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TO ALL YSA ORGANIZERS, NCERS AND AT-LARGERS

Dear Comrades,

The purpose of this letter is to inform comrades of a new defense case involving a member of the YSA. Dale Garee, a member of the Chicago local, was arrested in Carbondale, Illinois during the recent conference of the Cairo United Front.

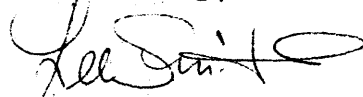
Details on the case are contained in an article which will appear in the November 6 Militant. As can be seen from the Militant article, this case is part of the broader struggle in which the YSA is involved around the question of campus political activity and civil liberties on campuses.

As in every political case in which a member of the YSA is involved, our entire organization must be ready to respond to this challenge to our right to operate freely and without restriction. We must teach the ruling class the fundamental lesson that we consider an attempt to silence one YSAer as an attempt to silence our entire movement, and that we will respond with every resource at our disposal to defend YSAers against political harassment and persecution.

We are not projecting a national campaign at this stage of the case, although we are ready to do this if it becomes necessary at some future date. A Dale Garee Defense Committee has been established in Carbondale with the help of the YSA in Illinois. This committee plans to function in Carbondale and get support from other colleges and universities in Illinois.

Comrades should follow carefully the case as it will be reported in The Militant, and be prepared for any expanded defense effort which might become necessary.

Comradely,



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