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Half a million people are going to be in Washington November 15 to protest the war. The DC action can be an important step in building the revolutionary movement, and we're going to be there too.

We've seen a number of national antiwar mobilizations over the last couple of years, and there are some important misconceptions about them that have to be talked about. Many people think and have thought that large peaceful demonstrations will help to end the war in Vietnam. They won't. Primarily because it is the Vietnamese who have done the job. They have militarily defeated the US in Vietnam. The countryside and most of the cities of South Vietnam are controlled by the people. 500,000 US troops can only defend themselves in their bases, and often not even there.

Marches on Washington won't end the war because peace marches—conceived as a tactic to 'register' one's protest—can't work in a fundamentally antidemocratic society. The policies of American Imperialism are set by and reflect the interests of a small class of corporate imperialists and not the people whose lives, labor, and welfare—the people of the whole world—are at stake. For the ruling class to respond to mass public protest would mean relinquishing some of their power, which is exactly not what they are about. It is neither numbers nor loud voices alone that will bring imperialism down, but real, material attacks on its power.

Those people who have over the years organized antiwar mobilizations have constantly held back the political and tactical growth of the movement because of their fucked-up notion that it is larger numbers of people that are



The above photograph was taken at the SDS National Action last month in Chicago. The figure at the left, drinking from the wine cask, is youth culture freak Marion DeGado. LIVE LONG HEM!

needed. They have not taught the nature of power in America and the world. They have not understood that it is the organized revolutionary violence of the people all over the world which will end wars by ending imperialism, and have in fact tried (unsuccessfully) to restrain the positive violent motion that has often developed within the marches they organize. By their avoidance of this objective reality in the world, they have encouraged white Americans to believe that the war can be ended and future wars of aggression avoided without an armed struggle, without cost in terms of our own comfort and the maintenance of our privileged position in the world.

But despite the ineffectiveness of mobilizations and the opportunism of their organizers, a lot of positive growth has happened in those situations. The mass demonstrations have been focuses for a lot of the energy that exists generally among kids, and it has proved impossible for over two years now to carry off a peaceful mobilization. At the same time there are struggles going on at every level in every part of the country: last year 200 ROTC buildings were trashed; over \$3 million damage was done to universities; there were hundreds of walkouts, riots, fires set etc. at high schools; and many street actions around pig harassment, turf, music, etc.

Probably most of the half million kids who come to DC will be on their first big demonstration. There's an important mutually building relation between the mass demonstrations and the many local actions. Kids who have been through shit before, whose consciousness is at the point of

understanding that it's wrong to let yourself be messed over by schools, pigs, etc., and who have learned some important tactical lessons like the value of small groups, cover, collective defense, etc., pick up on the energy of numbers. They respond to pig harassment and tactical restraints at mass demonstrations by fighting back and moving out or taking the offensive. New kids can learn a lot from them and the situations they create, and take that development back to campuses, high schools, and streets to help build local struggles.

The real terms of the struggle are set by the most advanced actions, like the SDS national action in Chicago last month. The mass antiwar mobilization is at a lower level both politically and tactically. That's why it's important for people who have been through higher-level experiences to be there and talk with new kids about the revolution and a strategy of armed struggle. ON TO WASHINGTON—THERE'S A BAD MOON ON THE RISE



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The struggle against imperialism takes many forms. In Vietnam it's the gun, here it's the fist. And in Cuba, the symbol is the machete—the tool which will bring about economic independence for the Cuban people.

This year is the turning point. The Cuban people have set themselves a goal: to harvest 10 million tons of sugar during 1969-70. The entire country is mobilizing for liberation from American dominance, and for the creation of a communist society.

