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## A PROPOSAL FOR STRATEGY FOR STANFORD S.D.S.

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**Introduction:** Although it is not possible at this time to go into any detail relating to overall movement strategy, certain principles should be kept in mind. We are building a socialist revolutionary movement and support revolutionary movements throughout the Third World, including the NLF. This means that our organizing attempts should include experimentation to learn what role students can play in an American revolutionary movement, and what groups in society will be key agents of social change, and that we are not merely opposing the War on Vietnam, but supporting the NLF--as a constructive alternative to U.S. imperialism.

**Goals of the Chapter:** The three main goals for the chapter this quarter should be:

- 1) The realization of our original demand concerning Stanford research.
- 2) Increasing the level of the Stanford community's understanding of the nature of American society. We feel that the level of understanding can only be increased by the use of both dialogue and confrontation.
- 3) Commitment of Stanford students to engage in struggle for the above goals. We must expose pluralist concepts of change. Real change will come only through struggle. It is important to get non-SDS people committed to confrontation as the basic means of achieving radical goals. This is a first step in building overall commitment to the Movement.

**Tactics for the achievement of goals for the present quarter (basis for this is the interplay of confrontation and education):**

- 1) Use of a petition for the first week of the quarter, beginning reg day. It is imperative that the petition be used as an organizing tool. Although we should use the petition to ~~gain support~~ measure ~~XXXXXX~~ support, we are not attempting to express a majority will. People should carry petition and should not post them. Those of us who carry them should be able to explain our reasons for opposing American imperialism. Also, it is essential that we explain our ~~XXXXXX~~ why the petition can't lead to a referendum--that is, why a referendum is actually contrary to basic democratic principles.
- 2) The strike at San Francisco State can be used to help the movement at Stanford, especially when it wins. Participation on January 7 by Stanford SDS can give us experience in struggle together which will be valuable to us in the future. This goes further than the usual experience of fighting pigs and hopefully will make us realize the value of struggle. In relating the strike to Stanford we should push the fact that it is a strike against oppression of black and ~~Third~~ <sup>other</sup> Third World students, while Stanford is a major instrument in oppressing Third World people in the Third World.
- 3) We have at our disposal speakers and films about Cuba. These can be used to educate people at Stanford about the nature of imperialism, and present a socialist alternative to elitist development projects (A.I.D., Alliance for Progress, etc.).
- 4) If the petition generates significant support by our meeting on January 13th, we should elect a tactics committee to draw up an ultimatum to be presented to the trustees.

- a) The ultimatum should be both general and specific. This means that we would reiterate our general demand about Southeast Asia, and include several specifics (closing of office in Bangkok, stop certain contracts, radical studies department, etc.). We should not demand immediate cessation, but non-renewal of contracts, and not accepting new ones.
- b) The ultimatum should be presented at the trustees meeting later that week (on campus). Our presentation should disrupt the normal deliberations of the board. The date on the ultimatum should be about two weeks from presentation.
- 5) Following the presentation and disruption, we should hold a meeting outside the Trustees meetings to keep immediate pressure on the trustees, to plan organizing, and to talk about the trustees.
- 6) In the interim between the trustees meeting and the date set on the ultimatum ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
  - a) stall groups should tour SRI, AEL, etc. This should keep pressure on the administration and build tension on campus.
  - b) our dorm organizing should intensify.
  - c) Film programs should be planned, including the Columbia film.
  - d) forums ~~AAA~~ on the demands and possibly a town meeting should be held. Possibly our liberal "friends" in the ASSU elite will be amenable to this.
  - e) Some medium level confrontation should be used if possible. These could take the form of short-ins at the Old Union or Pitzer's office.
  - f) The last few days should see our use of critical university activities to deal with the issues in classes.
- 7) SDS should meet the night before Red Day to set a general tone for the struggle, and should elect a tactics committee.
- 8) Red Day--Twelve Noon rally. Protracted Struggle.

more protracted struggle