

TO ALL ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATORS

We, the undersigned, call on all demonstrators opposed to Conscription and the War in Vietnam to join the Young Labor Association of Victoria (YLA).

The YLA has taken a consistently strong stand in opposition to American aggression in Vietnam, it has encouraged members to participate actively in the protest movement and is currently co-operating closely with the Anti-Ky Action Committee (AKAC).

We believe that the success or failure of the peace movement in Australia is entirely dependant on the maintenance and development of a mass base. The support of the ALP and Trade Union Movement is vital.

If the Labor Movement is not to slide into a pro-War position as a result of pressure from the Right, it is essential that peace supporters take an active part in Labor Party affairs. If dramatic demonstrations are to have a maximum effect, they must be accompanied by quiet political activity.

By joining Young Labor, members gain the opportunity to participate in the many political, social, educational and organizational activities undertaken by the YLA, as well as assisting in the development of Labor Policy.

Membership is open to all young people between the ages of 14 and 35. It is not necessary to be a member of the ALP in order to join, but members and supporters of other political parties are of course ineligible.

If you would like to take positive action in support of Labor's progressive policies for equal opportunity and a Socialist Australia in such fields as Education, Housing, Social Services, Economic Policy etc., and if you are genuinely concerned about the future of the peace movement, we urge you to consider the above very seriously.

Signed:

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(Positions shown for identification only).

Some of the above are not yet YLA members having only recently decided to join.

Write to: The State Secretary, YLA, Box 8, Trades' Hall, Melbourne, Vic., if you would like to join the YLA or if you have any queries. We will put you in touch with your local Young Labor Branch.

If you would also like to join the Labor Party, let us know or write direct to: The State Secretary, ALP, Box 70, Trades' Hall, Melbourne.

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