

# Viet Moratorium Signals Action

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"No business as usual" will be the theme of the October 15 Viet Nam war moratorium which was organized for the Claremont Colleges on Wednesday evening.

The moratorium, which is being initiated by a national committee, involves boycotting classes for the day and supporting a community effort to organize against the war.

Pomona student body president Eric Sundquist, started off the Wednesday meeting which also included Pomona Commissioner of External Affairs, Steve Powlesland, and CGS student, Doug Mitchell. Plans for the day were described to an audience of about 150 people in Walker Lounge.

Students are urged to meet at Bauer Hall at 1 pm, on the 15th to walk directly to Claremont ROTC and they will voice their discontent. Nearby General Dynamics has also been chosen as a prime mark because 85 per cent of its total sales go to the Defense Department.

One aspect of the Moratorium will be a "Teach-out". Groups of students will go out into the Claremont community and talk with businessmen and residents in an effort to educate them on the war and its effect on our society and to urge them to make a commitment demonstrating their concern.

A march and rally through Claremont are planned for that afternoon.

The total activities surrounding

the fifteenth include the Teach-Out, the Teach-In and a march and rally. Contact may also be made with students at local high schools and efforts to interest and organize students at nearby Cal Poly, Mount Sac, and other schools are being planned. An open letter to the President to be signed by community members will be passed around.

Other activities are dorm discussion groups, publicity and printing of information on the movement, and the organization of coordinating offices.

Doug Mitchell, former chaplain at McAlister and a student at CGS, spoke of the movement as an attempt to call attention to and help

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SDS- Jim Kulk stands at SDS meeting held to discuss strategy for upcoming Vietnam moratorium on Oct. 15. SDS is one of several groups making plans.





NOW, LISTEN- PC student president Sundquist at moratorium meet.

## Boycott, Protest

# March, Teach-In Scheduled

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change American policy.

He used the analogy of a brain tumor, saying that "too damn many of us are trying to pray that the thing will go away...It's time that we took direct action."

He stressed that no matter how painful it may be, "surgery is still necessary now."

Mitchell said that he had talked with Joseph Platt, President of HMC, and realized that "even men of great principle and great power are not yet persuaded that what we're doing in Vietnam is so damned irresponsible that it has to be stopped now."

He addressed himself to the business and college community, asking that "they must now with-

draw their support from that war. They must do so, not because we have won something in Vietnam and not because we face economic instability or even student unrest at home, but because we have to make a judgement about what kind of nation we are; what kind of nation we shall continue to be.

### Necessary Sacrifices

Mitchell expressed hope that all concerned would make the necessary sacrifices and extend their energies to make this movement work. To be successful, he said, it must do more than attract attention. It must enlist the unified support of the community, and at least neutralize opposition to anti-war groups.

Mike Ryan of SDS spoke of the frustrations inevitably encountered in symbolic action, and he called for support in making this movement effective.

"It seems to me that the only way the tumor that Doug (Mitchell) was talking about can be cut out is... to make it too expensive for the administration in Washington to let this tumor continue."

"The question before us is very simple: what are we going to do? It's clear we can sign all the petitions we want, and have been, carry signs all we want, and we have been doing that. And talk, talk, talk all we want, and we have been doing that. To everybody and anybody, and we will have no effect on the policy of this war."

### Military on Campus

Ryan reminded the audience that the same military institution which is responsible for Vietnam exists very comfortably on these campuses.

"That this is the case," he continued, "is a disgrace not only to the academic community as a whole, but to each of us as individuals. How can we allow an institution to flourish right here, right now, which breeds such death and destruction?"

Eric Sundquist, Student Body President at Pomona, attended a conference this summer at Stanford at which student body presidents discussed the fall moratorium. Sundquist is the second student body president recently to be actively involved in anti-war activities. Rick Marcus helped to organize last year's Student Committee for Social Change, as an anti-ROTC group.

The planning activities for October 15 are divided into five sub-groups:

- 1.) The Teach-Out, in which groups of two to three students will visit leaders of local organizations and local businesses, explaining their stand and asking for support.
- 2.) Mobilization with other local anti-war groups such as the UCM, (United Christian Movement).
- 3.) Mass Media.
- 4.) Pamphlets and publicity.
- 5.) Preparation of materials and training of small teams for the Teach-In being organized by concerned faculty members.

