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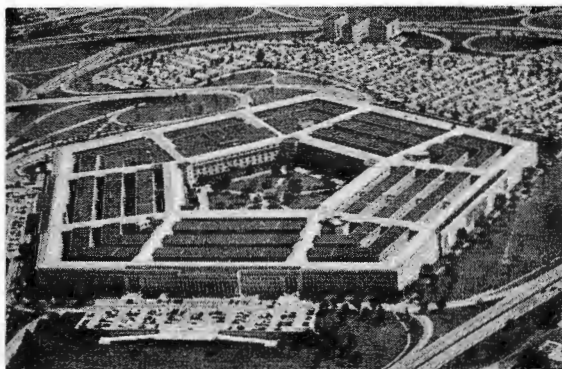
Press Statement issued Aug. 28

The American people today live in a country which has developed the world's most murderous military machine. We live in a society which trains its sons to be killers and which channels its immense wealth into the business of suppressing courageous men from Vietnam to Detroit who struggle for the simple human right to control their own lives and destinies. We Americans have no right to call ourselves human beings unless, personally and collectively, we stand up and say NO to the death and destruction perpetrated in our name.

The National Mobilization to End the War in Vietnam brought a half million people into the streets of New York and San Francisco on April 15th to protest America's war in Vietnam. Yet the war escalated. We have published thousands of words and arguments to document the fact that the war violates American and international law, human standards of morality, and the national interest of the American people. Yet the war continued.

The war is continued despite the fact that no one — least of all Johnson himself — can give a sound human reason for it. The American government stands in the eyes of the world as a bully and an outlaw, lying to her own people and contemptuous of the views of the nations of the world. The military-industrial complex, a President gone mad, and an irrelevant Congress appear to the victims of their oppression as the Fourth Reich.

Meanwhile, at home we see Vietnam re-enacted before our eyes. We see Black people, and others among America's poor, seeking jobs, dignity



and control over their own lives; and in response they are offered token programs which fail to challenge the basic power relationships. When Black people rebel, they are judged "criminals" by the America of tanks, nerve gas and wanton murder. The real criminals are those who maintain racism, poverty, slums and the police tyranny in a nation which has the capacity to house, feed and clothe all of its people.

We who oppose America's war in Vietnam recognize the direct connection to the struggle in our cities. We see newspaper reports that forty per cent of the Army troops sent into Detroit had been battle-hardened in Vietnam. *We recognize that there is only one struggle — for self-determination — and we support it in Vietnam and in Black America.*

We in the anti-war movement who are moving toward massive confrontation this fall in Washington are identifying with the American boys, black and white, who are sent to Vietnam to kill and be killed. The only way to support these men is to bring them home now. The fight for freedom is in America's cities. We in the American anti-war movement are committed to building a mass

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Where We're At

by Prof. Robert Greenblatt
National Coordinator

The National Mobilization, indeed the whole anti-war movement, faced the two most important tests of its seriousness and political maturity in the last few months. Although we seemed in want of a program after the mammoth Mobilization on April 15th and seemed even more immobilized in the face of the rebellions in Black communities throughout the country, we are now well underway to passing those tests.

The overwhelming response to our call for the April 15th Mobilization to End the War in Vietnam demonstrated the enormous extent of opposition to America's war in Vietnam. At the same time, the very size of the response (over half a million people) marked the end of simple protest as the main strategy of the anti-war movement. The magnitude of the opposition to the war and the lack of any effective political mechanism for its expression posed the first test. Where do we go now?

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THE MORALITY OF RESISTANCE

by Rev. Thomas Lee Hayes

If a Vatican II can happen, so can a Nuremberg II. If there is another Nuremberg, we, the ordinary citizens of these United States, shall have less excuse than the "good Germans" of twenty-five years ago. We shall have known all along whether we were "good Americans" or "bad Americans" according to those in authority in our time. The moral basis of direct action against the Vietnam war seems to rest on this presupposition. We are under judgment and are driven to find a new, appropriate response.

In political terms, this means we are moving from a politics of dissent to a politics of resistance. In moral terms, it means we are moving from a morality of revulsion to a morality of situation. The situation is, the warmakers are at the end of their rope. The only remaining course is open confrontation militarily with China, and the precipitation of a nuclear holocaust. It may be that such a course will be followed by the U.S., insane as it is, for it fits the 'logic' of our Vietnam policy.

Meanwhile, the earlier mood of the Peace Movement has reached even to the chambers of Congress.

