

In its earliest literature, Grass Roots asserted its opposition to industrial development--at least in the mid-peninsula. Since we live in a society where income distribution depends upon continued industrial development, we must modify this position.

The root of the problem lies, of course, within the nature of the profit-making system. We cannot fully expect to meet the problems caused by industrial development--or the lack thereof--until that system is overthrown. We can, however, put forward a transitional program of criteria for industrial development in this area.

This program should not be advanced as a final solution. And we should remember, that although industrial development is necessary for employment, that increasing unemployment at this time is primarily a reflection of the economic policies of the government and financial elite.

PROPOSAL

1. GRASS ROOTS SHALL OPPOSE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WHICH IS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF ENOUGH HOUSING TO ABSORB THE NEW EMPLOYEES BROUGHT INTO THE AREA.
2. GRASS ROOTS SHALL OPPOSE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WHICH THREATENS TO DAMAGE THE ECOLOGY OF THE AREA--HUMAN OR NATURAL.
3. GRASS ROOTS SHALL OPPOSE THE DEVELOPMENT OF FURTHER WAR INDUSTRY.
4. GRASS ROOTS SHALL OPPOSE DEVELOPMENT WHICH PRIMARILY CREATES JOBS FOR TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL WORKERS. UNEMPLOYMENT EXISTS OR THREATENS CHIEFLY IN PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION, AND SALES AND SERVICE INDUSTRIES.

This is not put forward as a mechanical formula. It is intentionally vague. It can serve, however, as a set of guidelines to be implemented through broad community participation.

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