

# SPU Peacemaker

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## INTRODUCING THE STUDENT PEACE UNION

The STUDENT PEACE UNION wishes to take this opportunity to introduce itself to Southern California. In the past three years the SPU has grown from a small nucleus of peace-minded students at the University of Chicago to a broad national movement with over 4,000 members and an equal number of affiliated students on over 125 campuses. Since the October Cuban Crisis, the SPU has established a Southern California Region based in Los Angeles with chapters already organized at UCLA, LACC, Valley State College, and around a number of high schools in the L. A. area. We maintain contacts and are in the process of organizing on half a dozen additional campuses. The SPU is growing quickly here on the rising tide of interest in peace activities.

The Student Peace Union is, quoting from the Statement of Purpose, "an organization of young people who believe that neither war nor the threat of war can any longer be successfully used to settle international disputes and that neither human freedom nor the human race can long survive in a world committed to militarism." Our program is basically to help reverse the present trend toward total destruction. We hope to realize our goals of awakening others to the realities of today's world and of moving away from the brink to a peaceful world through a program of education and action. We wish to study the problems of the world we live in, to understand the situation and to find ways out of our dilemma. We attempt to bring our understanding to others--both in and out of the student community. We act to bring our views to the attention of others and to bring pressure on the two blocs to work sincerely for peace.

The local chapter is the very basis of the SPU. Each adheres to the Statement of Purpose and to the Constitution of the organization and yet is free to determine its own activities and policy within this framework. We, in the Southern California region of the Student Peace Union, are putting our major efforts into stimulating the organizing of such chapters. We wish to build effective chapters on nearly every college campus in the Metropolitan area and beyond. We also plan to encourage high school students to form chapters of the SPU; we believe that our experience, resources, and nearness in age will enable us to aid them in their efforts to become better informed Americans, better able to put their ideas into action.

We will shortly open a regional office (as soon as finances will permit), which will serve as the place of central communication between all the chapters in the region. It will coordinate activities and service the chapters in any way it can. We also desire to establish close, continuous communication with all peace groups in the area. We want to work for unity in the peace movement and relegate to insignificant levels the divisive factors that have prevented this movement from being stronger than it is.

Our goals are large; they challenge the resources of not only the Southern California region of the SPU, but of the adult peace community in this area. We feel confident, however, that we are equal to the task. We will need a large active membership at both chapter and regional levels. These must be students who will work concertededly with creativity and perseverance. We must also have the complete cooperation of the adult peace movement in Southern California if we are to achieve our goals. We, who are aware of the dangers and of the alternatives, must take the lead in the quest for peace.

## CHAPTER REPORTS

### U.C.L.A.

On Tuesday, December 11, the U.C.L.A. Chapter of the SPY distributed on the U.C.L.A. campus, literature of peace groups protesting the HUAC's subpoenaing of the Women's Strike for Peace. The U.C.L.A. Chapter that day also sent a telegram to the House of Representatives protesting HUAC's intimidation of the peace movement by their subpoenaing of the Women's Strike for Peace.

On Thursday, December 13, David Mc Reynolds spoke on campus on the topic "The Politics of Survival: Neither Red Nor Dead".

YOUTH FOR PEACE - STUDENT PEACE UNION  
Youth for Peace, a West Los Angeles High School group, has just recently voted on affiliating with the SPU.

The group is made up of about twenty teenagers. They conduct various study programs, have speakers from foreign nations and generally try to learn more about peace and issues pertaining to peace.

The Youth for Peace have had a speaker from Nigeria and also viewed slides of China. David Mc Reynolds has spoken on Civil Defense before the group. They have taken part in the Sane Peacemobile at the Sabin Clinics at Webster Jr. High.

### L.A.C.C.

The Los Angeles City College Chapter of the SPU is now in the process of being organized. Prior to organizing meetings there were about five SPU members on campus. The chapter will attempt to obtain "on campus" status beginning in February.

### POETRY DEPARTMENT

The Time Machine of War  
by Estelle Gershgoren

1.

1000 men were dead  
before I caught my breath  
and while I tied my shoe  
5000 more had died  
a million men were killed  
who swore they would survive.

2.