It is a mood of increasing revulsion at the stupidity and the immorality of the war. It is now openly stated that the war is not being won, cannot be won, and will not be won. Even some militarists, in and out of uniform, are displaying a strange lack of confidence in American policy.

Yet, revulsion alone toward our personal wrong will not bring repentance or change of heart. We must act against the evil we have created. And a man who pats us on the head, and says, "It's all right, just don't do it again," does us no good.

Similarly our national leaders have patted our dissenting heads, and forgiven our revulsive hearts. We have discovered how demeaning it is to be tolerated. And so, we find ourselves searching for new direction in a maze of rage.

There are signs that such a new direction is coming to pass. We now see a direct connection between the U.S. policy in Vietnam and federal policy toward the uprising of oppressed peoples at home. We don't have to look 10,000 miles away to understand the violence that lies behind the American status quo. We see a new seriousness in the whole anti-war movement. We see

young men in increasing numbers who say "we won't go" to Vietnam and an enormous reservoir of adult support of these men. In brief, we see men and women taking their destinies into their own hands in the midst of terrifying ambiguities and choices.

This is a profoundly moral occurrence. Some may see this as an essentially political event. But the political event will be grounded in a moral reality or it will not bring the change desired. It is not merely the right of a people seeking freedom and peace, but their moral responsibility to call their leaders to face that moral judgment that faces us all. We argue that direct action against inhumanity to man confirms who we are and who we hope to be. Our obligation to so act transcends other important, but lesser obligations and informs them with power and love.

This fall a series of direct actions are planned as part of the National Mobilization to End the War in Vietnam. These actions will take those who participate beyond revulsion. They will create a moral situation that mirrors something of the way the world goes round, even if the United States at this moment in history is going the other way. You will find the proposals for these actions if you seek them. You may well discover some we have not dreamed of; we hope you shall. You will probably also want to remember that being part of a right action does not make an individual or a group righteous.

Agnes de Mille, the dancer, once told of her experience in WWII when she and her husband were separated by the war. "... Here I was, ringed by death, swung out in catastrophe, with another life in my keeping. ... What we were was of no account, nor in what ways we had failed; but what we had hoped to be, that was the power."

If Nuremberg II comes after it all, may we be among those who can honestly say what we feel now, "what we hope to be, that is the power."

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On Making a Perfect Mess

by Keith Lampe

A good new feeling in the streets of America. Feels like there's going to be a white rebellion too. The work of the black men of Newark and Detoit has freed us honkies (beep! beep!) of a few more scholarly hang-ups and we're getting down into it now.

Now, at last, we're getting past the talk and the analysis and the petitions and the protests—past the cunning white logic of the universities—and we're heading back down into ourselves. The worst trip of all finally coming to an end: "Either A or not—A" and "Men have souls, animals don't" kept us freaked out for 2500 years.

Gary Snyder says it's the neolithic that's coming to an end. He says man is transferring his best attention from objects to states of mind.

In any case, we emancipated primitives of the coming culture are free to do what we *feel* now because we understand that logic and proportion and consistency and often even perspective are part of the old control system and we're done with the old control systems.

Among the honkies the Diggers probably best understand this and they've been helpful dragging us kicking and screaming into the last third of the century.

Psychic guerrilla warfare now. Diggers raining dollar bills to the floor of the stock exchange in gleeful exorcism. Stg. Peper's Lonely

Hearts Club Hate Parade down Wall Street to hold up a mirror to the studious monkeys: Kill a Commie for Christ, Commie a Christ for Killer, Christ a Killer for Commie.

Seventy-six point two per cent of the following gigs will hit Washington last half this October:

1—Ten thousand exuberant people will clog the Pentagon and close it down. Later they'll jam the jails, take them over and turn them into communities.

2—A thousand children will stage Loot-Ins at department stores to strike at the property fetish that underlies genocidal war.

3—A hundred professors will use their bodies to close down the induction center.

4—Seven tailored fraternity boys will wrestle LBJ to the ground and take his pants down. Fotos of the fleshy seat of government will circulate freely.

5—Hey, who defoliated the White House lawn?

6—Two authentic D.C. cop impersonators will take twelve peace demonstrators to jail and the charges later will poof as the impersonators evaporate into the populace.

7—Country Joe and the Fish will make music.

8—A single elderly shaman, intoning in his belly, will drive 2600 evil spirits shrieking from the Pentagon. Fourteen key colonels will defect to the Diggers and get \$42,000 from *Life* for a piece on their earlier karmas.

