

# STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE TO END THE WAR IN VIETNAM

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## PLEASE READ THIS LETTER CAREFULLY...SUGGESTIONS FOR BUILDING JULY 6TH SMC CLEVELAND CONFERENCE

Dear SMC'er,

TIME IS SHORT FOR BUILDING OUR JULY 6TH SMC CONFERENCE IN THE BIGGEST AND BEST POSSIBLE WAY. As we have said, July 6th and the national antiwar conference on July 4 & 5 provide us with an opportunity to assess our past activities and plan out our summer and fall actions with the benefit of discussions on future strategies for the national antiwar movement as a whole. This will be our first conference since December, 1968 in Chicago. The student antiwar movement has grown and developed a lot since then. It's time to take this growth and expand it into a national program of action that can build the movement on campuses and in the streets this fall.

### BUILDING THE CONFERENCE

We urge sending out full mailings on both Cleveland conferences, including transportation information. All housing will be provided by the Cleveland Area Peace Action Council, 13101 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 44112. They should be notified soon as to your housing needs. Aside from SMC'ers, it is crucial to get broad participation from all sectors of the student antiwar movement that have worked with SMC in the past and can continue to do so in the future. Special attention should be paid to mobilizing representation from:

- All high school groups and campus groups who are against the war
- Afro-American and Third World student organizations, both high school and college
- anti-draft organizations
- active-duty antiwar GIs
- SDS chapters
- radical professors against campus complicity
- campus leaders with experience in struggles against ROTC, IDA, military recruiting, etc. to share experiences
- Student governments, religious youth organizations, political groups which have taken a stand against the war

### CONFERENCE AGENDA

Enclosed you will find a tentative conference schedule. The SMC Progress & Perspectives Report (from 11:00 to 12 noon) will include ideas from the National Office for summer and fall program. To fill out our progress report on past SMC activities, WE NEED:

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- brief area reports FROM YOU that can be incorporated into the total picture of our national work
- special reports to augment both this report and the workshop discussions such as \*high school rights fights \*high school organizing\* \*fund raising\* \*research and education on campus complicity, ROTC\* \*GI work\*

IN ORDER TO GET THE MOST OUT OF ONLY ONE DAY OF DISCUSSION TOGETHER, THESE SPECIAL REPORTS SHOULD BE WRITTEN UP (BRIEFLY) AND SENT INTO THE NATIONAL OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

The national staff will be projecting for discussion several important activities and wants to get feed-back from YOUR AREA before the conference:

- participate in and/or initiate August 6-9 demonstrations as focus of our summer work, demanding all GIs be brought home now and in solidarity with Japanese antiwar movement and its fight against the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty
- possibility of a nation-wide student strike AGAINST the war, campus complicity, the draft/ FOR free speech for GIs and high school students as a build-up to actions called by the July 4-5 conference. And/or, a week of campus antiwar activities in the high schools and colleges to focus on the above themes. WE NEED YOUR IDEAS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF SUCH A STRIKE, OR IDEAS ON WHAT A WEEK OF CAMPUS ACTIVITIES COULD ENCOMPASS
- running referendum campaigns to register the increased antiwar sentiment among the American people.

#### WORKSHOPS

The listed workshops are tentative. Send in any additions you might have. As you can see, the workshops reflect the kind of broad attendance and ambitious program we've carried out and are planning to expand.

In order to have really rounded discussion, we especially need resource people for the following workshops:

- High School - one key high school activist from each local SMC chapter is asked to help guide the discussion; third world high school activists to discuss expanding the type of actions that took place this spring
- Summer Actions - people with knowledge of the antiwar movement in Japan and the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty as an added theme of these Aug.6-9 demonstrations; key SMCers experienced in building summer actions when campuses are closed; people experienced in running local referenda
- Student Fall Actions - radical professors with knowledge of government war ties to the universities (like MIT group), experts in researching campus complicity, ROTC, etc., leaders of campus anti-complicity actions
- Draft - people experienced in antidraft activities
- Political Rights & Defense - lawyers, people with experiences in defense campaigns for the antiwar movement, information on countering the use of injunctions, cops on campus, etc.

LET US KNOW IMMEDIATELY WHICH PEOPLE FROM YOUR AREA ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP GUIDE WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS IN THE ABOVE AREAS.

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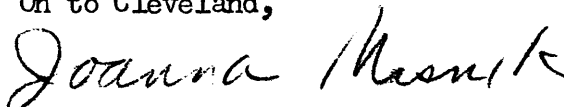
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It is important that all student activists plan to attend the July 4 & 5 conference since decisions of major importance for the future of the most powerful movement in this country will be made there. All SMC chapters, student antiwar committees, GI groups, etc. -- all student organizations which oppose the war -- should WRITE TO CAPAC now to let them know they endorse the conference and are sending a delegate to participate.

COMMUNICATION

In order to have a full picture of how things are going, the National SMC office needs to be kept in touch with developments on the conferences. Please write or call to let us know how the conferences are being received by the general political community in your area, on how much participation you expect from your area, and on what ideas you have, resource people you can provide, etc.  
KEEP IN TOUCH.

On to Cleveland,



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