

MAY FLOWERS

GREG MOORE

Power in Amerika is real; not some abstraction we invented for our hatred. And power wants war in Indochina to continue, at least to a perpetual stalemate. Power won't accept defeat, won't withdraw.

For seven years now, we've treated that power as if we could persuade power to end the war. We have met, discussed, analyzed, lectured, published, lobbied, paraded, sat-in, burned draft cards, stopped troop trains, refused induction, marched, trashed, burned and bombed buildings, destroyed induction centers. Yet the war has gotten steadily worse--for the Vietnamese, and, in a very different way, for us.

We have built a national movement, we have created vital support for the Vietnamese, we have confronted the reality of the war so persuasively that 73 percent of the American people now want the war to end. And yet,

power is unmoved, and power is committing three Hiroshimas a week in Indochina.

Now we must begin to build the power we need to force an end to the war, a power that is dedicated to creating life.

We can stop what is happening in Vietnam. We can put an end to the nightmare of bombings, to the spraying of lethal defoliants and herbicides on crops, animals, foliage and people. We can act to insure that no more deformed babies are born to Vietnamese mothers.

We will be coming to Washington in May as individuals, collectives, women, Gays, Blacks, Chicanos, Puerto Ricans, Indians, students, youth, families, clergymen, GIs and as representatives of oppressed people everywhere in this country.

We will be coming to Washington to implement the wishes of 73% of the Am-

erican people with the Peace Treaty, drawn up and ratified by large numbers of Vietnamese people and American people, which spells out the terms that would actually stop the war. The Peace Treaty is the ultimatum from the American people to the American government to stop the insane, genocidal, criminal offensive the American government is waging against the forces of life.

We remember the power of our actions after Cambodia was invaded, and we know that we can force the government to listen to us, if we unite, if we are determined to be ongoing and loud.

The same military machine that is choking Vietnam is killing black people and young people in America. Angela Davis, dope-smokers, draft-resisters, poor people, and people who are trying to change the stranglehold it now grips us with.

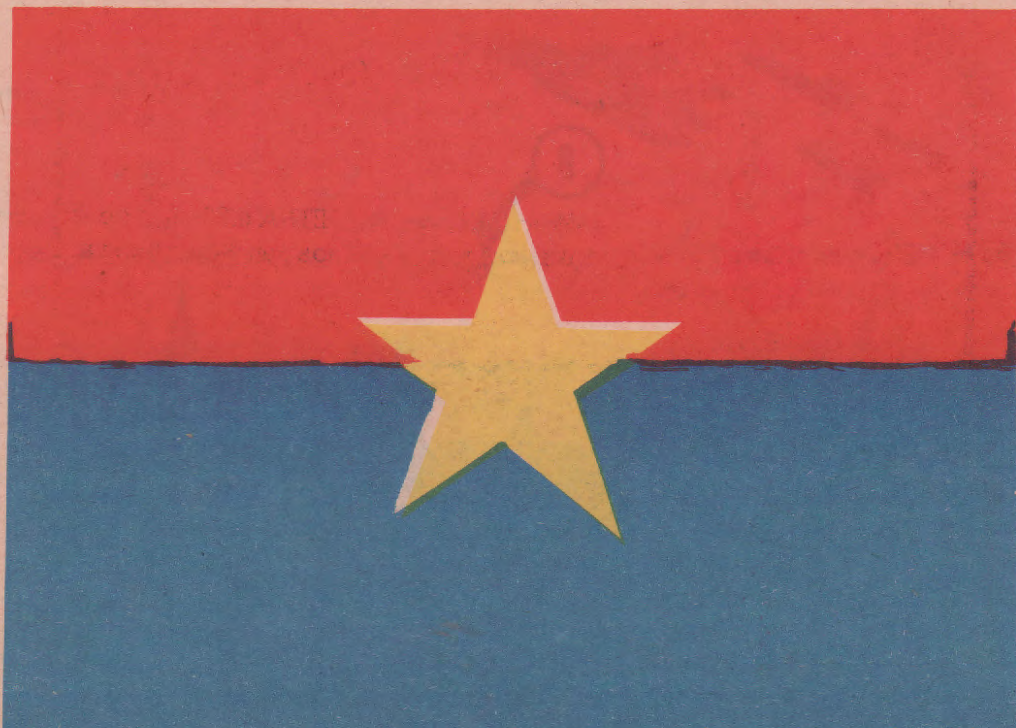
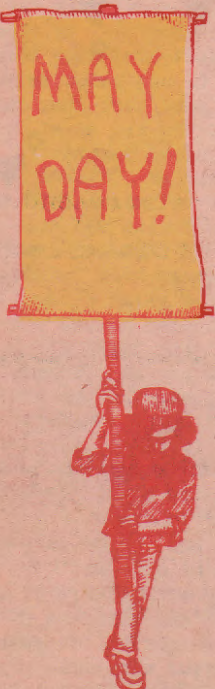
We will come to Washington in May

to end that repression, to demand the freeing of all political prisoners, and to guarantee enough money to survive for all Americans.

We will come to Washington in May to focus in on the war, poverty, racism, and sexism that is the natural outgrowths of maintaining American capitalism and imperialism.

In May, we will take to the streets in righteous anger and force the American government to accept the wishes of the American people, the people it is supposed to serve.

And in May, people demonstrating in Saigon, in France, in Germany, in North Vietnam, and in the United States will cross-inspire each other; and moving off that energy, we will show the entire population of the planet that none of us anywhere, any longer, will tolerate the American genocide against the processes of life.





Vietnam Must LIVE



Richard Nixon is right: what we do or fail to do at this moment will shape world history. We believe this is the most important dry season in Indochina since 1954. If enough of us could get in touch with Vietnam, it is possible that we could set off the chain of events that could end the war. A life and death struggle is being fought in the countryside of Vietnam. Mayday is a simple appeal to people in the United States to get in touch with the power that is being unleashed against America's military machine in Indochina and to respond to the appeal of the Vietnamese for coordinated actions in the United States this spring.

The invasion into Laos has virtually decimated the Saigon army. The best Ranger and Airborne units available were ordered into the operation and have been wiped out. North Vietnamese and Pathet Lao intelligence was so accurate that liberation army officers were able to call out the exact numbers of battalions and companies they had surrounded and to identify the name of the Saigon officer in command. Liberation forces would call out their apologies for having to fight other Vietnamese and then drive into artillery camps, scattering Arvin troops in all directions. As the Saigon troops would race down hills, every man for himself, wounded Vietnamese would plea for grenades so they could blow themselves up, rather than be abandoned to the nightmare of B-52 raids that would destroy the artillery base after the retreat. The Saigon troops who were able to return to South Vietnam were profoundly shaken. The screams of their dying comrades, pleading for death were still in their memory as they rode the helicopter skids back into Vietnam.

Casualties among the 20,000 Saigon troops that went into Laos may have run as high as 50 per cent. Desertion talk is rampant because of the humiliating defeat. We must understand that Vietnamization has suffered a Dien Bien Phu defeat on the hills of Southern Laos.

The "success" that Nixon now claims in Laos is being blasted apart by heavy ground offensives in the Central Highlands and I Corp area of South Vietnam. As the fighting rages, desertion talk among American GIs is also rampant. And the cities of South Vietnam, especially Saigon, are threatening to blow into mass insurgent action. The conditions may now exist for a defeat of United States imperialism.

Mayday is a campaign to try to bring this information to as many Americans as possible and to put together a powerful, struggle in the U.S. that supports the current Vietnamese liberation offensive. Our first task is to make clear the military intentions of Nixon and to

expose the design of Vietnamization. Vietnamization is a plan to wind down the anti-war movement with promises of troop withdrawals while building the first automated battlefield in history. As the GIs are being withdrawn to the 'safer' military bases along the East coast, their eyes and ears of the withdrawing GIs are being replaced with electronic instruments called "sensors". Sensors pick up signals from the tremor of earth when even a water buffalo or any person walks by and flashes the information to Infiltration Surveillance Centers in Saigon and Thailand. Computers automatically program a jet fighter bomber to carry death to the point of the signal. Vietnamization is a program to drive people like cattle out of the countryside into the cities where a police state can more effectively control them, while the guerrillas who remain in the countryside can be detected and destroyed without suffering American casualties.

The Vietnamese see clearly that Nixon is now making a last, desperate attempt to complete this nightmare scheme, so that GIs can be withdrawn without the "humiliation" of the first American military defeat. What we must see is that the people of Vietnam are now making an all out attempt to defeat Nixon's escalations and military madness.

