

# '74 NATL. CAMPAIGN to IMPEACH NIXON

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### Introduction:

Memos such as this one to key impeachment centers and organizers across the country will hereafter be mailed out weekly for the next month to cohere & coordinate grass roots efforts and mobilize our collective energies for the national demonstrations, April 27th.

Since the Chicago Conference, March 1-3, the National Campaign's Washington office has been so busy organizing itself and laying the groundwork for the spring that we've failed to adequately keep isolated local organizers informed of the Campaign's overall efforts. It is hoped that the latest newsletter (now being mailed), next week's materials packets and these weekly memos will better pull together our loose network into a more coherent, organized campaign this spring.

### Office Work Since March 3:

Since Chicago's conference, the Washington office has:

- 1) Produced & mailed a conference report to over 2,000 contacts;
- 2) Reorganized, added to and computerized the mailing list;
- 3) Expanded the office, contacted potential staff, and begun regular coordinating meetings;
- 4) Sent out area addresses to some regional centers;
- 5) Sent national staff to visit key contacts & attend city-wide meetings in Boston and New York;
- 6) Contacted and inspired Los Angeles activists to undertake the West Coast demonstration;
- 7) Sent letters to & directly approached potential contributors;
- 8) Sought endorsement by various celebrities, noteables & organizations (now including Congresspersons Ron Dellums, Bella Abzug, Pete Seeger, Jane Fonda, Arthur Waskow, Ben Spock, the Guardian, New American Movement, Peoples Parties, etc);
- 9) Designed buttons, stickers, posters, and brochures now being produced for distribution soon;
- 10) Published another newsletter;
- 11) Started production on immediate & longer-ranged Organizers' Guides (the first to come out within a week or so);
- 12) Sent out two proposals for joint, united activity, one to national impeachment organizations like ACLU & ADA and the and the other to anti-war groups around the country;

- 13) Authorized articles for publication;
- 14) Organized for an expanded D.C. Area coalition meeting; ETC.

Groundwork Could Result in Visible Motion With Your Help:

We realize only too well that --although extremely necessary to laying the ground-work for late April's activities-- these efforts have not yet made the spring campaign visible, "seem real" yet. And to be honest, the Movement's lack of self-confidence & reluctance to act decisively, our own inexperience and NCIN's still limited funds make it difficult to tell what kind of energies will be released nationally by late April.

But the headlines are daily contributing to impeachment's possibility (some now say 'inevitability') and our last month's preparatory work can generate energy and visible motion if you now begin to organize locally to first order and then distribute the buttons, stickers & brochures we've produced.

At this stage, we strongly encourage you to pull together a core group or nucleus of dedicated impeachment organizers (whether as individuals comprising a grass roots committee or as representatives in a city-wide coalition of already existing organizations) and begin to see it as your responsibility to lobby and/or demonstrate during the Congressional Easter recess and simultaneously mobilize your regional area to attend the April 27th rallies in Washington & Los Angeles.

One or two people should be designated as coordinators to catalyze pressure on congresspersons visiting their districts during Easter recess, April 15-20, and a few should be encouraged to handle publicity locally during the spring. (We recommend that you quickly write press releases announcing your intention to participate in the spring campaign for local distribution, author articles for your community's alternative press, form teams to poster central neighborhood areas, and book yourselves on talk-shows.) The remaining core group or coalition members should take advantage of all public events and the warming weather 1) to sign up people who would like to form a car pool or buy a bus ticket to attend the April 27th national rallies and 2) to renew leafleting/petitioning in your community so each person coming to Washington can bring the names of one hundred other local people he or she is representing. (If you are not able to come to Washington, send the D.C. office all petitions for presentation that week in mid-April.)

National staff are willing to travel to nearby urban centers (N.Y., Philly, Durham, Baltimore, etc) for a day or so during the first 2 weeks of April to appear on area tv & radio shows with one or two grass roots spokespeople. And, Lindsay Audin is preparing 60-second radio spots on impeachment for play in New York which will also plug the April 27th demonstration. He is willing to modify these tapes to give a Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, etc

phone number if people in those areas call him directly now, order a tape for thier city, and raise the money quickly (often as much as only \$12-\$15 each spot) to air such ads locally. You can call Lindsay at 914-631-7806 or 914-941-9779.

Let Us Know What You Think and Order Materials Now:

Grass roots impeachment groups desiring fast delivery of mobilizing materials for April 27th should call Ted Glick in our office now to order adequate quantities of buttons, stickers and posters. (We urge you to raise funds from generous individuals in your community to cover the cost of these materials & postage since we are operating on next to nothing at present.)

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ONE LAST WORD: After visiting Boston & New York, we realize how prone even former demonstration organizers are to "wait-and-see". Several people whose previous efforts for peace we still respect are now cynical about the endless cycle of marches they participated in the not-so-distant past. And some grass roots organizers we've talked to observe that so many times, massive public excursions to D.C., drawing people from their hometown situations, did not seem to result in much. The letdown which usually came after returning to job, family and business as usual resulted from the lack of some sign from the powers-that-be, a change in policy from "within the system". So why demonstrate again?

We reject such understandable cynicism and --while corssing our fingers-- intend to put even more energy into building the momentum for the April actions of the Spring Campaign because we now know (thanks to the Watergate hearings) that Nixon does notice our efforts, his capacity to renew military action in Indochina is curbed due to the threat of impeachment, and today's reluctant Congress which comes up for re-election soon will increasingly have to be more responsive to organize pressure and public support for Judiciary's slow steps toward impeachment.

No one can guarantee that we'll "make it big in the press" or instantly attain our goal. But merely media-tripping violates the commitment we all must make to long-hauling patience that produces true history anyway. And the time is growing ripe for for a massive show of popular strength on the question of Nixon's Presidency. It demands that we do something other than watch and trust Congress to remove Nixon. Like the Peoples' Bicentennial celebration of the Boston Tea Party last December, the situation demands popular participation, that we be prepared to make history rather than passively watch it unfold. Join us in mobilizing the rebirth of the American spirit --MARCH TO IMPEACH NIXON, APRIL 27TH IN WASHINGTON AND LOS ANGELES!

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