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Due to the spontaneous concern of students, faculty, college administrators and workers alike, the Strike is now nationwide. In the past week, Strikers have made constructive attempts to recognize and understand what they personally can do to end the war.

"Effective" is the key word. Although many "liberal" factions sponsored such activities as Impeach Nixon/Agnew campaigns, legislative initiatives and letter writing programs, more and more strikers were willing to believe these activities in themselves have never produced any reaction from the ruling class, and more direct action must be taken.

As the strikers saw the situation, the only way the average person can take a constructive step toward social change is by withdrawing his body/energy from the system and mobilizing others to do the same.

On Saturday, May 9, five days after the Kent state massacre, a national conference of students met at San Jose State College to discuss ways, means and intentions.

Originally, it had been Nixon's alma mater, Whittier College, that called the conference, but because of lack of organization and leadership, Whittier had asked San Jose to host the convocation, and to become the central point of communications for the strike.

Approximately 2000 student delegates from nearly 50 schools nationwide attended the National Student Conference.

There, most of the delegates approved a 4-point position state-

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ment called the California Student Offensives, which is as follows:

1) All schools must "close for business as usual" and re-direct their resources for the peace offensive.

2) All connections between the academic community and military operations be severed — i.e., R.O.T.C., war-related research, and military recruiting on campus.

3) The draft must be resisted, and women must enter into complicity with men in resisting.

4) Amnesty must be granted for political reasons, or peace-oriented activities. In other words, students who are striking must receive credit for the classes in which they are enrolled while they are engaged in peace work.

Many campuses added provisions of their own to this plan, as was appropriate to individual campuses. In general, UC Berkeley was designated responsible for communications between strike centers west of the Mississippi, and most schools which were represented at the Conference established 24-hour strike centers on their own campuses.

STRIKE ACTIVITIES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

On Saturday, May 9, an estimated 10,000 people met in Exposition Park for what turned out to be a peaceful, rhetorical rally. Possibly because of the proximity of the park to USC and the black community, a homogeneous group of Blacks, Asians, Chicanos, students, elderly people, middle class people and students was present.

USC

Law students have been on strike for over a week and have organized telegram, letter, and petition campaigns. Tuesday students plan a march to deliver the letters. Last week about 300 students went into the community to discuss the situation with middle-aged people.

UCLA

Student strikers occupied the Student Union last week and, at last report, are still in possession of the building. The Administration is taking a passive view of the occupied building, which has slogans and words written all over the walls. Many students feel the Administration is not acting because the strike is not an active one as yet, there has been no action on campus. Off campus, students are going into the community and are trying to explain to people why they are striking.

Cal State L.A.

About 50 students sat down off the San Bernardino Freeway blocking traffic. A rally the next day was interrupted by a very large guy who grabbed the microphone and exhorted the students to "Go take the building." When the microphone was retrieved the speaker disavowed him. A Cal State reporter asked the young man his name, address, and student affiliation and he refused to answer any questions. Further investigation revealed that no one in any of the campus political organizations had ever seen him before. In fact, no one at the rally had ever seen him before. Before leaving he tried unsuccessfully to start a fight. Some students felt he was an agent provocateur.

Los Angeles City College

Students and faculty say they will strike until the U.S. pulls out of S.E. Asia.

UCSB

Students, 500 strong, marched on Highway 101 and backed up traffic many miles. A few days later the action was taken again and traffic was backed up almost 20 miles. Through non-violent means they closed down 5 war factories.

Beverly Hills High School

A mass rally was called last Thursday at lunch and over 50% of the student body attended. One speaker burned his draft card. A day long teach-in is being planned and about half the student body has signed a petition supporting the teach-in. (Please turn to Page 7)

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Loyola University

Students went on strike Tuesday and proceeded to march through Westchester. They returned to campus and proceeded to occupy the Development Office, which houses the school's computers. They say they will not leave until their demands are met.

Pitzer College, Claremont

Along with some of the other colleges in the Claremont complex, Pitzer is involved in a Center for Participatory Social Change and a plan to secede from the Union.

Pacific Oaks College and Children's School, Pasadena

This is a private college specializing in the education of young children through Summerhill-type methods. A mass meeting of faculty and students is planned for May 15 to discuss closing the school as a protest against the war.

Redlands, San Bernadino County

Located in what one student described as an "ultra-fascist area" Redlands has been attempting new draft-board tie-up methods which are being adopted by many other schools.

Some sample tricks: Groups of 20 to 30 people go in with lists of technical, abusive or nonsensical questions and keep the secretaries tied up all day. Or, a large group can invade the draft board offices, smoking evil-smelling cigars.

