

Call For October 15 Anti-War Moratorium

The following editorial, entitled "Into the Breach," is reprinted from the September 20 issue of The New Republic. The Campus strongly supports the Vietnam Moratorium Committee's plans for a national student-faculty boycott of classes on October 15. We believe The New Republic has presented a strong case for the Moratorium and the need for renewed opposition to the war by the academic community. Printed elsewhere in this issue is the Moratorium Committee's official statement and other information pertaining to the Moratorium and the local organizing efforts of the newly formed Middlebury student Coalition.

Richard Nixon has had eight months in which to pry us loose from the trap in Vietnam and has not done it. He has promised withdrawals and ordered some, but over a half million US troops remain. He has said that "the greatest honor history can bestow is the title of 'peacemaker,' but he marches to the drums of the generals in Saigon and on his Asian trip described Vietnam as America's 'finest hour.'" The only force that can assuredly move him to get us out is public opinion, fed up finally with the killing of 39,000 Americans and the wounding of a quarter million more. It is the mobilization of that political power that now has the highest priority, and it is the college and university communities that can help do it. They mean to.

"Ending the war in Vietnam is the most important task facing the American people." So begins the call for an October 15 Moratorium signed by 500 student leaders, student body presidents and college editors at over 200 colleges, in which they ask for a cessation of "business as usual" on the campuses that day. In past decades, American students have, by and large, stood aside from politics. A lively student movement emerged out of the depression in the thirties, but it was short-lived and insofar as it was a peace movement, it was caught between its pacifist origins, the intrigue of the Communist Party, and the anti-Fascist exigencies of the time. It had little faculty support and was lost in the vortex of

World War II. Efforts to revive it in the immediate post-war period fell victim to McCarthyism and the blandishments of an affluent society. It was the war in Vietnam more than anything else which fired the resurgence of student activism. For Vietnam has never been an extra-curricular question — not only because it is the young who fight wars. Even if graduate student deferments had not been disallowed, the American university could not remain apathetic; just because millions of students are preoccupied with the question of how not to serve in the military, but because this war is offensive to their deepest moral and intellectual standards.

Students have given a sound lesson in political courage and social responsibility to their teachers. And the teachers have responded. Strong forces have emerged in recent months within the teaching profession, capable of commanding the attention of their colleagues and of persuading them that the war and all the constructive work at home which it blocks is of vital concern. This awakening was much in evidence this summer in meetings of mathematicians, psychologists, political scientists, sociologists, microbiologists and at the conventions of the Modern Language Association and the American Physical Society. As with the student protesters of the preceding academic year, the dissenting academy this summer was addressing itself to urban decay, racism, the electoral process, pollution, violence, the militarization of our society. But underlying all else was a revulsion against the war. The October 15 Moratorium will provide the first major test of an emerging student-faculty consensus.

The Moratorium has the support of the National Student Association, and as of last week plans were being laid on 400 campuses for college convocations to discuss the war and related issues. In most places the student will also be messengers to adjacent communities, moving into shopping centers, bowling alleys, factories, and homes, endorsing U.S. withdrawal.

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Addison OEO Community Action Group Aids Poor

By KARIN ABARBANEL

"Whether one is young, middle-aged or old, working steadily or rarely, to be poor is to suffer from chronic financial indebtedness, insufficient medical attention, and finally, a lack of a reasonable hope for the future."

It is common knowledge at Middlebury that we are "isolated;" the distance from the College to any urban area is prohibitive for many, and often, even the distance we are required to go to get a pack of cigarettes at Sam's or Scotch tape at Ben Franklin is a source of annoyance.

But the isolation of the poor in Middlebury and throughout Addison County is of a much more profound and intangible nature. It is measurable very often in terms of the possibility of employment and the proba-

bility of no plumbing.

At this time, there are 350 low-income families living in Addison County. For these families, many of whom live in isolated, completely rural areas "the picture is one of social, educational and occupational indifference to their needs."

Several years ago, an Office of Economic Opportunity was established in Addison County to aid its poor in their attempts to find employment, and to provide adequately for their own needs, and four years ago The Addison County Community Action Group was formed to assist the staff of the local OEO.

The volunteers who organized the ACCAG felt that the OEO could function more effectively if it were advised by a group of people living in Addison County and intimately acquainted

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Middlebury Student Coalition Forms

The remaining members of last year's Mobilization for Peace have joined with several other students to form the Coalition, a new loosely-organized group concerned with educational reform and political action at Middlebury.

