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Stanford SDS expects or needs to fail. The basic and omnipresent assumption that no real victories can be sustained at Stanford is substantiated by arguments, papers and positions of SDS members. The argument usually runs that we can act when and if: the dorms get organized, S.F. State wins, enough petitions are signed, collectives are set up. IS, if, if.... Or: Stanford is a school of ruling class kids; or, the Administration is too liberal and too smart in their support of big business. The assumption is a set-up; it makes all action as well as victory impossible. SDS is fatalistic--and that is counterrevolutionary bourgeois 19th century nihilism.

The impotence of Stanford SDS is insured by a strange symbiotic relationship between two factions within SDS. The first is the over-ideological faction. For their failure they use such excuses as "lack of support", "lack of organization", "lack of community". Yet their defeatist tone concerning action is a subterfuge for their own inability to organize on any level other than on that of hackneyed ideological cliches. (Get Stanford SDS out of Southeast Asia!) This type of organizing prevents a creative approach to action. This, we believe, is not the fault of ideology as such, but of Stanford's Super-Ideologues (SIs).

This faction has now recognized the need to organize SDS around social-political groups, as a means of incorporating all members into the radical community and to the decision-making process. But it remains to be seen if they intend to incorporate themselves in this process. For they seem to assert a need to be on top and over every idea and proposal that comes before SDS. Their insistence on perpetuating their own leadership can only be predicated on right opportunism and inflexibility. And this, in turn, re-enforces certain infantile tendencies among other SDS ~~MEMBER~~ factions.

Beneath the super-ideologues lies the other major faction--the Silent Majority (known as FART--Faction Against Revisionist Ractics). The FARTs are quick to criticize the SIs and the operation of SDS in general but have made little effort to assert themselves or formulate and move on creative action programs.

These people are emphasizing socialization (e.g. collective-formation) without incorporating SDS's basic need to act and to win. Getting together in a group affiliated with Stanford SDS, such as the Media group, gives people a feeling of "doing something" for the movement, and of "being involved". ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ They then don't feel the need to come up with political action programs. It's a way of substituting political failure with personal and inter-personal successes. We can't afford that substitution.

Two themes unify both the SI faction and the FART faction of SDS: 1) Both share the same side of the thought-action dichotomy--they both deal in words, thoughts, intellectual confrontations. There is an over-emphasis on education, reading, or group interaction, at the expense of creation and struggle; and 2) both manifest unwillingness to take personal and political risks--This is evidenced by the manner in which existing groups, formal or informal, "cling" together, and are threatened by our frequent suggestion that groups split their numbers or disperse to include more members.

It is our assumption that viable radical organization must act and must win. That means that action must be designed around demands which, though hopefully unco-optable, are meaningful to Stanford students and are realizable without any question or doubt. Stanford out of Southeast Asia is not such a demand.

While the SIs will argue us all blue in the fact about formulating really real solid radical demands, we believe their position is based upon the fear that any victory at Stanford is co-optable. If SDS is to be limited to meetings, protests, and siezing buildings, they are probably right. But such a limitation is imposed only by narrow minds and "infantile leftism." We want popular local issues now. And tactics for freaking out Stanford badly.

We seek your action on any of the following:

1. A school for Anti-imperialist studies, operated and controlled by students in the deaprtment.
2. Marijuana on campus in public now.
3. Legalized nudism at Stanford.
4. Guns allowed on campus for protection against police.
5. 20% Mexican Americans in next years freshman class.
6. No tuition rises without the consent of the student body
7. Reinstatement of hospitalization for students and availability of contraceptive