In the second it takes  
To give you this kiss  
Another man lies dying  
In the moment it takes  
To make a step  
a child is born and screaming  
In the time it takes  
For my words to reach  
Your ears beneath the wind  
The world has spread its carcass out  
And soldiers have stopped dreaming.

..reprinted from "Coastlines 19"

### VALLEY STATE COLLEGE

This month, a group of students and several staff members of S.F.V.S.C. gathered to discuss the role of students on Peace issues. After much discussion, it was concluded that personal involvement is a must for every concerned person.

At that meeting a chapter of SPU was formed with eight new members for the national organization. Officers were elected, and the new club is now under way with determination and enthusiasm.

The first meeting will be held on Friday, Jan. 25, at 18207 Vincennes St. Northridge, adjacent to the college campus. Phone: Di-9-3681.

### OTHER CAMPUSES

Contacts on a number of other campuses are working at forming chapters. USC will soon have a chapter, and students at El Camino Jr. College, University of California at Riverside, and Santa Monica City College are planning to start Chapters on their campuses soon.

### HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH TOURNAMENT

The Forensics Union and the Student Peace Union at San Francisco State College will sponsor a state-wide speech tournament for high school students on May 11. The theme of the oratory meet is "Topics of Crisis, 1963".

Invitations have been sent to every high school speech department in California announcing the tournament and inviting each school to send a delegation.

There will be three areas of competition: Debate, impromptu speaking, and original oratory. Prizes will be awarded in each category.

The registration fee for each participant is \$1.00. Hospitality will be available. Study kits will be sent to each participant in advance of the tournament. The deadline for registering of high school speech department delegations will be March 1.

### WATCH FOR THE BIG REGIONAL MEETING ON

"END THE DRAFT IN '63"

COMING IN MARCH..



## W I S P vs. H U A C: INNOCENSE VICTORIOUS

The gentlemen of the House Un-American Activities Committee plunged headlong with Pepsodent grins and confidence in hope that their investigation of the peace movement would turn up incrimination and defaming tid-bits of gossip that would permanently eradicate it from the political scene.

It took the ladies of the Women Strike for Peace to bring the latter-day inquisition to a standstill by continually baffling the committeemen with logic instead of the naivete they were prepared to meet.

The Committee's aim was simple enough. Its sleuths, studying an organization known as Womens Strike for Peace, had learned that some of the strikers seemed to have had past associations with the Communist Party or its front groups. Presumably, if their old associations could be disclosed, Womens Strike for Peace would be stigmatized as a Soviet tool and all right-thinking housewives would give up peace agitation and go back to the kitchen.

But the Committee reckoned without female logic. How could Womens Strike for Peace be an infiltrated organization, witness after witness demanded, when it was not an organization at all? Try as he might, Alfred Nittle, committee Counsel, never managed to break through against this defense.

When Mrs. Iris Freed of Larchmont, N.Y. told him, "Womens Strike for Peace is not an organization, it is a movement," he whipped off his eyeglasses with a triumphant flourish of prosecutors about to produce the murder weapon.

"Now, Mrs. Freed," he purred, "that's interesting, if a group isn't an organization, how on earth does it function? His only answer was a long burst of boisterous housewife laughter from the assembled hundreds including Mrs. Freed.

Eventually, Mr. Nittle wound up, baffled and flustered, trying to defeat the ladies with their own logic. "Now, if one were to call white black, would it still be white-uh-black?" he asked. "There is no pertinence to that question," Mrs. Freed replied, a school-teacher dismissing a muddled student.

IF THEY DO... WILL WE...???

--SENATOR SAYS SOVIET NOW WANTS TEST BAN  
Washington, Dec. 28-- Senator Joseph S. Clark said today that the Soviet Union seemed to be "about ready" to sign a treaty against nuclear testing. He expressed doubt, however, over the prospects of Senate ratification.

Senator Clark, speaking at a televised news conference, said it was his personal opinion that Soviet negotiators would agree in 1963 to a cessation of testing.

Mr. Clark said he was concerned over "the extent of belligerence" of some Senators toward a nuclear treaty.

"They are so suspicious of any negotiations that their minds would have to be reopened," he remarked. "There would have to be a sizable re-education undertaken."

