

DRAFT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

We live today in a world of rapid and dramatic change. In every nation young people are playing a major role in the determination of economic and social destiny. American students are joining this vital movement; they are seeking actively to meet the challenge offered by problems which threaten to undermine the very existence of society itself: unemployment, exploitation of man by man, and the prevalent, pervasive danger of nuclear war.

The W.E.B. DuBois Club believes that only through the establishment of a socialist economic system can the basic problems of the nation be solved. We are an independent youth organization with no commitment to any political party. We view the study of Marxism as an important part of our attempt to understand the difficulties that beset our society. We seek a road to progress and human betterment that is in full accord with the finest traditions and aspirations of the American people.

We stand for peace -- a world without war -- total disarmament, the dismantling of all military establishments, and for peaceful coexistence among all nations. Therefore, we are opposed to the ultra-right and to all who advocate war as a solution to our nation's problems.

We stand for human dignity and political, economic and social freedom -- an end to discrimination in all walks of life, for the rights of any man to examine, hold and express any ideas regarding government and society.

We will fight every manifestation of segregation, discrimination and exploitation of the Negro people in the United States -- police brutality and discrimination in housing, education and employment in the North, as well as the violence more openly and blatantly promulgated against Negroes in the South.

We oppose all attempts at thought control, whether they are carried out through Congressional committees or through McCarran Act type legislation.

We uphold the right of all nations to choose their own political, economic and social systems. We support the efforts of all peoples to exercise this right

and to obtain political and economic independence. We view the attempts by the United States government to interfere with such efforts as the primary source of cold war tensions.

We recognize that some relief from the most pressing problems confronting the American people can be obtained under the present political and economic system. Therefore we are pledged to support and give active aid to all organizations and movements which:

- 1) are active in the fight for an end to the oppression of the Negro people and other minority groups.
- 2) press for better working conditions and higher wages for American workers
- 3) strive to ameliorate the conditions of the unemployed and the destitute by pressing for an increase in the number of jobs available and increased unemployment and welfare benefits
- 4) are working to defend our traditional civil liberties and the right of dissent
- 5) are pledged to a policy of peaceful coexistence and general disarmament.

We believe our organization's existence and activities to be in accord with the highest American traditions. We defend the Bill of Rights against all enemies of democracy. We dedicate our actions to the best interests of the American people and of all humanity.