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This is a news sheet that isn't published very often, but we felt compelled to put this particular issue into the hands of everyone possible. If you look at the title, perhaps it will remind you of a newspaper you have seen around. To no means want to attack or accuse that other newspaper, but we just wanted to make sure that our news was made available. This Wednesday, October 13, we're going to demonstrate against the war. Some people think the war isn't important anymore. They think for some reason that the 25 MI's who are killed every week aren't important, and that the unbelievable atrocities against the Vietnamese by our bombers aren't worth mentioning. It's all old hat. That other newspaper doesn't even think it's worth printing notices we submit about our meetings and programs. In fact, they think that other newspaper thinks the war has wound down so far that they need to wind it up again. After all they find plenty of room, for a Navy recruitment ad that takes up one-third of a page. But they don't seem to think that a special program involving women activists from Boston and Portland—a program which relates to the fantastic problems that women experience because of the war—is worth advertising. Their editor received that advertisement with his own hands two days before their deadline. And that wasn't the first time.

Maybe they think that the anti-war movement's futile, that meetings, programs and demonstrations don't achieve anything, and aren't worth publicizing. But we made Nixon get out of Cambodia, and we made the Pentagon get thousands of troops out of Vietnam, and we made Johnson get out of Washington. And unless we keep marching and organizing, all those victories—plus the many more which we need—could be lost. The war will not stop unless we all stop it—and we are capable of doing that. October 13 is just the beginning. On November 5, demonstrations are going to go on in 15 major cities, and we hope you'll come to Boston to join the 150,000 other people that will come from New England. You see, we think this news is so important that we could not take the chance that the other newspaper wouldn't print it.

Perhaps Maine is North country—it used to be Viking country, centuries ago. Those men would plunder and rape as they conquered new territory. Who were they to speak against war? Who were they to recognize the rights of women? We hope that that other newspaper isn't trying to live up to their nameake—in fact, we hope that our whole analysis of this situation is wrong. We hope that our analysis is so far wrong that those big men will even join us at 11:45 this Wednesday for our march downtown. We'll even swallow our pride, and admit our error. Please join us—together, we can all end this damn war.

END THE WAR