.. from New York Times, Dec. 29, 1962

WATCH FOR THE BIG REGIONAL MEETING

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END THE DRAFT

For years our government has been utilizing its power to draft without encountering effective opposition. For years conscientious individuals jailed for opposing the draft have not had their cases brought before the American public and have not even received adequate moral and financial help. Where is the logic and ethical fiber of a peace movement which does not actively oppose the draft as a blatant preparation for war? Aside from a few pacifist organizations, the draft is not even mentioned in peace programs. Where is the ethical fiber of a peace movement that fails to support and circulate the opinions of those individuals who take a difficult stand for peace? Since World War II, when the draft, in defiance of American Traditions, was retained as a peacetime institution, individuals have been standing alone in opposition.

In the tradition of Thoreau and the principles of Individual Guilt and Individual Responsibility established in the Nuremberg trials and in the first session of the United Nations, we assert the right and obligation of the individual to protest and dissociate himself from these criminal preparations.

Not everyone concerned can go the limit and abstain from all collaboration with the Selective Service System. Not everyone concerned feels that this is what should be done. But, certainly, everyone concerned can work for an end to the draft and support those in jail and those on the way. There are many different levels in the fight against the draft. There are many different philosophies in opposition to the draft. But most people who are concerned about survival oppose the draft as an instrument of extinction. It is the purpose of this committee to help transform that concern into action to

END THE DRAFT.

..Condensed reprint from End the Draft in '63 Committee.

LOS ANGELES FEDERAL BUILDING VIGIL

Formed as a direct result of the Cuban Crisis, the vigil seeks to maintain itself as a continual manifestation of the ideas for peace. The vigil, as opposed to a one day peace march, serves its purpose by reminding individuals each day there is a need for, and a method of, obtaining peace.

A lack of continuing support in the past few weeks has resulted in the reduction of the vigil to three days each week. The need for the vigil is apparent, yet to survive, there must be a resurgence of interest in it.

For those of you concerned with nuclear disarmament and anxious to serve in its behalf, the vigil offers an excellent opportunity to relate the philosophy of peace in a public arena. At present the vigil is being maintained by Roger Rouche on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12 noon to 5 pm. Any interested individual only needs to present him or herself at the Federal Bldg. (corner Temple & Spring) during these hours.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF THE STUDENT PEACE UNION

The Student Peace Union is an organization of young people who believe that neither war nor the threat of war can any longer be successfully used to settle international disputes and that neither human freedom nor the human race can long survive in a world committed to militarism.

Without committing any member to a precise statement of policy, the SPU draws together young people for a study of alternatives to war and engages in education and action to end the present Arms Race. The SPU works toward a society which will ensure both peace and freedom and which will suffer no individual or group to be exploited by another. Because both East and West have pursued foreign policies which are not in the interests of their own people or the peoples of the world, and because both bear major responsibility for the Cold War, the Student Peace Union believes that the peace movement must act independently of both East and West, must apply the same standard of criticism to both, and must seek new and creative means of achieving a free and peaceful society.

WILL YOU JOIN US??

In working for peace some students can give much in terms of time and effort. Others can give much less, although they too desire the goal of world disarmament. But everyone who agrees with the SPU Statement of Purpose should at least take the step of membership. Joining the Student Peace Union is a concrete expression of a moral commitment to peace and freedom.

Clip and mail to: STUDENT PEACE UNION  
P.O. Box 36525  
Los Angeles 36, Cal.

Name.....

School Address.....

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School.....

( ) Please enroll me as a member of SPU. (Membership qualification is agreement with Statement of Purpose.)

( ) \$3 enclosed for 1963 annual dues.

( ) Please send the SPU Constitution and policy statement.

( ) I wish to contribute \$.... toward the work of the Student Peace Union.

JEWELRY FOR PEACE

Most of us like to have some way of displaying our conviction for Peace, Love, and Brotherhood. The semaphore code symbols for "N" and "D" have been combined into an attractive and meaningful symbol for Peace.

As a tie tack or pin, key chain or pendant, this symbol announces its wearer's positive stand for disarmament, while its modest price helps support the SPU. Information and orders cheerfully accepted by the Regional SPU: P.O. Box 36525, Los Angeles 36, California.