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## SOLIDARITY DAY

Thursday, April 23, has been designated Solidarity Day by movement groups in the Bay Area. Activities are planned on several campuses to protest the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and to demand that Bobby Seale be set free.

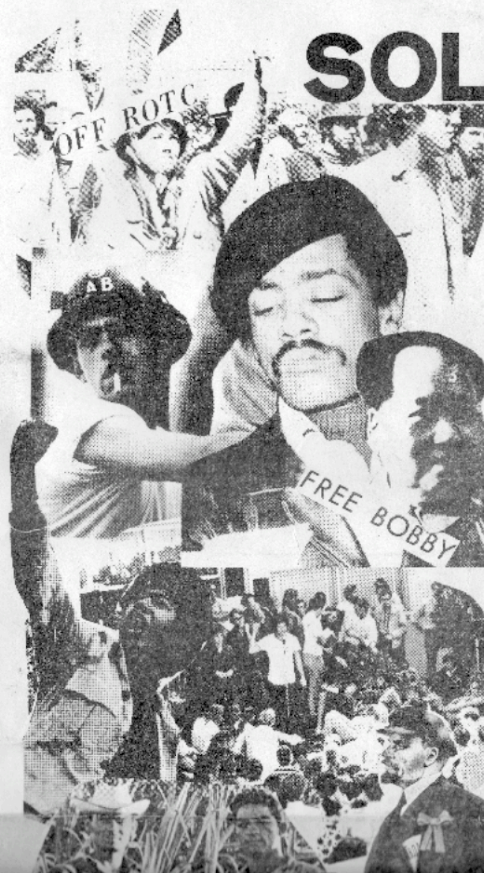
Government officials recently claimed that demonstrations against ROTC at Stanford, Berkeley, and other places were carefully coordinated. We felt that this was such a good idea that Solidarity Day was conceived. The current question of ROTC at Stanford is not an isolated issue of academic competence or University purity. The fight against ROTC is part of a larger movement against the small group of men who own and run most of the world. Our ability to survive and to make changes rests on our ability to ally ourselves with people working toward the same end. We can be much more effective if we act together.

Bobby Seale was scheduled to be tried Thursday for "conspiracy and crossing state lines to incite a riot at the 1968 Democratic Convention. Judge Julius Hoffman, who earlier jailed Bobby for four years for "contempt," has postponed the trial in the hope that Bobby will be executed in Connecticut. But Bobby, one of the most articulate spokesmen for a rising generation of black men and women, is still in jail. If Bobby can be executed, or even held in jail, it means that it will be easier for the very same thing to happen to many more of us. Our struggle against ROTC is the same as the fight for Afro-American liberation. Bobby—all political prisoners—must be set free.

ROTC continues at Stanford. The Air Force ROTC will probably begin to phase itself out next year. And if the Navy does not get all the course credit it wants, it may do the same. The Army, with its junior college academic credit at least, wants to stay. Even these steps towards the elimination of ROTC depend upon the amount of pressure the Movement can apply. As the War continues, whatever military programs Stanford can preserve help the war effort—and the retention of ROTC, in any form, helps ROTC maintain its "legitimacy" on less prestigious campuses.

The OFF-ROTC Movement has demanded that President Pitzer answer its demands Thursday noon (12:30 White Plaza) to begin Solidarity Day festivities. A number of people have pledged themselves to occupy a building to back the demands, should Pitzer ignore or reject them. The location of Thursday's sit-in will be announced at the White Plaza rally. The larger the sit-in, the more effective it can be. We realize, however, that the strength of the action also rests on support from people unwilling or unable to seize a building, so "support actions" are being organized.

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## HAPPENINGS

April 1: Four people were busted by plainclothesmen during a Stanford OFF ROTC demonstration. They now face felony charges and are desperately in need of funds. Their lawyers estimate a cost of \$2,000 per case in court fees and overhead. Felony arrests are being used to intimidate both with possible long jail sentences and high bail and court costs.

April 11: Five members of the Stanford movement were ordered to show cause why they shouldn't be held in contempt of court for violating an injunction issued during last year's demonstrations. The five were not cited for specific illegal acts but are victims of the University's effort to circumvent normal procedure to smash the OFF ROTC struggle. Up to 32 additional people face SJC hearings for participating in activities ranging from attending a faculty meeting to sitting in ROTC classes.

April 16 and 17: Thousands of people disrupted the University of California at Berkeley in protest of the presence of ROTC on that campus. During these two days, eighty people were arrested and charged with such crimes as "assaulting a peace officer with a deadly weapon," which is punishable by 1 to 15 years in jail. Over \$100,000 in bail was needed for all eighty, with \$8,500 still to be found. (Bail money should be sent to the People's Bail Fund, 1925 Grove St., Berkeley, Calif.)

