



BRING ALL THE GIs HOME NOW!

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Millions of Americans joined in immediate, angry mass-action response to the U.S. invasion of Cambodia and the escalation of the war in Vietnam in early May. They took to the streets demanding: Bring all the troops home now! Students in hundreds of universities and colleges around the nation staged the largest student strike in the nation's history, using the facilities of the university to spread the antiwar movement beyond the universities -- to the black community, the labor movement, and the GIs -- the people in this society who can end the war if they bring bear their full power in the streets.

Despite Nixon's declarations that the "Cambodian Operation" was a "success" and his withdrawal of troops from Cambodia it is clear that the war is far from over and remains the central issue in the 1970 elections. More troops have been sent to fight in Vietnam than to Korea. Over 45,000 Americans have been wounded, and at least 750,000 Vietnamese have been killed. The U.S. Government has dropped more bombs in Southeast Asia than it did in the entire Second World War. And still Nixon escalates the war into Cambodia and Laos.

Why? Why does a government which claims to represent the people of this country, and to fight in the interests of the people of Southeast Asia, continue a war which both peoples have overwhelmingly rejected? Why does the U.S. Government continue to appropriate 2.5 billion dollars per month for the war in the face of soaring inflation, decrepit houses and hospitals, inadequate mass transportation, insufficient schools, pollution of the environment, and in some sections of the country, large-scale hunger and malnutrition?

Nixon and the leaders of both the Democratic and Republican parties, including Sen. Hugh Scott, are forging ahead with the war. They refuse to give in to the principle that the Vietnamese people have the right to decide what happens to Vietnam, or that the American people have the right to determine whether our lives should be squandered in the Vietnam War. The pro-war politicians in both parties listen not to the voices of the American or Vietnamese people, but

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to the voices of the tiny handful in this country who control the money and resources in the U.S. and in much of the world -- the American capitalists -- and who stand to lose power and wealth if people overseas or in the U.S. win the right to run their lives according to what benefits the majority rather than what enriches the minority.

Of course, in the face of the massive outpouring of opposition to the war in this election year many Democrats and Republicans running for office are now speaking out against the war in Vietnam. While many Democrats and Republicans are jumping on the peace-talk bandwagon, all of the capitalist parties' "peace" candidates are campaigning to get us to give up our most powerful means of ending the war: they are telling us to abandon the mass-action-in-the-streets antiwar movement which has brought about the majority opposition to the war, to campaign for them, to petition Congress ---anything but build the massive actions which can bring the the American people into motion as a power which can end the war. Those few Democratic politicians who support specific antiwar demonstrations are, by campaigning for that party, helping to build one of the backbones of the war -- the system which created it.

The antiwar movement has been urged onto this path before. In 1968 Senator Eugene McCarthy's expressed intention was to get the antiwar movement "off the streets." Most antiwar activists followed him with the result that no broad antiwar movement existed when Nixon took office. This enabled Nixon to continue Johnson's war policies virtually unchecked and at the cost of thousands of Vietnamese and American lives.

This year we must stay in the streets. We must continue to close down our schools as war machines and open them up as antiwar organizing centers. As the Socialist Workers Party candidate for U.S. Senator I join with the other SWP candidates in calling upon all Pennsylvanians and all Americans to organize the anger and frustration over the war into powerful antiwar demonstrations this fall, into massive actions involving all sections of the population, demanding that all the GIs be brought home from Southeast Asia now.

As one of the 1400 participants in the Cleveland Emergency Conference Against the Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia War I urge everyone to begin immediately building the

demonstrations called by that conference: Hiroshima-Nagasaki Week August 6-9; the Chicano Moratorium August 26; and massive demonstrations on October 31 in most major cities in the country.

The Summer-Fall Antiwar Offensive gives the antiwar movement the opportunity to draw into motion members of the labor movement who have shown and unprecedented willingness to participate in these demonstrations. As well these demonstrations enable us to point out the intimate relationship between the war and the oppression of Third World people in this country.

At the same time that the SWP candidates are the only ones to endorse the Fall antiwar actions our campaign offers the only opposition and alternative to the social system which is responsible for the war. We are fighting for socialism, a system in which the majority control the economy, the political apparatus, the decisions about what happens to their lives. This year we are confronting the Democratic and Republican politicians on their war policy and on their support to a system which cannot meet the needs and desires of the American people. JOIN US!

Our Demands:

- °BRING ALL THE GIs HOME NOW!
- °SELF-DETERMINATION FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA!
- °FREE SPEECH FOR GIs!
- °ABOLISH THE DRAFT!
- °100% TAX ON WAR PROFITS!
- °A NATIONAL REFERENDUM ON THE WAR!
- °SHUT DOWN THE UNIVERSITY WAR MACHINE
- OPEN UP THE ANTIWAR UNIVERSITY!

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