



NATIONAL MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE TO END THE WAR IN VIETNAM

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Dear Friend,

On February 12, headlines in the Chicago newspapers trumpeted that Federal indictments growing out of the police riot at the Democratic Convention would be issued "next week". The Sun Times asserted that six demonstration leaders would be "charged under a new federal law, passed by Congress just before the August convention, outlawing conspiracy that crosses state lines to foment a riot".

As two persons who did speak, act and conspire against the war and its ratification by the Democratic Party, we are concerned that far more is said by these headlines than that Nixon intends to "get the leadership" of the National Mobilization. The larger message lies in the recent visits by the FBI to thousands of movement people, the HUAC announcement to go after SDS, the many individuals facing serious, trumped-up city and state charges stemming from participation in the Chicago demonstrations, the others being subpoenaed by the Federal Grand Jury, the efforts by scores of local police departments to eliminate the Black Panthers. Like the trial of the Oakland 7 or the GI's who last week received sentences of 15 years for protest activity at the Presidio stockade, these "cases" represent the real people who face the first press of a systematic, nation-wide attempt to suppress that climate of hope our movement has released.

But government repression can be a two-edged sword. Our task is to insure that any Chicago indictments generate activity that builds rather than weakens our movement and exposes rather than diverts attention from those interlocking forces and institutions responsible for the war, racism and growing repression. We believe exciting, new energy can be released by a positive political offensive against the indictments of the movement's action in Chicago--- with your help.

At presents our hands are tied not only because we have no operating money but are still burdened with debts from the Inaugural as well as the Chicago actions. If the indictments come and in any case, in order to continue our still vital anti-war work, money is desperately needed. Once again we must ask for a little help from our friends. A check for any amount lets you join the counter-attack.

In solidarity,
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