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## Black and Chicana Contingents for Nov. 20 Actions

The response of Black, Chicana, Puerto Rican, and Asian women to a campaign to repeal all anti-abortion laws was clearly demonstrated at the Women's National Abortion Conference held in New York City in July.

Our task now is to take the enthusiasm of the Third World workshop held there to the masses of radicalizing young Blacks, Chicanas, and Latinas and actively involve them in building the campaign.

It is important that YSAers involved in building the abortion campaign actively participate in drawing these women into local abortion coalitions, in obtaining endorsements for the November 20 action, and in getting Black and Raza women active in the day-to-day work of building the campaign.

In areas where Black or Raza women's groups already exist, we definitely want to approach these groups and invite them to endorse November 20 as well as help build it.

In areas where these groups do not exist, there will be Black and Raza women who agree with the perspectives of the campaign and will at least be willing to endorse the action. While the list of endorsers so far is quite impressive, much work still needs to be done in getting Black,

Chicana, and Latina endorsements for November 20.

In addition, we can expect that a number of women who are approached about endorsing the abortion campaign will be ready to become active in helping to build the action. In Houston Elma Barrera, who organized the National Chicana Conference in May, is working with the local abortion coalition and is actively involved in the day-to-day work of building participation in Houston.

Local coalitions should look into the possibility of sending speakers to all Black or predominantly Black or Brown campuses to talk to women about the abortion campaign and ask for support. Wherever possible, of course, this should also be done in the high schools. In some cases obtaining speaking engagements will best be done through the Black Student Unions or Chicano student organizations. For example, the MECHAs in California, which were approached in this manner, played an important role in building participation in the Raza contingent for the April 24 action.

A concerted effort to mobilize Black and Brown women into this work may lead to the formation of Black or Brown women's support groups that

would meet separately, but for the purpose of supporting and building November 20 and the campaign as a whole.

An attractive brochure directed to Black, Chicana, Latina, and Asian women put out by WONAAC contains the key speeches made by Black women, an Asian woman, and Elma Barrera at the July conference and asks women to join the campaign. Every local coalition should order this brochure from the national office of WONAAC (917 15th Street N.W., room 502, Washington D.C. 20005).

At the same time it is important that local coalitions put out their own leaflets for mass distribution, directed to women of oppressed nationalities. These leaflets should never say "Third World" women, but should state clearly the nationalities to which the leaflet is geared—i.e., Black, Chicana, Puerto Rican, Latina, Native-American, and Asian women.

**MIRTA VIDAL**  
YSA Chicano Liberation Director

## Abortion Campaign Reports...San Francisco

The San Francisco campaign to repeal the ~~abortion laws~~ began with the formation of the Women's Ad-Hoc Abortion Coalition, a group composed mainly of feminists from the Bay Area, women active in abortion referral, and long-time abortion activists. The emphasis of our organizing drive was to involve as many women, organizations, and political tendencies as possible to build a broad-based coalition. The Women's Ad-Hoc Abortion Coalition began immediately to work on a women's class action lawsuit—similar to those in other states—with the intention of gathering plaintiffs from all over California.

To involve new women in the abortion movement, we set up a public speak-out. We invited such groups as Planned Parenthood, Society for Humane Abortion, Association to Repeal Abortion Laws, Female Liberation, feminist activists, the Communist Party, and La Raza Unida Party.

The speak-out began with the play, "But What Have You Done For Me Lately?" by Myrna Lamb. During the speak-out women who had kept their abortions secret ever since they had had them—some as many as 30 years—felt the courage to publicly testify about them. Determination to work actively for the total repeal of all abortion laws was strongly expressed by the participants.

The enormous effort put into the organization of the speak-out to ensure that it was large and representative was well worth it. We found it to be one of the best organizational vehicles for bringing new women into the abortion campaign.

The next meeting was announced at the speak-out and built further by a mailing and phone calls. The agenda of the meeting included a general report on the Committee for a Women's National Abortion Action Coalition; an extensive discussion of the national campaign, the current debates—both free abortion on demand versus repeal all anti-abortion laws and rejection of the no forced sterilization clause—and the perspective for mass action; a report on our local class action lawsuit; and a proposal to send a large delegation to the Women's National Abortion Conference.

Donations and loans enabled us to send a sizable delegation to the WONAAC conference. The national conference played an important role in projecting political perspectives and outlining a realistic and energetic campaign for the fall. The debate helped to solidify the newer women and integrate them into the coalition. An extensive

report on the conference formed the bulk of the next agenda. The political fights and the red-baiting of the YSA and SWP were discussed thoroughly. This proved to be a valuable education for the coalition members about the different political alternatives and clarified the question of free abortion on demand versus repeal. After the discussion of the national conference, the meeting broke into committees to launch our fall campaign.

Our next step was to set up a well-staffed office. We obtained a donation for the rent, chairs, desks, typewriters, and other office equipment. We began with four women on full-time staff and hope to at least double that before November 20. We found a full-time fund-raiser to coordinate an energetic campaign to raise the essential money. Now that we have instituted professional fund-raising procedures, we are receiving regular donations to the coalition.

Our major projections for the fall are to initiate coalitions on the campuses, increase the base of support for WAC and WONAAC, build the Western States Abortion Conference to be held at the University of California at Berkeley, October 15-16, and build a large November 20 demonstration.

The campus coalitions will provide the backbone of the fall campaign. We have already had an exciting response to our initial leafleting and literature tables. At San Francisco State College we intend to work through the established feminist group, Independent Campus Women, and at City College we have organized an initial meeting for a campus abortion coalition. We will begin trailblazing to other Bay Area campuses. Our model is the Berkeley-based Female Liberation group which YSAers participated in building last winter. Female Liberation has been the most active supporter of the Coalition, providing the majority of funds, supplies, and womanpower. They are planning the Abortion Coalition as their major fall activity.

Because we are drawing numerous new women into the Coalition, our activity is beginning to force our opponents to relate to us. We foresee a reopening of the free abortion on demand versus repeal all anti-abortion laws debate. Our perspective remains one of continually drawing new forces into WAC so that it is broadly based and meeting the debates of new forces openly.

One woman is working specifically on building

participation in a Task Force to involve more Black, Chicana, and Asian women in the campaign. This work has attracted great interest for our next Coalition meeting.

The Western States Abortion Conference will be the most important vehicle for organizing the November 20 demonstration in San Francisco. Because the majority of women were not able to attend the New York conference, a massive West Coast conference, where women can democratically decide how to build the November 20 actions, is important. An extensive endorser campaign and solid support from campus organizations will establish the authority of WONAAC. We have already ordered 100,000 leaflets, posters, stickers, and buttons for the conference.

Our initial success can be attributed to our audacity and seriousness. We have attempted to reach every possible organization for endorsements, funds, and womanpower. We were able to involve both the Berkeley and San Francisco NOW chapters, which resulted in a proposal from them to their national convention to support WONAAC. Our energetic publicity campaign resulted in two very successful press conferences and numerous talk shows and interviews. We have begun leafleting city high schools and trailblazing to new campuses in the region.

The explosion of activity organized from the WAC office has enabled abortion law repeal to become the central focus of the women's liberation movement in the Bay Area.

**PEGGY BUNN**  
San Francisco YSA

## ...New York City

The passage of the liberalized New York abortion law over a year ago marked a victory for the women's liberation movement and for all women. While increasing the availability of abortions, this law has not eliminated the problem of getting safe and inexpensive abortions, and it has not in any way decreased the potential for a massive movement of New York women to demand the repeal of all anti-abortion laws. The national campaign was initiated in New York City and until recently the national headquarters of WONAAC was located here. After the national office moved to Washington D. C., we were faced with the task of building a strong local coalition that could mobilize thousands of New York women for the November 20 demonstration.

The first citywide planning meeting on September 22 was a tremendous success with over 125 women in attendance representing many different community, campus, and high school groups. Three initial committees were set up to begin work immediately on building the citywide coalition: a finance committee, a publicity committee, and an out-reach committee. Over 15 women signed up to work on out-reach and at least 10 for each of the other committees.

Initial plans were made for a number of full-page ads in *The Village Voice*, with the first one tentatively scheduled for the October 13 issue. A report on building the campaign among Black, Latino, and Asian women included suggestions for articles and ads in Spanish-language papers such as *El Diario* and in Black papers such as the *Amsterdam News*. The importance of ads was stressed by many women, and as one woman put it, "It makes your organization legitimate to many people when you have an ad in a well-known New York City newspaper."

Plans for an ambitious endorsement campaign were outlined, with the possibility of using the list of endorsers as part of the ad in *The Village Voice*. To get the endorsement campaign underway immediately, one woman suggested calling every organization in the city that could possibly have a position on abortion, finding out what that position is, and asking them to endorse WONAAC.

The financial report projected getting out 250,000 leaflets for November 20 in the New York City area. Already over 20,000 leaflets have been distributed, and 20 buses have been reserved with tickets going on sale next week.

Plans for a high school meeting on October 2 were reported on, and already activists from eight high schools are working on publicity for the meeting. A leaflet is being distributed and a mailing has gone out to 300 high school women.

In the initial stages of building a strong citywide coalition, the colleges will be the focal point of much activity. Prospects are good for building strong abortion groups or committees within existing women's liberation groups on a number of campuses. Examples of the progress already made can be seen in the work being done at Queens College and New York University.

### QUEENS COLLEGE

During orientation week at Queens College two workshops were held to discuss the national abortion campaign and why Queens College women should be involved in it. From these workshops came a core of women who are organizing the Queens Women's Abortion Action Committee. A \$7,000 budget has been submitted to one of the three organizations that provide funds to campus groups and additional budgets will be submitted to the other two in the coming month.

A campaign is under way to demand free contraceptives and abortion referral services on the campus. A number of women are requesting contraceptives and abortion referral at the college health service and medical center, and the response they get will be printed in an interview in the *Phoenix*, which is the campus paper and has a circulation of over 30,000 students. The Queens Women's Abortion Action Committee has had one article in the *Phoenix* and an article in a local community paper. This latter article has elicited a number of responses, and this indicates the importance of utilizing local community newspapers to build the campaign and November 20.

A speak-out has been tentatively planned for mid-October at Queens. Literature tables have

been up regularly since campus opened, and posters are up everywhere announcing November 20 and the first meeting of the coalition on campus. The group also plans to reach out to the high school students in the area with a massive leafleting campaign to build the October 2 high school meeting.

### NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Within the New York University women's liberation group there are a number of women working on the abortion law repeal campaign. During the summer the group held a debate between WONAAC and the Right to Life Committee, which drew over 100 women and received considerable publicity, including TV coverage on one of the major networks in New York City. Since campus has opened, the group held a forum on "Feminism," at which two of the speakers were Nancy Stearns and a representative from WONAAC. The meeting attracted over 50 campus women, and many were interested in becoming involved in the abortion coalition. The campus has been plastered with WONAAC posters and literature tables have been up regularly.

The group is in the process of planning a campaign to demand on-campus gynecological services that are adequate to meet women's needs and free contraceptives and abortion referral services.

Prospects for filling those 20 buses and more look excellent at this point, and we can expect that as November 20 approaches we will have functioning abortion groups on many more campuses and high schools in the New York City area.

**ELIZABETH JAYKO**  
Lower Manhattan YSA

## ...Washington D.C.

Prior to August, when Women for Abortion Action (WAA) was formed, YSAers in Washington D. C. worked in the Metropolitan Abortion Alliance (MAA). The MAA had in the past built several successful actions, but had become ingrown with the sectarians within it raising objections to any further mass actions.

After the Women's National Abortion Conference in July, it became clear that it would be necessary to initiate a new coalition that could work with WONAAC. This was both because of the disruptive role that a few women, who were WISE (Women for the Inclusion of Sexual Expression) supporters, played in MAA and because of opposition to changing MAA's demand from free abortion on demand to repeal all anti-abortion laws.

We discussed the abortion campaign with women in MAA and decided to call a meeting to form the Women for Abortion Action. The first meeting, although small, provided the working core for the new coalition. Some of the women at the meeting had not been involved in MAA, and we decided that rather than just trying to attract MAA women to the new coalition, we would make our main focus that of reaching out to new women who had never been involved in the abortion movement before.

At the first meeting we discussed the nature of the coalition and its structure. One of the problems with the MAA had been its lack of democratic norms, so the concepts of non-exclusion and democratic decision-making were clearly established for WAA.

We scheduled the second meeting for September 18, after the schools opened, and decided to concentrate on building it on the five major campuses. We set up tables with literature, buttons, posters, and leaflets on all the campuses during registration and the first week of classes. When women who approached the tables showed interest in WAA, we gave them 200 or 300 leaflets to distribute in dorms, cafeterias, and at registration

lines and encouraged them to sign up for a time when they could sit at the literature table. Often, women—especially those who were new at the school and new to political activity—were hesitant about committing themselves, but with a little encouragement and explanation they would agree.

This campus work paid off. In addition to obtaining a large mailing list from the literature tables, the majority of the women at the September 18 meeting were students from the campuses that we had leafleted. A number of these women volunteered to help staff the WAA office.

At the September 18 meeting campus women met in committees and planned a newsletter to be circulated to all campus women interested in the abortion campaign. Each of the campus chapters will be planning a variety of activities, such as referenda, speak-outs, etc., and the newsletter can tie these activities together and can cut across any isolation that might develop if a particular campus group has problems getting started. The campus chapters are planning to seek endorsements from professors, intervene in the women's studies courses, and wherever possible work with the existing campus women's liberation groups.

With a limited amount of time and womanpower, we are initially concentrating on two campuses where we have received the best response. The WAA staff has already had a meeting with activists from one of these schools and has arranged a meeting to map out the campaign for next week with women from the second campus. As these groups become consolidated and we begin to attract more activists to WAA, we want to work with all the other campuses as well.

Our local coalition has benefitted greatly from the WONAAC national office. For instance, we are co-hosting an open house and cocktail party with WONAAC and will work with the national office in trying to get the D. C. abortion law repeal bill introduced into Congress. WAA is also planning to do local constituency fund-raising mailings and to testify before the D. C. City Council on the proposed guidelines for abortion clinics.

The abortion campaign will give the YSA the opportunity to introduce our ideas to countless numbers of women. A number of women involved in WAA have already subscribed to *The Militant*, and as the campaign progresses, we expect to be able to recruit many of these women to the YSA.

**JEANNIE REYNOLDS**  
Washington DC YSA

## ...Chicago

At a regional meeting on August 28 the Illinois Women's Abortion Coalition began a campaign to seek endorsements, build campus groups, raise funds, and get out publicity on November 20.

Publicity for the Coalition has included sending "letters to the editor" and regular press releases commenting on items that appear almost daily in Chicago newspapers on issues that can be related to the abortion campaign—for example, the formation of an anti-abortion group on a particular campus. In addition to the possibility of the press using one of these letters or releases, we have done this primarily to establish the Coalition with the major newspapers. We plan to really kick off publicity for the Coalition with a press conference on October 1, at which Florynce Kennedy, co-author of *Abortion Rap*, and individuals from the Coalition will speak.

We have organized a cocktail party for publicity and fund raising to be held in an art gallery in the Hyde Park/University of Chicago area. At this reception Flo Kennedy will publicize her book and the abortion campaign. To publicize this event we are sending invitations to prominent Chicago individuals, leafleting campuses, and publicizing it in newsletters of organizations working with the Coalition.

On the following day, October 1, Kennedy will speak at Elmhurst College and her honorarium will go to the Coalition. Finally, a meeting is being set up with Kennedy, a member of the legal/legislative task force of the Coalition, and several Chicago women lawyers. This meeting will discuss the possibility of a class action suit.

Future publicity and fund-raising plans include speaking engagements on radio, TV, and campuses and fund-raising letters signed by prominent doctors and lawyers to be sent to their constituencies.

On the endorsement drive we have been successful in obtaining support from numerous organizations and key individuals. Many of these individuals are from organizations, like NOW and the Welfare Rights Organization, that have not endorsed the Coalition. By involving these individuals in the Coalition, we hope eventually to obtain the endorsement of their organizations.

