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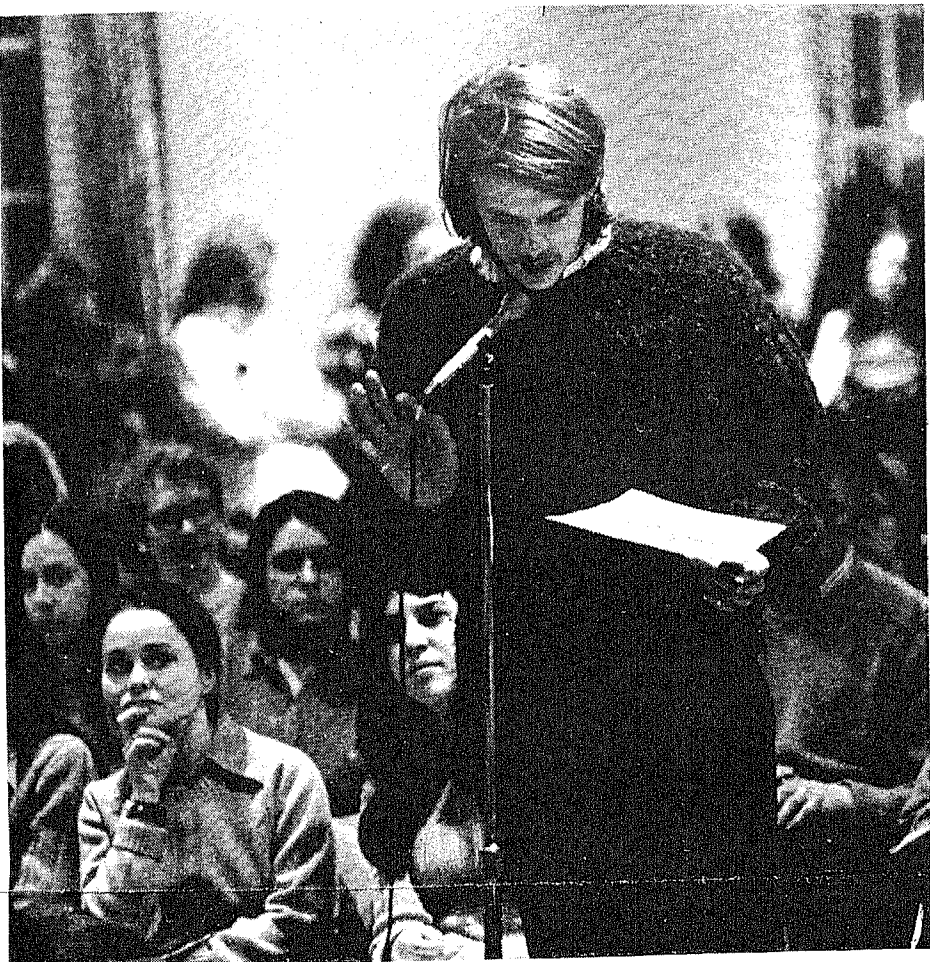
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Trinity Students Strike



Mark Feathers, '74, proposes a resolution adopted by last night's All-College meeting. Feather's proposal called in part for community actions to achieve an end to the war.

At an All-College meeting last night, 450 students voted to hold a "noncoercive strike" today to protest the escalation of the War in Vietnam. The resolution was passed "in solidarity" with the National Student Association's call for student strikes at colleges today.

The group also passed a resolution calling for a "Mobilization Day Against the War" today, to begin actions to bring "an immediate complete and total end to all U.S. involvement in the war."

A series of eleven workshops and discussions concerning the war have been scheduled for today (See schedule, page 2). The workshops will be led by faculty members and will take place in Mather Hall.

A rally, sponsored by the Hartford Committee of Conscience, will be held at 4:30 at the Federal Building. The rally will be followed by a march to the Army Recruiting Office at the State Armory Building on Capitol Avenue. The march will be led by the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, and some participants dressed in black will carry a coffin.

President Lockwood told the **TRIPOD** in an interview yesterday that he would "endorse the use of nonviolent and constructive means to express" student protest against the War. He added that he supported a letter signed by the presidents of eight Ivy League colleges that condemned the renewed bombing of North Vietnam and "its civilian population."