"Secretaries tend to leave" commented one student. Some secretaries have agreed to quit the draft board after Redlands students found them alternative jobs.

Some Redlands students have cut their hair and are going out into the community to talk to the workers and try to show them what students are thinking.

"We find we are having success in communication with these people when we just ask the right questions at the right times, rather than coming in with an attitude of, 'I have the answer and I'm right!'" stated one Striker.

UC Irvine

Teach-ins, marches, rallies, and an emphasis on Alternative Involvement in the community. In conjunction with radical GIs, students from UCI, Orange Coast College and UC Fullerton marched

on the LTA Marine base in Santa Ana Sunday, May 9; and on the National Guard Armory in Costa Mesa Wednesday May 6. Various committees are making plans to establish a computer network so that various campuses can supply and receive complete strike information from a central computer. There are also ideas for a teletype system linked with campus radio stations.

San Bernadino State College

Teach-in, faculty-student convocations, community meetings, letter-writing campaigns.

Cal State Dominguez Hills, Carson

At last report, students have marched on the local Bank of Amerika every day since Wednesday, May 6. Although 80% of Carson's police force (4 cars) has been on the scene, only one incident was reported; on the first day of the marches one little old lady became enraged and began to beat a rather large Striker with her purse.

Also on Wednesday, 300 students cashed checks in the amount of one cent each, thereby tying up the bank. Most of these checks had holes punched in them, so the bank's computer rejected them, thus costing B of A war money.

Santa Monica City College Strikers at "Smack" put the emphasis on keeping the school open so that the facilities can be used to educate the community. On May 6, 600 people marched down Pico Blvd to the City Hall and demanded an audience with the Mayor. After a few minutes discussion, this official agreed to send a telegram to Nixon, but SMCC students feel he copped out by wording the telegram "I am sending this in behalf of the students of Santa Monica City College who feel the war in Cambodia/Vietnam is wrong."

Cal State Fullerton

On the night of Wednesday, May 6, students occupied the Music Building, and it has been used as a strike center ever since. Campus activity has been centered in all kinds of guerrilla theater. For instance, long-haired students dressed in police and national guard uniforms have staged phony confrontations with other strikers all over campus. A mock fight was staged on a seventh floor balcony, and onlookers below screamed as a realistic looking dummy was thrown over the side. An estimated 50% of the student body are striking with no resistance from police or administration.

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UCSD

A number of sit-ins have taken place blocking the main entrance to a building where students feel war research is going on. On Sunday, George Winne, a senior, covered himself with gasoline and became a human torch. He held a sign which read, "In the name of God, STOP this War." He died Monday. 5,000 people marched in conjunction with MDM on Saturday, May 9.

UC Riverside

With the emphasis on non-violence, an ideological dispute has arisen between what one student called "petition-signing" and "Yippie-type" students. Wednesday, May 6, and Saturday, May 3, workers and students marched on the City Council. At a massive rally (2000 people) Saturday, Chancellor Ovan Hindraker expressed his personal admiration for the students' peace program.

SF Valley State

Friday afternoon, May 8, students occupied the lower floor of the Administration Building, but allowed President Cleery to run them out after 15 minutes. Students demanded "Pigs off campus."

STRIKE ACTIVITIES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Stanford

Work Stoppage and Strike Committees set up. Students have shut down the Electronics Research (war-related) Lab.

San Francisco State

President S.I. Hayakawa won't give striking students credit for peace work, unlike most other college presidents and chancellors in the state.

There is much disagreement over whether or not the strike at SF State is functional, and a lot of factional disputes exist. However, most academic departments have declared themselves individually on strike, and classes still in session are interrupted by strikers who come in and ask the instructor to let them address the class and tell why they're on strike. Since there have been few police on campus, rallies have been peaceful.

Sonoma State

Although an active strike is in effect, college facilities are being kept open for use by the community. Faculty-student convocations, leafleting and meetings. A few skirmishes between strikers and right-wingers were reported.

Foothill College

Non-violence is being stressed. The strike symbol of the fist grasping the peace symbol originated at Foothill, and has now been accepted as the national strike symbol. Foothill is trying

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to stay open, and align with high school and community groups.

UC Berkeley

Cal is involved in what one striker described as a "re-focusing and educational re-direction of strike energy." Unlike most other campuses, UCB students feel that they have control over the strike situation at their school, and they are staging a "Congress of Wonders" and guerrilla theatre so that new political conclusions can be drawn.

