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Moratorium Meditation

The October 15 Moratorium was a qualified success. It was certainly heartening to hear all those youths chanting "All that we ask — is give peace a chance" at Richmond and across the nation. It brings to mind fond memories of the 1967 Love-Peace-Hippie thing, when the kids were very idealistic and still optimistic.

But the year is '69, and the U.S. is still over in that fated land. We've been chanting for a long time to no avail. It was not our voices which made anti-Vietnam War sentiment so widespread, but the beating our troops are taking in Nam.

The October 15 Moratorium was endorsed by many establishment figures because they, too, want out. They want no part of a no-win war. Yet there exists in their attitude towards war in general no real change — they still see the U.S. role of interventionist as right and proper. Had the American troops smashed "the enemy" in Vietnam, there would be V-Day parades instead of Moratoriums.

But despite even these large numbers of establishment "protestors," the war may not soon be over. The military has a stake in Vietnam, as in all wars; their livelihood is bloodshed. They will use all the pressure they can muster to prevent a peaceful settlement. Furthermore, there is no way of predicting Tricky Dick's next move. But as long as he continues the war, he must be convinced that our united opposition **cannot be ignored**. Students should take their convictions to Washington on November 15 in what may well be the most massive anti-war demonstration this nation has ever known.