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HIGH SCHOOL--This issue of the progress report will be shorter than usual to allow enclosure of the HIGH SCHOOL MOBILIZER from Detroit. This is an example of the type of work being done by high school groups across the country. SMC now works with active high school antiwar committees in Los Angeles, Palo Alto, California, Tucson, Arizona, Minneapolis, Detroit, Milwaukee, Boston, and New York. The Boston and Detroit High School Student Mobilization Committee will be holding area conferences to wrap up the summer and prepare for fall activities. BOSTON HSSMC's conference will be held August 25-27. For more information contact Boston HSSMC, 5 Cadbury Rd., Cambridge, Mass. DETROIT HSSMC's conference will be held September 9-10. For more information contact Detroit HSSMC, 1101 W. Warren, Detroit, Mich.; phone: (313) 832-5700.

INDIANA--From Bloomington the Indiana Central Organization for Peace Action reports, "We have mailed out the call to about 1,000 people and organizations around the state. There should be a good turn-out from Indiana this fall."

WEST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT--The University of Hartford Chapter of Students for a Democratic Society has really begun to move on October 21. The chapter president writes, "We hope to be able to send down a couple of busloads of people ... We hope to be able to offer all the students on our campus, who are so inclined, free tickets on the buses. This is so far only a hope; we will begin some damn serious fund raising within the month." As a start in this direction the chapter has ordered a substantial number of calls, posters, buttons, stickers, and a large bundle of the STUDENT MOBILIZER. They're very active this summer. The president tells us, "We have the honor on our campus of being the first university organization to function on a year round basis... On July 13-14 we sponsored a Vietnam Information Day. Several of our people, including myself, are taking courses this summer and after several weeks we found that many of the people in our classes (most of them are teachers working on advanced degrees) had never met a 'vietnik' before or seen any peace action at close hand. So on very short notice, capitalizing on the spontaneity of the thing, we arranged a program of movies, speakers, and free literature. Although we lost about \$35 financially, we did meet and talk to about 75-100 entirely new people, some of whom will be going back to teaching in the fall with entirely new viewpoints on the war."

INTERNATIONAL--We have received a letter from the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign which reads, in part, "We have received your correspondence and the two excellent posters advertising the March on Washington. We are very impressed with the way you are going about the business of this mobilization. It is certainly a great source of inspiration to us here in England where the Vietnam issue is not so vital and the mass of people are not effected by the war. Nevertheless, there is a considerable movement against the war here, and many demonstrations have taken place for Vietnam... Although the movement is divided on political lines, we all march in the same demonstrations!"
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INTERNATIONAL (cont.)--The letter continues, "The Vietnam Solidarity Campaign is giving total support to the March on Washington, and is working with other organisations for a mass mobilisation here in London on October 22nd. We already have work under way, and I enclose two ads from the "Tribune" which testify to this. (Enclosed ads announce meetings to plan solidarity demonstration.) We are making our appeal here on the fact that this is the first really international day of protest against US aggression in Vietnam. The Vietnam Solidarity Campaign is participating in the European organisation of Vanguard Youth movements which meets again in Frankfurt on September 9th and 10th. One thing on the agenda is October 21 and 22nd. We already know that the Comite Vietnam in France and organisations in Italy and Scandinavia are working for mass mobilisations and we are hoping that at this next meeting October 21st and 22nd will be on the agenda for every European country." According to the August issue of VIETNAM SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN, "The Vietnam Solidarity Campaign discussed the March on Washington at our National Council and at our last London members' and supporters' meeting. Already we have been promised the support of NALSO, the Liberal Students Association, "Rebel", LSE Socialist Society, and a large number of LPYS and YCL groups and local Vietnam Committees." Concrete plans for the London demonstration are being worked out with representatives of these groups. We also heard from Edinburgh, Scotland that a big solidarity demonstration is being planned there.

DETROIT--The Detroit CEWV Newsletter for August reports, "The massive march on Washington called by both the Student and Spring Mobilization Committees to End the war in Vietnam is starting to definitely shape up here on the local scene. Street rallies, mass leafleting, etc. are all geared with the October 21 date in mind!...Billboards to advertise the march are scheduled to go up on Woodward Ave. (21½' x 9½') in Sept. and Oct. They will cost approximately \$300 each." The Detroit CEWV is also sponsoring a referendum campaign to get the Vietnam war on the ballot there. Twenty-two thousand signatures are needed. Anyone in the Detroit area who'd like to help on these two projects should contact the DCEWV at 1101 W. Warren, Detroit; 832-5700.

KAILUA, HAWAII--The Hawaii CEWV has started work on October 21 by ordering Student Mobilization posters. Now we're really national!

HOUSTON--The Houston CEWV reports on the October 21 Mobilization in its August News, saying, in part, "Planners of the Mobilization feel that a more militant confrontation of American policy and action is necessary; the October mobilization will reflect the changing mood of the antiwar movement: general opposition to the war must become specific opposition through resistance and non-cooperation. We will inform our readers of detailed plans as they develop. However, it is important for those persons who might be able to attend the October Mobilization to begin planning now. HCEWV has voted to support whatever action is decided upon by the National Committee; we plan to devise specific means of support in future General Meetings. National Mobilization and Vietnam Summer are thoroughly complimentary. Let us prepare the way for the fall National Mobilization by seeking to enlist the support of as many people as we possibly can through our Vietnam summer actions."

BOSTON--The Boston Student Mobilization Committee is going full steam ahead on October 21. At a recent antiwar film showing the committee sold out the 100 SMC posters it had and phoned in a rush order for 200 more. The Boston SMC publishes an attractive area Mobilizer, and through several summer projects it expects to build strong participation in the October 21 action in Washington.

INTERNATIONAL--A Frankfurt meeting of the executive committee of the International Conference of Vanguard Youth Organizations in July voted to work for solidarity demonstrations against the Vietnam war throughout Europe on October 21. The action was in response to the Student Mobilization Committee's call for international actions on that date. Countries represented at that meeting included BELGIUM, FRANCE, ITALY, ENGLAND, GERMANY, NETHERLANDS, IRELAND, and SPAIN. The organization was formed last March to coordinate anti-Vietnam-war activities among socialist youth organizations in Europe.

NEW POSTER NEW

Note our excitement! The SMC has a new poster ready to be mailed out to your organization. With a picture of a small Afro American boy being "guarded" by a fat white cop holding a gun in each hand, the poster reads "The Fight for Freedom is at Home. Confront the Warmakers, Washington, D.C., October 21, 1967". We think it's one of our best. Like the others, it's a two-color job (blue this time) and can be ordered at 25¢ each prepaid or if payment is made within 10 days after shipment (otherwise they're 30¢ each)--for bulk orders. It's a good way for your committee to get the word out and raise money at the same time (the posters sell--fast!--at 50¢ each). Already over 1000 of the first two posters have been sold, but we're rerunning them so they can still be ordered from us. Our first run of 25,000 calls is just about out, but a rerun will be ready within a day or two, so it, too, can be ordered now. We still have buttons and stickers. SEND YOUR ORDERS (and money, if you can) NOW!!!