The school is pretty well shut down for the quarter, and police on campus are being ignored, a Strike Headquarters spokesman reported.

Mills College, Oakland

Mills, a private college for women, is not officially on strike, but both faculty and students are participating in a program of community involvement, workshops, meetings and lectures. Classes have been temporarily discontinued.

Chabot Jr. College, Hayward Community involvement, meetings, rallies, marches on City Hall.

California College of Arts and Crafts

Now serves as a full time graphics factory for community organization.

San Francisco Medical School

Students, faculty and administration marched from the medical school down through the Haight-Ashbury District to City Hall to protest the war. There are twenty medical-side teams at the school which monitor all demonstrations, providing first aid.

STRIKE ACTIVITIES OUT OF STATE

Antioch College

Students have been on strike for over one week now. The college, in acquiescing to one demand, terminated a war research contract. Another demand centers around the university donating money to the Black Panther Party Defense Fund. The cafeteria is being run voluntarily by students because the cafeteria workers are on strike.

University of Washington

Students, striking for 4 days, went on a rampage thru campus breaking windows and trashing corridors. According to participants, a mild form of nerve gas was used by police.

University of Texas

10,000 people demonstrated at the largest anti-war rally ever held in Texas. Although there was no violence, Governor Preston Smith said he would "use whatever force is necessary to put down violence."

University of Colorado

An old building was burned to the ground following days of demonstration and rallies. Police suspect arson.

Pace College organized a march down Wall Street and they were attacked by club wielding construction workers. The workers scattered the march and then attacked Pace College itself. A New York City Official said, "Police stood by and watched while the workers attacked the students." Following the attack, the construction workers sang "God Bless America."

University of Illinois

Saturday night over 100 were arrested following a confrontation between students and police. Charges ranged from mob action to disorderly conduct.

University of New Mexico

Last Friday night at the University of New Mexico, National Guardsmen bayoneted 11 people while State Police arrested over 100.

Last Wednesday Governor David Cargo closed the school and students began a two day occupation of the student union. At 6 p.m. on Friday State Police surrounded the building and announced that everyone must leave. Over 100 students filed out of the student union and were promptly arrested, non offering any resistance. Then according to Neil Koffman, KUMN newsman, the Guard moved in and began bayonetting people.

According to a number of eye-witness accounts, Guardsmen bayoneted 11 people. Bill Tucker, KOB-TV news director, reports that Bill Norlander, KOB-TV cameraman at the scene, said he was stabbed by bayonets three times after identifying himself as a member of the press. The doctor attending Norlander said the bayonet came within 1/4 of an inch of ending his life. Bill Tucker said, "His white shirt is now completely blood red." A National Guard spokesman said Norlander had been accidentally scratched and was treated with two band-aids.

Ten students also received wounds. Dr. Leonardo Garcia Bonwell, a Professor at the University and physician at the First Aid Clinic the students set up, were caused by bayonets.

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A student delegation says they have photographs showing Guardsmen bayonetting students and have almost finished a documentary film showing the same. They say they have 35 eyewitnesses.

But according to Captain Tommy Tays, spokesman for the National Guard, there were no stabings. He says that two students were possibly nicked by bayonets. Chief Warrant Officer E.G. Gonzales said, "The wounds were not inflicted by our troops."

According to Student Body President Eric Nelson, a Free University will be set up to study America today. Specifically war, racism, imperialism and how to change these institutions. The Free University will function while students strike the University of New Mexico.

University of Kentucky

National Guardsmen had to be called out to crush rampaging students. It was the first time anyone could remember the Guard being called out for Student disorders.

University of Wisconsin

National Guardsmen were called onto campus to combat students throwing rocks and lighting a few fires. A great deal of tear gas was used to quell student rebellion following President Nixon's Press Conference. Many students felt the press conference was bullshit!

Killeen, Texas

Actress Jane Fonda was arrested after she refused to move or stop leafletting at the gates of Ft. Hood Army Base.

University of South Carolina
Five hundred students marched on the state capital Sunday to protest the invasion of Cambodia.

Columbia University

A large number of groups representing different striking factions of the student and faculty community are active on campus. Columbia Strike Co-ordinating Committee is maintaining a strike headquarters and information center.

Two professors, Dr. James E. Darnell and Dr. Cyrus Leventhal, Chairman, Biology Department, have founded the Academic Lobby for Responsible Congress. These two men are planning to go to Washington D.C. to lobby for passage of the McGovern-Hatfield Bill.

Other groups included the Third World Coalition, and workers' groups.