Announced last night, the Coalition's first project is the institution of a Moratorium here on October 15 in conjunction with the nationwide Moratorium to be held on hundreds of college and university campuses to protest the war in Vietnam.

The protest is being sponsored nationally by the Vietnam Moratorium Committee, a group composed of former student organizers in the McCarthy for President campaign. With endorsements from over 500 campus editors and student body presidents, the Moratorium Committee is asking that students and faculty members boycott classes on Oct. 15 and spend the day discussing the war and related issues.

Cancel Classes

The Coalition is seeking the official cancellation of all classes as a protest against the war and a demonstration of the Middlebury community's desire for peace.

The group is calling for a college-wide convocation or teaching at which students, faculty, and invited speakers would discuss the war and the role of the university in opposing it. A spe-

cial chapel service honoring American and Vietnamese war dead has also been proposed.

Petitions supporting the Moratorium will be circulated among students and faculty members next week. The Student Senate and the next general meeting of the Faculty will be asked to approve resolutions calling for the cancellation of classes on Oct. 15.

The Coalition also plans to

press for major changes in the governing structure of the College, including the creation of a community government, composed of student, faculty and administration representatives, to replace the Trustees and the administration as the major policy-making body of the College.

Coalition members discussed last night ways of opening up

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Faculty meetings, student-faculty committee meetings, and meetings of the Board of Trustees, all of which are currently closed.

The Coalition supports last spring's Student Senate resolution calling for the creation of student and faculty Trusteeships and the representation of students and faculty members on all Trustee committees.

An investigation of the activities of the unofficial College "budget committee" (composed of two Deans, the President, and the College Treasurer) is also planned. According to Coalition members, this should lead to a broad re-examination of how budget money is allocated and how the financial priorities of the educational program are set.

Budget Publication

Other goals in the area of College finances include the addition of students and faculty to

the "budget committee" and the publication of a detailed budget showing what resources are allocated to each academic department or division.

Individual Coalition members hope to form small committees within the group to conduct independent studies of the grading system, divisional requirements, the lecture and exam system, and tenure procedures.

The Coalition will also sponsor panel discussions on subjects ranging from fraternities to the College's inter-collegiate athletic program.

Leadership for the Coalition will be provided by a broadly-based steering committee, responsible for calling meetings, planning agendas, and handling secretarial chores.

Members of the steering committee have not been elected, but all members of the student body are eligible as well as any interested faculty members.

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We reported last spring on the all-college convocation at Amherst, and its resolution that as long as Vietnam goes on, the campus cannot, will not, and should not carry on as usual. Student unrest, the president of the college then said in a letter to President Nixon, "will continue until you and the other political leaders of our country address themselves more effectively massively, and persistently to the major social and foreign problems of our society." Vietnam comes first. To say that is not at all to say that the war is the root cause of all our disabilities. It is to say that without an end to the war we cannot begin to take hold of our other problems. Because the Amherst statement helped to set a true perspective for the society and identify the source of campus turmoil, we hailed it and urged other colleges and universities to "start planning a reproduction (in the fall), each in his own way, of the Amherst convocation."

The war drags on. But the October Moratorium is an occasion for renewed resistance. The decision of the Moratorium leaders not to restrict their evangelization to the academy is sound. Nothing but a broadly based movement has much chance of pushing the Nixon Administration to get us out, and to put aside the illusion that public opinion can be tranquilized by token withdrawals or hands placed on hearts. Although it

would be impressive were a majority of American colleges and universities to act as one on October 15, each institution will inevitably proceed in its own manner. The particular ways students, faculty, administrators (and trustees) spend that day matter less than that the time is used to dramatize the most solemn will of the academy for peace.

The university is not normally organized — and in our opinion should not normally be organized — to function as a political institution. But the times are abnormal. It is the principal custodians of the public interest — the politicians — who are most responsible for that, not the custodians of enlightenment. The academy has been left no choice but to engage itself in the democratic process, to demonstrate the power of knowledge, to provide a model of rational discourse and persuasion. We hope that every member of the academic community, from the youngest freshmen to the most august college president and trustee, will move into the breach. The planned, one-day national convocation of the community of scholars on October 15 is their opportunity. Seize it.

The next College Council meeting will be held in Proctor Lounge on Monday, September 29 at twelve o'clock. The report of the "parietal committee" will be submitted to the Council by Dean Wonnecott, the committee chairman.

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