The campuses and high schools remain the most important areas for building November 20. At the start of school we had very few contacts on the campuses in the area. We organized teams to leaflet, set up literature tables, do paste-ups, and sign up supporters as well as to speak at coffee house meetings. On campuses where no

women's liberation groups exist, we have scheduled meetings to discuss building ad hoc coalitions involving campus groups, sororities and individuals. On other campuses committees will be set up in existing women's liberation groups to work on the abortion campaign.

We are preparing a high school leaflet to draw in high school students for our first general meeting on October 7. At this meeting campus groups will be encouraged to hold educationals, speak-outs, panels, and debates on abortion and related issues. We also plan a high school citywide meeting to link the lack of contraceptive and abortion information and the expulsion of pregnant women in the high schools with the November 20 demonstration. Finally, the religious task force is planning a conference on the ethical and religious questions of abortion.

Although our work is still in the initial stages, the response so far leads us to believe that November 20 will be the major action for women in the Illinois region.

**SUZANNE HAIG**  
Chicago YSA

## How to Organize a Campus Abortion Group

The issue of abortion is one of concern for every woman. The Women's National Abortion Action Coalition provides the possibility for real political victories for countless women who have never before been involved in political activity.

In Amherst we began building WONAAC and the November 20 action by compiling a preliminary mailing list. We listed all the feminist groups in our area, including both campus and local women's liberation groups, adding to that the mailing list of the women's caucus of the Student Mobilization Committee, the names of all those women who went to Washington on April 24, on-campus female subscribers to *The Militant*, and YSA contacts. Additional groups that could be contacted in other areas include the women's caucus of the student senate, faculty women's groups, caucuses of women in the academic departments, professional women (such as lawyers, doctors, and nurses), the dean of women (who often has access to a great deal of money), the Welfare Rights Organization, and church women's groups. Black and Latino women may be contacted through Black Student Unions or other Black and Latino organizations on campus.

After compiling the mailing list, we composed a letter reporting the first conference of the Women's National Abortion Action Coalition held last July. At the end of the letter was a call for a meeting to form a local abortion coalition to act on the demands of repeal all abortion laws, no forced sterilization, and repeal all contraception laws.

Those of us who attended the July conference from Amherst formed the University of Massachusetts Women's Abortion Action Coalition in

order to become a recognized student organization entitled to meeting rooms, audio-visual equipment, and funding from the student senate.

The lessons from our experiences with a new coalition can be generalized for use in similar situations around the country.

At the first meeting it's good to report briefly on WONAAC's activities since the July conference and to discuss the demands of the national coalition, its proposals for action, and especially the November 20 demonstrations. Women should be encouraged to bring with them any proposals for local actions and projects and suggestions for the structure of the local coalition. Depending on the size and interest of the group at the first meeting, committees can be assigned to take charge of activities ranging from abortion speak-outs to transportation to Washington (or San Francisco) on November 20. The date and time for the second meeting should also be set.

A good activity a new coalition might try is to ferret out the nearest Newman Center and arrange a public debate on the abortion issue. A debate held in a large auditorium at the beginning of the school year, with the press invited, can generate enough interest to get a new coalition off the ground.

Information tables with literature, leaflets, sign-up sheets, a poster with the date of the next meeting, etc., should be set up on a regular basis. The tables should begin early to sell bus tickets for November 20.

Local head shops, boutiques, and bookstores are often willing to display posters or leaflets advertising the activities of the coalition. Try to persuade these youth-oriented shops to give a

day's profit to the abortion coalition, and if they agree, advertise the specific day to attract supporters of the abortion campaign.

The campuses should be alive with political candidates this fall. Challenge them on the question of abortion. They should be confronted with the fall abortion actions, as well as with the SWP candidates' stance on abortion.

Good relations with the press are essential. Make a list of all the news stations and newspapers, including the names of the news editors. Before any event read a prepared press release over the phone to each news editor. Before any major action send a written press release inviting the media to attend. Shortly before the action call each station or paper to remind them. Press conferences can be arranged to announce major events and to advertise the November 20 demonstrations. Local talk shows should also be approached for interviews with abortion law repeal activists.

It is especially important to utilize the campus media. Have the radio station announce all coalition-related events during their news broadcasts. The student newspaper should also be willing to allot space for a regular column.

Finally, all press releases should be sent to *The Militant*, and imaginative leaflets, posters, and ideas should be sent to the national headquarters of WONAAC in Washington.

**CLAIRE MORIARTY**  
Amherst YSA

## San Francisco Response to Attica Massacre

The question of prison brutality and political prisoners is an important one in Northern California politics. The Soledad Brothers and Angela Davis are being tried in the Bay Area, San Quentin is just over the bridge from San Francisco and Berkeley, and developments at Folsom and Soledad are constantly in the news.

The vast majority of youth are aware of the prison conditions, but the various defense committees have made little effort to reach out to the campuses and mobilize student support.

Following the Attica massacre, a press conference to expose prison conditions was organized by the United Prisoners Union, a new group in California composed of prisoners, ex-prisoners, and supporters. The UPU is primarily concerned with raising the 2¢ an hour wage prisoners receive to the federal minimum wage by means of trade union organizing. The UPU, unlike the

defense committees, relates to mass action, the united front, and defensive formulations. Its newspaper, *The Anvil*, is an excellent, professional voice of the prisoners' movement.

In response to Attica the UPU organized on short notice a demonstration of 200 at the Federal Building. The demands at the demonstration were: "Free All Political Prisoners," "Stop The Brutality Now," and "Open The Gates."

