

# WHY WE PROTEST

First we were told there were no U.S. ground troops in Laos. Then when reporters discovered ground troops we were told that there were no ground combat troops involved.

What's clear is that a full scale invasion of Laos is going on. The war is rapidly spreading into Cambodia again. While Nixon tries to convince us that he's "winding the war down", all of Indochina is being engulfed in an American made war.

The papers report that more than 26 helicopters have been shot down since the invasion began. Each one would have made a healthy down payment on a school or a hospital or a childcare facility.

When the Laotian invasion began, everybody in high places was swearing that there weren't any U.S. ground forces involved. But 46% of the American people polled said they believed there were American troops in Laos. Three presidents and more than a decade of war are teaching people. You can't trust politicians to tell the truth.

We can't trust politicians to withdraw by "phases" or to "wind" the war down. They are all concerned with maintaining the U.S. presence in Indochina -- some with more troops, some with less. We are concerned about the rights and welfare of the Indochinese people, of the GI's, of the American people. We think that the Vietnamese, the Laotians, and the Cambodians should have the right to determine their own destinies. Just as the Afro-Americans, Chicanos, Asian-Americans, and Native-Americans should have the right to determine their own destinies and control their own communities here.

We can't trust the politicians. Only our action -- massive and united -- can force Nixon to withdraw U.S. troops and materiel immediately and unconditionally. We want to bring all the troops home now!

We must force Nixon out of Laos like we forced him out of Cambodia last May. Our response must be massive. It must be nationwide. On Feb. 19, 20, and 21 the Student Mobilization Committee is calling an Emergency National Student Antiwar Conference. Students, GI's, all young people are invited to participate in formulating a response to Nixon's escalation. The conference will be in Washington, D.C. Plans will be made to build and mobilize for massive antiwar demonstrations called by the National Peace Action Coalition for April 24 in San Francisco and Washington, D.C.

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Do you want to help end the war? Work with the antiwar movement!

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- I plan to attend the SMC conference. Send me more info.
- Please send me more info. on the Spring Antiwar Offensive.
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