GIVE EARTH A CHANCE

We are horrified at the death of the Kent State students. We are also horrified by the war in Vietnam and the expansion of that war into Cambodia. But we are demonstrating also against ALL war. Against the war of man against man EVERYWHERE, and of man against nature.

We are demonstrating against systems that hurt people, as the American system hurts people in our ghettos and in Latin America and Asia, and as the Russian system hurts its own people by jailing poets and by invading Czechoslovakia. It is good for us to try to love one another, but it is not good enough. We must also change the systems that tax us, put us in uniforms, and send us off to kill one another.

We have left our classes and are on the streets today to ask that we look at one another without labels. We are against putting labels on people--like "capitalist," "hippie," "commie," "pig." Before anything else, men and women are alive, separate, individual. All of us can die, get angry, want to be loved, and all of us on this planet, this life raft we call Earth, will make it TOGETHER or we won't make it at all.

Time is running out for all of us on Earth and we have nowhere else to go. No nation has the right to build atom bombs, or use napalm, or pollute the air we all breathe, or the water we all drink, or to stifle dissent.

We are saying today, all across America, that the war is our number one problem, and it must be ended now, by total, immediate withdrawal from Cambodia and Vietnam. But once the war is over, our real job will begin. The job of disarming all nations, of nursing our cities, our forests, our rivers, our air, our peoples, and our children back to health.

If our leaders won't listen to us and end the war, then it is up to us. Who is fighting the war? WE ARE. Our brothers, sons, husbands. Who is paying for the war? Our tax money buys the guns, bombs, and napalm, while the cost of living rises due to the inflation caused by the war. What would happen if our men refused to fight this unjust war, and no-one paid taxes? How long would the draft system work if mothers and fathers and grandparents went into draft boards and induction centers and just talked to those in charge? The war hurts us--we must end war.

Give earth a chance. There will be no second chance.