



STATEN ISLAND COUNCIL FOR PEACE & JUSTICE

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Dear friends -

The COALITION AGAINST MILITARISM IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS (C.A.M.P.S.), composed of parents, students, teachers, community groups, peace groups, civic and church leaders, and public officials, has organized to protest the growing military presence in our public schools. This past September the Board of Education voted to allocate over \$86,000 in city tax levy funds for Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) programs in 3 NYC high schools. The high minority population of these schools should be noted. Julia Richman High School in Manhattan is 94.5% minority; DeWitt Clinton in the Bronx is 98.1% minority; of the 5 high schools on Staten Island, Curtis H.S. has the highest minority population - 45%.

But JROTC is not the only form of military presence in our high schools. The military is pushing recruitment on a grand scale. Recruiters conduct assemblies in our schools and they present "career" programs telling the students to "BE ALL THAT YOU CAN BE" and, about the Army, "IT'S NOT JUST A JOB: IT'S AN ADVENTURE."

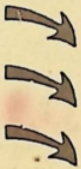
High school students have been encouraged to take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test. In fact, until our challenge, the ASVAB test had been made mandatory for seniors at Evander Childs High School. The U.S. Army has offered high school guidance counsellors all-expenses-paid vacations to Oklahoma and North Carolina (during some school time, wasting even more tax dollars). WHY??? So the counsellors will then go back and sell their students on the "benefits" of a career in the Army.

S.I.C.P.J. believes that this military intrusion must be stopped.
IF YOU AGREE WITH US, HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP.

Within the next few weeks, the City Council Education Committee will be voting on Resolution #115. This resolution, sponsored by City Council Member Ed Wallace, calls for the discontinuation of military training programs in high schools as well as for the discontinuation of city tax levy funds for these programs.

There are 9 members of the City Council Education Committee. We are urging them to vote YES on Resolution #115. Please contact these 9 members of the City Council (and any other City Council members whom you think may be receptive) and tell them that military training programs (JROTC) do not belong in our schools. Urge them to vote YES on Wallace's Resolution #115. The text of #115 is on the reverse side.

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Dear friend:

Not long ago the action of the American people forced an end to the Vietnam War. People's action brought peace!

Today world peace is endangered, as the arms race proceeds at a mad pace, despite the existence of enough atomic weapons to destroy our entire civilization.

We cannot remain silent! We believe it is vital for our government to pursue a policy of detente. We believe detente is the road to slowing the arms race, to stopping the agonizing drift towards war.

Detente can become a reality only if we, the people, put pressure on our government. YOUR voice is important.

We are planning an active campaign for peace. Won't you join us in our first meeting on Sunday, June 27th at 7:30 P.M. at Jean Maltz's, 70 Rice Ave. (off Manor Rd.) We will have a guest speaker from the U.S. Organizing Comm. for the World Peace Council on the topic "Detente — Ban it or Build it".

for Peace and Justice,

Bill Dell
secretary (pro temp.)

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