

## SUPPORT THE MORATORIUM

The long, disastrous war in Vietnam has exposed as never before the workings of the U. S. government and the economic interests behind it. Our government has been opposing the Vietnamese people's fight for independence since World War II -- first by extensive military aid to the French, then by establishing various puppet regimes, and finally by sending 500,000 troops from the U. S. and our SEATO allies.

Many students and working people have come to realize that U. S. involvement in Vietnam is not due to misunderstanding or miscalculation, but rather is one of many U. S. attempts to protect the right of American corporations to invest and make profits in countries all over the world. If U. S. -backed regimes are willing to sell-out their own people, then economic exploitation can occur without bloodshed. But if the peoples of "underdeveloped" nations fight back to control their own economic resources, then troops are sent in to protect U. S. "free enterprise". This has been the story of U. S. intervention in Korea, Guatemala, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, as well as Vietnam.

The U. S. government has been fighting in Vietnam not because direct investment there now is so high, but because the potential for investment and profit-making in South Vietnam and the rest of Southeast Asia is tremendous, and extremely important for the continued existence of American corporations. The profits from this kind of economic expansion into foreign markets on a massive scale do not benefit the American workers but rather benefit only a small group of men who control the large corporations. Inflation and unemployment rise as corporations move plants overseas to take advantage of cheaper labor and higher rates of profit. Increase in unemployment also serves to set black and white workers against each other, as a result of competition for fewer and fewer jobs, thus dividing and suppressing the labor movement.

But the most tragic loss of all to American working people has been their sons, brothers and husbands who have died in Vietnam.

The only way to stop this war is to do something about it.

The majority of American people have been against the war now for years, but our appeals to the "morality and humanity" of the corporation-run government have failed. We are left with one option: a threat to their profits. By collectively building a moratorium on production itself--first one, then two, then more days each month-- we can exert the critical pressure needed to end the war.

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