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is the complete unexpurgated text of the brochure on the national action that the national office has produced for everybody.

GOODBYE, COLUMBUS



by Celeste McCullough
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"...If you want to know the taste of a pear you must change the pear by eating it yourself... If you want to know the theory and method of revolution, you must take part in revolution."

— Mao Tse-tung

Columbus, Ohio's racist pig power structure has suffered its first black rebellion. During three days of war against the avaricious white businessmen and the pigs that protect them, white-owned stores were fire-bombed, pigs were sniped off, and thrown out of the black community. Over 1200 National Guardsmen had to be called in to put down the rebellion. Total damage to property in three nights was estimated at \$500,000. Over 400 black people are now in jail on arson, looting, burglary, grand larceny, and curfew violations. And, to top it off, instead of charging the ruling class and its running dogs for crimes against the black colony, the man has leveled the stone-racist

charges that SDS was responsible for the riot, has arrested four SDS people, and is seeking five more—all on charges of "inciting to riot". Bail has been set at \$25,000 per person, and the arraignment has not been scheduled until six weeks from now.

Tensions within the black community have been steadily mounting for some time. Two years ago, pigs cordoned off the entire East Side on the basis of a rumor that "black militants" were about to enter the city to stir up trouble. Last spring, 34 black students

at Ohio State University were arrested following the occupation of the University's administration building, and charged with conspiracy, kidnapping etc.—charges totaling 300 years in all. Two black doctors were severely beaten recently by local pigs, and then convicted of resisting arrest and assaulting the pigs. Several high schools were closed down this year due to black rebellions in the schools. The most notable was West High, where 80 black brothers and sisters were arrested after the school's pig principal refused to allow a ceremony honoring Malcolm X. Forty whites were involved in the demonstration, but were not arrested.

During this period of constant, simmering unrest, the Black Panther Party was formed in Columbus. This let the racist businessmen and their pigs know that the black community was preparing to fight back. In April, the pigs attempted to scare off the Panthers with a cowardly nighttime gunfire attack on the Panther office. Needless to say, it failed, and the Panthers have continued to operate and prepare for attacks to come.

Organizing among the white working class and working class youth began only recently. Some work had been done

around a community house the last couple of years, and this year an SDS chapter functioned at Ohio State.

This summer, a group of 25 people from the Ohio Region summer program moved into three working class neighborhoods throughout the city. People have worked mostly with high school and gang kids, on the beaches, in the streets, bars, and pool halls. Some are working in factories. The aim of the program has been to develop cadre—"16 year old communist guerrillas"—for the building of a city wide revolutionary youth movement. In the last week, several SDS people were arrested for busting up some classes at a local high school, and the project was beginning to get into mass agitational and organizing work around the National Action. Then came the rebellion.

On July 21, a white asshole-sucking sissy businessman in the black community murdered a black man.

Starting around 7 p.m., roving bands of black youth—between 40 and 70 strong—started smashing white-owned storefronts and stopping traffic. Nightfall came, and the numbers of black people increased—groups constantly multiplying and dividing—until several well-disciplined fighting units existed. By 10 p.m. the young black people had successfully run the pigs out of the community. Sniper fire broke loose, and a good friend of the Mayor was offed, trying to play piglet during the rebellion. The situation for pigs and piglets raged out of control, and the Mayor was forced to call in the National Guard. Firemen refused to enter the black community unless "escorted" by 10 pig cars. The cars were not available—and the pigs not willing—so fires continued to burn. More than half a dozen fires were out of control by 11.

At the same time that the National Guard replaced the pigs, black Vietnam veterans "replaced" the roving bands of black youth. The vets made the Guard look as inexperienced as they actually are—snipers would move from building to building, and as soon as the Guard thought they had a sniper spotted, he would appear on the other side of town firebombing a supermarket. These tactics continued throughout the night, and by early morning an estimated \$300,000 damage to white-owned

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ARE YOU INFECTED WITH MALE CHAUVINIST IDEAS?

