

New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam

New Mobilizer

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Nixon trying to ride New Wave as rest of world gears up for Nov. actions



NOVEMBER ACTION SCHEDULE

- THURSDAY, Nov. 13** 6:00 pm **MARCH AGAINST DEATH - A VIETNAM MEMORIAL**
The first of some 43-45 thousand participants - number from each state equivalent to the number of US battle deaths from each state, plus a number representing Vietnamese villages destroyed - will step off from Arlington National Cemetery to form a solemn procession moving past the White House single file and on past the Capitol. The procession will continue for some 40 hours though each marcher will complete the 4-mile walk in about two hours.
- FRIDAY, Nov. 14** 8:00 pm **March Against Death continues.**
Movement centers (indoor meetings by constituent groups). Visit to Congressmen.
Memorial worship service at Washington National Cathedral- Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Rev. William Sloane Coffin and Bishop Paul Moore.
- SATURDAY, Nov. 15** 9:00 am **MASS MARCH ON WASHINGTON FOR IMMEDIATE AND TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM VIETNAM**
Assembly begins. Mall area west of Capitol (3rd St, NW)
10:00 am **March Against Death Memorial Service.**
11:00 am **MARCH begins.** Later contingents will step off through the afternoon. The March will move along Pennsylvania Avenue, past the White House to the rally site.
2-5:00 pm **CONTINUOUS RALLY AND FOLK-ROCK CONCERT.** Ellipse behind the White House.
8:00 pm **Movement Centers.**
- SUNDAY, Nov. 16** Continuing activity by constituent groups.

November 15, the climax of our fall offensive has been declared a day of international mobilization. Both the International Confederation for Disarmament and Peace and the recent Stockholm Conference have called for demonstrations on this day in solidarity with America's growing anti-war base, demanding the immediate and total withdrawal of US and allied troops and the right of independence and self-determination for the people of Vietnam.

Demonstrations around Nov. 15 will be held in Paris (with American guerrilla theaters on the 13th) and throughout French Provinces, the major cities of Chile, Australia, Sweden, Holland, West Germany, Belgium, Italy, and Norway. In Denmark the fall offensive has included September demonstrations urging sailors to refuse to sail to Saigon, a 2nd world week, a Vietnam week, including demonstrations at the US

Embassy and a mass demonstration planned for Nov. 15.

Britain is planning a Trade Union Lobby of Parliament. This will "focus the growing desire for British initiative to end the war and, in particular, to put pressure upon those members of Parliament who hold their seats as a result of trade union support and money." On the 15th A Vietnam Memorial (March Against Death) will be held in London before the US Embassy; this will culminate in a rally.

New Zealand plans a music-dance festival on the 14th and a massive demonstration on the 15th. This will tie together the issues of labor and Vietnam since the elections will be on Nov. 29 and the labor candidates have promised removal of all troops from Vietnam. The federation of all New Zealand Unions has an anti-Vietnam policy statement.





PHILADELPHIA - 20 buses for March Against Death; at least 185 for Wash. (75,000 marchers).

ST. LOUIS - expects 400 to come to Washington after booming Moratorium - the rest of Missouri surging too!

Photo: Michael Hardy

ANN ARBOR - 90% U of Michigan strike of classes to demonstrate at draft boards, markets, banks; huge organizational rallies for November; Ginsberg read poetry - 40,000 at a rally addressed by Tom Hayden, Rep. Canyers, Senator Hart, Doug Dowd. 20 buses reserved for March Against Death and 30 for Most March.



MINNESOTA - Min. NMC has the largest coalition in its peace movement history. The 40 groups which built the Moratorium are now organizing for Nov. in Washington. 100 people already signed up three weeks in advance for the 28-hour bus trip.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. - half of Fla. Presbyterian College (400) on to Wash.!

PITTSBURGH - 20,000 demonstrated throughout the city in Moratorium rallies, memorial services, teach-ins. Big plans for November.

TEXAS! San Antonio - first time the city's demonstrated - 10 different rallies and marches! El Paso - U of Texas demonstrations on M-Day - 200 GI from Ft. Bliss led 800 students and citizens in march. Five Texas cities to send 2,000 to Washington.