9—Eight thousand hipies will pan-handle at embassies to create a certain international embarrassment for U.S. imagers.

10—A large black truck containing mysterious electronic equipment will move slowly through the streets of the city. Rumors of a Martian flag flying above the FBI building.

11—Hippie chemists will experiment nonviolently on police with anti-riot control agents. "It just makes them feel lazy, that's all."

12—Fifteen hundred mothers will hold a Smoke-In in Lafayette Park and the sweet scent in the evening air will cause Lady Bird to sigh in her sleep.

13—Nineteen thousand hippies will jam the banks, paralyze them, and proclaim the death of money.

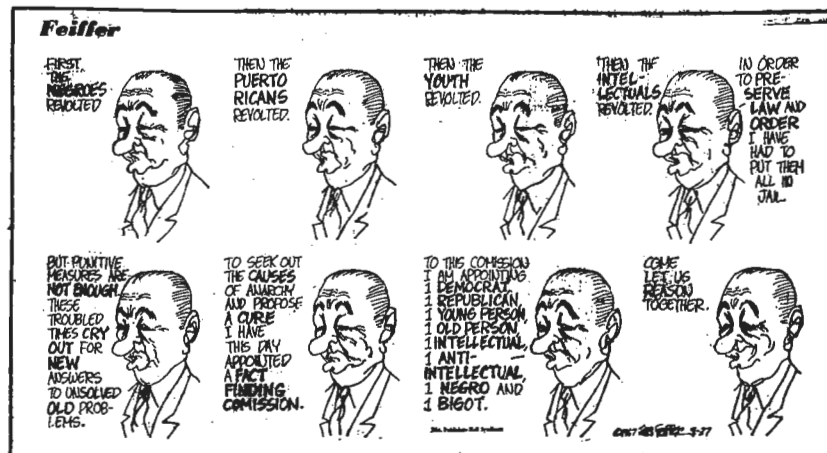
14—As the network cameras wheel in for classic counter-demonstrator footage, the BOMB PEKING picket signs will be flipped to say "Does LBJ suck?"

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STOP THE DRAFT

October 16-21 — "STOP THE DRAFT" Week — initiated by a group of West Coast organizers; the aim, to close induction centers and draft boards during that week. It is hoped that those concerned with stopping the draft process, will plan actions at induction centers and draft boards in cities all over the country, to take place taht week. For further information contact:

STOP THE DRAFT Week
449 14th St.
San Francisco, Calif. 94103



SNCC IN WHITE AMERICA

Manchild in the Promised Land

by Karen Wald

At 2 a.m. on Saturday, August 19, H. Rap Brown, chairman of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) was arrested on charges of carrying a firearm across state lines while under indictment for "incitement to commit arson" in Cambridge, Maryland. At the time, Rap and his lawyers, William Kunstler and Florynce Kennedy, knew nothing of the Maryland indictment (which in any case is very likely an unconstitutional abridgment of the freedom of speech) and without this indictment openly carrying a rifle would be perfectly legal.

In the morning, the U.S. Commissioner set bail at \$25,000, and in the afternoon the lawyers appeared before Judge Wyatt in NYC's Federal Court. Arguing that a) No one knew of the indictment, b) The amount of bail was unconstitutionally excessive, and c) That Brown had other important speaking engagements, they sought a reduction in bail. Judge Wyatt refused.

From inside the jail, Rap issued the following statement:

In the course of any movement that seeks to promote change, be it religious, social or revolutionary, individuals because of their beliefs are unjustly made to suffer. For blacks, the historical alternatives for political dissent in America have been death, exile or imprisonment. I am no exception.

I am being held as a political prisoner. However, my confinement will not rebuild Detroit nor will it save America from its due fate. For as America has bestowed upon me in my 23 years her extreme disfavor, she has also through her inhumanity, racism, oppression and exploitation of both black and white, domestic and foreign, made herself an enemy of mankind. I am told that people across the country have recognized my imprisonment to be a sounding board which may in some way reveal their own fate. If it takes imprisonment or even death to expose America for what it is, then this is my destiny.

To all those who favor freedom I say thank you for your convictions and your contributions toward that end.

To all the black brothers and sisters across America who are caught behind enemy lines, I say the fight has not yet matured. Arm yourselves, for our freedom is yet to come.

Yours in Rebellion,
Rap Brown
BLACK POWER!