You may be if you can't solve the following riddle from the Old Mole:

A father and his son were riding in a car. They got into an accident and the father was killed. The son was rushed to the hospital in an ambulance and taken to the operating room. The doctor walked in, looked at the patient, and said, "I can't operate—that's my son."

All facts are true—the father and son in the car are real, not spiritual father and son. The doctor is telling the truth. How can this be? (Answer below.)

(Answer—The doctor was a woman.)

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It will also be printed as part of the mass newspaper that SDS will have ready within a week. Send in orders for the paper, too, and pass them both out wherever you go.

It has been almost a year since the Democratic Convention, when thousands of young people came together in Chicago and tore up pig city for five days. The action was a response to the crisis this system is facing as a result of the war, the demand by black people for liberation, and the ever-growing reality that this system just can't make it.

This fall, people are coming back to Chicago: more powerful, better organized, and more together than we were last August.

SDS is calling for a National Action in Chicago on October 11. We are coming back to Chicago, and we are going to bring those we left behind last year.

Look At It: America, 1969: The war goes on, despite the jive double-talk about troop withdrawals and peace talks. Black people continue to be murdered by agents of the fat cats who run this country, if not in one way, then in another: by the pigs or the courts, by the boss or the welfare department. Working people face higher taxes, inflation, speed-ups, and the sure knowledge—if it hasn't happened already—that their sons maybe shipped off to Vietnam and shipped home in a box. And young people all over the country go to prisons that are called schools, are trained for jobs that don't exist or serve no one's real interest but the boss's, and, to top it all off, get told that Vietnam is the place to defend their "freedom."

a hoax, pulled off by the businessmen who really run this country.

And we showed the whole world that in the face of the oppressive and exploitative rulers—and the military might to back them up—thousands of people are willing to fight back.

SDS IS CALLING THE ACTION THIS YEAR.

But it will be a different action. An action not only against a single war or a "foreign policy," but against the whole imperialist system that made that war a necessity. An action not only for immediate withdrawal of all U.S. occupation troops, but in support of the heroic fight of the Vietnamese people and the National Liberation Front for freedom and independence. An action not only to bring "peace to Vietnam," but beginning to establish another front against imperialism right here in America—to "bring the war home."

We are demanding that all occupational troops get out of Vietnam and every other place they don't belong. This includes the black and brown communities, the workers' picket lines, the high schools, and the streets of Berkeley. No longer will we tolerate "law and order" backed up by soldiers in Vietnam and pigs in the communities and schools; a "law and order" that serves only the interests of those in power and tries to smash the people down whenever they rise up.

We are demanding the release of all political prisoners who have been victimized by the ever-growing attacks on the black liberation struggle and the people in general. Especially the leaders of the black liberation struggle like Huey P. Newton, Ahmed Evans, Fred Hampton, and Martin Sostre.

We are expressing total support for the National Liberation Front and the newly-formed Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam. Throughout the history of the war, the NLF has provided the political and military leadership to the people of South Vietnam. The Provisional Revolutionary Government, recently formed by the NLF and other groups, has pledged to "mobilize the South Vietnamese armed forces and people" in order to continue the struggle for independence. The PRG also has expressed solidarity with "the just struggle of the Afro-American people for their fundamental national rights", and has pledged to "actively support the national independence movements of Asia, Africa, and Latin America."

We are also expressing total support for the black liberation struggle, part of the same struggle that the Vietnamese are fighting, against the same enemy.



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What's new is that today not quite so many people are confused, and a lot more people are angry: angry about the fact that the promises we have heard since first grade are all jive; angry that, when you get down to it, this system is nothing but the total economic and military put-down of the oppressed peoples of the world.

And more: it's a system that steals the goods, the resources, and the labor of poor and working people all over the world in order to fill the pockets and bank accounts of a tiny capitalist class. (Call it imperialism.) It's a system that divides white workers from blacks by offering whites crumbs off the table, and telling them that if they don't stay cool the blacks will move in on their jobs, their homes, and their schools. (Call it white supremacy.) It's a system that divides men from women, forcing women to be subservient to men from childhood, to be slave labor in the home and cheap labor in the factory. (Call it male supremacy.) And it's a system that has colonized whole nations within this country—the nation of black people, the nation of brown people—to enslave, oppress, and ultimately murder the people on whose backs this country was built. (Call it fascism.)

