STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE

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Dear Friends,

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Many of you attended the May 13-14 student antiwar conference in Chicago, called by the Student Mobilization Committee. The conference was a resounding success in many ways. Despite finals and travel expenses almost 600 students from over 118 campuses and representatives from numerous local CEWV's and youth and campus groups attended.

The spirit of the people at the conference was one of seriousness and real determination to end the war. With few exceptions everyone stayed right to the end of the last session, making it historic in the antiwar movement if only for that!

However, the conference was certainly historic for other reasons. It decided upon a set of summer programs against the war to be organized locally and coordinated through the national office. It broadened and formalized the structure of the Student Mobilization Committee, making it really representative of the student movement and allowing for further expansion. Finally, the body called for a program of antiwar referenda to be held on college campuses across the country in the fall, and passed a recommendation to the Spring Mobilization Committee calling for a fall action in Washington, D.C. The latter was approved at the SMC conference the following weekend, with a tentative date set for October 21.

Enclosed you will find a specific list of the resolutions and proposals passed at the conference, including the structure outline. Most of the proposals are somewhat vague, but the national office is working up proposals for implementation to be presented to the National Steering Committee. ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE SHOULD BE CONSIDERING THESE PROJECTS NOW. Also, if your group or someone in your area is working on a project similar to those we are projecting, please let us know right away.

We will continue to keep you informed of developments on our projects, as well as letting you know about antiwar activities of other groups.

Please let us know what you think about these projects, and any ideas you might have for additional ones. If we are to implement them, and make this summer a successful one for the antiwar movement, we'll need your participation and your help in raising money. We are in a temporary financial crisis right now, and any money you can send (or get a friend to send) will be very much appreciated.

This summer can be crucial to the movement to end the war. It must be a summer of increased and escalated activity, following the mandate of April 15. Let's get to work now!

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