

## INFORMATION SHEET FOR CANVASERS

When you arrive at the door one person introduce himself and the other person. Explain that you are from the Viet Nam Moratorium Committee and are canvasing the city for the purpose of obtaining support for the Moratorium.

### Frequently asked questions:

What is the Viet Nam Moratorium? Answer thus: The Vietnam Moratorium is a national movement instituted for the purpose of ending the war expediently. It was started by former Kennedy and McCarthy forces. The Moratorium is asking that President Nixon withdraw troops from Viet Nam immediately. The Moratorium is non-partisan and is being supported by members of the Congress. Senator Philip Hart, from Michigan, is among the supporters.

What do you expect the Moratorium to do in helping end the war? Answer thus: By getting the people of the United States to voice their opposition to the war in a manner which cannot be ignored it will put pressure on President Nixon to end it expediently.

What are you asking that we do? Answer thus: The Moratorium is calling for a halt to regular business on October 15; people are being asked to not go to work that day, students are asked to not attend classes, businesses are being asked to close. We are asking that on that day the people of the United States put aside their normal activities and devote their time to a searching for peace. We realize that many people are not in such a position that they can afford to miss work, and for this reason we have brought petitions for those to sign who cannot stay away from work. Also, we are canvassing tonight with the purpose of inviting the townspeople to attend the activities at CMU on Oct. 15. A detailed agenda of the days activities will be published in the Daily-Times News and will be broadcast on WCEN. Generally, there will be a church service at 9:00 AM, followed at ten by a series of speeches who will include President Boyd and possibly Senator Hart. In the afternoon there will be lectures and discussions, a sing-in, and a traveling theatre group will perform. In the evening a concert, or rather an expression will take place in Finch Fieldhouse featuring Tom Rush and Dave Van Ronk. To end the day there will be a candlelight march in the city of Mt. Pleasant.

What do you propose we do in order to end the war? How would you carry this out? Answer thus: The U.S. government should initiate negotiations immediately, negotiations that will be effective in ending the war. Along with this, President Nixon should start withdrawing troops at a rate that will insure that all U.S. troops will be out of Viet Nam within a year. These two things will probably necessitate the replacing of the present government in South Viet Nam, a government that is only interested in keeping their power, even at the cost of many lives.

While these are the questions that will be most frequently asked, others which we cannot anticipate will also be asked. In answering these questions keep in mind the purpose and policies of the moratorium. Read the flyers we are going to give out tonight to the townspeople for a better understanding of the purposes of the Moratorium and its perspective.

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STATEMENT BY DR. CLIFTON R. WHARTON JR.  
PRESIDENT, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
ON CAMPUS VIOLENCE AND THE INDOCHINA WAR  
MAY 5, 1970

I take this opportunity to speak to the Michigan State University community, to share with you my very deep concern over the recent events on this campus and in our nation.

The vicious and deliberate destruction by a tiny group on the campus last Friday night was appalling and senseless. Certainly, the more tragic events on other campuses are even more shocking.

On the MSU campus last weekend, more than 37,000 students conducted themselves with common sense and restraint, by taking no part in the wanton acts of the few. It would be a mistake, however, to characterize this good judgment as apathy or unconcern over the present world situation in which their country is very deeply involved.

The sense of frustration and apprehension over the expansion of the Indochina war by the United States -- frustration used by some on and off campus as an excuse for their destructive acts -- is of grave concern to many of us -- faculty and students, mothers and fathers.

I understand and share this frustration and anxiety, and perhaps I feel them even more acutely than many of you, since I have been personally involved with Asians and Asia for many years.

Throughout my work there, my two greatest concerns were those of finding solutions to the grave problems of poverty which afflict the masses of poor farm people, and of sustained economic development as the mainstay of a stable peace.

While I personally have sought to promote these goals, military actions unfortunately have been viewed as more important than land reform; counter-insurgency as more strategic than a fair price for farm products.

Now, once again, a President has unilaterally taken the step of expanding the war without prior consultation with our foreign friends or without the approval of the United States Congress.

Based upon my experience in Asia, I am firmly convinced that the new expansion of the war is a serious error and miscalculation. But I am only one individual and cannot speak for the entire university community. I can speak only in my personal capacity, but as President of a great university, I feel I also must seek to articulate the general views of this community -- the views of those who favor and those who oppose our current policy.

Therefore, I would like to be able to do so -- not through massive confrontations or reckless violence which breed countermeasures and retaliation -- but in the seats of power where foreign policy is made -- in Washington, D.C.

One way to achieve this goal would be for the MSU community -- both those who favor the present Indochina policy and those who oppose it -- to make known their views in a systematic way. This could be done through petitions. These petitions could then be presented to the Michigan delegation in Congress as clear-cut and indisputable evidence of the sentiments of MSU people.



On Wednesday, I already am scheduled to meet with Michigan Congressmen and Senators on other matters. At that time, it will be possible for me to express my personal views. But I think it would be much more positive and effective if, a week hence, the views of the total MSU community on this serious matter could be taken to Washington and presented to our Congressional delegation.

This step is suggested as a positive, constructive attempt to place the opinions of an interested segment of our society before the very group which can influence our foreign policy. This would be responsible citizenship.

Violence only deflects attention from the real issues and provides a ready excuse for some who seek to polarize the people on this manifestation, rather than engage in rational debate on the underlying problems which affect the entire nation very deeply.

I sincerely hope that organizations within the university will set up a simple petition mechanism so that we truly can speak with authority when we say: "This is what the people of MSU believe."

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# Student Mobilization Committee to End the War **NOW!**

invites you to a

# VIETNAM TEACH-IN

JAN. 24 • 11:30<sup>am</sup> • 108B WELLS HALL

## • SPEAKERS •

- David Dellinger - CHICAGO CONSPIRACY & EDITOR LIBERATION
- Martin Nicolais - MOVEMENT ACTIVIST  
SOCIOLOGIST - WINNER 1969  
ISAAC DEUTSCHER AWARD
- Reese Erlich - OAKLAND CONSPIRACY & MOVEMENT ACTIVIST
- John Donnohue - ASSOC. PROF. • ANTHROPOLOGY  
MSU ADVISORY GROUP-VIETNAM
- Mike Smith - GI DEFENSE ATTORNEY

## • WORKSHOPS • ON

IMPERIALISM • RACISM • WOMEN'S  
LIBERATION

## • FILMS •

Several films on the war and the American movement will be shown during the **TEACH-IN**



[2/14-15/1970]

# ***Launch the Spring Offensive Against the War*** **National Antiwar Conference**

**Student Mobilization Committee**  
**To End the War in Vietnam**



**ONLY IMPUDENT SNOBS WELCOME**

**Plan GI & Student Participation in  
Spring Antiwar Actions**

**February 14 & 15      SATURDAY & SUNDAY**  
**(workshops all day Friday)**

**Case - Western Reserve Univ.**  
**Cleveland , Ohio**

**Clip & Mail to Student Mobilization Committee to End the War**  
**5705 Woodward, Detroit, Michigan, 48202 -- 872-8244**

- ☐ **I want to join the SMC.**
- ☐ **I want to attend the national SMC conference in Cleveland,**
- ☐ **I need transportation to the Cleveland conference.**
- ☐ **I can provide transportation to the Cleveland conference.**

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# Vietnam Teach-in

SATURDAY - JANUARY 24 - 108B WELLS - 11:30 A.M.

## Schedule of events

*(did not show)*

### THE WAR AND THE MOVEMENT

David Dellinger, member of the Chicago Conspiracy 7, Editor Liberation Magazine  
Co-Sponsored by the Center for Urban Affairs as part of the Center Forum.

### IMPERIALISM AND THE WAR

Martin Nicolaus, movement activist, sociologist, winner of the Isaac Deutscher award for 1969.

