RACISM

Throughout these strike activities, we must constantly raise and fight the racist justifications of the war (i.e. that the Vietnamese are unable to govern themselves) and the racist attacks on black people in this country. This means concretely fighting against racist hiring and firing policies on campus, racist police actions, and racist practices used against campus workers. We should talk about how the government is attacking the Panthers because they are afraid of the militancy of masses of black people fighting against their oppression.

Black people are faced with the worst jobs, they are fired first and hired last. They have the worst living and working conditions in this country. As such, they are the most militant in fighting against the government, and students should support and follow the lead of black working people.

MASS MOVEMENT OR LIBERAL POLITICIANS?

So-called radical groups like the YSA provide a left cover for the administrations, in that they propose working on the referendum (vote on the war), rather than engage in struggle to fight the war. The war will not end by people voting on it. Nixon knows that most people oppose the war. Liberal politicians have no interest in getting the U.S. out of Southeast Asia without negotiations. Only by students allying with working people to build a mass movement to fight to get the U.S. out of Vietnam can the exploitation of Vietnamese workers and peasants end.

Dick Silver, U. Mass. SDS

Guard Kills ~~Four~~^{six} in Georgia



On May 11 rioting broke out in Augusta, Georgia over the racist murder of a 16-year-old boy who was beaten to death in a local jail. Governor Maddox called in the National Guard who, together with local police used free rein and killed four people. Sixteen others, black and white, were hospitalized with gunshot wounds. The Boston Globe reported that "police blocked off a 130-block section, most of it in a black neighborhood, and patrolled it in cars with shotguns levelled out the windows." This is just another example of the vicious racist attacks black and third world people are suffering every day in this country at the hands of the U.S. government and big business. These people were killed for the same reason that Kent State students were killed--because they were fighting back. At Kent State it was ROTC which trains officers to conduct the war, a war which is not only justified by racist lies, but which necessitates racism in this country to keep it going. In Georgia it was the more direct forms that racism takes that people were protesting. One does not have to look to Southeast Asia for examples of racist brutality--it exists right under our noses, every day.

Racism has a material basis. In other words, it is no mistake that black people are the first fired and last hired and live under the worst conditions. It is the ideology and practice of racism, too, which are responsible for there being a huge amount of black people in the jails and for black people being the first and foremost drafted into the army, being forced to fight and die on the front lines.

ROTC recruits college students to command an army that suppresses the just struggles of black people in US cities and third world peoples fighting US imperialism abroad. Moreover, ROTC provides the military with front line commanders, who are essential in keeping both black and white GIS in line. ROTC is a racist institution. Students have a direct interest in abolishing ROTC because it serves the same military that is now being used to repress students. We should see our common interest with black, white and third world working people, ally with them, and smash racist ROTC.

The fact is that at Kent and in Georgia, the enemy is the same. Both situations must be viewed with outrage and action must be taken to continue the fight.

In the same way that students demonstrated solidarity with the Kent State students, we must show our solidarity with the people of Augusta, Georgia. That is, we must fight racism in practice as well as theory; and let the people who run this country and profit off racism and the war, know that such attacks will not go unchallenged, and that our purpose is to abolish such practices and the people who benefit from them.

That racist attacks and practices should be ended should be one of our demands, and this should deal specifically with racist practices of the universities--such as hiring and firing practices and pay differentials. We must keep the universities shut down tight until these concrete demands are met. We must also organize rallies all over the country to show our support of these people who fight back against racism.

It is especially important to recognize how important it is for white people to fight their own racism with regard to this. It is certainly indicative that this racism exists when one compares what an outpouring of feeling was displayed after the Kent State murders with the response when black people get murdered (which happens far more regularly). In light of this situation, it is even more crucial that we have demonstrations showing our support of black people in these cases when they are subjected to the most brutal oppression.

Racist ROTC Must Go

the ghetto. We should raise what happened in Augusta. This country was enraged by Kent State; what about the six people that were killed in Augusta this week?

We should fight racism. These demands should be included in the strike and students should follow the lead of BSU's and progressive black students all over the country who have been leading the fight against racism. Sandy Meyer Nat'l Interim Committee

New Haven Trial

Over twenty thousand of us gathered in New Haven on May 1 with one purpose in mind. We came from up and down the east coast and from places far west to demand freedom for the Black Panthers and all political prisoners. We left united in the desire to build a strong anti-racist movement that will be able to end the racist oppression by U.S. businessmen and government of black and Third World people in this country and abroad.