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Brooklyn Bridge

NEW YORK CITY - more than 30 demonstrations in the five boroughs, totaling somewhere around one million people. 250,000 at Bryant Park alone! Also included a rally in Harlem at 125th Street. Estimates of students' observance of M-Day ran to 90% of high schoolers, 75% of junior high schoolers. The trade

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - for local M-Day activities over 10,000 Federal Employees participated in teach-ins and work stoppage of some sort; Dr. Spock at NIMH; 40-50,000 at candlelight march.

BALTIMORE - Two rallies - 6,000 and 12,000 - addressed by Mrs. King, Sen. Groening, New Mobe speakers and local community leaders. Many HS boycotts 2/3 strike in all Black high school -- on to Washington!

CLEVELAND - 63,000 in various Moratorium observances - over 40 buses for D.C. -- the Episcopal Bishop is coming too!



BOSTON - 100,000 demonstrated Oct. 15 for immediate and total withdrawal; over 1,000 bus seats, 1,000 train reservations and two planes already sold for Washington--these mainly for Boston-outlying areas among own transportation.



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BLOOMSBURG, Pa. - 2,000 at M-Day rally.

DETROIT - Moratorium successful - 80 buses planned for Nov. Action plus a plane and car caravans, churches and seminars among own transportation.

MADISON - U of Wisconsin field house packed with 15,000 people. Rally featured GIs, church and business leaders, people from the National Mobe and the mother of a recently killed GI who spoke the feelings of over 40,000 mothers of GI dead. Thousands more on the streets joined the rally and marched in candle light procession to the Capitol for reading of war dead. 17,000 on to Wash.

WESTERN NY STATE (Buffalo, Niagra Falls and Fredonia) - Over 50,000 participated throughout M-Day -- all colleges took some official part; Sen. Goodell spoke at a rally followed by a procession of lights; Mayors of Buffalo and Niagra Falls were involved--over \$12,000 collected for Buffalo New Mobe. Over 1,000 already signed up for Nov. 15.

ALBUQUERQUE - rally of 3,000.



TAMPA, Fla. - over 4 buses to Wash.



union movement has already chartered 300 buses for Nov. 15 and total buses from NYC area may run as high as 1000. Several thousand people will depart Thursday night to take part in the March Against Death. Special arrangements are being made for participation by welfare mothers.



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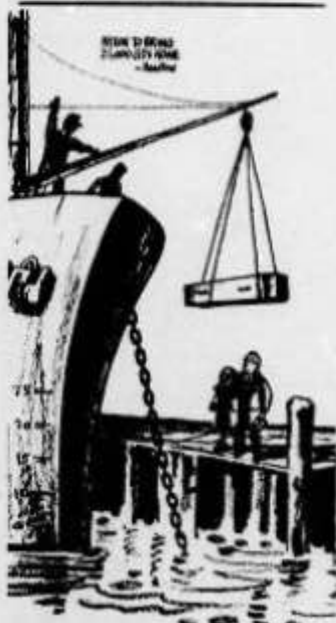
Moratorium, Mobe Vow Mutual Support and Cooperation

The New Mobilization Committee reaffirmed its endorsement of the Vietnam Moratorium Committee and its activities at a News Conference on October 21. Shortly before, the four coordinators of the Vietnam Moratorium Committee declared their endorsement of the New Mobilization Committee and its activities in Washington on November 13-15. These statements laid to rest the widely-circulated rumors that a split existed between the two most significant anti-war groups in the nation.

The Moratorium schedules local activities for November 13-14, the same days as the New Mobe's March Against Death in Washington. The leadership of both organizations is convinced that these simultaneous activities will not contradict each other nor compete in any real way for participants. The Moratorium promises to support the Mass March and Rally on the 15th; its leadership intends to participate.

The continuing cooperative relationship between these organizations is clearly important for the present anti-war movement. Each operates with slightly different emphasis: the Moratorium organizes local, grass roots, decentralized, activity; the New Mobilization organizes national, centralized, strongly focused events. Neither organization would be able to organize in both areas simultaneously. At the same time, each organization recognizes the importance of the other's work.