All speakers were welcome at the demonstration. Jeff Berchenko, an SWP candidate running for city office, spoke at the rally and expressed the need for a national citizens' commission of inquiry.

At our forum held the night of the demonstration, "Popeye" Jackson and Patricia Woods, leaders of the UPU, spoke on the prison system, George Jackson, and the Attica massacre.

A few weeks earlier, after the assassination of

George Jackson, UPU had called a demonstration at San Quentin, also on short notice, which drew over 600 people. The YSA and the Young Socialists for Jenness and Pulley were the only groups to make a showing with picket signs, newspapers, and campaign material, which were all well received.

The UPU is calling a broad conference of prisoners' groups and supporters next week, in which the YSA will participate through the SWP campaign and *Militant* and *ISR* sales.

We are also scheduling a YSA internal educational on the prison revolt, which will cover a description of the prison system nationally—prison conditions, the racism of the prison system, and the demands raised at Attica.

**MARK SCHNEIDER**  
San Francisco YSA

# Raza Work Fraction

*Editor's Note: The following are excerpts from the Raza work fraction meeting held during the Socialist Activists and Educational Conference at Oberlin in August. Some of the information contained in the reports presented at that meeting has already been covered in The Militant and has therefore been omitted here to avoid repetition.*

**OLGA RODRIGUEZ—Los Angeles**

We began working on building the Raza contingent for the April 24 demonstration in San Francisco one month before the action. We approached a number of groups to get endorsements, beginning with the Chicano Moratorium Committee. Even though the Chicano Moratorium leadership is reformist and has tended to abandon the antiwar approach for multi-issue demonstrations, they still remain the authoritative Chicano antiwar organization in L.A. But we didn't get anywhere with the Chicano Moratorium Committee.

The next organization we approached was MECHA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán), the main Chicano student organization in California. MECHA chapters conduct Chicano studies programs in all the major campuses in L.A. and at this time they are the most militant section of the Chicano movement.

The MECHA at Cal State was instrumental in helping to build the Raza contingent. We were also able to get the endorsement of the L.A. City College chapter of MECHA. Several people there, including the chairwoman of L.A. City College MECHA, helped build the action, did leafleting, and were instrumental in helping us take a large number of Chicanos from L.A. to San Francisco.

This fall we will continue working with the various MECHA chapters helping to build them and encouraging their participation in the Raza contingents for November 6. We think this will be one of the most fruitful areas of work at this time.

**SUE SHINN—Seattle**

I want to briefly go over some of the ways in which we have been able to work with Chicano activists in Seattle and begin discussing our politics with them. *The Militant* has played an extremely important role.

Also, whenever speakers are brought in who are not Chicano speakers we have always tried to set up a special meeting where they can speak on some topic that will definitely interest Chicanos. For example, we had Linda Jenness speak on "Women and the Cuban Revolution," and we had Paul Boutelle speak at a panel with local Chicano activists on independent political action by oppressed nationalities. This kind of thing will attract Chicano activists who are open to

our ideas.

We have also worked with Chicano militants in the antiwar movement on building contingents for various demonstrations and getting Chicano speakers for demonstrations.

**ROY GONZALES—San Francisco**

One point I want to cover is the work we have been doing with MECHA at the University of California in Berkeley and La Raza Unida Party in the Oakland/Berkeley area.

There are three representatives of MECHA on the Northern California steering committee of the Peace Action Coalition as a result of our discussions with them about NPAC and the antiwar movement.

We were able to raise enough money to send two representatives of MECHA and four representatives of the Northern California chapter of LRUP to the NPAC convention.

After we returned from the NPAC convention, we held two meetings jointly sponsored by the Berkeley SMC and MECHA that discussed the perspectives coming out of the NPAC convention. In Berkeley a meeting of 120 to 130 students had about 30 or 40 Chicanos and Latinos from the Oakland/Berkeley area. We also had a smaller meeting on the other side of the Bay at which Tito Lucero of LRUP spoke.

**BRIAN WILLIAMS—Oakland/Berkeley**

Roy mentioned the very successful meeting we had in Berkeley sponsored by SMC and MECHA. One of the things that came out of the meeting was that MECHA began to work on La Marcha de la Reconquista, started by the Chicano Moratorium Committee around five demands, one of which was an antiwar demand. As La Marcha got up to the Northern California area, MECHA and La Raza Unida Party got involved in it and attempted to get people to Sacramento on August 7.

At this meeting the Berkeley SMC and NPAC also agreed to support the action. We put out leaflets, did some posting and publicity, and participated in meetings to plan out press conferences. It became clear to the Berkeley MECHA that we were the ones interested in seeing a Chicano antiwar action take place. About eight YSAers participated in the demonstration, which drew about 1000 people. This nationalist action was a powerful expression of Chicano sentiment against the war.

The work we have done will lay the basis for setting up a Raza Task Force in Northern California to build a Raza contingent in the November 6 demonstration and also to discuss with Chicano campus groups the types of activities that could take place on the campuses on November 3.

**DICK GARZA—New York**

I would like to inform YSAers involved in Chicano work of some developments in the Puerto Rican movement on the East Coast.

It appears that the Young Lords are planning to return to the campuses. For a period of time the policy of the Young Lords has been to pull people off the campuses and send them to work in the community. However, that has not paid off as well as they expected, and they have run into a number of problems.

Another organization that played a prominent role in New York City for a short period was the Puerto Rican Student Union, which had chapters on a number of campuses. However, they followed the lead of the Young Lords and decided to go into the community. They have just about disappeared.