### U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM

Reese Erlich movement activist, member of the Oakland Conspiracy 7,  
contributor to Ramparts Magazine.

### M S U's INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM

John Donnohue, member of the MSU Advisory Group in Vietnam, Associate  
Professor of Anthropology.

*refused to speak since SDS involved in other issues*

### GI's AND THE ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT

Mike Smith, GI Defense Attorney

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WORKSHOPS - Speakers will lead workshops on the subjects of their speeches.  
There will be others on Racism and Women's Liberation.

FILMS - Several films dealing with the war and the American movement will  
be shown during the teach-in.

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MEETING OF THE STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE, WEDNESDAY EVENING, UNION. SEE  
THE STATE NEWS FOR TIME AND ROOM.

\*TEACH-IN SPONSORED BY STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE TO END  
THE WAR IN VIETNAM



Do . . .  
... you know who you are?  
— Dostoevski

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# 'U' suspends classes Friday for teach-in

The following statement was issued 10 p.m. Wednesday by President Wharton and other administrative officers of MSU:

1. The support of the faculty steering committee, the executive council of the MSU chapter of AAUP, the MSU Association of Black Faculty and other faculty and student groups for the proposal to conduct educational activities to demonstrate concern for American involvement in southeast Asia and the tragic events at Kent State University is deeply appreciated.

2. All regular University classes are therefore suspended on Friday, May 8, to provide an opportunity for the teach-in. Further details will be announced by the provost.

3. The postponed meeting of the Academic Council to consider final action

on the McKee Report has been rescheduled for May 12.

4. A special meeting of the Academic Council will be called during the week of May 25 at which the sole topic of discussion will be ROTC. Prior to the meeting it is hoped that the faculty and the students will conduct appropriate referenda to ascertain the views of their constituencies for presentation at this meeting. The University fully supports all activities which are offered in a constructive and positive atmosphere of rational debate.

By MARILYN PATTERSON  
State News Staff Writer

Pickets were set up at all major classroom buildings, and picketers turned traffic away from Farm Lane and East Circle as the

MSU student strike went into its second day Wednesday.

Several university entrances were also blocked.

Picketing of Bessey, Berkey, Erickson, Wells and Kedzie halls began at 8 a.m. and continued throughout the day.

The picketing will be repeated today, according to strikers.

There will be a meeting at 5 p.m. today in the Auditorium for a discussion of the strike issues.

The Steering Committee of the Faculty has recommended that regular classes be suspended on Friday, May 8, to protest the widening of the war and to mourn the student lives lost at Kent State University.

The committee urges all professors, administrators and students to honor their appeal.

In a special meeting of the steering

committee, it was decided to hold a special meeting to discuss issues relating to ROTC on campus. President Wharton was informed of the committee's decisions and had taken the proposals under advisement, a spokesman said.

The strike, which was called late Monday night during a meeting of the Committee to Abolish ROTC, is part of a strike that is closing colleges and universities across the nation.

The MSU strike was called on four issues:

— a show of solidarity with Kent State University (in Ohio) students, four of whom were killed during a confrontation with the National Guard Monday.

— a demand that ROTC at MSU be abolished.

— a demand that all U.S. troops be withdrawn from Indochina immediately.

— a demand that Black Panther leader Bobby Seale be released from jail where he is being held on charges of kidnapping and murder of another Black Panther.

After a 10 a.m. rally at the Administration Building, strikers marched to most classroom buildings to picket.

At Farm Lane in front of Bessey Hall and on East circle in front of Berkey Hall, strikers sat in the street to dissuade motorists from traveling on campus. Entrances to campus at Bogue Street, Haslett Avenue and Abbott Road also were blocked in the afternoon.

University buses were rerouted to avoid the strikers sitting in the streets.

The strike steering committee, which organized the picketing, urged that picketers not use force to close the

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## FOR KENT DEAD

# 6,000 attend service

By MARILYN PATTERSON  
State News Staff Writer

More than 6,000 students silently marched from Beaumont Tower to Alumni Chapel Wednesday afternoon for a memorial service for the four students killed Monday at Kent State University in Ohio.