Mayday is an idea that comes from Vietnam and flows out of the agony and hope that is shaking that piece of the planet. The appeal being made by Madame Nguyen Thi Binh and other Vietnamese for Mayday actions across the globe is an appeal to us, to get

in touch with what is happening in Vietnam, to cut through the numbness and feelings of impotence and to see that what we do can have a profound impact not only on this country but on Vietnam itself.

The Mayday actions are rooted in two simple conceptions. One may be called a People's Diplomacy, the act of publicly declaring our own peace with the people of Vietnam. People's diplomacy is bringing the peace treaty that has been signed by the Vietnamese into millions of homes and communities in the United States. The second idea is a People's Peace, the joining of all the desperate strands of our movement to provide leadership to implement the treaty in a country that is overwhelming against the war. People's Peace is the refusal of people to pay taxes, the formal declaration of a city that their people have withdrawn their support from the war, GIs refusing to fight in Vietnam and people refusing to let the government that wages war to operate.

Mayday begins the first national implementation of the people's peace. During the last week of April, we will take the peace treaty and the demands to free all political prisoners and establish a guaranteed adequate income into every government office in Washington. We will ask government workers to join us in implementing the treaty by striking against Nixon on May 3-7. We will jam into their hallways and offices, demanding to meet with the national security council, Joint Chiefs of Staff, CIA Agents, all of them.

And on May 3, we will enter some 26 roads and bridges in the downtown Washington area, in rush hour traffic,

to stop the government. The largest coalition of forces ever to be put together for a national action has been assembled, including not only thousands of Vietnam veterans, women, student, clergy and pacifist groups, Third World organizations, Gay organizations, Welfare rights organizations and Farm workers organizations. May 3 should bring the largest attempt at massive non-violent disruption ever attempted in this country's history.

The weekend of May will begin with a "Celebration of Peace" a festival to declare the open joining of our struggle with that of the Vietnamese. On May 2, a "soul meeting" featuring Ralph Abernathy, Cesar Chavez, George Wiley and other speakers will call for the power of people to render this government inoperable. We will camp on the monument grounds the night of May 2. And on Monday morning, May 3, thousands of people will march to Shirley Highway, the main highway feeding into the Pentagon and shut it down. Regions that have chosen other targets will act in coordination with the large mass action by blocking traffic on all the bridges and circles bringing people to the government.

We realize the action is difficult. It requires that people come to Washington early, to make serious plans to prepare organizationally for decentralized actions around Washington. It means that regions must plan their own actions, rather than follow leadership in Washington. It means that if parks are cleared at night, people must support one another and survive for the mass actions beginning May 3 rather than engage in random acts of violence or trashing that result in needless arrests and ineffective displays of frustration during the last week of April.

The Mayday collective in Washington has secured medical, legal, communication and housing services for people coming. But the success of May demands that leadership come from the people; that resources, imagination and direction be developed locally and that people depend on themselves. Juche!

Mayday is a beginning. On May 7, the energy that has been generated in Washington will be taken up the East Coast into New Haven in a powerful demonstration to free Bobby and Erica. On May 15, we will join with tens of thousands of GIs at military bases acting against the brass on armed forces day. We can continue beyond May, if all of us, get in touch with what is happening 10,000 miles away and make a pledge that we will struggle with people all over the planet against this government and system until every one of us can see for ourselves, Vietnam lives!



The first women's march on the Pentagon in Defense of the Right to Live was not a march at all, but a festival procession of rainbow colored banners--NLF flags, Pather Lao flags, Palestinian flags--and signs which spoke of the joyous awareness of who we are and why we were all there together.

Women, carrying banners, flags, and signs gathered on L'Enfant mall and sang, met friends, and watched as the sisters from New York performed guerrilla theater. Ericka, Angéla, Mme. Binh, Kathy, Susan, Bernadine, Lolita, Jane, Bernadette, Soujourner Truth, and the Vietnamese guerrilla women were with us in our spirit.

The procession stopped on the steps of the department of injustice for more guerrilla theater. There we had the power to stop the pigs from busting a sister for spray painting the sidewalk in front of the department of injustice. Angrily, we overpowered the pigs and our sister was free.

Marching again, in the streets the police failed to move us back on to the sidewalk. We marched across the Memorial bridge, which had been spray painted the night before with slogans of solidarity.

Upon arriving at the Pentagon, we charged down the hill towards it. Then by-passing the "approved" rallying point at the base of the steps, the sisters charged up to the front steps of the Beast.

When we gathered for the rally, letters were read from our underground sisters, Susan Saxs, and Kathy Powers, and from imprisoned Judy Clark expressing solidarity and the importance of women being at the Pentagon. A Vietnamese sister from the Women's Conference in Canada then spoke to us.

We celebrated in our awareness that we could bring our Vietnamese sister to the very brains of the Beast to strike a blow against the destructor of her country. A Wave officer joined us and spoke with a quiet intensity of her new sense of reality. She had felt most the Pentagon's oppressiveness. And she, with the Vietnamese, had to struggle directly with the sickness and destruction. And sisters, not in the military, cannot allow them to do it alone.

We must leave our "business as usual" roles, the "quiet, submissive role of women" to free ourselves and our sisters. Together we have power. The people of Southeast Asia, Africa, and Latin America, together with the Black, Brown, Red and Yellow people within the U.S. have taught us the power of a people united by love and trust for each other. They, and we, are fighting; fighting to defend the Right to Live.

As we came to Washington on April 10th, we must come again in May. As women, we have been oppressed since time began. We have had our children taken from us. We have had our futures controlled by the macho force which is symbolized by the Pentagon. We have suffered in silence too long. Our energy has been building ever since Eve got blamed for the fall of Man, and will continue to grow until total liberation has been obtained.

It is right that women had the first action for the Spring Offensive.

We cheered and laughed as the NLF flags sailed/smashed through the cloud of death which surrounds the Pentagon. We know our energy in the Spring Offensive will rise like those banners. We know we will win.

Fight To Live



Vetvictory



Vietnam Veterans Against the War, the winter soldiers of today, will not give up the struggle. We will fight on, continuing in an effort to bring an immediate end to the war in Indochina, a revamping of veterans benefits and hospital care, and a restructuring of priorities that will make this nation what our forefathers intended it to be.

Operation Dewey Canyon III will consist of a massing of over 5,000 Vietnam veterans, veterans of other wars, families of men that are presently prisoners of war, families of men serving in Vietnam now and families of men who gave the supreme sac-

rifice to this war. We will place our demands before the Congress, the Supreme Court, the Executive Branch and the Veterans Administration.

Never before in the history of our country have veterans demonstrated against a war that is still being waged. Men returning from Vietnam are gripped with a sense of confusion, fear and guilt surrounding their participation in this holocaust and realize after a short time that in order to be true to themselves - and true to their country - they must tell the whole story. We who have fought this war will demand that it end - Now.

We feel that these men and their

families can make a unique impact to set the momentum for the Spring offensive. However the general expenses and co-ordinating costs involved in the gathering of 5000 veterans in the Capitol for five days is staggering and we find it necessary to solicit funds by every possible means. Your participation in our efforts will enhance the logistical success of Dewey Canyon III and insure our success in placing our demands before Congress.

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Mayday Is Gayday



Gay Mayday is Gay people creating, shaping, and directing their own participation in the anti-war activities of May day week. As gay people, we feel a strong solidarity with the people of South East Asia. We, too, have experienced an oppression from Amerikan bossmen.

We know that the men running the government are very deeply sexist - they relate to each other and to situations in an uptight straight male way. These men make decisions in order to satisfy their male egos and their needs for competition with other men.

In the United States, these men determine the laws and the accepted ways of society in a way which oppresses gay people and all women from the minute we are born. We understand in every basic way how the male chauvinism of the government hurts us every day of our lives.

It is this same male chauvinism - male ego - competition - which leads Amerika to become an imperialist power seeking to gain control of the world. It is the same inherent sexism which leads men to fight other men. The mighty Amerikan men must kill not only the men of South East Asia, but the women and children also. We live in Amerika and we understand sexist oppression -- for these reasons, we must commit ourselves to

solidarity with those people in South East Asia who are being murdered.

We remember our own history of oppression. We have been stepped on and harassed and driven from the public eye. The oppression of the Vietnamese people reflects our own oppression so clearly that we cannot divorce ourselves from this movement that says, "If the government won't stop the war, the people will stop the government."

Gay Mayday Tribes are organizing nationally in Los Angeles, Austin, Lincoln, Nebraska, Richmond, Atlanta, Milwaukee, Boston, Bloomington, Detroit, Lawrence, New York City and Chicago. Representatives from Gay Liberation Fronts around the country are coming to Washington, D.C. for the last two weeks in April to help with planning and preparations for Gay Mayday. During the last week of April and the first week of May we will have a large Gay Movement Center with workshops, Gay cultural happenings, and preparations for the Gay actions on May 3, 4, and 5 which will be aimed at shutting down the government of the United States.

