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TO ALL ORGANIZERS

Dear Comrades,

Attached is a suggested outline for six pre-convention discussion sessions on the National Executive Committee draft political resolution, "Dynamics of the Youth Radicalization and Perspectives for the Young Socialist Alliance." The reports and resolutions listed as "additional" should be read by all comrades. Locals will want to take advantage of the special offer on Young Socialist Strategy for '72, described in another letter enclosed, to make sure all local members have a copy of the reports and resolutions approved by the last YSA convention. Comrades should be urged to read the "supplementary" material, and the reporter on each session should definitely read the "supplementary" listings. Of course, all comrades should read through the entire political resolution before the discussion begins.

The first session deals with the developments in the Vietnam war, its effects on American society, and our strategy and tasks in building the antiwar movement. The second session will involve a general discussion of the political situation today, the YSA's strategy for the student movement, our orientation toward the high schools, our major opponents, and the tasks of the YSA. Where time permits, comrades may wish to schedule two full discussion sessions to cover this material. The third, fourth, and fifth sessions deal with the women's liberation, Black, and Chicano movements, respectively. The final session will take up the politics of the 1972 elections and the tasks of the YSA. This session can also serve as a summing up of the preceding discussion.

The outline suggests one possible way of organizing discussion on the political resolution. Comrades should feel free to alter this outline in whatever way seems appropriate for each local area. In addition, locals may wish to schedule discussion on other resolutions or articles in the pre-convention discussion bulletin. Information on these other aspects of pre-convention discussion, as well as an explanation of voting, delegate selection, and the nominating commission, will be included in an article in The Young Socialist Organizer to be sent out soon.

Comrades can contact the National Office if they have any questions about organizing pre-convention discussion.

Comradely,



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YSA National Chairman

SUGGESTED OUTLINE FOR PRE-CONVENTION DISCUSSION SESSIONS

ON NEC DRAFT POLITICAL RESOLUTION

SESSION I

Resolution: "Vietnam and World Revolution" (pp. 5-11)  
"Antiwar Movement" (pp. 23-24)

Additional: Antiwar Resolution and Report, YSSF72\*

Supplementary: Nixon's Moscow and Peking Summits  
The Wage Price Freeze Swindle (Pathfinder  
Press pamphlets)

SESSION II

Resolution: "Development of the Current Radicalization" (pp. 12-18)  
"The Youth Radicalization Today and the Tasks of  
the YSA," first section (pp. 20-22)  
"Opponent Tendencies on the Left" (pp. 34-36)

Additional: Political Resolution, YSSF72  
The High School Revolt (Pathfinder Press pamphlet)

Supplementary: A Strategy for Revolutionary Youth (Pathfinder  
Press pamphlet, previously titled The Worldwide  
Youth Radicalization and the Tasks of the Fourth  
International)

SESSION III

Resolution: "Women's Liberation" (pp. 25-26)

Additional: Women's Liberation Resolution and Report, YSSF72

SESSION IV

Resolution: "Black Struggle" (pp. 27-30)

Additional: Black Struggle Resolution and Report, YSSF72

Supplementary: "After the Gary Convention" (ISR\*, May 1972)  
"Prospects for a Black Party" (ISR, October 1972)

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\* YSSF72: Young Socialist Strategy for '72, available from  
YSA National Office

\*\* ISR: International Socialist Review

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SESSION V

Resolution: "Chicano Struggle" (pp. 31-33)

Additional: Chicano Struggle Resolution and Report, YSSF72

Supplementary: "Raza Unida Parties Say No to McGovern and Nixon" (Militant, September 22, 1972, pp. 18-19)  
"What Strategy for Raza Unida Parties?"  
(Militant, October 13, 1972, pp. 10-11)

SESSION VI

Resolution: "After the 1972 Elections" (pp. 37-39)

Additional: Political Report, YSSF72