

STOP THE DRAFT

OCT. 17 STOP THE DRAFT WEEK COMMITTEE

OUR PURPOSE -- This anti-draft action will inform high school students, college students, and young working men that an anti-draft, anti-war movement exists which can help them. Our aim is to give men the knowledge and the backing with which to combat the draft. We hope that through a public action against the draft young people will band together permanently in draft unions to support each other when they say HELL NO -- WE WON'T GO!

Demonstrations planned by Stop the Draft Week Committee and aimed at closing the Oakland Induction Center will begin on Tuesday, Oct. 17th, preceded by a rally Monday night at 7:30, Provo Park, Berkeley. Speakers will include George Ware, SNCC Field Secretary who recently travelled to Cuba with Stokely Carmichael; Don Duncan, former Green Beret now with Ramparts; John Gerassi, Professor at San Francisco State; and local anti-draft organizers. From the rally demonstrators will go to churches in Oakland (Fruitvale United Church of Christ, Fruitvale & E. 16th, St. Phillips Lutheran, 42nd and Grove, St. Augustine Episcopal, 2624 West Street) or to Pauley Ballroom on the Cal Campus where they will spend the time and meet their monitors. Early Tuesday morning, some 300 people will picket the Induction Center. They will sit down when the doors are opened. Participants in this action should expect arrest. Shortly thereafter, the bulk of the demonstrators should arrive from the overnight grouping areas. They will attempt to stop both paddy wagons and buses loaded with inductees from outlying areas. Simultaneous with the second action, people who do not wish to risk arrest can participate in a support demonstration in front of the City Hall, one block away. We will attempt to keep the Induction Center closed for as long as possible. Similar actions will occur for the remainder of the week, simultaneous with actions in other cities.

PREPARATION FOR PARTICIPANTS -- We hope that one of the accomplishments of STOP THE DRAFT WEEK will be the development of a new kind of demonstration. Instead of a fixed plan of action, we have attempted to describe a set of alternatives which will provide the flexibility necessary to achieve our goal -- closing down the Induction Center -- with a minimum number of arrests and police violence.

APPROACH -- The staging areas are at 17th and Castro and 11th and Jefferson. They assemble and send monitored groups to the Induction Center area. The groups coming from Pauley or the churches will be directed from here as to the best route of approach.

Before 6 a. m. transportation will be provided from Pauley, after 6 a. m., people should come to the staging areas to join monitor groups. Those who would join the initial sit-in group should go to the United Church of Christ at Fruitvale and E. 16th after the Monday night rally or by 4 a. m. Those joining the support demonstration should come directly to the front of City Hall, San Pablo and 15th, after 5:30 a. m.

If the police should try to break up groups on the way to the Induction Center, we will try to avoid them by changing the line of march or breaking into small groups. The purpose at this point is to get as close to the Induction Center as possible. If groups are completely dispersed we will try to make it to the Center individually.

DEMONSTRATION -- The demonstration will be divided into nine monitor groups to insure flexibility. If the Center is blocked off these groups will be prepared to stop the buses of inductees from any approach. We will block the buses and the doors of the Center by sitting down or locking arms.

Our attitude toward the inductees is: we are on their side, we are friendly, but we will stop them from getting in.

If the police disperse us here or at any point we will regroup at the staging areas and come back.

SELF-DEFENSE -- There will be no aggressive violence against the cops but people have a right to defend themselves from attack.

ARRESTS -- It may be possible to free individuals from the grasp of the cops and absorb them into the crowd. People may sit around the paddy wagons.

BAIL -- Bail will be raised while people are in jail. Each person should make arrangements for his own bail if possible.

MEETING -- Campus, Wednesday night, Oct. 11, 145 Dwinelle, 7:30.

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Campus Stop the Draft Week