For more information:
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Maydaynavy



MAYDAY Navy!

hundreds of boats sailing down the Potomac

canoes with flowing NLF flags

hundreds of freaks floating downstream to the bridges

connecting the Capitol with the Pentagon

flash on this for a minute

Monday morning, May 3

thousands of people crowding the bridges

blocking millions of government employees

from their daily business

of death and repression

people dancing and playing on the bridges

while cars back up and up and up...

police and troops on the bridges

the Mayday Navy floating downstream... toward the bridges

flags flying

streamers floating in the early morning breeze

of a May day

come to Washington, D.C. May 1-7 MAYDAY Bring your boats.



SCLC

On Wall Street, the heart of America's economic empire, the people rallied on May 5th against the war, the present welfare system, and the racist establishment that deliberately creates these oppressive conditions for the monetary benefit of a few.

The rally began as a march down Broadway of about five thousand people, led by two mules and a cart carrying a saxophonist.

Among the speakers at the rally on the steps of the Treasury building were Jeanette Washington (NWRO), Dave McCreynolds (WRL), Mary Emeny (PPT), Manuel Vasques (Farm Workers), Ralph Abernathy (SCLC), Rev. Jesse Jackson (Operation Breadbasket), Bella Abzug, Dave Dellinger, and William Kunstler who opened the rally with a message from the Berrigans. You could almost see the cracks climbing up the wall of the Treasury building.

At the rally Ralph Abernathy called for a nationwide boycott of A&P stores to help support the fight against A&P's racist policies in Black communities. The demands of the boycott are:

- The president of A&P must meet with ministers from Operation Breadbasket
- a proper percentage of black people employed at all levels
- A&P must deposit money recieved in black communities in black banks
- Products manufactured by black companies must be sold and displayed
- Stores in Black communities must be insured by Black insurance companies
- They must sell high quality food products in Black communities.

Up to this point, the A&P has responded only by having people busted. The only kind of pressure these pigs respond to is the kind that costs them money - so people should deal with them on that level, and definitely not buy from them.

The Mule Train will leave from New York as soon as they get A&P to the bargaining table. They hope to arrive in Baltimore on April 24 and Washington on April 28. On May 2, they will join with the tribes assembled in Rock Creek Park and march to the Monument grounds for a Soul Rally where SCLC will join with NWRO and United Farmworkers.

For more information, call SCLC - (212) 246-3380

Vietnam Veterans are some of the most knowledgeable people' around when it comes to the Vietnam War. We served there. We know from experience that genocide, racism, Vietnamization, of an entire culture, and the rape of a beautiful land are the realities of Vietnam.

We also realize the urgency of ending the slaughter of our own brothers as well as that of our Vietnamese sisters and brothers. And for this reason, we must come to Washington. We must come to Washington not for a few days, but for Dewey Canyon III sponsored by our brothers in the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, the April 24 March, and then we must stay for May. Our Peace offensive is not one to be decided by factionalism and elitist politics from any group. The war must be ended both in Indochina and here at home. How many vets have jobs, medical care, or any of the other benefits promised us by Uncle Sam? How many of our brothers are lying in VA hospitals without decent care? How many of our non-veteran brothers and sisters are still being walked on each day by the same system that sent us to Vietnam to die?

The Spring Offensive is a total offensive and we cannot let it go by without our total support. After all, we are the "fine, young, Americans" of whom Nixon spoke. And when we come to Washington, we should be visible not only to our friends, but to the entire nation. We fought, died in the war and now we must end it. We understand violence, and so we should be on hand to make sure that if violence does come it is from the government and not from the people.

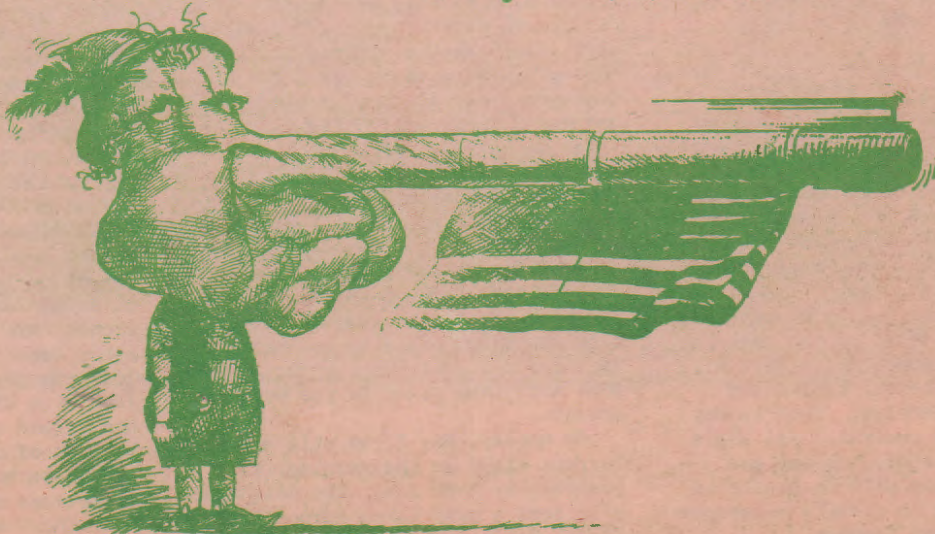
New Action Army

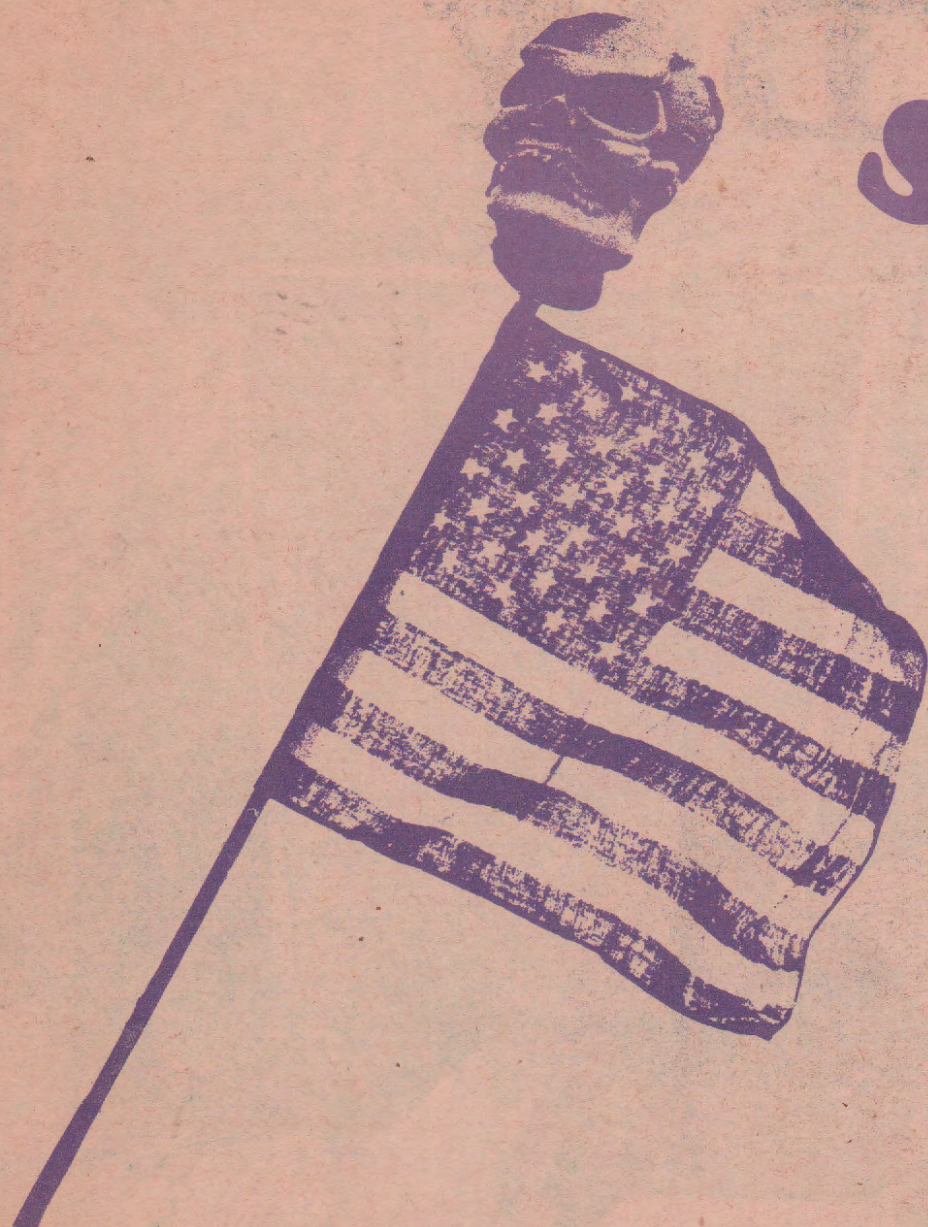
Active Duty GIs have a very special role in Mayday. The military is likely to throw a double jeopardy rap on anyone busted or even seen at a protest, but the very fact that GIs are GIs is decisive in the Spring Offensive. The military cannot function without the speedy-fours and PFCs who do all the dirty work for the officers and NCOs. And the military cannot exist unless there is a war to be fought, so by aiding in the anti-war effort, GIs are not only uniting with the struggle on the outside, they are gaining support for their own movement on the inside.