Lockwood and Cambell, president of Wesleyan University, will send a letter today to Melvin Laird, secretary of defense, "expressing our great concern with the resumption of the bombing," according to Lockwood. He said the letter will probably

be signed by other Connecticut college presidents.

This letter, he added, will not speak for the institutions, but will express the individual views of the presidents.

One of the resolutions passed at last night's meeting stated that "each member of the community devote his or her time and energy on Friday and the weeks following to activities in the Hartford area aimed at bringing...an end to the careers of those politicians who refuse to bring an end to the war."

The resolution stated that today's activities would be "aimed at achieving those ends."

A motion calling for a strike and a suspension of classes failed to reach a majority vote. Richard Hess, '72, argued that the NSA's call for a strike was "meaningless." He said he opposed any hints of coercion because students should be free to do whatever they want today.

Several students claimed a strike would "force the opinions of a few on many." Others suggested that anti-war activities be conducted during students "free time," and not interrupt classes.

One student said a strike would produce community backlash. "They'll figure we just want a three-day weekend," he said.

Other students called upon the group to align itself with national events. "For the last two years, we have been disillusioned. What we need now is nothing more or less than a show of our disapproval," Jill Silverman, '74, stated. "We want to turn the tanks around and have them go home."

She continued, stating it is the national magnitude of the strike, rather than the specific form it takes at Trinity that is politically important.

Theodore Mauch, professor of religion, said the group should use "our imagination and our discipline" in adopting means of protesting the war. He accused the Nixon administration of being "anti-education" because it believes "everything can be solved with a thunderbolt." Educators, he said, "believe in the value of exploration and careful study."

Mauch added that today's strike, because it comes at the end of the term, seemed like searching for quick answers. "Why does it take a crisis like this one to wake us up? We should have been doing this all year," he stated.

Members of the Young Socialists stated that capitalism was the root of the war, and called for a worker-student alliance on behalf of the National Liberation Front, which they said was engaged in a class struggle.

Samuel Hendel, professor of political science, said students should not prevent classes from being held and should not demand that the College take an institutional stand on the war. He said such a stand would violate academic freedom, and would create "an anti-democratic position."

Thomas A. Smith, vice-president, stating that he spoke both "personally and institutionally," said the administration "will not close down the College, and will not tolerate any attempts to stop instructors or students from entering classes."

The administration will not, Smith continued, take action against striking students or professors. He said the administration has no authority over individual faculty members' actions, and that student strikers would be responsible only to their instructors.

J. Ronald Spencer, dean for community life, told students to contact their instructors before classes today to arrange a different date for examinations, if they are scheduled.

The TCC, at their regular meeting Wednesday, defeated a motion urging students to attend the All-College meeting, to boycott classes Friday, and to attend seminars and workshops instead.

The motion, presented by Steve Barkan, '73, was made in conjunction with the NSA's call for a student strike.

U.S. Trying To Lift Siege By North Viets

SAIGON (AP) - Waves of enemy troops in overpowering strength seized a 50-mile stretch of Highway 1 in eastern Cambodia Thursday, posing another potential threat to Saigon, 40 miles down the road.

At the same time, North Vietnamese troops and tanks struck savagely at An Loc in a renewed attempt to seize that provincial capital, 60 miles north of Saigon.

Cambodian officers suggested that the enemy aim is to seize all of Svay Rieng Province in eastern Cambodia, thereby reestablishing border bases for joining the offensive in South Vietnam. The Viet Cong has made no secret of the fact that the ultimate aim of the offensiv is to capture Saigon.

The collapse of a large part of Svay Rieng Province opened a new route for enemy forces either to threaten Saigon from the west, or to push southeastward into the Mekong Delta.

The fallen Cambodian positions included Prey Phau, close to the point where Highway 1 crosses the border into South Vietnam 40 miles west of Saigon. The province capital of Svay Rieng, 25 miles farther west, was under heavy enemy pressure, Cambodian officers reported.

Much of the Cambodian sector had been patrolled by Saigon troops until March 30, when the North Vietnamese opened their general offensive, forcing the pullback of South Vietnamese opened their general offensive forcing the pullback of South Vietnamese forces.

In the battle for An Loc, enemy troops attacked South Vietnamese rangers and paratroopers north and southeast of the city following a day-long, 1,600-round shelling Wednesday.

