

# THE LONG COUNT

WELCOME, fight fans, to the Brown-Tunney fight.

Though tonight's peace candidates (at least Cong. Brown) may be sincerely interested in halting U. S. imperialism in Southeast Asia, we should recognize that to campaign for either of them is not the most effective way to end the War. Political power in America is a function of wealth (as long as it proceeds through "established channels.") If by chance we can elect Senators unresponsive to the wishes of the dominant factions of the American ruling class, we can rest assured that as Senators they will have little power or influence.

The alternative is to work to build a popular movement which can engage in educational work, strikes, and direct action on all levels. Congress and the elite that it usually serves fear such a movement. When the National Strike and demonstrations erupted this Spring, the elite was quick to focus media coverage onto Congress and upcoming election campaigns.

Despite the fact that the elite's (Congress too) concern grows out of the militancy of our actions, they deny our effectiveness. The American elite fears a popular "extra-parliamentary opposition" because it threatens their power as a class. Even if they end the War in Southeast Asia, they must still face a movement against the American system—racism, poverty, pollution, militarism, and imperialism.

To end the War in Southeast Asia we must challenge American expansion throughout the World—even when it's cheap and effective. And we must oppose all forms of human oppression—during and after the War. And we must develop a movement which can directly challenge the fantastic concentration of wealth and power of the American elite.

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