



PEOPLES COALITION FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE
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BACKGROUND:

In March of 1971 over a score of community, peace, student, military, low-income and other groups and individuals formed the Hawaii People's Coalition for Peace and Justice -- reflecting the joining of concerns for an end to the war, racism, exploitation, repression and poverty, and for a society based on human equality and respect for the earth.

Knowing that one big demonstration or one month's efforts would neither end the war nor solve the problems of Hawaii, HPCPJ invited participation by groups and individuals for ACTION NOW as well as for a long-range program of continuing activity, education and organization.

STRUCTURE:

The structure of the Coalition allows for involvement at many levels. Regular once-a-week meetings provide communication, information, and an opportunity for Task Forces -- on immediate or on-going projects -- to meet. HPCPJ has a rotating chairmanship for the meetings, a working steering committee consisting of active members currently involved, and decisions are made by consensus -- if there is no objection, a project which appeals to enough people to form a group to work on it is initiated. No one is committed to participate in any project of HPCPJ except the one he chooses to be working on. A weekly News and Action Bulletin is mailed to all participants -- now numbering over 500.

WORK OF HPCPJ TO DATE:

- * War Tax Resistance leafletting, picketing, information
- * Kalama Valley support
- * Media survey and monitoring of slanted newspaper, radio & TV coverage
U.S.-Indochina Solidarity March April 24
May 5 Moratorium on Business as Usual in Memoriam for Kent State & Jackson State Students and Indochinese and U.S. War Dead
- * Publication of newspaper advertisements re: Ending the Draft, War Tax Resistance, People's Peace Treaty, Mother's Day Women's Letter to Pres. Nixon, Support for Kokua Hawaii and the land struggle
- * GI support and help in organizing the Liberated Barracks Coffeehouse
- * Support for anti-draft legislation and draft resistance
- * Demonstration against U.S. & British support of racist governments in S. Africa and Rhodesia
Demonstration with Women's Liberation at Miss Hawaii Contest
- * Support of political prisoners: Ruchelle McGee & Angela Davis, Berrigan Bros. et al, Beaver 55, Soledad Brothers, Bobby Seale & Erika Huggins, Panther 21, Chen Yu-hsi, local GI & civilian prisoners
G.I Memorial Day vigil at Punchbowl
- * Protest against French nuclear bomb testing in South Pacific
- * Protest against war manufacturers' complicity in war crimes

*Starred items are on-going

ACTIVITIES OF PARTICIPANTS:

Activities of participants in the past 2½ months have included writing letters and wires to congressmen and senators, other public officials, and to local newspapers; visiting radio and TV stations to discuss slanted news coverage; attending meetings

of Media Council to present our position; research on war contractors, the military, land, and other economic, social and political problems in Hawaii; contributions of money for ads, posters, printed and mimeographed material; preparation of radio ads on tape; researching and writing leaflets; collecting information for the bulletin; leafletting, picketing, marches, demonstrations, vigils, guerrilla theatre; attending meeting of City Council to promote Peace Treaty, and distributing the People's Peace Treaty for signatures; working with community groups for Peace Treaty ratification; collecting signatures for ads; active duty GIs organizing their Liberated Barracks coffeehouse and supporting GI dissent.

The Support Task Force is responsible for painting posters and banners, producing leaflets, mailing weekly bulletin, and manning the office as an information and communication center. Hawaii Performing Artists for Peace and Justice is a new type of support group. The Bulletin prints information which participating groups supply, reports from Task Forces, and also material supplied by groups outside the Coalition, which use it as a channel to reach concerned people -- for example, The Committee on Public Justice, the HPU and The Third Arm, the Ad Hoc Committee to Defend the Defender have supplied notices of their activities. Although you do not wish to be active, you may receive the Bulletin by donating \$2.

TASK FORCES:

Some Task Forces dissolve after their particular project is complete (i.e. the April 24th Solidarity March Task Force), HPCPJ people then move into whichever group they wish to work with next. Among the on-going Task Forces, the JULY 14th BASTILLE DAY group is doing research on local prisons and prisoners in general, with emphasis on political prisoners; the JULY 4 TASK FORCE is planning a fund-raising party to establish an HPCPJ bail fund; the KALAMA SUPPORT TASK FORCE is doing research on the Bishop Estate, Kaiser-Aetna and related subjects; the HIROSHIMA MEMORIAL MARCH TASK FORCE is planning a July 31 to August 6 March around Oahu, with stops in six communities en route; the MEDIA TASK FORCE is continuing to press for Media Council recommendations for fair coverage of the war, race, sex and other matters often presented in a biased way; the WAR CONTRACTORS RESEARCH COMMITTEE is working to provide more information on local branches of such firms, local firms that have war contracts, and consumer products of war contractors. HPCPJ can supply information, materials and speakers to help organizing on the Outer Islands.

All people of good will whose concerns find a place in the general framework of the HPCPJ's program for peace and justice are welcome to attend the regular Tuesday night meetings, 7:00 p.m. at the Church of the Crossroads, 1212 University Ave.; to participate in Task Forces, and to introduce related concerns and projects which they would like to have considered for support and action.

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- Send me ___ copies of the Peace Treaty to circulate for signatures
- ___ I can volunteer time: ___ at home ___ at HPCPJ office in Waikiki
- ___ I want to work with the Task Force on _____. Call me.
- ___ I cannot be active, but want to receive the News and Action Bulletin. Enclosed \$2.
- ___ I want to contribute to the work of HPCPJ.....Enclosed \$ _____

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