

Y. S. A. CALENDAR

October 5, 1958

Dear Comrades:

That unspeakable summer is finally over and winter \neq as the calendar below indicates - is bringing New York back to life. There will be no lack of opportunities for the YSA both on and off campus; our only limitation is our own forces, influence, present reputation among NY youth, etc. -- in other words, the state of the YSA itself. It's a good thing to review, therefore, just what we managed to maintain - and build - throughout "that summer" in preparation for fatter times.

First, in spite of everything we presented a regular series of forums throughout the summer, utilizing YSAers, ISPers, SWPers and Kumar Goshal to attract an average audience of 20 to 30 youth to our headquarters every week. In this feat we were exceptional among New York radical youth groups. The YSL-YPSL couldn't match that record even by half; SCOPE closed up shop almost completely -- or at least nothing has been heard from them publicly for months and months. Second, we maintained the headquarters itself! Although relocating the YSA in a new, store-front headquarters is one of our next tasks we still have, because of the sacrifices of the summer, a known address to begin the rewarding activities of this lush winter period. Most important work of the summer, of course, was our total concentration on the ISP petition campaign. This is our big gain in attractive power over what we had at the beginning of the summer. We have a recognized place in the election campaign, a reputation as a very militant center for young supporters of the ISP, contact with the candidates, etc. -- all of which means that in so far as this election attracts youth to the ISP, it will attract them to the YSA. We have only to use this opportunity fully and intelligently to increase our influence, numbers and establish a meaningful base on at least one college campus -- the sine qua non of permanence and stability as the NY socialist youth organization.

Tuesday, October 7th: The first ISP Election Rally, all candidates participating, at Fraternal Clubhouse, 110 W. 48th St., eight p.m. In addition to selling the YS, distributing the China Forum and Columbia Street Meeting leaflets (see below), we should all do contact work till the smiles freeze on our eager young faces. Mike K., contact chairman, will receive all names and addresses throughout the meeting.

Wednesday, October 8th: Executive Committee meeting at YSA hall, 8:00 p.m. Distribution at Jackie Robinson meeting at Columbia. See Barbara D., new literature chairman, for instructions on this one. Barbara's working out a regularized schedule of campus distributions to conform not only with the need for wider readership of the YS itself, but with our own (YSA) needs to crack the campuses. This can only be done through regular contact with the students and for that the YS is one of our best tools.

Friday, October 10th: "Matsu and You", a forum on the Quemoy-Matsu crisis by John Petersen of the YSA. Starts at 8:30 sharp. Our audiences at forums have already shown a slight increase: 35 attended Bert Deck's forum on "Why this Generation," etc. Friday morning: distribution at Columbia for Monday's street corner meeting.

Saturday, October 11th: Picket Line around the Empire State Building (Chiang's embassy lives here), called by the ISP in conjunction with other anti-war groups. Register for picket duty at ISP headquarters Friday-afternoon from 2:30 to 5:00 -- arm bands, etc. will be here for you. Help is needed on the signs Saturday morning at 10:00. That night - a coffee clatch at Bert Deck's home, 15 Abington Square, the village -- bring anybody you find on the picket line. apartment 21.

Sunday, October 12th: Second in a series of six classes: "Can Capitalism End War" The first class brought down four high school girls new to the YSA. One of them will be with us at Tuesday's Election Rally. Next class starts at 2:00.

Monday, October 13th: Columbus Day! 1500 leaflets being run off and distributed for our first big street corner rally at Columbia, featuring Jim Lambrecht, Mike Kovacs, Bert Deck and ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN, ISP candidate for Lt. Governor. Everybody in NY has the day off except the Columbia students, so please, please come down and build this rally. Plenty of fresh air, contacts, excitement - remember Bronx Science - and Rubinstein's performance should make most of it worthwhile.

Results of last Saturday's elections: Chairman: Jim Lambrecht
Vice-Chairman: Marty Wilner
Social Chairman: Lucky F.
Financial Chairman: Sherry F.
Lit. & Distribution: Barbara D.
Publicity Chairman: Fred M.
Education Chairman: Dan F.
Contact Chairman: Mike Kovacs
Recording Secretary: Whitey K.
Corresponding Secretary: Ann Z.

YSA Rep's to ISP Administrative
Committee: 1. Fred M. 2. Bert D.

BUILD YSA!!!