A score of U.S. B52s dropped 500 tons of bombs on three sides of An Loc, trying to

Editorial

If the College fulfills the resolution adopted at last night's All-College meeting, a significant step will be made toward ending the War in Vietnam. The resolution calls for a "Mobilization Day Against the War" and its success rests on the seriousness of the community's claims to oppose the War.

What is crucial is not whether students boycott classes, but what sort of action is taken in the time outside of class. Protest is not effective when it occurs on one day only.

Today's activities must be the beginning of a committed and sustained effort by all of the Trinity community to achieve the goals it selected last night:

- 1) An immediate end to all U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia;
- 2) An end to the careers of those politicians who refuse to bring an end to the war.

For too long, we mistakenly believed that U.S. aggression in Southeast Asia was winding down, and so we have been silent. Now we see a repetition of the events of 1965 during the Johnson Administration which included bombing of the North and strikes at sea, all in order to force our "democratic" system where it apparently isn't wanted. But what sort of democracy are we displaying to the Vietnamese people? We are killing thousands in an undeclared, illegal war. When one individual is killed, it's called murder. But our activities in Vietnam are termed 'democracy.'

Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, released a memorandum stating that if the United States were freed from "domestic restraints" it might undertake even more extensive operations against North Vietnam. It appears that the President is no longer deterred by the possibility of a confrontation with the Soviet Union or China. It is time for the American people to pose such a threat.

For too long, the President has boasted that under his leadership the country has been peaceful; protest has been mild. It is time to show him that the American people will protest, and that he must answer to them for his actions.

Dr. Hendel quoted Dante at last night's meeting: "The hottest place in hell is reserved for those who remain neutral."

To remain silent at this time is a greater crime than to drop bombs. We must deliver the message loud and clear to the Nixon administration: Unless all military involvement in Southeast Asia is immediately stopped, there will be massive disruptions at home. This is our ultimatum.

Students Join National Viet Protests

First reaction to the National Student Association's call for a nationwide student strike today appeared to be widespread but low key. Organizers at several campuses were hoping for momentum to pick up last night and today, the day of the strike.

Several colleges and universities in Connecticut besides Trinity have planned events.

Between seven- and eight-hundred students marched on the University of Connecticut campus at Storrs Wednesday night. Two hundred of the marchers went to a Student Senate meeting which passed a one-day moratorium resolution. Workshops are being planned.

After the Senate meeting about 100 UConn students marched to the ROTC building. A number of statements were made and against the advice of the organizers some participants broke a few windows and bent a sign at the ROTC building.

One UConn student said that most of the marchers were curiosity seekers who had come out because of good weather.

About 200 Wesleyan students met outside their Chapel Wednesday afternoon and voted to strike. It was not known whether workshops will be held. Students were urged to participate in the mass demonstration in New York Saturday.

Some Wesleyan people also plan a fast there for Friday.

Another meeting will be held Sunday to decide whether to continue the strike.

About 150 students met Wednesday night at the University of Hartford to plan a strike. An all-college meeting held last night planned workshops for Friday.

A mass rally will be held at noon today in New Haven. Yale students met last night to discuss their strike plans which call for a state-wide student strike and for a general strike of workers and students on May 4th.

Sunday night, Pete Seeger will sing at

Yale as part of their anti-war activities.

Yale's employees union will hold a fifteen-minute work stoppage today in sympathy with the striking students.

A special service will be held in the Yale Chapel this morning at 9:30. Yale's chaplain, William Sloane Coffin, will lead the service along with Yale's dean of women.

The Yale Daily News had called for the strike by printing an editorial endorsed by the eight Ivy league newspapers supporting the National Student Association's strike call.

Students interviewed at Yale said activities there were less intense than during the 1970 student strike protesting the intervention in Cambodia. A reporter for the Yale Daily News characterized the strike as "open ended."

Outside of Connecticut, many colleges and universities are holding their own activities today.

In the Ivy League, Brown University students voted to go on strike today at a meeting Monday attended by 200 people. A meeting of 400 people at Cornell University on Tuesday also called for a strike today.

Columbia University, whose newspaper, The Spectator, wrote the editorial endorsed by each of the Ivy league schools, has been on strike since Wednesday.

