



A TIME FOR UNITY

The past several days have witnessed an extraordinary degree of cooperation between students and faculty in our common efforts to reverse the President's disastrous war policies. Together we have begun to make the community aware of our depth of feeling on the crisis confronting the country.

In a few instances however, students have felt impelled to try and prevent those who want to pursue their course work from doing so. This represents a disservice to our common efforts for peace. There are some who wish to complete their courses in addition to working against the war. They should be permitted to do so. Many of us have been doing both for years. The present crisis calls for maximum cooperation for peace, not divisions or petty quarelling among ourselves.

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The Necessity of Continued Commitment

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Now is the time, the time, the time . . . perhaps the last time. The necessity for commitment is clear — the sacred inviolability of the student has forever been shattered at Kent and Jackson State . . . the octopus-like U.S. imperialist machine has reared its ugly head most nakedly in Cambodia . . . the brutal suppression of the Black Movement is all the more evident in Augusta.

In this period of political crisis, continued and ever renewed efforts to pressure our recalcitrant government are absolutely imperative if we are to attain any degree of humanity in our lives. These efforts should take as many forms and utilize as many techniques as are available, within or outside the "system." These could include continued support of the nationwide and local student strikes . . . participation in anti-war and pro-Black demonstrations . . . en-

gaging in petitions and letter-writing campaigns . . . working for peace candidates . . . partaking in dialogues with neighbors, friends and business associates. The essential point is that politics should begin to thoroughly permeate consciousness; one's personal life should be but a shallow configuration apart from the political environment.

Our Movement must guard itself against apathy and disillusionment . . . effective change has always been a laborious struggle in this land. The essential qualities for today's effort are discipline, perseverance and the fortitude not to forget the initial moral outrage that propelled us in the first place.

If we allow our energies to be dissipated by the heat of the summer sun . . . if we let ourselves shrink from the Consciousness of Mankind to our own small worlds . . . if we discontinue our actions and settle into the comforts of Personalism . . . then hope may have seen its very last gasp.