By refusing to bear arms against demonstrators, by starting work slowdowns, stoppages, etc., those of our sisters and brothers in uniform can be a powerful voice for peace. And by showing solidarity with the people in the streets, the actions sponsored by the GIs on Armed Forces Day, May 15, could gain more support from the outside than any others in history.

Mayday is for everyone. Mayday may be the beginning of the end for the death machine that has millions of our brothers and sisters enslaved by a uniform, fucked over by the brass, exploited by the civilians whom they are supposed to be protecting, and mistrusted by the movement to whom they are trying to relate. Maybe Mayday will be the beginning of a new day for everyone.

For information on GIs and Veterans call Vietnam Veterans against the War (202) 638-3294





SHUTTING IT DOWN

Behind the slogan of "stop the government" is a plan that can actually close every significant government agency in Washington, using only tactics of non-violence. It is a plan that avoids disruption of the Washington community, but focuses on all government institutions between the Capitol on the East and Pentagon on the West. Mayday is projecting an action that affects all traffic into Congress, HEW, Justice, Interior, Labor, Commerce Treasury, Bureau of the Budget, General Accounting Office, White, State, CIA, Pentagon and the Executive Office Building. Over 20 targets are involved, six requiring large numbers. Nearly two divisions of troop will be required to "secure" the area that has been selected and any deployment of troops on that scale would by itself effectively bring all traffic to a standstill.

The plan requires decentralizing over 20 concentrated groups of demonstrators, no group to be smaller than 700 people. Regions are choosing targets in Washington, in most cases before Mayday. In key areas (especially the Potomac River bridges) several regions will work together. As regions choose a target, they should begin their own training and organizing for non-violent civil disobedience in the target area. The training will start in Washington on April 25 and continue through May 2. People are encouraged to come to Washington already organized into small groups of four or five people who know and trust each other. Collectives will form larger units up to 1000 people in each regional training area.

Here are the steps: regions should send representatives to Mayday logistics meetings in D.C. on any Saturday in April. If this is impossible, call Mayday Logistics in Washington for another time (call 202-347-7615). Regions that have not chosen targets before April 24 can work with D.C. Mayday to choose a target in the week before the action.

When people arrive in Washington, they should go first to the Washington Monument Grounds where they will find scattered tents, tables and giant plastic bubbles. This is Mayday information central. All logistic, medical, legal, housing and other information will be available and distributed in a daily newspaper from the Monument Grounds.

From the Monument Grounds, transportation will be provided to "Peace City," a series of sites in Montrose and Rock Creek Parks. The Park sites will be divided into about 30 villages according to regions of the country. Maps of the Parks showing the exact location of a region will be available in the MAYDAY daily newspaper. Throughout the fourth week of April, regions will train and organize in Peace City, preparing for the week of May.

In addition to the Parks, space will be available in churches and universities for regional and organizational meetings and housing. Movement centers will be assigned according to the proximity to targets already chosen by a region.

Throughout the fourth week of April, thousands of people will jam into government buildings to talk with government employees about the idea of implementing the People's Peace Treaty. Regions are encouraged to "lobby" in buildings that are near their target area so as to familiarize people with the target area before May 3.

As regional plans solidify, large meetings must be organized on May 1 and 2 for the thousands of people coming into Washington who will not have been a part of the April activities. Many people coming on May 1 can simply join the established regional plan already developed. Others can participate in the major civil disobedience planned by the People's Coalition on May 3 (the Pentagon), May 4 (the Justice Dept.) and May 5 (Congress). That is, the large numbers of people coming on May 1 should be able to hook up with organized leadership groups.

In addition to regional meetings on May 1 and 2, mass assemblies are planned for speakers and the most far-out music groups in the country to help people come together. A celebration of peace is projected for Mayday and a Soul Meeting for May 2. Both will take place on the Monument Grounds.

On Monday, May 3, we will approach targets early in the morning, if possible by 7:00 a.m. The mule train will lead a mass march across 14th Street Bridge towards Shirley High-

way, the major artery into the Pentagon, where thousands of people will sit down and lock arms. Regions will take action at targets in a 20 mile ellipse, using non-violent disruption to stop traffic. Actions should conclude at approximately 12 noon, when people will return to the Parks, and prepare for the next day.

There will of course be many D.C. police and even more GIs brought in from bases along the East Coast. The D.C. police have shown more restraint and discipline in countless demonstrations in the past - surely more control than Chicago or New York. People should be prepared to deal with gas but not let their paranoia of police stop them from acting. There is already massive anti-war sentiment among the troops who will be ordered to D.C. for Mayday. We know there will be coordinated GI actions of refusing duty in D.C. and of helping demonstrators during the nonviolent disruptions. For the demonstration last May 9, 50% of the troops called totally refused to use weapons against demonstrators. We should all be sure to give GIs the chance to join us - they are not the enemy. We will shut down the government in an attempt to free the troops - free ourselves.

Permits have been given for the use of the Monument Grounds and for training in Rock Creek Park. Nixon, in an effort to cut the numbers of people coming, has denied park space for an encampment. While we believe it would be virtually impossible to gas or drive our people out of the Parks without gassing embassies and the richest homes in Washington; Mayday has secured alternative, private land on the edge of Washington should Park Police be ordered to clear Peace City. Contingency plans for transportation to the alternative land site are being worked out. No one should stay away from Washington because of public reports that permits have been denied. That denial (sometimes until the 11th hour) has been the traditional government ruse to keep people from participating in

actions critical of the government.

A medical, legal and communication network are established. The Medical Committee for Human Rights will set up a variety of first-aid stations in churches, parks and the Monument Grounds. It is recommended that regional organizations include minimum first aid instruction in their own training activities that advise people not to wear necklaces, ear rings, etc. and give people information on how to treat gas burns and other possible demonstration injuries, should they occur.

The Mayday legal committee, based on a long history of experiences with demonstrations in Washington, anticipates that most arrests for civil disobedience in D.C. will result in a fee of \$10 to \$25 collateral for release. Many people are choosing to post no bail in Washington, since it is expected that tens of thousands of arrests will take place and the judicial system can be effectively paralyzed if people stay in jail. However, people are encouraged to bring up to \$25 for bail emergencies.

And when a collective checks in at Information Central on the Monument Grounds, we will ask them for individuals in local communities who could be called for bail support.

At the end of the first week of May, regions will decide whether to stay in Washington or return to their local areas. Mayday is strongly urging people to go to New Haven on May 7, to take the tremendous energy of Mayday into the courthouse that must be forced to free Bobby and Ericka. Mayday will arrange bus transportation to New Haven from where we will make our plans to support GIs intending to close down military bases on Armed Forces Day, May 15.

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May 1-7

THE POTOMAC



Be Prepared!

**MAY
DAY**

**If our people
fight
one tribe
at a time,
all will be
killed.**

**They can
cut off our
fingers
one by one,
but if
we join together
we will
make
a powerful fist.**



**Come to
Washington, D.C.
May 1-7**

Trouble Over Bridged Waters

We in the Washington Mayday region would like to share with people in other regions some of the process and discussion that went into the choice of the 14th St. bridge as our region's target for non-violent civil disobedience in May.

Two things in particular we saw as especially important for us as people living in Washington, the site of the Mayday actions, and for our ability to continue to build a strong anti-imperialist movement in Washington after May. One was the unanimous agreement that the target we chose should not involve disruption of the black community, or in any way invite further repression of black people in Washington. One of the implications following from this is that we limited our discussion of targets to those in the downtown area of federal buildings, generally west and south of Massachusetts Avenue. Secondly, we felt that the action be projected as one aimed at shutting down the government, not the city of Washington. This meant that we gave some consideration to buildings as targets, and considered only those traffic arteries and bridges which clearly were direct access routes to government agencies. We did not want our actions to be interpreted as "anti-people," or as causing indiscriminate havoc and disruption for the people of Washington.

