

Anti-war offensive set for April and May

The most important anti-war offensive ever attempted is being organized for the end of April and the first week in May. For the first time in American history, the anti-war movement is attempting to use the force of massive, non-violent action to confront the power of the war-makers. Our plans call for disruption of governmental operations in Washington, D.C. and a national moratorium. Unfortunately, the national media has blacked out information on this offensive and distorted the rest. Our only hope is that you can convey to students on your campus the importance of what we have planned.

Many of the people who came to Washington for the peace march April 24 have remained behind to begin an intensive People's Lobby. We are urging government workers to join us in our actions the first week in May, to strike against the government and protest the war. This coming weekend, May 1st and 2nd, there will be a massive assembly in Washington at which Ralph Abernathy, Benjamin Spock and Cesar Chavez will speak, Tim Harding, Arlo Guthrie and Johnny Winter will perform, and workshops will be held to prepare everyone for participation in non-violent direct action. People should proceed directly to Washington Monument that weekend, permits have been secured.

On Monday, May 3, we will begin massive, non-violent disruption of the war-machine throughout Washington, focusing on Monday at the Pentagon, on Tuesday at the Justice Department. On Wednesday, May 5, there will be a national moratorium on business as usual, coupled with student strikes in the high schools and colleges around the country. In Washington D.C., we will shut down the entire governmental operation of the city, culmi-

nating in non-violent civil disobedience at the Capitol Building.

President Nixon has made clear that he has no intention of ending U.S. involvement in war. On April 16 he told the country that Americans will remain until the Thieu regime was sufficiently stable to be self-sufficient, i.e. for the decade at least. And he promised continued Air Force operations and army operations.

Nixon knows that the only way to oppose the war, but he thinks that this sentiment can be manipulated into controlled channels in mass marches and electoral activity. We must create the conditions under which Nixon is forced to end the war. We are therefore asking all students who recognize the need for massive, non-violent action to join us in Washington: come on May 2nd and spend three days demonstrating the depth of opposition to the continuing murder in Southeast Asia. For those who cannot come to Washington, that committee must be directed to organize for the nationwide moratorium and work stoppage on May 5.

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