

*“Hell No! to the draft...This country will only be able to stop the war in Vietnam when the young men who are made to fight it begin to say, ‘Hell, no, we ain’t going.’ We, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), not only say we are against the war in Vietnam; we are against the draft. We are against the draft!*

**-Kwame Ture** (formerly known as Stokely Carmichael)



**HELL NO!!  
WE STILL  
AIN'T GOING!**



### **A Historic and Movement-Changing Gathering**



Featuring brief presentations and cultural performances by

**Bob Brown**, organizer and writer. All-African People’s Revolutionary Party (GC) ; co-founder of the Black Panther Party (Illinois Chapter); former director of SNCC (Midwest Office); former member, Congress of Racial Equality (Chicago)

**Johanna Fernandez**, history professor, Baruch College Department of Black and Latino Studies (CUNY); co-coordinator of the Campaign to Bring Mumia Home; author of the forthcoming *A History of the Young Lords*; board member, AJ Muste Memorial Institute

**Matt Meyer**, educator, author, and organizer, War Resisters International; council member of the International Peace Research Association; co-editor of *We Have Not Been Moved: Resisting Racism and Militarism in 21st Century America*; board member, AJ Muste Memorial Institute

**Soffiyah Elijah** (invited), executive director, Alliance of Families for Justice; former director of the Corrections Association of NY; former deputy director of the Criminal Justice Institute of Harvard Law School; former lawyer for Kwame Ture

**Signe Harriday** (Million Artist Movement); **Ian de Oliveira** (former organizer with New Students for a Democratic Society; Utah Against Police Brutality); **Brittany Williams** (Million Hoodies Movement), **Nejma Shea** (invited, New Black Arts Movement), and more!

# **The Brooklyn Commons**

## **Friday, May 26, 2017, 6:30—9:30 PM**

388 Atlantic Avenue (between Hoyt and Bond), Brooklyn, NY 11217, +1 347-987-4966

**Event will be Livestreamed!**

# “Hell No” Fifty Years ago! In 1967...

- On April 4: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence" anti-war speech at a public meeting in New York's Riverside Church, organized by Clergy and Laymen Concerned About the War in Vietnam. One year later, on April 4, 1968, he was assassinated.
- On April 11: In a speech at Tougaloo College in Mississippi, Kwame Ture and over 1,000 students chanted the slogan "Hell No! I Ain't Going" for over ten minutes. On April 19, Kwame raised the slogan again in a speech at Garfield High School in Seattle. In July, Matt Jones and Elaine Laron wrote the lyrics to "Hell No! I Ain't Gonna Go!" which was published in Broadside magazine. It became the anthem of the anti-draft movement.
- On April 15: An estimated 400,000 people, organized by the Spring Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, convened by A.J. Muste and David Dellinger, marched from Central Park to United Nations Headquarters to protest the escalating Vietnam War. Dr. Martin Luther King, Harry Belafonte, James Bevel, Benjamin Spock and Kwame Ture spoke. 75,000 assembled in San Francisco, where Coretta Scott King and Eldridge Cleaver spoke.
- On April 28: Muhammad Ali refused induction into the US Army in Houston, TX, on the grounds that he was a conscientious objector to the war in Vietnam and that "the Vietnamese never called me a nigger, never lynched me, never set dogs on me." On June 20, Ali was found guilty of draft evasion. He successfully appealed the decision to the US Supreme Court.
- From May 2-10 and November 20 to December 1: The International War Crimes Tribunal, which was organized by Bertrand Russell, convened in Stockholm and Copenhagen. James Baldwin, Dave Dellinger, Carl Oglesby, Kwame Ture and Alice Walker were members.
- On October 19: Thousands of students clashed with police at Brooklyn College in New York after two military recruiters appeared on campus. Students strike the following day.
- From October 20–21: 70,000 people join Mobe's March on the Pentagon in Washington, DC. David Dellinger, the Diggers, Jerry Rubin, Abbie Hoffman and others attempted to "exorcise" and "levitate" the Pentagon. About 650 people, including Norman Mailer, were arrested for civil disobedience on the steps of the Pentagon.

**Fifty years later, in 2017, the All-African People's Revolutionary Party (GC), the Muste Institute, our friends and allies refresh and renew this call:**

## **“Hell No! We Still Ain't Going”**

- We will not fight in “unjust wars” in any corner of the world!
- No to the Military-Industrial Complex world-wide!
- No to NATO and the UN Peacekeeping Operations!
- No to US AFRICOM, US CENTCOM, US EUCOM, US NORTHCOM, US PACOM and US SOUTHCOM!
- US Out of Guantanamo, Cuba! US Out of the Shannon Airport in Ireland!
- Resist War Taxes!

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