On the banks of the Red Cedar behind the chapel, the marchers heard the Rev. Kenneth Wood, director of the Lansing area United Ministries, urge them to "wrap our minds and our hearts around a feeling of empathy for the families and friends of those four who were killed in a confrontation with the National Guard

Singing quietly the marchers walked from the chapel to Demonstration Hall to implant the four crosses at the door of the building, overlooking the field on which ROTC field maneuvers are held.

The memorial began with a gathering at Beaumont Tower at which friends of the slain four talked about them and students from Kent State University described the demonstration that led to the shootings.

"We were at a meeting much like this one to talk about striking," one Kent student said.

He said a man came through the crowd in a jeep telling them to disperse because it was unlawful to gather. When someone threatened to shout "National Guard,"

they didn't want to get beat up," he said.

Jeffrey Miller, one of the slain Kent students, was a former student at MSU. A friend described him to the crowd.

"Jeff wasn't what you would call a special person," he said. "He wasn't a

Some of the demonstrators



minds and our hearts around a feeling of empathy for the families and friends of those four who were killed in a confrontation with the National Guard Monday.

"In a way I feel more alone than I have ever felt before," the Rev. Mr. Wood said, "I feel a bewildering sense of loneliness, like this world isn't my home; I'm from another planet . . . this can't be real."

Behind the Rev. Mr. Wood stood four white crosses each bearing the name of one slain Kent State student.

The Rev. Mr. Wood asked the marchers to cling to their humanity, "to do the human thing now."

"We must wrap our hearts around this feeling of outrage," he said, "what it is that in this country and this President and those National Guard and in me and in you that produces a fear which enables us from time to time to do that kind of inhuman thing."

The Rev. Mr. Wood spoke of the feeling of guilt that "we are accomplices in the burnt bodies and burnt villages and burnt ghettos and burnt freedom" throughout the nation and the world.

And he spoke of a feeling of joy in "seeing things more clearly than ever before," in a unity "of our white middle class bodies with the black, brown, yellow and poor" in the struggle for freedom and justice.

In benediction and in memorial to the Kent "brothers and sisters" the Rev. Mr. Wood led the marchers in an embrace for peace.

From the back of the crowd came the protest song "All we are saying is give peace a chance."

## House votes 'no action' on Nixon policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a surprise turnabout, the House voted down all efforts Wednesday to restrict use of U.S. troops in Cambodia — thus taking no stand for or against President Nixon's military penetration into that country.

An amendment - favored proposal by Rep. Paul Findley, R-Ill., backing the President's decision to send troops into Cambodia to protect lives of U.S. troops in South Vietnam was approved 171 to 144 — and then immediately voted down in a parliamentary switch, 221 to 32.

Opponents said the Findley amendment would have given the President congressional authority to wage open-end war. But supporters said it would have endorsed the President's effort to bring the Vietnam war to an early close.

He said a man came through the crowd in a jeep telling them to disperse because it was unlawful to gather. When someone threw a rock into National Guard lines, the Guardsmen threw tear gas into the crowd.

"Kids with gas masks on threw the tear gas canisters back at the Guard," he said. "The Guard was in a straight line formation and every step the Guard took, the kids took a step back. Finally they went over the hill to the football practice field and they came to a fence so they had to stop."

The Guard was rocked and one Guardsman shot his pistol into the air four times, he said.

The Guard then moved back to the hill to get more tear gas.

"When they reached the top they turned and about 15 opened fire into the crowd," he said. "Some were firing over the heads, others were firing into the crowd."

He said the first ambulance came for the injured students 15 minutes after the shootings. A second one came one-half hour afterwards.

National Guard medics refused to help the injured students because "they said

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"I hope the proponents may have  
voices heard over the weekend," she said.



### *In reverence*

Students and faculty proceeded Wednesday to the Alumni Chapel for a memorial service for students slain at Kent State University.

State News photo by Dick Warren