April 18: Kevin Moran was killed attempting to put out a fire in the newly besieged Bank of America in Isla Vista. Demonstrators at the scene said the bullet came from the direction of the police. The papers carried headlines for the next two days about the sniper shot that killed 'honorary student Moran'. The papers gave much less attention to the news that it was indeed a policeman who did the killing that night.

April 20: In a nationally televised broadcast, Richard M. Nixon said that "America has never been defeated in our proud 190 year history and we shall not be defeated in Vietnam."

Thursday, April 23 BAY AREA REGIONAL SOLIDARITY DAY On campuses all over Northern California, people will respond to the increasingly repressive tactics of the government, the universities, and the police by actively demonstrating their support for Bobby Seale and the struggle to end ROTC.

JOIN US! FREE BOBBY SEALE! OFF ROTC!



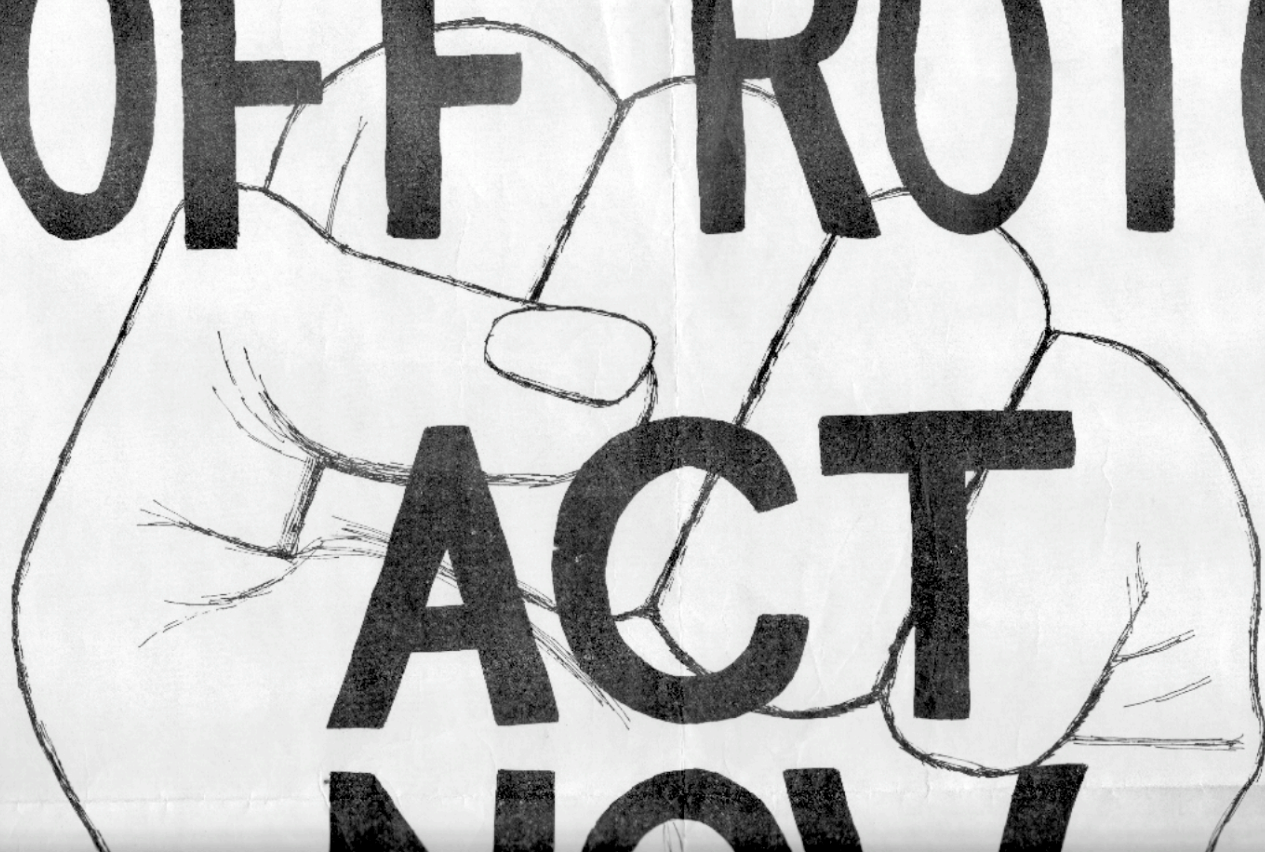
# WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?



**OFF ROTC**

**ACT**

**NOW**



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SIT-IN  
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