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But the lies are catching up to America—and the slick rich people and their agents in the government bureaucracies, the courts, the schools, and the pig stations just can't cut it anymore.



Black and brown people know it.

Young people know it.

More and more white working people know it.

And you know it.

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LAST YEAR, THERE WERE ONLY ABOUT 10,000 OF US IN CHICAGO

The press made it look like a massacre. All you could see on TV were shots of the horrors and blood of pig brutality. That was the line that the bald-headed businessmen were trying to run down—"If you mess with us, we'll let you have it." But those who were there tell a different story. We were together and our power was felt. It's true that some of us got hurt, but last summer was a victory for the people in a thousand ways.

Our actions showed the Vietnamese that there were masses of young people in this country facing the same enemy that they faced.

We showed that white people would no longer sit by passively while black communities were being invaded by occupation troops every day.

We showed that the "democratic process" of choosing candidates for a presidential election was nothing more than

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We are expressing solidarity with the Conspiracy 8 who led the struggle last summer in Chicago. Our action is planned to roughly coincide with the beginning of their trial.

And we are expressing support for GIs in Vietnam and throughout the world who are being made to fight the battles of the rich, like poor and working people have always been made to do. We support those GIs at Fort Hood, Fort Jackson, and many other army bases who have refused to be cannon fodder in a war against the people of Vietnam.

IT'S ALMOST HARD TO REMEMBER WHEN THE WAR BEGAN

But, after years of peace marches, petitions, and the gradual realization that this war was no "mistake" at all, one critical fact remains: the war is not just happening in Vietnam.

It is happening in the jungles of Guatemala, Bolivia, Thailand, and all oppressed nations throughout the world.

And it is happening here. In black communities throughout the country. On college campuses. And in the high schools, in the shops, and on the streets.

It is a war in which there are only two sides; a war not for domination but for an end to domination, not for destruction, but for liberation and the unchaining of human freedom.

And it is a war in which we cannot "resist"; it is a war in which we must fight.

On October 11, tens of thousands of people will come to Chicago to bring the war home. Join us.

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CHICAGO-OCT. 11

pretext for repression

This is the text of the leaflet passed out by SDS following the Columbus rebellion:

Last night the black community rebelled from the injustices it faces every day from the lying politicians (Sensenbrenner, Rhodes, Nixon), the greedy, thieving businessmen (Wolfe, Lazarus, Rockefeller), and the groveling pigs (the army, the cops, the National Guard). Groups of 40 to 50 kids roamed through the streets on the decaying East Side, busting the shit out of the rich man's things, liberating goods for the people, and throwing rocks and bottles at the pigs. Then that sniveling coward Rhodes called in 1250 National Guards,

There is another rebellion going on now in York, Pennsylvania. There have been rebellions in Watts, Hough, Youngstown, etc. In fact every major city in the U.S. has had a major black rebellion in the past five years. And the Vietnamese have been rebelling against the U.S. big-business thugs for 20 years, and they're winning.

All these rebellions, including the one in Columbus, are part of a world-wide revolution against big businessmen and the government (U.S.) they own. The people of the world are courageously and successfully fighting against these rich men who make money off the work of the people of the world. The Guatemalans, Vietnamese, South Africans, Blacks, and Browns of America and anyone who hasn't got THE MONEY GETS SCREWED. And that means white people who have to work, too. But white people don't get dumped on as bad as the black, brown, red, and yellow people of the world.

In fact, white workers get crumbs from the rich that were stolen by the Rockefellers from the black, brown, red, and yellow people of the whole world. These rich chicken-shits give the whites the crumbs so that white

people will fight against other races, rather than against the true enemy, the stiff-shirted, full-bellied, rich thieves.