The other group that is a significant force in the radical Puerto Rican community is the MPI (Movimiento Pro-Independencia). They have four branches throughout the city and have influence on some of the campuses. They sell their newspaper—*Claridad*, a 24-page weekly—and have led a campaign in the New York area in defense of the students of the University of Puerto Rico.

One way we have been working with some of these militants is through the work that was initiated in New York by the Third World Task Force of the National Peace Action Coalition (NPAC). NPAC invited the Young Lords and the MPI to attend the Raza workshop at the NPAC conference in July. The MPI did send representatives, and they seem to be interested in getting involved in the antiwar movement.

The MPI and FUPI (Federación Universitaria Pro-Independencia), their youth group, have played a big role in organizing antiwar sentiment in Puerto Rico.

**MARIANA HERNANDEZ—Austin**

The largest of the radical groups in Texas is MAYO (Mexican American Youth Organization). This is not a centralized group—all the different MAYOs around the state have their own programs and do their own things. Recently they have been discussing possibilities for better coordination and becoming more active in youth affairs.

Besides MAYO, there is also the beginning of the formation of La Raza Unida Party statewide.

We attended a meeting at which MAYO decided that their priority for the coming year would be to build the statewide LRUP. We have two YSAers in San Antonio who will be in a position to work with La Raza Unida Party there since that will be a center for the party.

## Building the SMC in New York

All the SMC work done in New York since the NPAC convention has been in preparation for the first week of school. We began producing leaflets, stickers, and other materials several weeks before classes started. We called people who had been active in the SMC last spring to help distribute the literature, organize campus SMC meetings, submit budgets to their student governments, and get speaking engagements for SMC staff members.

The success of this work can be judged by the fact that within the first two or three weeks of the fall term there have been or will be SMC meetings at 12 colleges, eight high schools, and two junior high schools.

About a month before the opening of school the regional SMC office compiled a list of the 38 most important colleges in New York and sent leafleting teams there for registration and orientation.

An antiwar speakers bureau was initiated and a mailing on the bureau was sent to every major college and university in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. In addition to obtaining honoraria, the speakers bureau will be a vehicle for building November 20 throughout the region and for establishing new SMCs.

When school opened the SMC immediately met with student government leaders and editors of

campus newspapers to solicit their support for the fall actions. By involving student leaders in building the antiwar movement, campus facilities can be made available for the SMC. For example, at Manhattan College the student government, the editors of all three student newspapers, and a significant section of the student body support the SMC. Through the student government, mimeo machines, sound equipment, rooms, and phones have been acquired for the SMC. They also have allocated a large budget for the SMC.

The SMC will be organized on a citywide basis to facilitate the building of the fall actions as well as the strengthening of local SMC chapters. There will be weekly SMC meetings preceded by citywide steering committee meetings. The steering committee will be composed of one representative from each campus chapter and each political organization.

This fall we will have an in-city traveler, whose function will be to build the fall actions in the greater New York area, and a regional traveler who will be going to the campuses in the region to build participation for the November 6 demonstration.

October 13 is our immediate focus in building the fall actions. The SMC is attempting to organize strikes, rallies, teach-ins, and other mora-

torium activities on every college and high school in the city. An antiwar rally has been called for that day by the four largest unions in New York, and the SMC will be leafleting at plant gates, factories, and elsewhere to build this demonstration.

The growing strength of the SMC is indicated by a meeting planned for late September sponsored by NPAC, PCPJ, and the SMC. This meeting will mark a qualitative step forward for the antiwar movement and the fall offensive. The SMC will attempt to send representatives from every SMC chapter in the city. Ads have been run in campus newspapers and several thousand leaflets have been distributed to build this meeting. From the response received thus far, we think the SMC will play a key role in this historic unity meeting.

The accomplishments of the SMC thus far in New York are an indication of the potential that exists and a sampling of things to come as the November 3 student strike and the November 6 demonstration begin to take shape.

**DON SORSA**  
Lower Manhattan YSA

# From At-Large Areas to YSA Locals

This fall YSAers all around the country will be actively involved in building the antiwar movement and the campaign to repeal all anti-abortion laws, winning support for the Jenness-Pulley campaign, selling *Militants*, *ISRs*, and subscriptions, raising money for the national fund drive, building participation in the Houston YSA convention, and recruiting to the YSA.

Carrying out all the campaigns of the YSA may seem a formidable task in an area where there are only one or two at-large YSA members. Keeping in mind that building the YSA means above all recruitment, at-large YSAers should map out a program of activity that will draw others into the YSA and lead to the formation of a local. This article will suggest an outline for such a campaign.

## BUILDING THE YSJP

The recent enfranchisement of 18 to 21 year olds will increase interest on all the campuses in the 1972 elections. Many of these new voters will be looking for an alternative to the bankrupt politics of the capitalist parties. The SWP campaign offers the only alternative, and we will want to take the campaign onto every campus in the country, drawing thousands of young people into support activity.

The YSA doubled its size during the Halstead-Boutelle campaign in 1968. The growing radicalization and our own increased strength offer us the opportunity of again at least doubling our membership, and we want to take advantage of every opportunity open to us.

Building the Young Socialists for Jenness and Pulley will help recruit people to the YSA. YSJPs will serve to bring people who may not yet agree with or understand the entire program of the YSA, but who do support the campaign as an alternative to the capitalist parties, into activity that will help build the SWP campaign. As a broader formation than the YSA, YSJPs will provide a layer of activists to involve in different aspects of our work from sales to the fall antiwar offensive. Many of these activists will soon join the YSA.