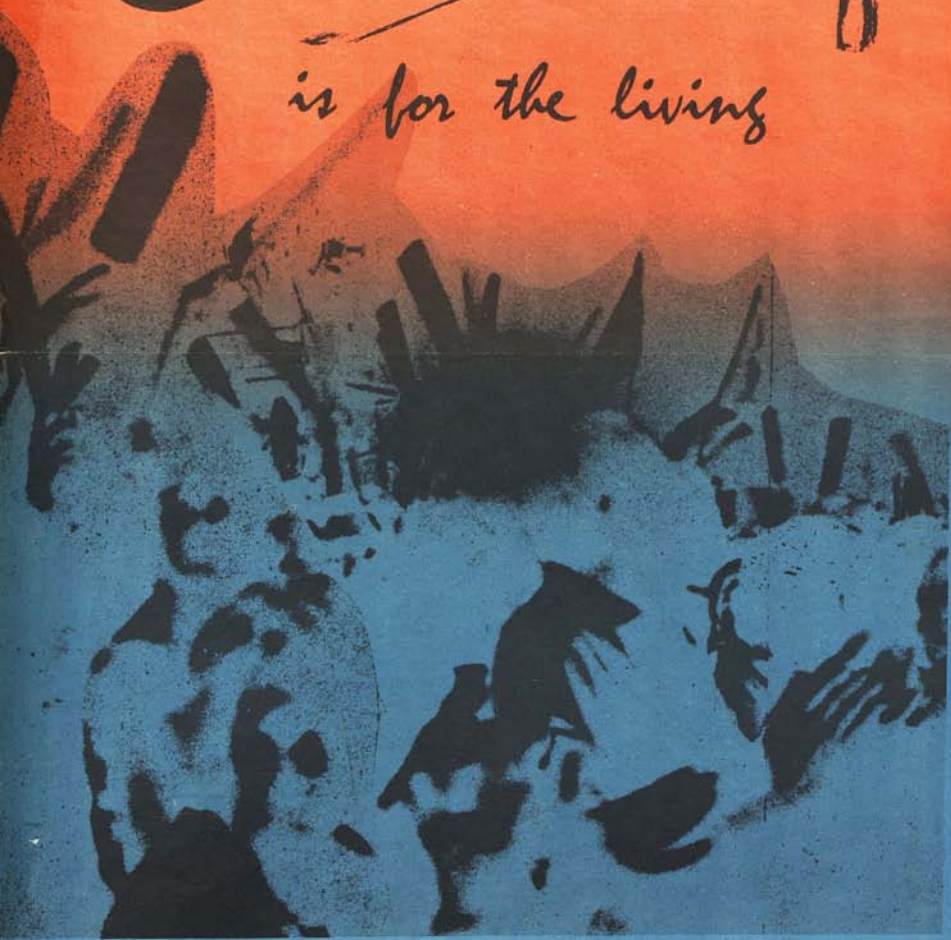
600 young North Americans, black, brown, and white, will be forming the VENCEREMOS BRIGADE, and going to help the Cuban people achieve their goal of 10 million tons of sugar. Two contingents of 300, one leaving at the end of November and one at the end of January, will spend two months each living and working with Cuban youth, experiencing life in the first Free Territory of the Americas. The BRIGADE is open to all who want to show their solidarity with the Cuban struggle. VENCEREMOS! We will win!



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Chairman Bobby Seale of the Black Panther Party sits chained and gagged in a courtroom in Chicago.

Seale has been on trial along with seven white men for conspiracy in organizing the demonstrations in August 1968 at the Democratic National Convention. On one level, he is the victim of a giant legal trick. His indictment as one of the Conspiracy 8 was a frame since his relationship to the demonstrations consisted in speaking at one of the rallies. At the same time that he has been on trial in Chicago for the Conspiracy, he is being held without bond for conspiring to murder a man named Alex Rackley (whom he had never met) in New Haven, Connecticut on a day that he was in California. Being in jail has severely limited his ability to work with the Conspiracy defendants and lawyers to develop their legal strategy. Seale's own lawyer, Charles Garry, was unable to be at the opening weeks of the trial due to illness, and Seale's repeated demands that he be allowed to represent himself in court were categorically denied by pig judge Julius 'Adolph' Hoffman who ordered the gagging and restraints and finally sentenced Seale to four years in prison on sixteen counts of contempt of court!

But these legal questions, questions of constitutional rights, are not the issue in the case of Bobby Seale. He is not on trial for organizing the convention demonstrations, for playing a role in the National Mobilization Committee, or as an "anti-war activist". People know who Bobby Seale is, and what he is about. It is something totally different, and it means that

his trial is a different matter altogether. Bobby Seale is on trial because he is a revolutionary, a leader of the black revolution.

At every point in history, black people's struggle for liberation from racism and oppression has shown whites the direction in which we will have to move to make the revolution. Watts, Harlem, and the hundreds of urban rebellions that followed have burned into our consciousness the understanding that revolutionary change can only come about through violence. The Black Panthers confronted people with the legitimacy and the necessity of armed self-defense. Black students at Cornell and North Carolina A & T completely re-defined the terms of the student movement when they publicly armed themselves last year. It is this dynamic, always being out front, concretely raising the level of struggle and in doing so redefining the struggle which constitutes black leadership in the revolution.



Bobby Seale is the black struggle, just as the pig judge who had him shackled and gagged is fascist America. Bobby Seale understands whose courts he is tried in, whose jails he is contained in, and exactly what 'the jive constitution of the so-called United States' is all about. Bobby Seale faces a death sentence in Connecticut, and enough time in jail terms to far outlive America. Bobby Seale—black man, black revolutionary, black revolution—has nothing to lose.

It is more than 'contempt' that moves a revolutionary. It will take more than a gag to silence, stronger binding than chains to restrain. **ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!**



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