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During this time, contributions were pouring in to SNCC for Rap's bail and defense fund, but a new snag arose: bail companies apparently conspired with bondsmen in an agreement to refuse bail for Brown, no matter how much collateral was offered. By the time US District Court Judge Murphy lowered bail to \$15,000 on Tuesday, August 22, every bondsman in the area had refused to post any bail for Brown, and SNCC put up the \$15,000 in cash.

Three or four hundred supporters who had crowded the courtroom Tuesday joined hundreds more outside as Rap was released from jail. To the smiling and cheering crowd, Rap said that the reduction in bail was due to "Black Power!"

On August 28, Rap Brown announced SNCC's participation in the Washington, D.C. Oct. 21-22 mass action, and on the 29th spoke at a meeting on "VIETNAM AND BLACK AMERICA" in the Village Theatre, NY. (Other scheduled speakers included Dave Dellinger, Rev. James Bevel, and representatives from many other black and white organizations.) Following the bail reduction, Judge Murphy gave permission for Rap to leave the jurisdiction of the court to speak at meetings in Detroit Aug. 27, Camden Aug. 30, Chicago Sept. 3, and St. Louis Sept. 10. He will appear in New Orleans to face charges on the gun-carrying arrest on September 13.

IN VIETNAM



IN AMERICA



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Sept. 11—Mobilization Committee Direct Action project begins
Wed. Sept. 20/Washington, D.C.—“Challenge the Draft Call—No More Men to Vietnam”

12:30—assemble at the White House

1 - 2—Mass rally at LaFayette Park

2 - 3—Picket the National Selective Service Headquarters, a delegation will enter the building to present a statement of conscience to:

Show that American women want our young men to build not burn

Show that American women support the brave young men who say NO

To launch an American women's resistance movement to the Vietnam war draft.

Sponsored by Women Strike for Peace, 799 Broadway, N.Y. or contact the local Women Strike office in your city.

October 16—The Resistance

October 16-20—“Stop the Draft Week”

October 20—Student Mobilization Direct Action in Washington, D.C.

October 20—FOLK ROCK CONCERT IN D.C.

October 21-22—“Confront the War Makers”

A Perfect Mess

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15—Forty bearded ghosts from the last revolution will rise from Arlington Cemetery and scramble the Pentagon's radar system.

16—Alice's Air Force will provide mobile civil-disobedience units any place in Washington within 45 seconds.

17—Hey, who kidnapped the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier?

18—During a block party in front of the White House a lad of nine will climb the fence and piss, piss, 19—And, of course, there will be God's Intergalactic Light Show over all.

Most of these things are patiently waiting for people to do them. If you don't dig any of them, do *your* thing.

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Afterwards, in November, how many kids will go back to school? The universities are cultural lag areas now—and in most cases it's no longer possible to advise a bright young person to pass time at one.

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Jails should become voluntary. This places the government into the monastery or retreat business and we win the simple right to be fed and housed austere in a nonsectarian environment whenever we feel like meditating. Since the blacks emphatically are in no mood to meditate this season, let them out, get them out, immediately.

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Because as a honkie I have a bully heritage, I dig nonviolence as my best expresison. But I know nonviolence is a faith—not a demonstrable truth—and, being ecumenically inclined, I have no desire to impose it on anybody else.

Up-to-the minute progress reports on all Washington activities can be had at any hour from (202) LI 5-6700. Call collect only.

Peace Torch Marathon

by Stew Albert, Sports Editor



A torch that was lighted in Hiroshima on the anniversary of the bombing of that city, is being carried cross country and will arrive in Washington, D.C. on October 21st. The torch, during its journey across America, will be accompanied by a peace education team which will go into communities, towns and cities along the route, where, it is hoped, rallies, greetings and peace assemblies will be organized. The torch left San Francisco August 27th, and the schedule can be obtained from: Peace Torch Marathon, 381 Sixth Street, San Francisco, Calif.



National Mobilization View

Riots or Rebellions?

The Establishment news media and the politicians are consistently talking about the problem of race-riots in the cities, and what to do about them. *These so-called "riots" are, in our view, rebellions.* The Black rebellions are revolts of an oppressed people against a society which denies them jobs, decent housing and human dignity. They are responses to an unjust system. The system which still prevails in August 1967 in the United States prevents Black people from controlling conditions in their own communities.

When critics condemn certain people for defending themselves violently, they overlook the fact that Black and other poor peoples are victims of violence—the violence of the status quo. Violence is used by the police to keep Black Americans "in their places." It is used to maintain an oppressive system of poverty and exploitation. "Official" violence encourages and feeds counter violence on the part of the oppressed.

