A PROPOSAL FOR ELECTION DAY

On November 5 tens of millions of Americans will be forced into making a non-existent choice between various more or less liberal or conservative racists, imperialists. Things are getting worse, economically, intellectually, culturally. Taxes rise, more die in Vietnam, domestic police terror grows, suppression of the black and student movement increases. The Democratic and Republican party can offer no change. Their bankrupt because they are imperialist parties. Some turn to Wallace's demogogic "simple" answers, which really equal only the same--worse and worse conditions for the very people he appeals to. People are looking for answers outside the system.

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The Anti-war movement has suffered from poor political leadership in the past. The big marches have concentrated on getting a lot of people together in order to appeal to politicians to bomb a little less or be more sincere in their negotiations instead of putting a clear anti-imperialist position foreward. They seek alliances with the ruling class rather then trying to develop and build a mass politically conscious movement.

There are two forces misleading the anti-war movement.One, the "respectable" misleadership like the National Mobilization Committee, who put forth a strategy that leads to certain failure and demoralization. At last Spring's New York march sponsored by the MOB Mayor John Lindsey was the principle speaker. Lindsey had just come from the Loyality Day Parade where he had just given a speech, he had also broken a garbage workers strike a month before and would order the police attack on Colombia student's two days later. Also, at the GI's March for Peace last Saturday Gen. Hugh Hester, principle speaker supported Nixon as the lesser of three evils. This is hardly a way to win people to an anti-imperialist outlook and raise their desire to fight imperialism. By encouraging negotiations the MOB leads the anti-war movement into the arms of the'good'imperialists and takes the side against the Vietnamese and all who fight US imperialism. After all, the liberation of the Vietnamese people is not negotiable, and to think that US imperialism can be negotiated out of Vietnam only builds and encourages illusions.

Two, the "unrespectables" call for stunts and games, and make jokes about the system. This lack of seriousness comes from a political outllook that mischaracterizes the viciousness of the system. It will take more than making Presidents and officials look absurd to defeat imperialism, a system that is responsible for millions of deaths in Vietnam and at home is no joke. Also, they see the trouble in this system as coming from bad men, men with "unliberated" minds. This is reflected in the demonstration that took place in Chicago which put the blame for the war and racism on men like Humphrey and Johnson rather then imperialism. They also build cynicism and defeatism by saying that imperialism is too big and strong and can not be defeated, all you can do is make fun of the bad guys, Nixon, Humphrey and Wallace, and encourage the good guys. The plan to take Piguses to Nixon's headquaters to concede the election is indictative of their defeatist strategy. Only a pig would concede to Nixon, Humprey or Wallace.

PROGRAM

We propose a rally and demonstration at S.F. City Hall followed by a toarchlight parade on Market St. to all the candidates offices putting forth the following political positions:

- 1. The Elections Are A Fraud.
- 2. U.S. Get Out Of Vietnam Now--No Negotiations.
- 3. No Imperialist Law or Racist Order.

We pick S.F. City Hall not as an institution that oppresses people but as the local arm of a class that is responsible for our oppression. We must also show by marching on all the candidates offices that it does not matter who is President Nov. 6, for imperialism will still be a cold hard fact of life for millions of people. The key to building an anti-imperialist movement is the rejection of the phoney misleadership and the presentation of a clear political position that can not be coopted. It is vital that we organize the demonstration around these themes. The war continues despite the negotiations, (police terror of black people continues,

negotiations, (police terror of black people continues, and living conditions worsen. We must realize that we can not rely on elections to change the system, imperialism will never be voted out of Vietnam. We must break down our isolation and begin to build ties with all sections of the population, especially working people.

We feel that a demonstration with a clear anti- racist, anti-imperialist position will reach out to students and workers and put foreward a clear political outlook of fighting to change the system. People can return to jobs and campuses with a clear political direction that can build SDS and PFP by fighting around local issues ie. AFROTC that builds a mass movement that does not ally itself with the liberal wing of the ruling class, but which includes black and white working people and students.

IMPLEMENTATION

- 1. All SDS, PFP and supporting groups should begin to organize for this action on election day.
- 2. Factories, high schools and communities should be leafleted putting foreward clearly our political position. Our political position is: U.S. GET OUT OF VIETNAM NOW--NO NEGOTIATIONS, THE ELECTIONS ARE A FRAUD, NO IMPERIALIST LAW OR RACIST ORDER.
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