We felt also that it was important for this to be a mass action, especially in view of the overwhelming popular sentiment in this country against the war, and in terms of the organizing around the Peace Treaty as a declaration of peace between the people of the United States and Vietnam. There was also the feeling that, in terms of the possibility that our actions would help to set off a chain of events in this country and around the world, that

it be clear that if the government doesn't stop the war, the massive numbers of Americans will undertake to stop the government--and that we plan our actions so that large numbers of people are able to participate in them.

There was agreement on the tactic of nonviolent civil disobedience; massive numbers of people blocking--with their bodies--key government buildings and traffic arteries--in a direct, highly visible, and determined way. Nobody felt, though, that because we will be nonviolent that we could not also be militant and creative. Nor that car "breakdowns" and "stall-ins", and other creative happenings, could not be an important part of an action directed at a bridge or traffic artery.

We wanted to strike some balance between the solidarity and security of large numbers of people focused on one target, and the tactical problem created for the government by actions at, say, 10 places all at once. The Pentagon was rejected as the Washington region's focus for Monday morning because the People's Coalition is massing its forces there (they will concentrate on the Justice Department on Tuesday, on Congress on Wednesday). There was the recognition, though, that larger numbers of people than expected could result in an expansion, and few numbers a contraction, of the number of targets.

We also wanted to strike a balance between targets which are the emotional and political focus of our actions, such as the Pentagon, White House, CIA, Justice Department, HEW, State Department, and targets which will be more effective in actually stopping the government, such as the 14th St Bridge, Memorial Bridge, Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues.

The 14th Street bridge (the Rochambeau bridge coming into D.C.) was chosen by the Washington region because it was felt that it is probably the major traffic artery used by government employees from Virginia heading for the Justice Department, for HEW and Congress via the Southwest Expressway, for the Agriculture Department and the White House, and for a number of other government agencies. The 14th Street bridge is a target that does not involve disruption of the black community; that is a clear and direct artery for the government agencies mentioned; and that provides the opportunity for large numbers of people to participate in militant nonviolent civil disobedience that can effectively stop, at least for a time, the government's smooth uninterrupted operation.

Specific plans have yet to be worked out, though they are crucially important if we are to avoid panic and confusion on May 3rd. We hope to work out concretely where to go, how to actually be able to be in a position to block the bridge, what to do if troops block us at certain points, etc.

We send out these notes so that people in other regions will know the target that the Washington region has chosen, and also so that we considered in choosing that particular target. We don't mean to tell any other region what target to pick; neither do we want other regions to see that we have chosen the 14th Street bridge and mindlessly "pick a bridge" without considering its relationship to our primary political targets, the governmental agencies of war and repression. We do hope that the process we have gone through will be useful to other regions in the choice of a particular building or traffic artery, and also that consideration be given to the particular concerns that we have with regard to the future organizing the the Washington region.

May 1, 1889 - First International
Labor Day

May 1, 1889

May 5, 1818 - Marx's Birthday

May 5, 1818

May 3, 1968 - Sorbonne Occupation

May 3, 1968

May 6, 1970 - Jackson State

May 6, 1970

May 4, 1970 - Kent State

May 4, 1970

May 9, 1800 - John Brown's Birthday

May 9, 1800

May 8, 1954 - Dien Bien Phu

May 8, 1954

On To New Haven

After the May offensive against the war, we're leaving
from Washington
from New York
from Boston
from everywhere
to New Haven May 7 to
come see about Erick Huggins and Bobby Seale.
Come to the people's united action to free Bobby and Ericka
from the railroading trial by the state of Connecticut.
Bobby wrote:

"That's what we say, power to all the people - and get rid of the power, take the power away from the minority ruling class circles, the imperialists and the fascists here in Amerika".

"The same thing they're doing over there to the Vietnamese people, they're getting ready to upstep and do to Black American people. The same thing: the same kinds of weapons, vicious weapons. They have tanks: they have nerve gas and everything else prepared. And its time we understand and realize this. All the masses of the people and the GIs and the people at home are the ones who have to protest the war, are the ones who have to protest the injustices right here at home."

The struggle around Ericka and Bobby's trial is the beginning of our struggle to free Angela Davis, Ruchell McGee, the Soledad Brothers, the Harrisburg 13, and all political prisoners.

Ericka writes from Niantic prison:

"We've got to educate the people about all political prisoners of our war against oppression. No heroes, no rhetoric, but massive educational rallies and street politicizing showing how POWs are examples of the situations every-one of us face."

And we have to do it with love, you know, and the understanding that we need more than just movement people and sympathizers at these actions. We need whole families of people, young, old, black, brown, red, yellow, beige - whatever. Male, female, Gay - everybody. Because everyone is faced with Amerikan oppression and all of us are of the America that will be, you dig it? So we all really have to work and focus on the people, not individuals.

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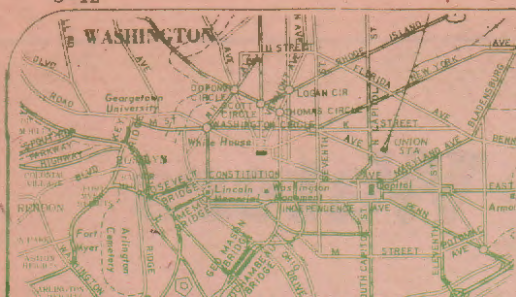
Love, Power, Struggle

- Ericka".

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ERICKA HUGGINS - LNS



"If the government won't stop the war, the people will stop the government."

The Mayday strategy for stopping the government is to halt the inanimate machinery that makes it work by using the tactics of non-violent creative disruption. This will take the form of masses of people moving to and blocking strategic locations along major traffic arteries used by government employees.

At these "action targets" people will sit-in, sing, dance, hold bridge and street parties, pass out literature, smoke dope and feed each other. If dispersed by Nixon's hired guns, sisters and brothers will regroup. Targets areas will not be abandoned until we have succeeded in reaching our objective - closing down the government.

Strategy

Washington, D.C., is a colony. It is ruled by a committee of Congress made up of racist white southerners. The overwhelming number of people living in Washington are black. Virtually the only industry in Washington is the Federal Government with the overwhelming majority of the employees being white and with a few exceptions, all upper echelon employees being white. This means that most employees of the Federal government commute to work each day from the suburbs of Virginia and Maryland.

Because of the racist nature of the Federal government, closing down the apparatus that controls the War against Indochina and America's oppressed is a relatively easy operation if it is coordinated.

Twenty-one targets have been selected for the Mayday actions. The targets (see Map) are broken into two general categories: (1) traffic circles and (2) bridges. These targets if blocked during the early morning rush hour will seal off the Federal Triangle area of Washington and the Pentagon. All of the targets selected deal directly with the Federal Government and blocking these targets will have a minimum impact on the surrounding black community. These targets were specifically chosen to minimize disruption of the black community. No disruptive actions will take place North of Massachusetts Avenue NW or East of 6th Street, SE and NE, which are the borders of the black community.

Actually sealing off a section of an American city through nonviolent direct action has never been attempted before in an organized fashion. The experience of May, 1970, however, shows that it can be done. During the Cambodian crisis many cities had main thoroughfares blocked by non-violent actions, including sit downs and street parties. In several instances the thoroughfares were six and eight lane expressways. It can be done!

Our disruption of Washington must be seen as an attack on the Federal Government, specifically those sections dealing with the war against the people of Indochina and America. It must not be seen as an attack on the employees of the Federal Government. We wish to win them as allies and so we need to minimize their antagonism towards us.

By May 3 every government employee will know that to attempt to get to work he or she will have to brave a six hour traffic jam. We are attempting to create a "four-day weekend" consciousness among government employees. If this is successful any employees caught in traffic jams will blame themselves for attempting to get to work and therefore, not us.

Our tactical approach to stopping the government is decentralization and concentration. By this we mean that the targets are decentralized and our demonstrators are concentrated. No target will have less than a thousand demonstrators and no major target (See map. Targets bearing asterisks will have more than three thousand demonstrators.) Our targets are decentralized to a) insure the total halt of traffic and b) to increase the difficulty of Federal forces containing our demonstrations.

