

Call for the National Spring Mobilization to End the War in Vietnam

NATIONAL MASS MOBILIZATION TO END THE WAR IN VIETNAM NOW!

WE, PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, DECLARE AN END TO OUR SILENCE.
WE DECLARE IT PARTICULARLY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Men cried for justice; you mocked them with the law of guns.

Men hungered; you laid waste their fields.

Men sought brotherhood; you answered with war against a colored people.

Men searched for freedom; you imposed puppets and tyrants upon them.

Men tried to build; you burned with napalm.

Men voted for peace; you escalated war.

In Vietnam, you create a wasteland and kill indiscriminately, and call it

"pacification."

At home, you betray the dispossessed, conscript the youth of the nation

for war, and call it "democracy."

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WE ADDRESS A CALL FOR ACTION TO ALL AMERICANS WHOSE LIVES ARE
TWISTED BY THIS WAR:

- To the mothers and fathers whose sons are taken;
- To the GI's who face death;
- To the youth, filled with the love of life, drafted to take the lives of others;
- To the black people and other minorities, who are tired of fighting for a "democracy" they have never enjoyed;
- To labor, facing higher taxes and prices while war profits soar and pressures are applied against wage increases and the right to strike;
- To the farmers caught in the "cost-price" squeeze and being taxed off their land;
- To professionals, businessmen and others who are disturbed about the war and are anxious to see it end;
- To the clergy who call all men to be brothers and who are mocked by this slaughter.

We call all Americans to unite and mobilize in a movement to end the senseless slaughter of American GI's and the mass murder of Vietnamese. We call for the enlistment of the men, money, and resources now being used to maintain the military machine in a fight against the real enemies of man -- hunger, hopelessness, ignorance, hate, fear, discrimination, and inequality.

As the war cruelly destroys in Vietnam, so it denies hope to millions in the United States. The need for decent homes, quality education, jobs and fair employment are brushed aside. Our cities smother in smoke and grime, strangle in traffic. Our slums continue to rot. Streams and rivers are polluted, and the very air we breathe is fouled. Our vast wealth could in a short time eliminate these ills. It goes instead to murder and destroy. War contracts and the draft corrupt our campuses and laboratories. And, as the war continues, the ultimate danger of nuclear holocaust hangs over all.

Therefore, to launch this movement, we call for a mass march and rally at the United Nations in New York and at the birthplace of the UN in San Francisco, on Saturday, April 15, 1967. We march to the UN to affirm our respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, acclaimed by mankind and embodied in the UN Charter, but violated by the United States. We march to dramatize the world-wide hope that the United States remove its troops from Vietnam so that the Vietnamese can determine their own future in their own way.

This national mobilization will affirm the will of the American people for peace in Vietnam and a new life for America and for all mankind. We speak to people around the world to mobilize to stop the war in Vietnam. We declare not merely a protest but a new beginning.

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The Spring Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam is composed of individuals from many organizations who represent a wide variety of views. There is no exclusion on political, racial, or religious grounds. We invite peace, civil rights, labor, church, professional, political, veterans, farmers, youth and students and other groups and individuals all over the country to support and actively take part in the National Spring Mobilization. We solicit the closest cooperation. Organizations retain the freedom to determine the extent and manner of their activity. Those wishing to issue their own calls are free to do so. We do not wish to compete with or replace ongoing activities of existing anti-war, peace and civil rights groups. We seek to stimulate increased activity everywhere.

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