

## CONTINUING the S.I. Peace Coalition, Founded 1968

Dear Friends in Peace and Justice,

World events move along rapidly. And we have our hands full dealing with the issues of the day while also being ready to respond to crises as they arise. Working at this frenzied pace, it is difficult to take the time to analyze world events and discuss a long term vision for the S.I. Council for Peace and Justice and the movement.

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PUBLICITY Walt Persons What direction should we take in the coming years? What role should SICPJ play? How can we strengthen ourselves organizationally?

At our annual winter fest fundraiser in January, we saw friends of the SICPJ and members come out in force because they realized the achievements we have gained in the past and the challenges we will face in the future.

In January we also saw the SICPJ function as an active force in the fight against the attempt to bring nuclear weapons to S.I., represented by the proposed Stapleton Navy Base. Enclosed you will find the testimony of Chairperson Mike Tormey speaking out at the hearings (much of this was broadcast on WBAI on March 24). In February we participated in the National Demonstration against Racism in Philadelphia, along with other S.I. groups. (See photo  $\rightarrow$ )

At our March meeting we will discuss and plan future actions and programs for the up-coming

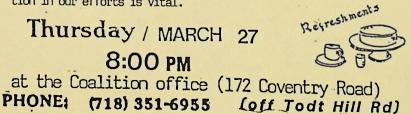


March MEETING -

year. This meeting is crucial for all to attend so that YOU can have an active voice in the direction the Movement will take on Staten Island.



We also need your nominations of officers for the coming year. With Reagan's attempted continued support for the Contras, the system of apartheid in South Africa, and the growing dangers in space of "Star Wars", the need for your support and participation in our efforts is vital.



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