The fact that both organizations can operate in such a dialectical fashion and at the same time present a unified anti-war effort to the American people and, more importantly, to the Nixon administration, is extremely significant. Some have said of the relationship that it clearly proves there is "unity in diversity."



"I'm Still A Little Nervous—There Didn't
Used To Be A Resistance Movement"



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Washington: Food, Housing, Legal, etc.

FACILITIES

Housing: The local arrangements staff will provide overnight accommodations for individuals in private homes or for large groups in school gyms and churches. Housing assignments will be made at six reception centers.* It is urgent that individuals and groups indicate to the national office immediately if they wish individual housing or mass accommodation. Do not count on our providing housing if you do not let your local organizing chairman or the national office know your need. If possible you should bring a sleeping bag. If it is financially possible, you should arrange your own hotel or motel accommodations.

Reception Centers: Six centers located in downtown Washington will be in operation from Thursday afternoon, Nov. 13, through Saturday afternoon, Nov. 15, to distribute housing assignments, transportation information, fact sheets on movement center activities, placards and vigil lights for the March Against Death.

Food: You should bring with you a box lunch so that you will not need extensive food service as soon as you arrive in Washington. Coffee and sandwiches at a minimal price will be available at the reception centers.

Movement Centers: Some of the New Mobe constituent organizations will have movement center programs all day Friday, Nov. 14. Others will meet on Saturday night, Nov. 15, and on Sunday, Nov. 16. In these centers will be such activities as lectures, films, panels, workshops on future plans for the movement and literature distribution. You can plan to participate in one or several of these activities.

MEDICAL For the March Against Death, five first aid stations will be organized along the route of march, in addition to the Church. Mobile teams of medics, MDs and nurses will operate throughout the actions.

MARSHALLS Marshalls are being personally recruited and trained for both the March Against Death and the November 15 demonstration. A series of training meetings are scheduled in New York, Cleveland, Boston, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Baltimore and D.C.—these areas will supply the bulk of marshalls. Each bus should provide marshalls for the trip. 4 full sets of marshall teams (800) will operate during the March Against Death and 1,000 marshalls during the Mass March.

LEGAL Attorney Phil Hirschkop is working with a committee of New Mobe representatives headed by Rev. Richard Fernandez of Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam in negotiations with the government for permits and with a team of lawyers and law students who will be present as observers during the demonstrations. Lawyers and law students will be available if legal problems arise.

Information Packet: Before you leave for Washington, you will receive a packet including lists of hotels and motels with prices, lists of restaurants, city bus transit maps, city maps, lists of movement centers with their locations and program schedules, and reception center locations.* If you are not on our mailing list, write for this packet. Further information: Alice Anshack, Staff Coordinator, Local Arrangements, (202) 737-8605.

Nix On Nixon's "Peace Moves!"

At a press conference held in Washington, D.C. on Oct. 21, the New Mobilization Committee issued a policy statement aimed at President Nixon's past and future "moves" toward peace in Vietnam. The thrust of the statement was a reaffirmation of the New Mobilization's view that the only way to end the war in Vietnam is for the United States to stop supporting the corrupt Thieu-Ky regime, and to respect the right of the Vietnamese to self-determination by immediately and unconditionally withdrawing all U.S. troops and material from Vietnam. The New Mobe pointed out that anything short of such a unilateral and total withdrawal, such as Nixon's so-called troop reductions, is simply a palliative aimed at quieting public opposition rather than actually ending the war. Copies of the statement are available from the NMC office.



Kid!



Children are part of our movement—and so are mothers who stay at home to take care of them while the rest of us go to Washington. New Mobe is acknowledging that children belong to all of us. A staff person will help us all relate to children during the two marches freeing some mothers who might otherwise stay home. Movement Centers for about 1,000 children of any age will be open from about 9 a.m. until at least 9 p.m. on Saturday, and perhaps on Friday. We need from all groups coming: (1) estimate of number of children who will use the center (we expect many children to stay with the march); (2) names of adults who will staff the centers for shifts of 2-4 hours—including MEN and non-parents; (3) number of your buses available to transport children to centers Saturday. Each group should set up facilities on their own at home for children who will not come to Washington; provide for children on trains and buses as well as for children who stay with the march.