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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. They are bankrupt because they are imperialist parties. Some turn to Wallace's demagogic "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.

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 forward. They seek alliances with the ruling class rather than 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 Loyalty 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 Columbia 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 outlook 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 than 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 Pigues to Nixon's headquarters to concede the election is indictative of their defeatist strategy. Only a pig would concede to Nixon, Humphrey or Wallace.

PROGRAM

We propose a rally and demonstration at S.F. City Hall followed by a torchlight parade on Market St. to all the candidates offices

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, 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 forward 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 forward 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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ELECTIONS?.....A BETTER ANSWER

To demonstrate our opposition to the national election fraud Students for a Democratic Society has called on people to join us to carry out the following actions on election day.

AFROTC AND THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS.

There is a sizable proportion of the American electorate who want an immediate end to the war in Vietnam, and an end to U.S. Imperialism wherever it may occur. Time and again, in primaries, polls and demonstrations these people have declared their position. Yet the powers that be have so designed the electoral system that the voices of the three major presidential candidates are indistinguishable. What all three in effect say is "if the Vietnamese people will not surrender their liberty at the negotiating table, they will lose it at the hands of our guns and planes."

This is not what we want! We are not interested in talk of "negotiations", "compromises", "conditional this" and "conditional that". The bomb halt has not stopped the war, GI's and Vietnamese are still dying while the ruling class negotiates a piece of Vietnam for itself. We the people DEMAND an unconditional U.S. ceasefire in Southeast Asia, to be immediately followed by the total withdrawal of all the weapons of American military, economic, and political aggression.

Will our demands be met? Not at the voting booths. We the students of San Francisco State voted 2 to 1 to remove the AFROTC from this campus-- ROTC's continued presence here is a living proof that even at this level the power structure has no respect for the wishes of the people. No matter what the results of the elections are the Vietnam War will continue just as AFROTC has continued here at State. Our demands will only be met when the people resolve to take direct action against all facets of the military-industrial complex, that orders directs and maintains U.S. Imperialism.

We ask you to join with us at a rally at the Speaker's Platform at noon, which will be followed by a march on AFROTC offices in the Psych building where we will present AFROTC with our demand and initiate a petition campaign to elicit support in the fight to throw AFROTC off campus.

MILITARY AND NATIONAL ELECTIONS.

All across the country and overseas thousands of servicemen are being held in stockades. They are imprisoned because they are organizing themselves and their fellow soldiers against U.S. Imperialism. They are imprisoned because they refuse to suppress people who are fighting for their freedom whether these people be in Vietnam, the Dominican Republic, Detroit or Chicago. A large number of these men and women being held in the Presidio stockade. 27 of them are being held on charges of mutiny (a capital offense) because they sat down and refused to work after witnessing the brutal slaying of Richard Bunch. Demonstrate your support for the imprisoned GI's. Don't let them execute 27 of our brothers. Join us at the Presidio gate (Lombard at Lyon Sts.) to express your solidarity with the imprisoned GI's and all other servicemen fighting U.S. Imperialism.

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HOW WE CAN FIGHT TO WIN!

To conclude the day of demonstrating against the elections fraud, which gives us the choice between "good" vs. "bad" politicians, we will hold a rally at S.F. City Hall at 7:30 PM. The rally will be followed by a torchlight march past Humphrey and Nixon's headquarters to demonstrate that we will not be able to make the needed changes through elections. The American politicians, who carry out imperialistic policies, have never served the people. The election of one of these men will not end the wanton disregard of human lives and values. These men pay only lip service to rat infested tenements, police terror in the ghettos, overcrowded and oppressive schools, wage cuts that result from inflation and a draft that uses the American people to fight to maintain a system that gives huge profits to a few. The newly elected "leaders" will only continue to serve the interests of the corporate structure and banks. Our strength is not at the polls. Our strength will only come when we organize in the factories, schools and communities. ORGANIZE to defeat a system that pits white people against black people, that is responsible for wars like Vietnam, that puts profit above humanity. Join us to demand: US GET OUT OF VIETNAM NOW--NO NEGOTIATIONS, THE ELECTIONS ARE A FRAUD, NO RACIST LAW AND NO IMPERIALIST ORDER.

