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QUARANTINE THE OAKLAND INDUCTION CENTER

Because of the high morbidity rate resulting from induction, we are declaring quarantine of the Oakland Induction Center. Our preventive medicine action will begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday April 30 on the steps of the Oakland Induction Center, 1515 Clay, Oakland.

All interested individuals are urged to meet on the lawn in front of the Medical School at 8:00 a.m. We will leave in car caravan from the Medical School Lawn Rally to travel to Oakland. White coat and tie are recommended.

Supporters and door-blockers are both essential to the demonstration. Those who support will explain our opposition as medical personnel to the war, pass out relevant literature, and dissuade those who desire entrance to the Center. Supporters run no risk of arrest. Those who block the doors will be arrested. If you are planning to participate should meet with us at 7:00 p.m. this evening in M127.

WHY?

The Indochinese war continues, and mass killing continues, despite troop withdrawals and promises of winding down the war. The aggressive employment of the military, use of the draft to force men to kill, and misuse of medical personnel to support our slaughtering armies are entirely incompatible with the fundamental aim of medicine: preservation and enhancement of life. While medicine is committed to the eradication of disease, the war is the most catastrophic menace to the health of Southeast Asia and the moral character of the United States. We feel compelled to actively oppose this disaster.

WHY NOW?

This action is not a reaction to a specific expansion of the war, as were the protests after Cambodia and Laos. This is an outcry against the day-to-day brutality practiced by American power in Vietnam.

WHY THIS WAY?

For a non-violent individual, civil disobedience is the most effective means of opposition to war policy. The thirteen San Jose draft board blockers demonstrated, through television and newspaper coverage, their deep opposition to the war. Thirteen marchers would have been ignored. Consider how much more effective the 150,000 S.F. marchers would have been had they blocked weapons manufacturers and induction centers instead.

Civil disobedience is growing. Within the past week, the New Jersey Turnpike was blocked, there was a weep-in in Congress, and an induction center was blocked. More is planned. At some point in its growth, civil disobedience ceases to be only symbolic, and becomes a concrete hindrance to the war effort.

Many people talk about peace and wish for peace, but their dedication to peace exists only in words. A most important effect of civil disobedience is on the life of the civil disobedient. He, through his physical act and personal commitment, unites his thoughts to his actions, his conscience to his style of life.

THE WAR CONTINUES...