Each region has a regional organizer and most also have regional YSJP travelers. They will be able to provide information on tour dates for the candidates, the YSJP national coordinators, and other campaign speakers.

The initial step in forming a YSJP will usually be a meeting addressed by a campaign spokesperson (either yourself or someone arranged through the regional center). A room should be reserved on campus, and publicity for the meeting should include leafleting, posters, ads in the campus paper, and telling everyone you know. Time should be allotted at the end of the talk to sign up supporters and to explain what the YSJP is.

Once the YSJP is formed there are many activities in which you will want to participate.

First of all, regular YSJP literature tables should be set up. Mailing lists should always be on the tables to sign up interested people. Everyone who signs a mailing list, endorses the campaign, or says she or he is interested in the campaign should be involved in campaign activities. Campaign materials can be ordered from the national campaign headquarters at 706 Broadway, New York, N. Y. 10003.

YSJPs should sponsor meetings for national and state candidates or other campaign spokespersons, making a serious effort to obtain honoraria. This can usually be most efficiently accomplished by the YSJP submitting a budget to the student government.

The fall will bring increasing numbers of Democratic and Republican candidates or potential candidates to the campuses. YSJPs should organize interventions into meetings for the bourgeois candidates, confronting them with the fall actions and with the SWP candidates' positions.

Many YSJPs will decide to run their own campaigns for student government. The YSJP tickets will turn campus and high school elections into political campaigns instead of popularity contests. Running on a platform of support for the SWP candidates and their program, these campaigns can focus on using the campus facilities and resources to build the mass movements. In high schools this will often involve emphasizing student rights—in particular the right to organize antiwar and women's liberation activities. The campus media and the public meetings usually sponsored for candidates will be an excellent opportunity to publicize the SWP campaign and draw more supporters into the YSJP.

An important activity for YSJPs will be sales of the campaign newspaper, *The Militant*. Our

press will be one of the best publicity tools for the SWP campaign and as such will be central to YSJP activities. Selling single copies and subscriptions to *The Militant* and *ISR* will be one of the best ways to build the YSJP on your campus or high school.

YSJPs will be the best builders of the mass movements this fall and a key task for them will be building participation in the fall antiwar and anti-abortion law repeal actions. YSJPs should obtain endorsements for the SWP candidates from activists in these movements and draw them into campaign support activities.

In all this work you should keep in mind that the YSJP is not a membership organization—a YSJPer is anyone who actively supports the SWP campaign. Campaign supporters who are actually willing to join a socialist youth organization should join the YSA.

## FALL ANTIWAR OFFENSIVE

There is no campus on which antiwar sentiment does not predominate, and this sentiment should be turned into active opposition by building the fall antiwar offensive. The key to building the October 13 Moratorium, November 3 Student Strike, and November 6 regional mass demonstrations will be building the Student Mobilization Committee.

Initial SMC meetings should be called immediately (by getting out leaflets, posters, and announcements in the campus newspapers) and plans should be underway for the activities on your campus October 13. The Moratorium activities will take many forms from rallies, marches, and teach-ins to referenda on the war. All October 13 activities should be used to further build November 3 and 6.

Endorsements for the fall antiwar activity should be secured from campus and community leaders, professors, and administrators. Funds for building the SMC and transportation to the regional demonstration nearest you should be solicited from the student government, individuals, university departments, and the administration.

Materials on the SMC are available from the SMC National Office at 150 Fifth Avenue, Room 911, New York, N. Y. 10003.

## ABORTION CAMPAIGN

Male at-large members can help build the Women's National Abortion Action Coalition and the November 20 demonstrations by selling *The Militant* to women activists on campus. The YSJP can sponsor speakers who will build November 20.

Women will find the article in this issue of *The YS Organizer* on "How to Organize a Campus Abortion Coalition" helpful in initiating groups.

Building the mass movements is key to building the YSA. Activists you work with should be invited to forums and introduced to the SWP campaign, *The Militant*, and the *ISR*. These activists will be the most open to the ideas offered by the SWP campaign and the YSA.

## SUB DRIVE

Sales of the press and participation in the drive for 30,000 new *Militant* readers and 5,000 new *ISR* readers by December 1 is a campaign in which at-large YSAers can play an important role. Any YSAer on or near a campus should be able to sell a bundle of 20 to 30 *Militants* each week with just a few hours work.

Establishing times and places for sales each week quickly gains regular customers who often become subscribers. This can be decisive in gaining recruits to the YSA. Our press is often the first contact individuals will have with the YSA or even with socialist ideas. Reading *The Militant* will help people understand our politics and become interested in the various activities of the YSA. *Militant* subscribers may become the basis for a local of the YSA.

During the fall sub drive many regional centers will be sending special sub teams out to campuses in their areas. At-large members should contact the regional center about participating in a sub blitz to your campus. Information about good times and places for sales on your campus or other places in your area would be valuable to the sub drive director in the regional center.

The National Office suggests that each at-large member accept a sub drive quota of 30 new *Militant* subscribers and five *ISR* subscribers. *The Militant* Business Office should be notified of your quota. New subscriptions will appear on *The Militant* scoreboard each week under the

at-large category or listed separately for your area if you so request.

## LITERATURE TABLES

Setting up regular YSA literature tables is another good way to get out our ideas and draw students around the YSA. A wide selection of revolutionary socialist books and pamphlets is available from Pathfinder Press. For a catalog, discount schedule, and tips on organizing literature table sales, write to Pathfinder Press, 410 West Street, New York, N. Y. 10014.