The same militaristic methods which are used to deny the people



of Vietnam their right to determine and control the social, economic and political system within their own country have been employed against the Black people in the South and the ghettos of the North. Today, the oppressed Black Americans rebel against intolerable conditions of existence imposed on them by the Structures and Institutions of the United States in the same way the Vietnamese rebel against the invasion and domination of their country, insisting on maintaining and defending their cultural and political integrity.

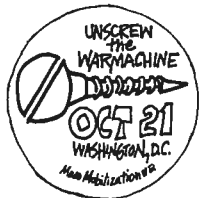
The National Mobilization, pointing to this "Vietnam" at home, supports the principle of self-determin-

ation for Vietnam and for Black Americans. We condemn the use of armed violence in the suppression of the just demands of these people.

We call:

- 1) For the release of all those arrested in the recent uprisings.
- 2) For the dropping of the frame-up charges against H. Rap Brown.
- 3) For support of Muhammed Ali and all who resist the draft or refuse to go to Vietnam.
- 4) For the transfer of the billions now being wasted in Vietnam, to a massive decentralized program of aid to America's poor and disinherited.

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DESIGN B



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			Genocide Petitions	\$5/1,000	
			45 rpm Record	\$1e. (blk less)	
			Draft Resistance Brochure	\$1 per 100	

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FROM DISSENT TO RESISTANCE!

by Maris Cakars

For a long time now the peace movement has been picketing, rallying, petitioning and marching, marching, marching. It's all been good and important work, but with escalation of the war continuing day after day and the very fabric of the American social structure coming apart at the seams, it is time to take the movement we have built and direct it so that it actually *disrupts* the war machine. It is time to use direct action.

Direct action means actual confrontation with injustice and involves the risk of arrest. In Selma, and Birmingham the Civil Rights movement developed direct action to the point where participation was massive and the risk was death. But in the peace movement it was a tactic used by small groups. The thrust of the movement was elsewhere.

As the peace movement grows up, the necessity of developing new tactics and strategy while we continue to widen our base is becoming increasingly apparent. To neglect it means to create a movement that's a big baby without the skills and techniques needed to deal with the world. Draft resistance, new politics, the hippies and a myriad of other developments are important aspects of the progress that is taking place in that direction. The current program of the National Mobilization Committee reflects this situation.

Direct Action is growing up also and the Mobilization is making it, along with, many other activities of Oct. 21, a central part of its effort to put an end to the war in Vietnam. Carried out as a sustained effort it becomes an aspect of resistance. Involving people from many areas it becomes an important aspect of local organizing. Confronting the warmakers themselves day after day it becomes not only an educational tool, but also a dramatic demonstration of the fact that the peace movement has developed a strong backbone and means to stand and fight.

Specifically, the Mobilization Direct Action Project will confront the warmakers of the Congressional Armed Services Committees and the National Headquarters of the Selective Service on a daily basis. Beginning on Sept. 11, the day Congress reconvenes, each day a group will go to Washington from a different area to confront either of these two institutions, to attempt to talk reason to it and, very likely, to attempt to disrupt its functions. Each group will, of course, decide for itself what its demands and tactics will be. In addition to groups organized on a regional basis, there will be groups such as draft resisters which will have specific concerns. The Mobilization Direct Action Committee's role is to co-ordinate the many groups and provide services such as housing and press relations. Right now the staff is laying the groundwork for the project by contacting groups and arranging workshops in direct action.

Although the peace movement had progressed in many directions it still is behind schedule and short of time. So many things remain to be done that full and immediate co-operation is vital. Local groups should contact the Direct Action staff (Bruce Hartford, Maris Cakars, and Rod Robinson) at the National Mobilization office now rather than waiting to be contacted.

If we're serious about putting an end to the war, and about resistance, we can make this project work. Or we can do no more than we've been doing all along and wonder why it doesn't work.



You helped make April 15 a momentous success, and we hope that you will come through again. We expect to make October 21-22 the most militant and meaningful action against the War in Vietnam that our nation has ever seen.

We can contribute toward that mobilization with our time, our thoughts and our work, from now until October 20. Then it will be up to you. Until then, the expenses of housing and feeding the staff, of transportation and publicity, are enormous, and your contribution NOW is necessary to bring about that action.

We need money. Will you send some?