Our numbers are concentrated in

Closing down the government

MayDay tactics &

an effort to defeat the Federal forces' primary defensive tactic which is dispersal (dividing us into small units) and containment (isolating the small units)

Communications

For communications, we suggest regions to secure bull horns and short range walkie talkies. The walkie talkie operators need to be familiar with the equipment and establish codes to prevent interception and false information from being beamed in on their frequencies. The radios can be easily jammed or be made useless by false messages being beamed in, so you should establish an alternate system such as runners. The Mayday collective will maintain several coordination centers and is setting up several alternative means of communication. We will monitor all police and military frequencies to provide up to date information for all participants. The information will be sent out over AM radio frequencies from special mobile transmitters. These transmitters will broadcast May 3 and 4 over clear channels and cover all twenty-one target areas. Every participant should bring a transistor radio.

Our own logistic preparation should be oriented towards individual self-contained units. People should bring wire cutters for fences, squeeze bottles of water for gas, bamboo flutes, tamborines for people's music, balloons and flowers for joy, dope and food to share with the GI's and fellow demonstrators. And a transistor radio so we are all informed of what is happening.

Tactical approaches

The following are a few of the nonviolent civil disobedience tactics being planned by various regions.

WAVES The regional groups will be broken into units of 10-15 people. Monday morning the units will move in waves one unit in each wave, onto the road. They will sit down in a circle, and pass the pipe and play music until traffic is stopped. The next wave will then move to the road. This will last until noon when people will return to Algonquin Peace City. (Details of Algonquin Peace City will be available at a later time.) The same thing will happen Tuesday. People will move on Wednesday to the Capitol and stay. This tactic is particularly effective at traffic circles where there are many roads leading into the circle.

STREET PARTY The regional group will move in mass to their circle target playing music and dancing getting as close as they can to the target. They will disperse if gassed or charged with batons but always regroup. They stay put if threatened with arrest.

TROOP TEACH-IN The region will encircle troops guarding a circle or line up several deep along troop lines protecting bridges. They will establish a one to one relationship to GI's and demonstrate solidarity. Food and dope will be passed out. If a large group of GI's come over to our side the breach will be filled with demonstrators moving through and sitting in on the target road. The Mayday legal facilities will have special sections to serve troops who join us and a special GI counseling center will be located in Algonquin Peace City. These regions are bringing wire cutters to get through fences to the GI's. Wedges and other formations sent to break up the concentration of demonstrators will be absorbed amoeba-like and given intensive arguments about why they should join us.

SIT-IN The region will march up a street towards a circle or bridge and when confronted by police or troops will sit down. They will maintain their ground.

Layof the land

The District of Columbia is most likely one of the easiest cities to understand and travel within, for it

was one of the few which was laid out by a city planner.

The district is sectioned off into four areas, designed North West, North East, South West, and South East. Base lines for these sections are North, East, and South Capitol Streets and an imaginary line extending West from the Capitol Building.

Numbered streets run north to south; the lettered streets travel east to west. House and buildings number for each section start at each base line. For example, the 900 block on "C" Street, NW is between 9th and 10th Streets, NW. The 300 block on 7th Street, SW is between "C" and "D" Streets, SW.

As one travels North, and the singled lettered paths and trails in D.C. end, a new sequence appears, of one syllable words, starting with "A" begins. For instance, in one part of NW Washington, Benton, Calvert Davis, Edmunds, Fulton, Garfield, etc. appear, following "W" Street.

Pennsylvania Avenue is numbered the same as lettered trails; Connecticut Avenue is the same as a numbered path. Most other diagonal paths and trails have no standard pattern.

Sites

1*

Site one, Rosslyn Plaza, is on the Virginia side of the Francis Scott Key Bridge, which connects George Washington Parkway, Lee Highway, Route 66 and Fort Myer Drive. It is probably one of the most heavily traveled single areas in the entire Metropolitan area.

Site one affords excellent, low flat, open areas which are adjacent to or near all the aforementioned major highways from Northern Virginia.

Just North of Rosslyn Plaza is the Marriot Hotel, where it was found, the "High Command" of the Pentagon regularly dine. As one leaves Key Bridge, traveling West, the Marriot Hotel is clearly visible on the right and it provides an excellent staging area and superb parking facilities.

Traffic, during rush hour is normally stalled, and it is believed that it would present extreme problems for the defense forces of the Federal Government to prevent any disruption of traffic from not occurring. Massive defense of Rosslyn Plaza would normally disrupt traffic, one third of which travels to the Pentagon, and the defense forces would thus be doing our job.

Also, use of gas in Rosslyn Plaza may be prohibitive since it is directly adjacent to the business section of Arlington and the "prestigious" Marriot Hotel. Their reluctance of using gas, however, is naturally not certain; we are merely speculating on probability.



Virginia side of Key Bridge and Rosslyn. See site 1.

2

Site two, the D.C. side of Key Bridge is restrictive in area and severely limited in mobility. "M" Street can be easily secured by defense forces.

Thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth streets are extremely steep, and can be easily blocked by police without affecting the flow of traffic at all.

The traffic both to and from Key Bridge is intense; congested traffic is normally a problem during rush hour. Whitehurst Highway, which travels under Key Bridge is a major throughfare and can be relatively easily disrupted from a flat, open area which is directly adjacent to Key Bridge, "M" Street and Whitehurst. One word of caution: this open area is extremely small, perhaps supporting only several hundred people.

3

This area is a comparatively isolated region, leading to the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge from the Virginia side. There is a very great expanse of open grassy plains which lies next to the George Washington Parkway, Arlington Blvd., which leads directly to the Pentagon, and Route 66, which directs traffic onto the TR Bridge.

This area, normally, carries relatively little traffic. However, if Rosslyn Plaza is disrupted, there is the possibility that traffic could be diverted to TR Bridge via Route 66.

4

The D.C. entrance to the TR Bridge has one open land area which can accommodate large numbers of people. This area is the grounds for the Kennedy Performing Arts Center, presently under construction.

The Kennedy Arts Center lies adjacent to Rock Creek Parkway, a major interchange.

5

The Virginia side of the Arlington Memorial Bridge contains acres upon acres of open space leading to the bridge. In the event that Fort Myer Drive is disrupted at Rosslyn Plaza (see Site one), Memorial Drive may be used as an auxiliary road to Fort Myer by Federal authorities.

Also, in the event all points South are effectively disrupted, Arlington Ridge Road, which changes into Route 110, may be utilized as one of the prime access roads from Northern Virginia to the Pentagon.

6

There is much land which can sever the Arlington Memorial Bridge entrance from the Lincoln Memorial grounds and the entrance to Rock Creek Parkway, and Ohio Drive South. There are very large grassy areas west of Lincoln Memorial facing the Potomac adjacent to Ohio Drive.

7*

Washington Blvd., containing the only direct access roads to the Pentagon from northern points, contains large expanses of flat open areas.

Specifically, the first access

route, fed from Arlington Blvd. leads to the Pentagon North Parking Area, where tens of thousands of cars arrive daily. The terrain is flat and open and is bounded from the north by the Boundary Channel.

The second access route, Highway 110, leads from the area near Rosslyn Plaza directly to the Pentagon grounds itself. It travels under Washington

targets

Blvd. and splits off into a small operational access road which leads onto the Pentagon grounds itself.

There exists in and around the Pentagon grounds, very large flat open spaces, particularly the area just north of the Pentagon.

Resistance from authorities is expected to be very rough, although it will be difficult to execute without a general disruption of traffic, which achieves a potential goal.

8

The loop just west of the Pentagon serves the Naval Annex, the US Marine Corps and the Pentagon personnel via Washington Blvd., "North to South," from the Arlington Bridge, Columbia Pike, and Shirley Highway, East and West.

Just south of the loop, massive road construction is underway. There are acres upon acres of flat open space at the loop on Washington Blvd. and the access ramp from Shirley Highway "West" are vulnerable to disruption particularly.

The Loop, specifically, is the main feed-in to the Pentagon South Parking Area, and disruption of this general area could have demonstrable effects.

9*

Shirley Highway, just south of the Pentagon South Parking Area boasts large bushes which tend to obscure visibility of the Pentagon Parking Area considerably.

Shirley Highway is probably the key road to the Pentagon, the US Naval Annex and Henderson Hall, headquarters for the US Marines, the latter two both off Washington Blvd, west of the Pentagon South Parking Area.

Expect, however to find tight restrictions on mobility, as Federal, local and military authorities will attempt to keep these areas, particularly Shirley Highway open.

10* & 11*

The Rochambeau Bridge and George Mason Bridge are possibly the two most heavily traveled bridges leading to and from Washington, D.C. The Rochambeau Bridge directs traffic into D.C. and the Mason Bridge delivers traffic into Virginia. Both bridges, for simplicity, are known as the 14th Street Bridge complex.

In addition, the 14th Street Bridge is added greater importance because over 70% of the traffic flows to and from the Pentagon.

