

Call to a

National Anti-War Conference

Cleveland, Ohio

Friday & Saturday, July 4 & 5

The Nixon administration is engaging in the same duplicity as the previous Johnson administration. Despite his pre-election promises and occasional lip-service to the withdrawal of American troops, Nixon has actually intensified the war. There is no question now that massive opposition to the war must be further escalated to achieve the demand of the American people for an immediate and unconditional end to the United States' military presence in Vietnam.

People are growing impatient in their desire to see the war end. The GI death toll is nearing 40,000. Taxes for the military are a huge burden, and the inflationary character of military spending is felt in every household. The black community in particular is most oppressed by the continuing military aggression in Vietnam. In spite of the tremendous anti-war sentiment in the United States, the war in Vietnam continues, with no end in sight.

New sectors of the population are more open today to involvement in the decisive struggle to bring the GIs home from Vietnam now. Important new dimensions to the struggle against the war have developed among GIs and high school students. If we can project effective action by a unified anti-war movement, these forces may well be joined in the near future by significant numbers of workers, professionals, churchgoers and others. The development of a massive coalition of people against the war also represents the best way to meet the pattern of political repression now directed at the movement.

On July 4-5 the Cleveland Area Peace Action Council, a coalition of some 30 anti-war groups in Greater Cleveland, is hosting a national anti-war conference in cooperation with the University Circle Teach-In Committee at Case-Western Reserve University. The purpose of the conference will be to broaden and unify the anti-war forces in this country and to plan co-ordinated national anti-war actions for the fall.

ALL INVITED GROUPS HAVING A CONCERN FOR ENDING THE WAR AND GETTING THE U.S. OUT OF VIETNAM ARE URGED TO SEND DELEGATES OR OBSERVERS. GROUPS INVITED TO SEND DELEGATES WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL COVER LETTER. OBSERVERS ARE WELCOME. If you are planning to attend, please fill out and mail in the attached coupon.

Registration for the conference will be between noon and 1:00 P.M. in the lobby of Strosacker Auditorium at the Case-Western Reserve University. The registration fee will be five dollars for delegates and two dollars for observers. The conference will commence at 1:00 P.M. July 4 at Strosacker Auditorium.

Initial Endorsers of the Conference:

Norma Becker, New York
Prof. Thompson Bradley, Philadelphia
Prof. Charles Cairnes, Texas Coalition Against the War
Stephanie Coontz, Seattle GI-Civilian Alliance for Peace
Dave Dellinger, National Mobilization Committee
Prof. Doug Dowd, Ithaca
Al Evano, District 65, Retail and Wholesale Workers
Rev. Richard Fernandez, Clergy and Laymen Concerned
Atty. Jerry Gordon, Cleveland Area Peace Action Council
Prof. Robert Greenblatt, New York
Prof. Donald Kalish, Los Angeles
Sidney Lens, Chicago
Carol Lipman, Student Mobilization Committee

Stewart Meacham, Philadelphia
Dean Pappas, Baltimore
Prof. Sidney Peck, Cleveland
Max Primack, Chicago Peace Council
Andrew Pulley, Ft. Jackson Eight
Msgr. Charles O. Rice, Pittsburgh
Carl Rogers, Presidio Twenty-seven Committee
Irving Sarnoff, South California Peace Action Council
Ken Shilman, San Francisco GI-Civilian Alliance for Peace
Dr. Benjamin Spock, New York
Cora Weiss, Women Strike for Peace
Dagmar Wilson, Women Strike for Peace
Prof. Howard Zinn, Boston

Atty. Arthur Kinoy, New York

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I plan to attend the conference as a delegate observer. (circle one)

I agree to endorse the conference.

I will need housing.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Organization _____

-- Sent to conference endorsers and steering committee --

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Dear Friend,

Attached is a list of the initial invitees to the conference, with the number of delegates to which each is entitled.

If you are aware of any significant omissions, please send in your suggestions for additional delegates to be invited to the conference. The same holds true with respect to the composition of the steering committee.

Sincerely,

Jerry Gordon
Sid Peck

Enclosed: conference call
letter of invitation of delegates

Attached: list of delegates