

COMMITTEE EXHIBIT No. 21

Globe and SMC Go Hand-in-hand!

The Globe has printed this letter minus the parts exposing them. They hope to look "neutral". Don't be taken in. The Globe always attacks workers and students. For instance, they covered up the murder of Frank Lynch, a black patient at Boston City Hospital. They built up a few construction workers fighting some students, but said nothing when thousands of workers and students demonstrated against the war in Washington. One letter stripped of its pro-worker ideas, and an explanation of why the Globe supports the SMC doesn't change the fact that the Globe is a bosses newspaper.

To the Editor of the Boston Globe:

The Globe has now run three long stories on the fight which took place at the Student Mobilization Committee National Steering Committee meeting between members of SDS and SMC. The three stories are full of lies.

Lie #1: SDS "attacked the meeting". I am the fellow the SMC (and the Globe claim tried to "disrupt the meeting". I had come for a minute to deliver some Challenges (newspaper of the Progressive Labor Party) to a friend in the meeting. As I reached the door I was told to register. I asked: where? but the next moment I was jumped by 4 or 5 SMC door guards, shoved up against the wall and beaten. At that time there were 12 members of SDS or PL in a meeting of over 200. Some came out to see what was happening and were beaten, too. Rita Hollum was tripped and kicked in the face. John Pennington, national president of SDS, was specially singled out. He was wrestled to the ground and kicked in the head and shoulders by 5 members of SMC and YSA (Young Socialist Alliance). In the Globe's account, however, our being beaten up is reported as a savage attempt by me (a "gatecrasher" !!) and others to "disrupt the SMC meeting."

Lie #2: SDS and PL have a "real gangland" approach. After the lunch recess, we came back with about 40 more people to try to get back into the meeting to put forward our ideas and expose the SMC leadership. The SMC leaders continued to try to keep us out by force. A fight started. The Globe reports only that an SMCer -- John McCann -- was injured. It does not report that an SDSer took several stitches beneath his eye because according to the doctor he was cut by a knife. Another SDSer was kicked in the kidney and has been hospitalized since. Another was clubbed with a blackjack. According to the Globe these injuries did not exist -- because only SDS and PL "use violence" and the SMC leadership was really just a sweet bunch of pansies.

The rich men who run the Globe attack SDS and PL because we put forward a very significant idea: that the anti-war movement should unite with workers and fight against the bosses, liberal and conservative alike. We think the US government has no right to negotiate anything in Vietnam and should get out now! But the liberal politicians, McCarthys, McGovern, and the rich businessmen who own the Globe don't want the US out of Vietnam -- they want to keep the US there through negotiations to ensure profits for US bosses. These bosses have nightmares that the wave of student outrage following the invasion of Cambodia could unite with striking workers -- say the postal workers or the auto workers -- shut the country down and end the war. The Globe spent so much space -- three separate stories -- attacking us and trying to discredit us for putting this idea forward because they realize we are their main enemy in the anti-war movement. They seek to justify SMC's attempts to exclude us from meetings because SMC also backs liberal politicians.

The SMC leaders need the Globe's help. More and more people have seen through their rotten leadership. At the spring anti-war conference, the majority voted for an SDS proposal against liberal politicians speaking on April 15. So the SMC with the help of the Globe forgot all its claptrap about "democracy", sought to get liberal politicians to speak anyway and tried to exclude SDS! We wanted to go to this latest SMC meeting precisely because we felt that many honest people there could be won to oppose this rotten leadership.

We do not believe in individual acts of terror. We think that masses of people should get together on the basis of a clear understanding of their common enemy -- US bosses -- and fight them. The SMC and the Globe have cynically lied about our being "thugs", etc. to hide the real thugs -- the businessmen, liberal politicians, and their servants in the movement who smile sweetly and shoot down working people and students in Vietnam, Kent State, Augusta, Jackson State, teamsters in Cleveland, etc.

They will lose.

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COMMITTEE EXHIBIT No. 21—Continued

SMC /YSA SPREADS ANTI - COMMUNIST LIES

The SMC/YSA leadership makes every effort to steer the anti-war movement away from workers and into the jaws of liberal politicians. As more and more people, through their experiences, have rejected this position, the SMC, unable to win politically, has been forced to lie and slander. This leaflet is being handed out to expose their latest trick—lies they've been spreading about a fight between SMC/YSA and SDS & PL at MIT last May.

The SMC/YSA leaders have been saying, "PL is a bunch of gangsters," "thugs," and whatnot. They're trying to build anti-communism to scare people away from pro-worker ideas put forward by SDS and PL. These lies should be rejected.

PL and SDS put forward that students must ally with the 70-million workers and their families. They face the same enemy that we do, fight back, and have the power to force an end to the war.

As the leaflet points out, SMC/YSA leaders are the thugs, not SDS or PL. But this is not the main issue; the real question is — do we ally with liberal politicians, or do we ally with workers, fight racism, and finally end the war.

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