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AFT #1570 URGES:

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The aggrieved students of 139X have put their freedom on the line to challenge the Regents' intrusion into the educational process for racist purposes. The campus drift on confronting the issue of who controls education for what purposes must now end. We face a situation in which our ability to educate about any truths which threaten the Regents' interests is assaulted, where our members are having to lay their jobs on the line to challenge the regential ban, and where the campus administration has refused to even negotiate with us on the proposals of campus unions to end racism in employment and enrollment.

To carry on in the normal classroom when faculty, students, and TAs are having to go to jail to try to get credit for their education would be a farce. The only relevant issue now is "How are we going to stop the Regent-initiated dissolution of the integrity of all UC education?" We therefore urge:

T. A.s and TEACHERS:

We strongly urge that you refuse to carry on "business as usual" in your classes and sections and cancel them. If you are hesitant to cancel, we urge that you discuss the crisis which presently faces the University; perhaps you could take your students outside the building in which the class regularly meets.

STUDENTS:

Don't go to class. If you go to class, raise the question of the class being cancelled, or, as a bare minimum, discuss the crisis confronting the University.

AFT #1570 will hold a special general membership meeting on next Monday (Oct. 28) at 4:00 to consider the question of a strike; the meeting place will be announced on posters. Employed graduate students or undergraduate students employed in academic jobs (tutors, readers, etc.) can join at the table in Sproul Plaza or at the meeting.

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WILL YOU ALLOW 27 MEN TO BE EXECUTED FOR PROTESTING A BRUTAL MURDER?

On October 11, Richard Bunch, one of the many young men drafted to fight in Vietnam, was shot and killed by a guard in the Presidio Stockade. Bunch, who had been suffering from mental disorders, asked the guard if he would be shot if he ran. The guard said Bunch would have to run to find out. When Bunch ran the guard shot him in the head.

After witnessing this brutal, inhuman act, 27 other prisoners sat down and refused to report for work detail. The army has now charged these men with mutiny, which is punishable by DEATH!

The key point for people to consider is that this is NOT an isolated incident. All across the country and overseas, thousands of soldiers who resist being used in Vietnam (and in the urban ghettos) are being held as political prisoners in stockades. MOST OF THE PRISONERS. In the presidio stockade are being held for resisting the war. Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) does not believe that these brave soldiers belong in jail for resisting a war that is not in the interests of the American or Vietnamese people. If anyone belongs in jail it is the top generals and the heads of the big corporations who profit off this war and force others to die to protect their profits. SDS is calling for people to support the soldiers who are resisting the war, and to support all soldiers by demanding that U.S. troops be withdrawn from Vietnam NOW-WITHOUT ANY NEGOTIATIONS. OUR SOLDIERS DO NOT BELONG IN VIETNAM, THERE IS NOTHING TO NEGOTIATE.

DEMONSTRATE - TUESDAY NOV. 5 PRESIDIO GATE - 4 p.m. - Lombard & Lyon

The reason we have called for this demonstration on election day is to expose the elections as a hoax. For no matter if Humphrey Nixon or Wallace wins, the basic conditions of oppression will not be changed at all. Prisoners will still be held in stockades, young people will still be drafted to fight in a war that only helps the financial rulers of America, working people will still suffer from high rents and taxes, black people will still suffer from racist oppression and students will still suffer in oppressive schools. The only way to change these conditions is for people to organize in the army, in the schools, in the community and on the job and to fight together. The elections are a fraud because in fact there really is no meaningful choice. We hope people will join us in answering the elections by coming to the Presidio Gate to support the soldiers. Some of us may carry our protest on to the base itself.

LET'S SHOW THE TOP BRASS THAT WE WILL NOT SIT SILENTLY BY WHILE @7 BRAVE MEN ARE EXECUTED BY THE WAR MACHINE. DEMAND THAT ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS BE RELEASED FROM THE STOCKADE NOW. SUPPORT THE SOLDIERS, DEMAND THAT U.S. TROOPS BE WITHDRAWN FROM VIETNAM NOW.

Students for a Democratic Society, for information 621-7018

ELECTION NIGHT RALLY CITY HALL 7:30 pm. Followed by torchlight parade to both Humphrey and Nixon Headquarters.

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