The May Day demonstrations were called in New Haven to protest the trial of Bobby Seale, chairman of the Black Panther Party, and seven other members of the party charged with the murder of Alex Rackley, another party member. This attempt to frame Seale and the others is part of a nationwide campaign now being carried out by the government to exterminate the Black Panther Party and attempt to intimidate all black people from fighting back against their racist oppression, and to build racism.

The weekend's activities consisted of several rallies during the days, workshops,

At Yale, President Kingman Brewster has made a concerted effort to prevent this kind of a movement from being built, paying a lot of lip service to the plight of black militants while maintaining ROTC and counterinsurgency, kicking hundreds of black working people out of their homes in order to expand, and exploiting workers, giving black and Latin workers the worst deal of all. A movement that fights racism must see Brewster and the college administrations as the enemy; for all their talk about sympathies, they have been part and par-

cel of maintaining the racist policies of U.S. businessmen from Vietnam to their own dining halls.

In order to make the National Student Strike called in New Haven meaningful, we must build the strike to SHUT THE UNIVERSITIES DOWN, to defeat their racist practices, really hurt the war, and expose Brewster and his many twins.

and several rock concerts. Regional SDS from New England and New York decided to hold a demonstration opposite City Hall on Friday afternoon in order to raise two main points: (1) the white student movement must fight racism; (2) the movement must ally with workers, not rely on liberal politicians or college administrators in order to do this.

Dale Fink, from Harvard-Radcliffe-Leslie SDS spoke, emphasizing that racism is a key "justification" for U.S. foreign as well as domestic policy--talking about the role the government plays from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia to Puerto Rico and Trinidad--the role of suppression and exploitation. Wayne Lawrence from the University of Connecticut BSU spoke about how the university administration used racism to divide black and white students in their fight to throw racist GE scab recruiters off campus. Alan Gilbert of the Progressive Labor Party spoke about how racism is part and parcel of imperialism and cannot be defeated without organizing for socialist revolution. All the speakers talked about the necessity of building an ongoing movement that hits at the real roots of racism; the super-exploitation of black working people, a movement that fights against the concrete racist practices of the university.

Howie Wiener, Stonybrook SDS

Strike Proposal:

The student strike wave across the country has been unprecedented. Fantastic anti-war actions have taken place. While ROTC struggles and other militant actions have been good, they haven't gone far enough. SDS has failed to raise what imperialism means here at home--exploitation of American workers through inflation and bitter racist attacks. It isn't enough to raise the racist oppression going on in Southeast Asia while at the same time not raise it and fight it here where we can win. Black workers and students have been playing the leading role in struggles against imperialism in this country--like in Augusta. We must follow their lead. The demands of the strike must go further than they have. We must include demands which fight against racism both here and abroad. The demands as they exist now must be changed to attack racism in each one. The demands should be: 1) U.S. out of Southeast Asia, no deals--the U.S. is waging an imperialist and racist war; 2) Abolish ROTC. ROTC is a tool of U.S. imperialism to train officers to wage a racist war and it uses officers to break strikes and break up ghetto rebellions here. 3) Anti-racist demands, specifically dealing with racism on the campus; 4) Support campus workers, fight racist oppression. Demands could be pay increase, day care centers, medical care, preferential hiring, no layoffs without pay during the strike. 5) National Guard and cops out of



SDS Rally in New Haven

SDS GOES TO WASHINGTON

Approximately 10,000 people massed around the steps of the Labor Department in Washington on Saturday, May 9, breaking away from the Mobilization's talkathon, to attend the SDS rally there. The militance of the SDS rally reflected the anger and sharpened understanding that have given rise to struggles against racism and the war all around the country in the past few weeks. Many people felt it counteracted the deadening effect of the Mobe's "body-count" strategy, by pointing the way to an alliance with workers which concretely fights for the national strike demands.

All the speakers stressed the importance of turning the strikes against the college administrations that are trying to ride out the storm of protest with programs for student power bribes, and expressions of sympathy for radical causes.

Gregg O'Bryant of Boston State College BSU warned people of "wolves in sheep's clothing" and "administration Trojan Horses". He also emphasized that in the fight against the racist attacks of the Panthers statements of support and solidarity are not enough--even college presidents can do that. What is called for now is massive struggles that center on concrete cases of racism in the universities and make demands on the administration.