### National Group

The Vietnam Moratorium Committee has its head quarters in Washington, D.C. It was originated by NSA and former McCarthy and Kennedy workers, and is endorsed by the National Americans for Democratic Action, the NSA, the New Mobilization Committee, and the National New Democratic Coalition.

The purpose of the national committee, is primarily publicity, and the specific form of action to be taken this fall is left to the choice of each campus.

Next Wednesday, October 8, at 7:30 p.m., there will be another planning meeting in Walker Lounge to finalize plans for the October

## Nationwide Plans For Moratorium

(CPS)—Nearly 300 student body presidents and editors have now signed a call for a Vietnam Moratorium—a nationwide anti-war class and work boycott.

The call, sponsored by the new "Vietnam Moratorium Committee," is for a one-day boycott of classes at all U.S. colleges and universities on October 15, to call attention to and move toward ending the Vietnam War. The committee plans to expand the moratorium to two days in November, three in December, adding a day of protest each month as long as the war goes on.

The Moratorium hopes to involve the community as well as the colleges in cities and towns across the country. Workers and business men are being asked to boycott their daily routine at least for a short time during the moratorium days.

### New Committee

The new Mobilization Committee Against the War in Vietnam has planned a national rally in Washington November 15 to coincide with the second month's Moratorium days.

The rally, similar to the march on the Pentagon in 1966, will include a march from Arlington Cemetery past the White House to the Capitol building, according to tentative plans. Both militant and non-militant groups (including some SDS chapters) refuse to support the Moratorium. The moratorium action is too moderate, some are saying.

Organizers of the Moratorium include: David Hawk, a former National Student Association staff member and coordinator of a "We Won't Go" statement campaign involving 250 student body presidents and editors last year. Sam Brown, another former NSA staff member

Eugene McCarthy's 1968 presidential campaign. He is currently a fellow at Harvard's Institute of Politics, David Mixner, another former McCarthy campaigner presently on the Democratic Party reform commission headed by Sen. George McGovern (D-S. Dakota).

The committee, according to its moratorium strategy statement, expects the monthly protests to grow if the first month's is successful. High school students, anti-war and civil rights constituencies, entertainers, labor union locals, churches, businessmen, and politicians are invited to participate.

A central office in Washington is coordinating plans for the demonstrations and projects to take place on the Moratorium days. Among the committee's suggested plans for the first demonstration and boycott day are town meetings, debates, rallies, leaflet distribution, study groups, vigils in homes and churches, anti-war films, petitions, teach-ins, and memorial services for war dead. Violence is out of the question, say the organizers.

The committee refuses to refer to its class boycotts as strikes, because it does not feel the analogy applies. The intention is not to cripple the universities, but to use them as a base to end the war, Brown says.

Financial assistance is coming from private gifts, Moratorium organizers say, though they do not list any primary backers. The National Student Association has provided some financial aid for the Washington office.

The monthly protests are to continue "until a negotiated settlement is signed or a definite timetable for bringing all American troops home from Vietnam is made," the com-

## ASCMC's \$ Condition

CMC's Senate Wednesday night heard that the ASCMC is in excellent financial condition this year.

Business Manager Mert Goldman announced the ASCMC had \$5900 in unspent revenue from last year. Goldman also announced the temporary curtailment of student body loans due to an excessive number of outstanding loans.

A decision on the motorcycle shelter proposed last year for the north parking lot was postponed by the Senate. Petitions circulated among north quad dorms indicated that residents there objected to the noise which would be created by cyclists starting their engines.

Another issue concerning the north quad was the \$50 deposit recently required to build a bunk bed in one's room. Assistant Dean of Students Larry Smith described the deposit as a "room modification fee," noting that ten bunkbeds were left standing last June—all of which had to be disassembled by college personnel. ASCMC President Larry Gilson said he would discuss the matter with the Residence Halls office late this week.

## ISO Party

There will be a party sponsored by the International Students Organization Saturday night in the Oldenborg gasement. There will be two kegs and international music. Cost is 50 cents for guys and 25 cents for girls.