

## What is Science for the People?

Science for the People (SftP) is an organization working to build a science and technology responsive to people's needs. Under our present political and economic system in which relatively few control wealth and power, science is bound to be developed for the benefit of those few. Science for the People is both a political and a scientific organization trying to bring about progressive changes in the system that would enable us to replace harmful, oppressive, alienating science with a science responsive to everyone's needs.

## Who Belongs to SftP?

A variety of people. As well as scientists, health care workers, engineers and laboratory workers, our members also include community activists, office workers, students, teachers, and others concerned with the social effects of science and technology. We rely on the energies, skills and participation of many people.

## What Do We Do?

Our activities combine education, direct action, and outreach. We organize workshops on such issues as nutrition, nuclear power, genetic engineering, and sociobiology. We attend national scientific meetings to fight against the use of science which promotes racism and sexism, and to debate social issues like IQ and genetics. We have organized two trips to China to study the role of science and technology in socialist countries. Through workshops, debates, political theater, and demonstrations we contact people in their workplace, neighborhood, or school. We also reach people through our magazine, books, pamphlets and other resource materials. We have formed study groups to help us in our understanding of how science shapes and influences social life.

## What Are Our Goals?

Our goals are to help people gain control over the decisions that affect their lives. Decisions such as building a nuclear reactor, doing a certain kind of potentially harmful biological research, or keeping a polluting factory in operation should not be made by an elite few who hold power, money, and technical skills. Once decision-making, ownership, and control of technology is in the hands of the large majority of people, we can then build a science that serves people's needs to create clean, safe alternative sources of energy, healthy workplaces and quality health care for all. This means a demystification of science and radical changes in our present political, economic and class system to include worker and community control, non-hierarchical forms of organization, common ownership of natural resources and other socialist goals. We are committed to the goals of feminism, anti-racism, anti-imperialism and other struggles against oppression.

## How Are We Organized?

SftP is at present a loose federation of about 20 chapters in cities and towns across the US and Canada. We try to put our political goals into practice in our organization. That is, we try to work collectively and non-hierarchically, and to arrive at decisions by open discussion and consensus. We are committed to sharing of knowledge and skills, and to distributing responsibility through rotation of leadership, and to non-racist and non-sexist practice. We see ourselves as part of the larger movement for social change in this country and have worked in coalition with several progressive organizations. However, we maintain our independence from other political groups or parties.

The national organization maintains an office with two part-time staff people in the Boston area. Our activities, however, center around local chapters and their subgroups. It is largely at this level that the goals and activities of the organization are defined. Yearly

regional or national meetings are organized to allow for discussion of the broader political goals of the organization.

## How Are We Financed?

SftP is basically financed by its members. We do not depend on government or foundation money. Memberships, pledges, donations, magazine subscriptions and literature sales are our major sources of income. We welcome contributions of any size.

## What Does SftP Publish?

Our principal publication is the bimonthly magazine *Science for the People*. The magazine deals with current issues on the use and misuse of science and describes SftP activities. More extensive discussion of the politics and principles of the organization can be found in the Internal Discussion Bulletin (IDB) received by those who become members. In addition, we publish a wide variety of issue-oriented material. We have published two well-received books: *China: Science Walks on Two Legs* and *Biology as a Social Weapon*. We also publish material on nutrition and agribusiness, IQ, genetics and racism and sociobiology. A current list of our literature is available from the SftP office.