On Monday, 2000 Columbia students attended an all-college meeting, and on Tuesday some 3000 students blocked traffic on Broadway. Continuous picket lines have been set up around Columbia by students.

Amherst, Smith, University of Massachusetts and Mount Holyoke College are all out on strike.

Other colleges in the East have not finalized plans yet. One thousand Clark University students met Monday and discussed a strike but had not reached a decision when the Tripod went to press. Student leaders at the University of Maine

Letter

To the Editor:

The resumption of air strikes against the North makes less likely an end to the tragic war in Vietnam. As a citizen I am dismayed that this country has chosen to revert to a strategy which demonstrably failed in the past and which can only produce more bloodshed without improving the chances for a peaceful settlement. However sophisticated the military argument in behalf of increased bombing, however carefully calculated the pressure presumably associated with this retaliation for an admittedly ill-advised offensive by ground forces of the North Vietnamese, however frustrated the Administration may feel in its efforts to de-escalate the war, the results of this bombing effort will not induce a political settlement in Vietnam.

We know that such a settlement must assure the return of American prisoners. But bombing will not achieve that end. Only a negotiated settlement will. Even though such negotiations are tortuous, there is no other acceptable alternative; and as a people we must be committed to that assiduous search for peace.

Theodore D. Lockwood
President

Today's Activities

9:30-11:00

Michele Toomey, instructor in psychology
"Social Influences and the War: How to Change People's Minds"
Alumni Lounge

10:30-11:30

George Higgins, College counsellor
"The Social-Psychological Consequences of War-Making"
South Campus A-B Lounge

11:00-12:30

H. McKim Steele, chairman, Non-Western Studies
"U.S. Foreign Policy After Vietnam?"
Alumni Lounge

Norman Miller, chairman, sociology
"Where do we go from here?"
Senate Room

Thomas A. Reilly, lecturer, political science
"Voters' Reactions to Student Strikes"
Wean Lounge

1:30-3:00

Ivan Backer, director of community affairs
Ron Cretaro, '71
"Political Action in Hartford"
Senate Room

Robert Oxnam, assistant professor of history
J. Ronald Spencer, dean for community life
"Vietnam: A Permanent Commitment?"
Wean Lounge

3:00-4:30

Neil Garston, instructor in economics
"Why the Bombing and What to do?"
Senate Room

Father David Lonergan, advisor to Newman Club
"Political Protest and Religion"
Wean Lounge

4:00-5:30

Hugh Ogden, assistant professor of English
"Poetry and War"
South Campus A-B Lounge

6:30 p.m.

Open meeting to plan anti-war action
McCook Auditorium

Saturday 1:00

Peter Basch '74
Steven Barkan '73
"Resistance to the Draft"
South Campus A-B Lounge



Speaking at last night's All-College meeting, Theodore Mauch, professor of religion, calls for an ongoing opposition to the War. He said the college community is too "crisis" oriented.

Anti-war Protest

The Hartford Peace Action Coalition is arranging for buses to Saturday's rally in New York City.

Reservations for round-trip tickets are now being accepted at \$6.00 a person.

The buses will leave at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning from the Unitarian Church on Bloomfield Ave., down the block from the University of Hartford.

Those who want to drive should assemble at Columbus Avenue between 72nd and 77th Streets in New York City between 10 a.m. and noon.

The march will begin at noon and will proceed south on Columbus Avenue and then on Broadway, ending in a rally at Bryant Park (Broadway and 40th Street) at 1 p.m.

The rally will continue from 1 p.m. until approximately 4:30 p.m. at which time buses will bring back the Hartford Contingent.

To make reservations or get further information, call the Hartford Peace Action Coalition, 527-9868.

PROCESSION OF DEATH

Friday, 4:30 p.m.
Federal Building
450 Main Street

Procession from Federal Building to State Armory where recruiting offices are, led by Vietnam Veterans Against the War At Armory, a ceremony commemorating the dead in Indochina. A casket will lead the procession. People dressed in white-face and black cloaks.

The Student Mobilization Committee is calling an emergency national student anti-war conference Sunday, April 23, at New York University Lobe Student Center, 566 LaGuardia Place at 11:00 a.m. to discuss future activities of the student anti-war movement. Housing will be available. For more information, call Fred Lovegren of S.M.C. at 212-741-1960.