The two main arteries are the George Washington Parkway and Shirley Highway. This is a large open area of several acres between both the Rochambeau and Mason Bridges, which also shares its borders with the George Washington Parkway and the Potomac River.

Just south of the 14th Street Bridge is the Marriot Hotel which offers a large parking lot. East of the Marriot Hotel and south of Shirley Highway, an additional several acres of open flat land exists.

There appears little likelihood that gas would be utilized here, because of the proximity to the Pentagon and the Marriot Hotel.

12

The D.C. side of the 14th Street Bridge is one of the more heavily travelled thoroughfares in D.C. Approximately 70% of the traffic here will be Pentagon Personnel.

The Jefferson Memorial grounds provide low level open spaces for massive gatherings. The area, however, will provide many logistical problems as the dispersal and containment tactic the federal authorities can employ can be ideally implemented at the Jefferson Memorial grounds.

The importance of this juncture is the fact that an enormous rate of traffic flow will be traveling to the Federal Triangle, where most of the government operates.

Specifically, the most vulnerable area is the exit of the 14th Street

Bridge leading to the Case Memorial Bridge and 14th Street. There is one intersection which joins both immediately following the exit of the Bridge.

13*

Washington Circle itself is massive and can accommodate large numbers of people. However, other than the Circle, there is little room for gathering. Adjacent to the circle is the George Washington University Hospital, with its emergency entrance facing Washington Circle.

There are several prestigious luxury apartments north of the circle which occupy most of the immediate land. "K" Street, in addition to intersecting with the circle, travels under the circle which might provide other complications.

It is, however, a major site, intersecting Pennsylvania, six blocks from the White House, with main artery, New Hampshire Avenue.

14*

Dupont Circle, a crucial intersection where much traffic flows from the downtown "Federal Triangle" to the affluent, predominantly white NW section and Maryland suburbs.

The circle itself is open and provides easy accessibility to any of the particular arteries joined at Dupont.

Some of the more notable landmarks at Dupont are the Iraq Embassy, Riggs National Bank, the Washington Club and a Peoples Drug Store.

Some caution must be exercised at Dupont Circle for Connecticut Avenue travels under the circle, from north to south.

15

Scott Circle, three blocks from Dupont Circle sports much open land not only on the Circle green itself, but also in front of the Gramercy Hotel, which is south of the Circle on Rhode Island Avenue. Also, there is a small lot adjacent to Scott Circle where the abandoned Philippines Embassy stands.

The main arteries, Massachusetts, Rhode Island Avenues and 16th Street are often heavily travelled.

There is also much open space in front of the Australian Embassy and the infamous National Rifle Association, which are at opposite ends of Scott Circle on 16th Street.

16

Thomas Circle is a key junction for Massachusetts and Vermont Avenues. Massachusetts Avenue runs beneath Thomas Circle, yet there is a large open area, capable of sustaining several hundred people, directly south and adjacent to the Western end of the Massachusetts underpass.

Thomas Circle green is long and thin, divided into three separate areas by the circle access roads.

The Sonesta Hotel provides some area for mobility, which lies directly north of Thomas Circle.

Between 14th Street and Massachusetts Avenues, just east of the Circle green is a large parking lot which is unrestricted.

17

Mt. Vernon Square, joining Massachusetts and New York Avenues with "K" Street, provides a large area for maneuverability in the green itself, where the D.C. Public Library is located. Directly west of the Library there is much land, which is increased by a church on "K" and Massachusetts Avenues, overlooking the Library.

18

The Commodore intersection, near Union Station has a large open area directly across from the U.S. Post Office and the National Guard Headquarters.

The two main arteries at Commodore, Massachusetts Avenue and North Capitol Street, lie adjacent to this

open area, where perhaps 1/2 acre of land is available. The area is also several blocks from the Senate Office Building.

19

Stanton Park, a lower-middle class residential area, two blocks east of the Senate Office Building, is a small open area, measuring approximately 75 yards in length and 20 yards in width.

With the exception of Massachusetts and Maryland Avenues, which intersect at Stanton Park, there is little of importance. A gas station, a small church and a laundromat fill its borders.

20

Seward Square, two blocks away from the 5th precinct of the D.C. Police Department, and three blocks away from the House of Representatives Office Building, has a small

area of open land, where North Carolina and Pennsylvania Avenues intersect.

It is one of the major crossroads into the Federal Triangle from points east and southeast of D.C.

One disadvantage is that Seward is divided into four sections, thus forcing any large group to be vulnerable to the dispersal and containment strategy of the defense forces.

21

Folger Park, although seemingly insignificant, does serve a vital purpose. Should the Seward Square disruption succeed, all eastbound traffic would prevent much traffic arriving from eastern points to the Federal Triangle from reaching their destination.

Folger is a small park in a semi-residential, semi-commercial area. It is relatively isolated and is two blocks south of the House Office Buildings.

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PEOPLE'S

Boil one part rice to three parts water. Bring to boil, then lower heat and cook for 35-40 minutes. Heat oil in heavy skillet. Add sliced onions, carrots, cabbage, tomatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, raisans, nuts or whatever is in the ice box. Saute until barely cooked - 5-15 minutes. Spread vegetables on platter. Put cooked rice in center of vegetables. Serve with tamari.

POWERFUL

1 cup milk
1 cup evaporated milk or heavy cream
1/3 cup honey

1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup fine graham cracker crumbs
Dash of salt

Follow directions in ice maker regarding use of ice and rock salt. Combine all ingredients in ice cream tub. Crank machine until firm, about 1/2 hour. Or put in ice cube tray and chill in freezer until almost firm, then remove from tray and mix in blender till smooth, then return to tray and freeze till solid.

Out of Sight Carrot Fantasy

3 cups grated carrot (don't peel)
3 TBsp butter

Bake carrots which have been dotted with butter in covered casserole in 325° oven for about 30 minutes. Do not add water. Add a little sauted onion if you like. Season with salt and pepper.

PEOPLE'S

Oven Roasted New Nation Potatoes

2 lb. new potatoes
1/4 cup butter

Salt
Pepper

Preheat oven to 350°. Wash potatoes, leave skins on and slice about 1/4" thick slices. Arrange layer of potatoes in a shallow covered casserole, dot with butter, sprinkle with salt and pepper. Repeat layers until all potatoes are used. Cover casserole and bake for 35 minutes. Then increase oven to 425°, remove cover, toss gently and roast for another 15 minutes or until potatoes are slightly browned and tender.

RECIPES

Mme. Binh Rye Bread

1 pkg. yeast dissolved in 1 1/2 cup warm water
1/4 cup oil
1/4 cup molasses
1 tsp. salt
2 1/2 cup rye flour

1 TBsp grated orange peel
Pinch of Anise or Fennel
1 TBsp. caraway seed
3 cup unbleached white flour

Mix all ingredients together. Knead dough until smooth. Rise once in bowl, once on greased cookie sheet sprinkled with corn meal. Bake at 375° for 1/2 hour. Brush with egg white during last 5 minutes.

Mayday Spoon Bread

1 cup corn meal
3 cups milk
2 TBsp butter

1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking powder
2 eggs, well beaten

Combine corn meal & milk in top of double boiler; cook over boiling water for about 1/2 hour or to consistency of mush (thick). Stir in butter, salt, baking powder; add slowly to beaten eggs, stirring constantly. Pour into a greased casserole and bake at 375° for about 30 minutes. Serve with butter, syrup or gravy. Serves 6-8.

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Mayday And Beyond

April 17 and 18 in Bloomington, Indiana there will be a continuations Committee meeting of the Ann Arbor Students and Youth Conference for a People's Peace. New regions formed since Ann Arbor should send 1 woman and 1 man to represent their region.

This meeting will discuss final plans for MAYDAY actions. We will also talk about the continuation of a national anti-imperialist, anti-sexist, anti-racist organization, using the regional organizing which has developed through Mayday and the People's Peace Treaty. This means groupings of students and youth on a grassroots basis around the country-the need for which is apparant. This means strong regional tribes, coordinated and encouraged on a national level. The time is now to do this-if we don't, we have only liberal and single-issue oriented bureaucracies who are into national organizing. We see national focus as potentially limiting to local groups-we are sensitive to this and see nation organization as strengthening and very beneficial to communication.