## How Do I Join SftP?

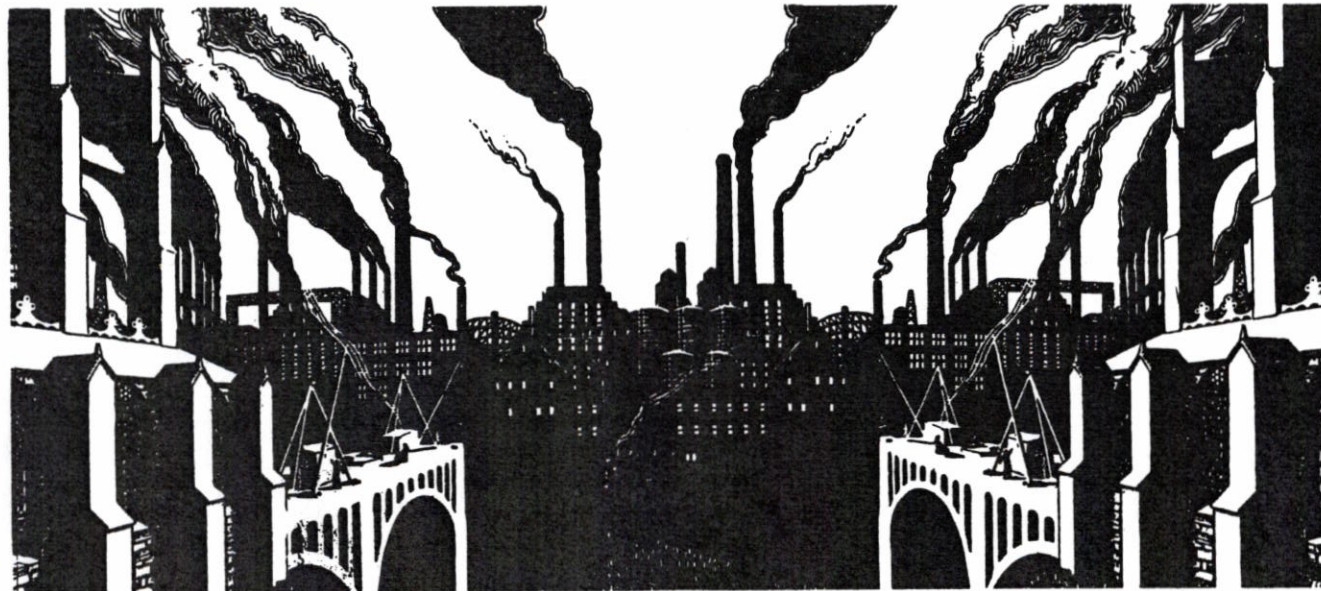
You can join SftP by getting involved in an activity group or sending in the accompanying membership form. If there is a local chapter in your area, we can, if you wish, put them in touch with you. If you would like to start a local chapter the national office can provide you with assistance. Joining SftP implies a general commitment to our political goals.

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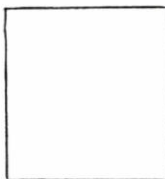
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Local chapter in which I'm active:

- ☐ I would like to be contacted by other people who are active or want to be active in SftP
- ☐ I'd like to start a chapter or be a contact person for my area
- ☐ I'd like to help distribute the magazine
- ☐ Names and addresses of friends who might like receiving a sample copy of the magazine (on separate sheet)



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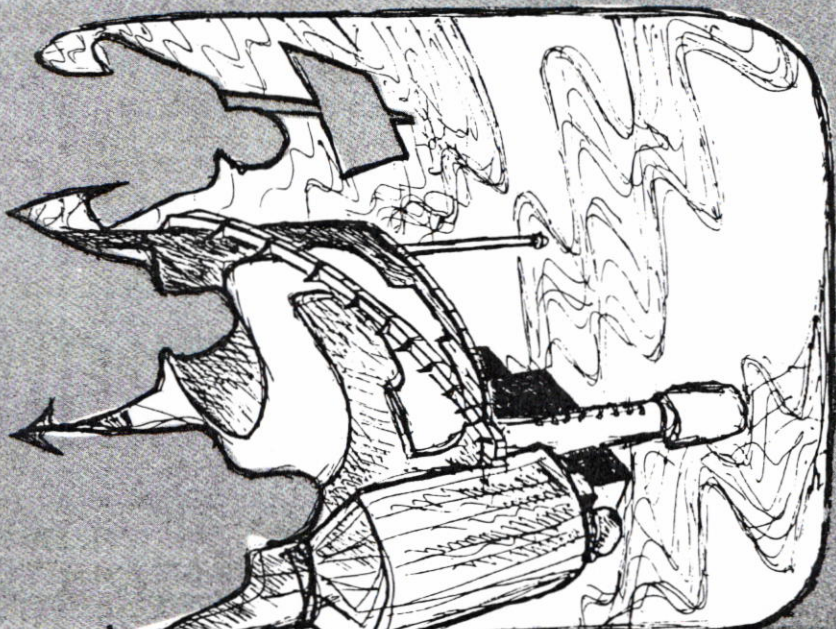


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