Individual contributors are the first necessity. We also need fund raising parties and benefits. Will you help us? We will send speakers to parties and other events.

Do you have any ideas how you can help us raise some bread? Please contact us and let us know.

Clip and mail to:

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New York, N.Y. 10003

Telephone: (212) 675-4605

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CONFRONT THE WARMAKERS

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movement that can end racism and militarism no matter how long it takes and no matter how deep the sacrifices.

Today the National Mobilization Committee announces a major advance in opposition to the war: a step moving from simple protest to collective resistance; from petition which has gone unheeded to direct action which is determined to escalate the opposition. We call on all Americans who oppose our government's aggression in Vietnam to converge on that city of war, Washington, D.C., on October 21 and 22 for a direct, personal and collective confrontation with the warmakers.

We do not take this act lightly. We are now organizing for scores of thousands of Americans to come to Washington on those days, by plane, train, car and foot; from Maine to California. Americans will come to protest in whatever way they want. We will gather in a massive anti-war presence, and some will take on the most serious responsibility of direct dislocation of the war machine.

The National Mobilization Committee today announces that it is beginning to organize a confrontation in Washington on October 21-22 which will shut down the Pentagon. We will fill the hallways and block the entrances. Thousands of people will disrupt the center of the American war machine. In the name of humanity we will call the warmakers to task.

This may be the most serious anti-war protest in American history. It signals a new step. The Pentagon is already pushing for a war with China despite the risk of unleashing a thermonuclear holocaust. We Americans must communicate to all the need to build a mass movement which will disrupt such instruments of brutality as the Pentagon.

This press conference itself is a landmark. The diversity of people and movements united here today represent a new stage in the anti-war struggle. We are today a united

power force representing blacks, women, students, workers, hippies, draft resisters, clergy and political organizers. This unity will resound throughout America. It will make itself felt in Washington on October 21st.

This will be a weekend of unified activities. Individuals will act on their consciences and in their own personal styles. Not all people will take part in the massive sit-in at the Pentagon, and we are not asking people to come to Washington solely on this basis. Those who do not block the Pentagon will surround it in a massive peace-in of picketing, vigiling, music, drama and rallies. We will bring a community of protest, expressing joy and affirmation of man, to a place whose only business is wholesale murder. This confrontation will be massive, continuing, flexible and surprising.

Where We're At

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In truth, we knew the answer and had known it for some time. We had seen individual young men refuse induction, an occasional soldier accept the grave risks inherent in refusing a direct order to go to Vietnam and numerous other isolated acts of courage and resistance. But it often takes time for a mass movement to see even the obvious. Yet, despite the pessimism of many, we have taken great strides in this direction. The action programs developed by the National Mobilization; and programs of other groups throughout the country, reflect a new awareness and seriousness.

We are moving from *dissent to resistance*, from appeals and petitions to sustained direct action against the instruments of the war machine. This new direction for the anti-war movement was explicitly stated in the recent call for a major Confrontation with the Warmakers in Washington D.C. on October 21/22. But this is no longer mere

rhetoric. It is buttressed by a solid program for Direct Action to begin on September 11 and a commitment of staff and resources to insure its execution.

The second major test for the anti-war movement was posed by the recent rebellions in Black communities in numerous cities throughout the country. Here, too, we seemed to teeter in the balance. The fate of Black Americans was something the broadly based, middle class peace movement avoided dealing with for a long time. Whether the reasons given were those of principle or political expediency, the effect was the same. While protesting the war in Vietnam, the peace movement was unable to address itself to the problems of the "Vietnamese" on its own shores. The Black Rebellions forced the issue.

While much remains to be done, we have made a swift and significant beginning. We have resisted the pressures to split the anti-war and freedom movement by concentrated and intensified attacks on those organizations and leaders in the black community most outspoken in the liberation struggle.

At an emergency meeting of the National Mobilization Committee, the Steering Committee was mandated to establish a special People's Commission to conduct hearings about the uprisings and, by all means available, keep the real issues of Governmental neglect, suppression, and provocation forcefully before the public. A second part of this program is a petition to the UN, initiated by the Mobilization, protesting the de facto genocidal policies of the American government against its Black and other impoverished citizens. Both of these projects are already moving ahead with the cooperation of other groups but more is necessary. We urge all groups in the anti-war movement to address themselves to this issue and join us in these programs.

The war in Vietnam and in the American cities is the same. The anti-war and freedom movements are indivisible. We know what we must do. What are we waiting for?