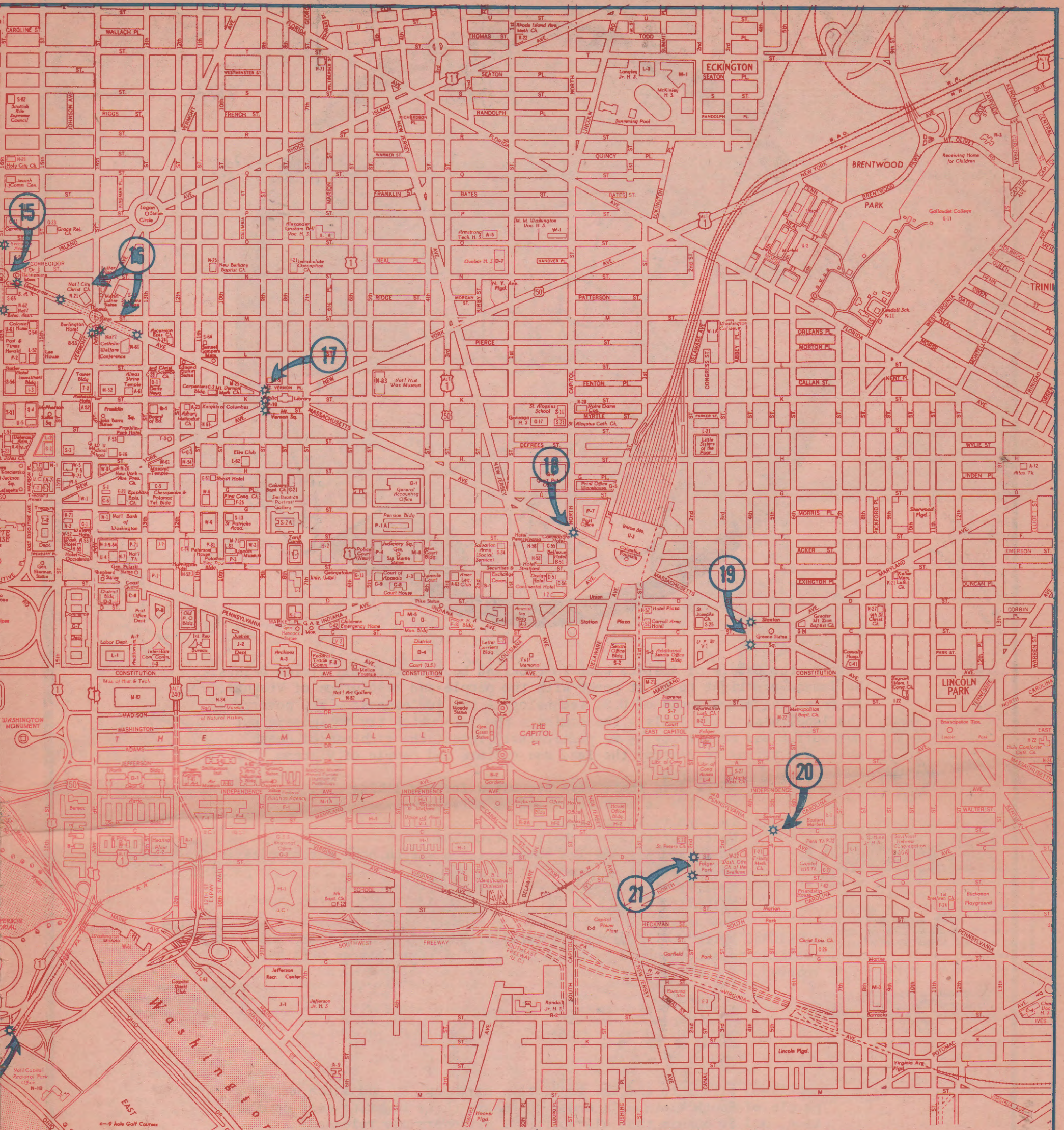
We have gotten this sense from many people who have spoken to us of possibilities beyond May. This would also bring new people into the movement, and encourage innovative ways of organizing. Our effort is to tie in strong cultural and political revolutionary consciousness as the most organically creative and meaningful changes in society.



6,500 Or Fight

A major demand of the Mayday actions is \$6,500 guaranteed adequate income for a family of four. National Welfare Rights Organization is focusing its energies on this demand and Welfare Rights people from around the country will be massing in Washington, D.C. the last week in April and the first week in May to raise the consciousness of the Government around the desperate need of many people in this country for shelter and enough food to survive.

Many people from NWRO were in New York on April 5 with the Mule Train which marched down Wall Street. The Mule Train will leave from New York City the middle of April, travel through Philadelphia and Baltimore and arrive in Washington, D.C. around April 28. NWRO will begin lobbying at Congress on Monday, April 26. Welfare people will go to HEW on April 29 to present our demands and to lobby among the federal employees. On May 2, a mass rally will be held at the Washington Monument at which George Wiley (executive director of the National Welfare Rights Organization) will be a featured speaker. Throughout the last week of April and the First week of May, the NWRO will have a Movement Center in Washington to coordinate actions around the demand of \$6,500 adequate income and to provide an educational center for the masses of people coming to Washington during that period. For more information on NWRO: (202) 347-7727



MAYDAY TARGETS

- 1) * Key Bridge, Virginia side. Rosslyn Plaza.
- 2) Key Bridge, D.C. side. M St., 34th St., 35th St.
- 3) Theodore Roosevelt Bridge, Virginia side. Route 66
- 4) Theodore Roosevelt Bridge, D.C. side. Rock Creek Parkway
- 5) Arlington Memorial Bridge, Virginia side. Memorial Drive, Arlington Ridge Road (Rt. 110).
- 6) Arlington Memorial Bridge, D.C. side. Rock Creek Parkway, Ohio Drive south.
- 7) * Washington Blvd. Highway 110
- 8) Traffic Loop just west of Pentagon. Washington Blvd., Columbia Pike, Shirley Hwy.
- 9) * Shirley Hwy just south of the Pentagon.
- 10) Rochambeau Bridge, Virginia side. D.C. bound traffic on Routes 95 and 1.
- 11) * George Mason Memorial Bridge, Virginia side. Virginia bound traffic on Routes 95 and 1.
- 12) 14th St. Bridge Complex, D.C. side.
- 13) * Washington Circle. K St., Pennsylvania Ave., New Hampshire Ave.
- 14) * DuPont Circle. Massachusetts Ave., Connecticut Ave., New Hampshire Ave.
- 15) Scott Circle. Massachusetts Ave., Rhode Island Ave., 16th St.
- 16) Thomas Circle. Massachusetts Ave., Vermont Ave., 14th St.
- 17) Mt. Vernon Square. Massachusetts Ave., New York Ave., K St.
- 18) Commodore Intersection, Massachusetts Ave. and New York Ave..
- 19) Stanton Park Square. Massachusetts Ave., Maryland Ave.
- 20) Seward Square. Pennsylvania Ave., North Carolina Ave.
- 21) Folger Park. North Carolina Ave., D St.

* Denotes Major Targets



We the people of America want to grow and be free with all living beings. We demand our right to be at peace with the people and revolution of Vietnam. In rejecting all weapons of U.S. technology - the joylessness - the poverty - the loneliness - the jails - the armies - the jobs which try to squeeze out our spirit and creativity -- we particularly reject the machines of death which are trying to destroy the land and culture and people of Vietnam.

We've seen their ways too often for our liking
Our life is to survive and be alive
In loyalty to our kind
We cannot tolerate their obstruction
Nixon and his Amerika have declared war on both our peoples.
We are allies at peace.
We will fight together.
MAYDAY!

AMERICANS agree to immediate and total withdrawal from Vietnam, and publicly to set the date by which all U.S. military forces will be removed.

Vietnamese agree to participate in an immediate cease-fire, and will enter discussions on the procedures to guarantee the safety of all withdrawing troops, and to secure the release of all military prisoners.

AMERICANS pledge to end the imposition of Thieu, Ky and Khiem on the people of South Vietnam in order to ensure their right to self-determination, and to ensure that all political prisoners are released.

Vietnamese pledge to form a provisional coalition government to organize democratic elections, in which all South Vietnamese can participate freely without the presence of any foreign troops, and to enter discussions of procedures to guarantee the safety and political freedom of persons who cooperated with either side in the war.

AMERICANS and VIETNAMESE agree to respect the independence, peace and neutrality of Laos and Cambodia.

Upon these points of agreement, we pledge to end the war. We will resolve all other questions in mutual respect for the rights of self-determination of the people of Vietnam and of the United States.

AS AMERICANS RATIFYING THIS AGREEMENT, WE PLEDGE TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTIONS ARE APPROPRIATE TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS OF THIS JOINT TREATY OF PEACE, AND TO ENSURE ITS ACCEPTANCE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

The terms of this treaty were worked out in discussions among members of student associations in South and North Vietnam, and in the United States. Other citizens groups plan meeting with Vietnamese citizens to discuss terms for peace.