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bout politics and of using the electoral areas to build political opposition in the United States.
SDS has been involved with NCNP in a number of ways. From its inception, SDS leaders have been invited to its meetings, and, as reported from time to time in New Left Notes, have participated on its board.
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Motion to act on wire with highest prior­

Motion to release NCNP resolution at press conference. No objection. CARRIED.

Vote on motion, Show of hands—no count. CARRIED.

Motion: A major problem within SDS is the sense of isolation that many constitu­

Motion: Vote on main motion, show of hands, no count. CARRIED.

Motion: To write a letter to the editor expressing solidarity with the Southern Student Organizing Committee, Student Religious (National Student Non-Violent Lec­

Vote on motion. Show of hands—no count. CARRIED.

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Section 7. Any interested organization or individual is invited to send requests for information orders for cards, ideas or suggestions if possible with vitally needed contributions.

Section 8. The Proposed Auto Boycott

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There have been dozens of peace campaigns this year, reflecting much more than liberal politics at work again. These campaigns have been not only liberal, but also much more middle-class Americans move into protest activity, and of a much more militant and potentially radical sort than predecessor middle-class peace movements of the Cold War period (the Stevenson enthusiasm and the Ban-the-Bomb movement). As recognized by the SDS National Council in its April resolution on electoral politics, it is very important for us to try to give leadership to this movement. More and more there is the case that job is abandoned to the public relations men in Bobby Kennedy's hotel. We have a great deal to say to these people about how foreign policy is made, about the need for a radical alternative to Cold War ideology, etc. A radical awakening at this level has to be associated with more militant enthusiasm, such that he received 45% of the vote in the primary against the liberal incumbent (albeit in a non-machine situation). Further evidence of the receptiveness of the middle-class peace movement to our leadership and analysis is provided by their lack of enthusiasm for the millenarian SANE Yinters Pledge.

The NCNP held a school for new politics in Ann Arbor immediately following the N.C. meeting. SDS people like myself and Bob Gottlieb of the New York office had taken responsibility for turning out attention and did a poor job, but the group that assembled was composed of people with very deep experience in new-style politics. Proposals came out of this group for developing an NCNP Bulletin, which would take it off the timetable of the people who merely want to run peace candidate protests.

6 - make conferences and dialogue the first priority for NCNP, with the aim of mobilizing our energies in limited (or even self-defeating) activities which make us look ridiculous as a political force? One of the President's favorite expressions is reputed to be: 'He can't find his ass with both hands.' We ought only allow him to employ this location at our expense. Being on the right side is cold comfort if we only play the role of Cassandra.

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A minor point, perhaps, is the statement that the United States is...on essentially racist culture. The United States is a place within which the many different cultures, all of which in one way or another intermingle and blend to form a single, very complex thing which to organize would be called 'the American culture.' There are indeed strong elements of racism in this culture, and in different ways and in varying degrees this affects all people who are a part of this society. If SDS is to claim that it offers the movement a solid, radical thinking, it must strive to deal with the complexities of facing and reframing, and for sweeping over-simplifications and bucket- oth the resolutions. Another part of the resolution reads: 'We agree, then, with SNCC in asking why Negroes, first priority for NCNP, with the aim of mobilizing our energies in limited (or even self-defeating) activities which make us look ridiculous as a political force? One of the President's favorite expressions is reputed to be: 'You can't find his ass with both hands.' We ought only allow him to employ this location at our expense. Being on the right side is cold comfort if we only play the role of Cassandra.

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Question SNCC Resolution

There are some very good points made in the Resolution on SNCC passed at the National Council meeting. It is important to express our solidarity with a brother organization which is under attack, to oppose neocolonialism of such an organization, and to express our intention to work closely with such an organization as SNCC. It is good to support the liberation movement of "black power" as a strategy for building a political alternative. It is possible, however, that "racism and exploitation confront Negroes as a group, together," and it seems that collectively felt oppression should naturally bind an oppressed people together in their struggle against it. And for this, it is very important for the statement: "This too is somewhat ambiguous. In reading over it, I get pictures of whites organizing themselves separately to understand themselves separately, that once this is done the two separate organizations will establish an alliance to bring about social change. Is this what means? Is it, how does it relate to the student movement -- are blacks rejecting whites? How would it apply to SDS -- would we encourage Negroes from joining in? And now does all of this to the experiences of the Newark and Cleveland projects? Strategies and, it seems to me, that certain areas and certain situations may be inadequate for others. The New Left Notes is an important one. I think these are points which should be further discussed and clarified.

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More National Council Minutes

The seventh session of the national council meeting was brought to order at 7:45 P.M. by Liora Proctor.

Motion to have the report of the draft on resolutions be rejected in New Left Notes. Show of hands - no count DEFEATED.

Motion to reverse stand on preamble. Show of hands - no count DEFEATED.

Motion: In pursuance of this position, the national office is instructed to aid chapters and regions in preparation of programs revolving around both university participation in the military system and community anti-war work, and to prepare literature and information services in support of these programs. Voice vote CARRIED.

Motion that SDS participate in and co-sponsor a draft workshop in the fall with the Inter-University Committee on War and Peace. Voice vote CARRIED.

Amendment to the draft on resolutions that has just had a major event could speak on it. It was noted that people from other parts of the country would have to come in regularly and do the research and to write up the position statements.

There will be a press conference Monday in the NO to talk about the SNCC resolution and general proceedings of the NC.

Greg Colvert will try to recruit volunteers who will come in regularly and help to do the research and work. Working typewriters are needed (only two work in the office, and those not well).

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An interesting and important session took place toward a movement for a democratic society, these connected people to contribute their time and abilities, implementing programs for SDS and SDI, electing more broadly representative members to the NAC, forming a summer study group to develop further concrete proposals toward this end.

Aerlyn Weissmon, Paul LeBlanc, and Jane Adams, Paul LeBlanc, and Aerlyn Weissmon. Bob Speck and Paul Lauter were away on legitimate grounds of putting out NUN and traveling out of town respectively.

The Regional Coordinator Steve Baum was mandated to provide a sponsor for the NAC.

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Motion to adjourn. No objection CARRIED.

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NAC Staff meeting Thursday 23 June 1966

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People attending: Aerlyn Weissmon, Bob Speck, Greg Colvert, Jane Adams, Paul LeBlanc, Art Rosenblum, Paul Booth, Earle Silber, Jack Weinstein, NAC members absent: JOHN (Mike) James, Paul Lauter.

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