

STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Syd, March 29, 1968.

Momentum for the International Strike has built up sharply in the last few weeks with the daily volume of mail from campuses well exceeding that previous to October 21st. The campaign around Choice '68 has also made it possible to reach new areas, and there has been an enthusiastic response to SMC literature on both the Strike and Choice '68. In addition, in the absence of any material from National Mobilization Committee, the SMC has become the sole national distributor of materials on the April 27th demonstrations. The recent endorsement of the Strike by the Zengakuren of Japan indicates the opportunities for international support around the strike.

In the two months since the national conference, Student Mobilization has published well over a half million pieces of literature, including 180,000 Strike Calls, 100,000 Strike/April 27 leaflets, 50,000 Strike issues of the Mobilizer, 100,000 Choice '68 leaflets, 20,000 Strike buttons, 7,000 Strike posters, 5,000 April 27 posters, 5,000 April 27 buttons, 100,000 Vote-Strike-March stickers, and 100,000 pledge cards. In addition, there is a weekly Strike Bulletin which provides a summary of national and international progress on the Strike and April 27th. 2,500 copies of the last issue were distributed. Another special issue of the Mobilizer, to be available for distribution during April 21-30, will be mailed out in two weeks.

Several campus groups have expressed a strong interest in some form of Strike pledge system, and the pledge cards that resulted from those requests are in the form of a membership card, with one half to be sent in to the national office and the other to be kept by the individual. These pledge cards are now at the printers and will be distributed to local SMC's and antiwar committees very shortly. While the pledge cards are not formally membership cards, they provide an important opportunity to use these three popular actions to build a solid membership base for Student Mobilization. Wide distribution of the pledge cards will be an important activity for every antiwar group in the preparations for the April protests.