

THE VISION...

"Students for a Democratic Society is an association of young people on the left. It seeks to create a sustained community of educational and political concern; one bringing together liberals and radicals, activists and scholars, students and faculty. It maintains a vision of a democratic society, where at all levels the people have control of the decisions which affect them and the resources on which they are dependent. It seeks a relevance through the continual focus on realities and on the programs necessary to effect change at the most basic levels of economic, political, and social organization. It feels the urgency to put forth a radical, democratic program . . ."

from the SDS Constitution
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SDS is the Student Department of the
League for Industrial Democracy

DEMOCRACY WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION

- * Membership is open to all who share our commitment to participatory democracy.
- * Chapters are the basic local unit, pursuing autonomous programs on the campus and in the community; participating in the national programs of the organization; participating in national policy decisions through elected representatives.
- * The National Convention, held each year, is the principal forum for establishing policy and leadership for the coming year. Every SDS member who attends may vote. The Convention elects 17 national officers who, with elected chapter representatives, form the National Council, the chief administrative body which meets quarterly.
- * The principal administrative officer, the National Secretary, is appointed by the National Council. In addition, the National Council establishes National Projects, whose directors and executive committees are responsible to the National Council.
- * All members are kept informed of the organization's operations through the monthly membership Bulletin; organized chapters receive bi-weekly mailings.

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- ☐ I would like to join SDS and enclose
() \$1 initiation () \$2/yr. dues
- ☐ I would like more information on SDS
- ☐ I am interested in joining SDS staff
() now () this summer

name _____

school address _____

permanent address _____

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY!

A RADICAL NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS

THE PROGRAM...

IN THE UNIVERSITY: SDS seeks to inject a new controversy into our stagnant educational system. Through a series of publications on university reform, SDS has long questioned the trend away from the community of scholars and toward the "multiversity". SDS pioneered in the introduction of peace courses into college curricula; participated in the Berkeley Free Speech Movement, and organized national support for the FSM, worked for unionization of university employees; and constantly urges students to re-evaluate the purposes of education and the relevance of contemporary education to contemporary social problems.

IN THE COMMUNITY: Believing as we do that social change can be brought to America only through the education and organization of people at the grass roots level, SDS directs much of its program to the organization of the poor and the dispossessed in American society. Through its Economic Research and Action Project (ERAP), SDS involves hundreds of students and other young people as organizers in radical community organization projects. Working principally in Northern urban areas, ERAP projects attempt to forge the inter-racial movements necessary to demand adequate housing, full employment, human and humane welfare programs, and democratic government. While working from a basic core of full-time organizers, SDS summer projects afford the opportunity for hundreds of students to participate as front line soldiers in a real war on poverty.

SDS projects are currently located in seven cities, with associated projects in five more cities. The current projects entail a full-time staff of over 50.

A VOICE OF THE INSURGENT MOVEMENT...

A VEHICLE FOR SOCIAL ACTION...

A FORUM FOR STUDY AND DEBATE...

IN THE SOCIETY AT LARGE: The SDS concern for peace is manifested through SDS's Peace Research and Education Project. PREP attempts to bring to the student and the public in general a concrete understanding of the obstacles to peace and disarmament, and attempts to point the way around these obstacles. Through PREP, SDS established the first periodical devoted to the problems of reconverting the defense economy to peace-time uses; carried out pilot attempts to organize defense workers for reconversion; pointed to the role that vested American financial interests play in the formation of foreign policy; researched the role of current American operations in the underdeveloped world; and sponsored

"SDS is doing the toughest thinking I know about in the universities on the large issues of peace, race, education, and social change." — Harold Taylor

"SDS activity for a better world is vital." — Congressman William Fitts Ryan

"SDS, through its program of study and research, helps to move all of us to the point where we can hope to see the emergence of a new and vital grouping of forces on the Democratic Left." — Bayard Rustin

"SDS has been in the vanguard of student organizations dedicated to the forces of progress in America." — Walter P. Reuther

"Everything I see about SDS encourages me greatly; it is one of the few promising currents in American life today." — Howard Zinn

dramatic national protests against America's prosecution of the war in Vietnam.

SDS's concern for civil rights is carried out as an integral part of its total program to build a new and decent society. SDS members across the country are involved in the struggle for civil rights through direct action, publication, and support of SDS's fraternal organizations, SNCC, the Northern Student Movement, and the Southern Student Organizing Committee.

SDS's concern for progressive legislation, electoral politics, and insurgent political organization is expressed through SDS's associated organization, the Political Education Project (PEP). PEP produces analytical and case study papers on voting trends, current legislative proposals, and insurgent or coalition political developments such as the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, the Texas Coalition, and the Noel Day campaign in Boston.

WON'T YOU JOIN WITH US?

The outcome of this new insurgence can be the organization of political constituencies expressing, for the first time in this generation, the needs of ordinary men for a decent life