What the Vietnamese have shown us is that by getting together, and fighting together, we can smash the rich bastards. That's what blacks and browns are screaming at us, when they "riot". They are going to free themselves from the Man's rule by any means necessary.

We, as whites, have learned from our brothers and sisters around the world. We must get together and fight in support of the Vietnamese, blacks, and browns. And we must aid them and others who are rebelling, in any way we can.

The blacks of Columbus have brought the war home. That's the war against the U.S. rich cowards and their trained puppets—the government and the courts, and their armed bullies—the pig cops and pig guardsmen.

In other words, the thing the Sensenbrenners (shaking in their shoes) call a "riot" is actually a PEOPLE'S WAR OF LIBERATION, and that's our liberation, too.

The black rebellion ("riot") has forced us white people to take sides. We either fight for our liberation by fighting in support of blacks, browns, and all other revolutionary peoples of the world, or we praise the rape, robbery, and murder of the people of the world by the rich who are too chicken to fight for themselves. These cowardly criminals poison our minds and hold carrots above our noses so that we will fight for them instead of for ourselves and our brothers and sisters.

The time to act is now! Which side are you on?

LONG LIVE THE VICTORY OF THE PEOPLE'S WAR!!

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property had taken place. 99% of all firebombings and lootings were carried out against racist, avaricious businessmen. White-owned stores and businesses were well-known, and were marked out before the night that most of them were hit.

Tuesday, during the day the black community was cool, but everyone knew that things would jump off again that night. Right on. About 11 black youths filled Franklin Park, chanting, singing, lighting fires, and establishing a "liberated zone". Pigs moved in from all directions, but people managed to escape the park. However, the pigs were also everywhere in the streets, hotels, and bars. Almost anywhere that people ran turned into a pig trap. About 100 young kids were arrested for curfew violations, bail set at \$1,000 each. Later that night the charges were changed on at least 30 people to arson, grand larceny, looting, and rioting. Fires were set throughout the night, but the struggle began to die down.

Wednesday night, black people decided that since the pigs were in the community, they would go to other sections of the city. Firebombs were reported almost everywhere in the city except the black community. Heavy damage was done.

Also on Wednesday night, the shit started hitting SDS. Earlier in the day, people were out leafletting in working class neighborhoods about the rebellion. (They were leafletting on foot, since holes had been drilled in the radiators of all the SDS cars in town the morning before.) That night, pigs raided one of the houses on a warrant for "illegal possession of guns". Three SDS people were arrested at that time as "suspicious persons". Once in jail, the charge was changed to "inciting to riot". One other person was picked up, and five more are being sought on the same charge. (All nine had been leafletting Wednesday afternoon.) Seven

others have been arrested as "suspicious persons" as well. (That's right. Columbus may be the last place left—or the first place yet—to have a law against being "suspicious".)

In addition to the arrests, the pig Mayor, the pig chief of pigs, and the pig adjutant general of the Guard all made statements accusing SDS of being responsible for the riot. "Outside agitators peddling communist propaganda." People have been flooded with anti-SDS shit from the pig press. The radios carry the names of the five SDS people they're still looking for every hour. And the Mayor has stated that, since we are "known revolutionaries", he will personally try to press charges against all of us for sedition and treason.

Our response has been to say "roll the repression on." One of the most important things we have learned from the black liberation struggle—and from this rebellion—is that the only way to fight repression is to smash the system

that creates it. And, in this particular situation, the pigs have shown their blatant racism by alleging that a bunch of white kids—and not the fascist power structure of Columbus—are responsible for the anger, frustration, and rebellion of the black community. Working class kids that we've spoken to since have generally dug this; they're hip to the fact that black people don't need whites to show them how to fight. And they're scared, by the heavy repression against us and our insistence on staying around to continue the struggle. One guy said, "It's kind of scary, but for sure you're serious."

We're trying to get the bail lowered for the folks who are in jail, and we're gonna open up a storefront soon. The pig press has given us a lot of publicity. And the black community—with its militancy and commitment to struggle—has given us still another kick in the ass. Back to work.

Long Live the Victory of People's War!!

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