He pointed out that white students fail to really fight racism when they fail to fight their own racism. Three black student demonstrators in Orangeburg, N.C. were shot in the back and killed two years ago. Now four were shot down by National Guardsmen at Kent State. Why such outrage now and not a peep then? Last fall Fred Hampton was murdered in bed and still no reaction from whites. Only one thing accounts for this--racism. Check it out. We are all infected with racism, and we all suffer from it.

Bob Leonhardt of Progressive Labor Party and SDS and Dolores Garces from the Welfare Worker-Client Alliance in New York spoke of the need for working-class leadership and the fight for socialism. Judy Lakeof of Local 1199 at Columbia University described how the ad-

ministration, by refusing to grant campus workers a strike-day-with-pay triggered a university-wide strike in support of the national demands that shut Columbia tight. The people roared back "power to the workers" and "on strike, shut it down".

Debbie Russell, Interorganizational Secretary of SDS, outlined the real ways in which students can fight the war by fighting institutions such as ROTC at their own schools, and by making ties with the working people around them. This means talking to workers on campus, finding out what their grievances are, and working together on demands and a strategy that will force schools to shut down in every way until demands are met.

The spirit of the crowd and the thrust of the speeches made the Mobe rally look pale in comparison. The Mobilization leadership seemed afraid that this enthusiasm might reach more people. Mobe marshalls circulated through the main rally saying that the SDS rally was meant to provoke violence or even that it had been called off. When the Labor Department rally began they linked arms between it and the Ellipse rally and turned back people who wanted to join our demonstration. While the Mobe was so concerned about our rally the press and media pretended it didn't exist!

In November when they were playing up the "splinters" in SDS they gave a distorted sentence or two of "coverage". Now with a demonstration twice as large called from a gathering half the size, the press gave no "coverage" at all. Not a word! It is clear from this that we will have to depend on our own efforts to spread the word of the national strike against university war work and racism. And that we must constantly counteract the demoralization generated by the no-struggle tactics of the Mobe with our own ideas, determination and enthusiasm.

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Postal Strike Again?



The postal strike of several weeks ago has been termed by government and so-called union "leaders" to have been a victory. Talking to any postal worker, however, would reveal that they think that this so-called "victory" was, except for a few crumbs of pacification, a huge sellout. Ever since the strike ended, in fact, workers who participated in and led the strike (especially black workers) have been harrassed and threatened by their bosses. The dissatisfaction is mounting and it looks as if, once again, there will be a massive exit by workers from the post office. Students must learn from the spirit and defiance of these workers and support them through rallies and demonstrations. These workers demonstrated the first time around how to defy cops, injunctions, the courts, and the National Guard; and made the strike so effective that it brought Wall Street

and the rest of big business to its knees. This time they will probably strike even harder. When this happens students should demonstrate their support and solidarity, thereby taking another step in forging an alliance between students and workers which will fight to improve the lives of all oppressed people.

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- The Vietnam War
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For some free sample literature, send your address (and the addresses of anyone else who might be interested) to the National Headquarters.

National Convention

SDS is having a national convention over the summer. Details about time and place will appear in the next regular edition of New Left Notes.

RAISE MONEY

During the nationwide strike in the coming weeks, SDS should play a major role in focusing students' anger against the war, on college administrations, and in forming alliances with campus workers which can really shut the schools down. To do this, the SDS National Headquarters will be producing leaflets and pamphlets, extra editions of New Left Notes, and other materials to be used by individual chapters. To do this, we need money.

This extra edition of New Left Notes cost a lot of money to put out. Right now, several pamphlets, specifically a pamphlet on the war in Vietnam, are waiting to be printed when we have the money. SDS is not supported by rich businessmen, philanthropists, or large foundations. We get all our money from selling NLN, membership cards, and donations. Right now, if we are to function well at all in the coming weeks and really serve the people, we have to have donations.

People should get together and devise ways they can raise money for SDS. Ideas are having parties, fund-raising dinners, raffles, selling blood, you name it.

It is also imperative that at mass meetings and demonstrations we bring up the question of fundraising. It is our own timidity which holds us back from accomplishing this vital task. People realize that funds are vital to making the movement grow. It is up to us to take the initiative in enabling the movement to reach out to masses of people.