

# S.D.S. fights for FREEDOM & DEMOCRACY

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY demand that these basic rights be recognized by school administrations immediately. S.D.S. calls on all students and teachers to actively work for realization of this Bill of Rights and for the implementation of participatory democracy in the schools.

S.D.S. pledges its moral and physical support for struggles against authoritarian administrations and regulations.

S.D.S. will provide free tuition for any student suspended over his or her resistance to and defiance of illegitimate and immoral authority.

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MANY PEOPLE ARE STILL CONFUSED ABOUT THE NATURE OF SDS. BELOW WE PRINT A BRIEF INTRODUCTORY EXPLANATION IN THE HOPE THAT THIS WILL ASSIST READERS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND OUR ORGANIZATION.

SDS is a loose federation of radical students. We believe that power in modern society is concentrated in the hands of a few, and that there is an urgent need for a thoroughgoing transformation of the present social, economic and political structures of society.

We aim at building a new society based on the concept of participatory democracy, that is, a social system in which the individual shares in those decisions which affect his life. Hence in our society there would be institutional self-government, i.e. workers' control of industry, staff/student control of the educational institutions. We seek to replace the present system, a society based on inequality, exploitation, and authoritarian anti-democracy, with a society based on creativity, humanitarianism, reason and freedom. This means that a mere change in structures is not sufficient - a revolution in values and attitudes is also needed.

SDS as an organisation has no overall ideology other than a broad individualist-democratic-humanitarian philosophy. Any individual SDS member can have any ideology he or she desires as long as it is not against general SDS principles. SDS policy is decided democratically by members and need not be binding to a member who disagrees with a policy.

SDS is organised to allow members full participation in any or all activities and, more importantly, to provide them with the facilities to organise their own interests and activities. To help with this we have a headquarters at 57 Palmerston St., Carlton, in which we have equipment for duplicating, silkscreen and offset printing, as well as a library, an office and layout room, and meeting rooms.

We also have a meeting room, library, printing and silk-screening facilities at Frankston; contact S.D.S. at P.O. box 179, Frankston, 3199. S.D.S. groups are also at Geelong (P.O. Box 481, Geelong, 3220.) and Casterton (c/- Private Bag 66, Casterton 3311.)

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE !