

NATIONAL MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE TO END THE WAR IN VIETNAM
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NEW CONFRONTATION SCHEDULE

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st

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Begin to assemble at 10 AM at Lincoln Memorial

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* Kick-off Rally begins at 12

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March to Pentagon begins at 2 PM

* Activities at Pentagon begin at approximately 4

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Mass Rally continued

* Direct action - peaceful sit-in for those thousands
who wish to participate

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* Picket and Vigil

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* Of course, pending further negotiation attempts,
the above schedule is subject to alteration.

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* WATCH FOR FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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GOVERNMENT ULTIMATUM MAKES US MORE DETERMINED

TO CONFRONT THE WARMAKERS IN WASHINGTON, D. C. OCTOBER 21

On Saturday, October 7, the Administrative Committee of the National Mobilization rejected unanimously an ultimatum presented to its representatives by Mr. Henry Van Cleve, a spokesman for the General Services Administration and for other police and Pentagon authorities. In effect, the ultimatum said permits for our October 21st march and rally in Washington and at the Pentagon would not be issued unless we publicly renounced that portion of our program under which some persons plan to engage in peaceful direct action at the Pentagon. Mr. Van Cleve also told the Committee that under no circumstances would the government allow picketing of the Pentagon.

The Committee is seeking further negotiations with the Washington authorities in the hope that they will rescind their clearly unconstitutional ban; we are asking members of Congress to call for this; we are asking the public to send telegrams and letters to its elected representatives, the Attorney General and others; and we are also taking legal steps in the situation. The Law Center for Constitutional Rights has agreed to fight the case to the Supreme Court if necessary.

But whether or not the permits are issued, we are going to persist in our plans -- and more and more people have expressed their determination to join us. Some have called to say that they had not originally planned to go to Washington on the 21st but that now nothing would stop them. Women Strike have issued a call to all to come with their families. Monsignor Charles Owen Rice

of Holy Rosary Church in Pittsburgh reiterated his intention to participate in civil disobedience at the Pentagon. And Dr. Benjamin Spock has declared that he intends to speak at the Lincoln Memorial rally whether or not permission for that rally is granted.

If the government does not rescind its unconstitutional ban on our activities, it may become difficult to charter buses. We are looking into the possibility of renting adequate parking spaces, so that those bus companies which insist on our naming a legal destination before they will sign a contract with us could be satisfied. However, we should all be prepared to arrange our own transportation to Washington, if need be -- whether by regular public transport, automobile (form car pools!) or even bicycle or foot.

One major change has now been made in the program:

There will be only one staging area -- the Lincoln Memorial, where everyone is asked to gather for a kick-off rally.

After the kick-off rally, we will attempt to march to the Pentagon by way of the Arlington Memorial Bridge and Washington Boulevard. The destination of the march will be either the Mall or the North parking lot at the Pentagon. Either place is large enough to accommodate the huge numbers of people expected for the second mass rally -- and far enough from the Pentagon to clearly separate those who are participating in direct action from those who are not. Both rallies will feature prominent figures representing the wide spectrum of opposition to the war.

People planning to commit civil disobedience at the Pentagon should be prepared to stay the whole weekend and into Monday when there is a huge workshift and disruption can really be effective. (Of course such people may well be in jail on Monday. For the consequences of civil disobedience, we recommend a rereading of the Mobilization Memo, "To All Organizers," paragraphs 3 (Civil Disobedience) and 7 (Legal Defense).)

Supportive demonstrations (if picketing and vigiling is finally allowed) should also be seen as at least a two-day activity. A mass meeting may be held Saturday night at the Sylvan Theatre to discuss what happened during the day and to make plans for Sunday.

It should be made clear to everyone of course that if the government persists in refusing permission for the two rallies, the march, and the picket and vigil lines at the Pentagon -- though these are our clear constitutional rights -- all of those coming to Washington may be committing, willy-nilly, what Dave Dellinger has called a kind of "defensive civil disobedience." If any of you feel the need to have special preparations for this situation, including possible responses from the police, we will try to meet this need - either in your locality or in Washington immediately before the Mobilization. We are exploring the possibility of setting up orientation sessions in some Washington churches on Friday night or Saturday morning.

"The Administration has taken a perilous step in trying to deny the democratic rights of the American people to express their dissent from the war program of Johnson and the Pentagon. The government's ultimatum is a political blunder that will increase the unpopularity of the war and of the Johnson Administration. The Administration's war against the Vietnamese people is increasingly a war against the American people as well. American victims include the thousands of Americans being killed in Vietnam, the black and other poor people whose needs are being disregarded, and all those who value American ideals and democratic traditions."

Dave Dellinger at October 9th Press Conference