Buttons, posters, and pamphlets are also available from the YSA National Office. All material ordered from the YSA N. O. must be paid for in advance, but Pathfinder Press will extend credit to YSA at-large areas.

Sales of buttons, posters, and literature can also make money to help finance your local activities, and for contributions to the regional office and national fund drive.

## DEFENSE

There are two major national defense efforts for which at-large YSAers should be winning support and raising funds: the Mandel Case Legal Defense Fund and the Committee for Democratic Election Laws (CoDEL). Articles in the September 3 and 24 issues of *The YS Organizer* laid out our tasks in these campaigns.

## FUND DRIVE

The fund drive is another important campaign that requires the active participation of at-large YSA members. The total at-large quota is \$1,200, and the National Office suggest each at-large member consider \$20 as a minimum contribution. An article in the September 24 *YS Organizer* went into detail about at-large members' participation in the fund drive. Monthly dues of \$1.50 should be sent directly in to the National Office.

## REGIONAL CENTER AND ORGANIZER

The expansion of YSA regional work will be a great help to at-large areas. Keeping the regional organizer informed about what is happening in your area, soliciting her or his help, and utilizing the resources of the regional center can greatly increase the rapidity with which you are successful in recruiting a local of the YSA.

If you live close to the regional center, you should be able to attend the regular forums and visit the bookstore, etc. The regional organizer will be able to help you map out a reading program. One essential part of such a program is regularly reading *The Militant*, *International Socialist Review*, *The Young Socialist Organizer*, and *Intercontinental Press*.

Some at-large members may not be familiar with *Intercontinental Press*. *IP* is a weekly international news service that provides information and analysis of the revolutionary movements around the world—material that is available nowhere else. All YSAers should read *IP* regularly. A six-month subscription costs \$7.50. Write to: *Intercontinental Press*, P. O. Box 116 Village Station, New York, N. Y. 10014.

The regional speakers, tours, educational conferences, and regional committee meetings (to which all at-large members are invited) provide valuable opportunities for your own education.

## YSA CONVENTION

The fall offensive will culminate in the YSA National Convention in Houston, December 28-January 1. At the convention we will assess the results of our fall campaigns and lay the plans for our activities in the coming year. Every YSAer should begin planning now to attend the convention and to bring activists from your area. We will want to publicize the convention by writing articles for school papers, plastering the campuses with posters, and signing up activists who want to attend.

## NATIONAL OFFICE

Finally, all at-large members should keep in regular contact with the National Office. Reports on your activities, articles for *The YS Organizer*, and any questions you may have should be sent to YSA, P. O. Box 471 Cooper Station, New York, N. Y. 10003.

**LESLIE DORK**  
YSA National Office

## Florida Youth in Politics Conference

Throughout the fall YSAers around the country should take note of any political conferences taking place, especially youth conferences, in which we can make propaganda interventions. These interventions can be conceived of in much the same way as the campus blitzes, where we not only sell *Militants* and set up a YSA table, but also make a big push for the YSJP, Pathfinder literature, *Militant* and *ISR* subs, and where we can win supporters for the upcoming antiwar and abortion law repeal actions.

Above all we can intervene in these conferences to directly counterpose the revolutionary campaign of Jenness and Pulley to the Democrats, Republicans, and any reformist third party formations. Young Socialists for Jenness and Pulley should aggressively intervene to seek support both for the SWP candidates and for the mass movements. Many of the young people who attend these "Dump Nixon," "New Politics" type of conferences do so because they are seriously looking for some alternative to the status quo—they simply haven't heard about the SWP campaign yet.

The fact that we are not simply telling them that our candidates are better than other candidates, but also trying to involve them in independent mass actions, will help make clear one of the most important differences between our election campaigns and those of the capitalist parties—that is, that our campaigns build the mass movements, while the bourgeois campaigns are counterposed to the mass movements.

We found out about such a conference late this summer. One of the first organized attempts on the part of the Democratic and Republican parties to hustle the youth vote took place in Gainesville, Florida, over the August 27-29 weekend. Approximately 200 to 300 people, mostly students, attended the Florida Youth in Politics Conference. The conference appeared to have been organized by the Democratic Party even though it was built as a non-partisan conference. The bulk of the agenda consisted of workshops on voter registration and larger sessions which were addressed by prominent local and national Democratic and Republican liberals. The theme of all the speakers was obvious, "Register in our party, vote for our party, and you can change America."

Also present at the Youth in Politics Conference was the New Party. This formation was relatively active during the 1970 election campaigns. It disappeared after the elections, but has now been resurrected as a result of the Albuquerque conference which formed a National Coalition of New Parties.

This attempt to form a third capitalist party was wrapped in the rhetoric of the current radicalization, but when it came to presenting a concrete program and a means of accomplishing that program, all they could offer were political maneuvers and an attempt to form an electoral machine which would grab the votes of the dissidents in the Democratic Party.

Through our intervention in this conference, it became clear to us that many of the participants

were not willing to sacrifice building the mass movements for working for some liberal capitalist candidate. The NPAC table was one of the most popular at the conference. In addition to the literature table, we distributed antiwar leaflets, and a number of people requested information on how to start SMCs in their local areas. The WONAAC table was also greeted with enthusiasm.

We set up a Committee for Democratic Election Laws (CoDEL) booth and obtained a number of endorsements. Bob Kunst, National Organizer of the New Party, endorsed CoDEL, as did a number of student leaders and presidents of local Florida Young Democrats clubs.

We sold a considerable amount of literature at the YSA and campaign table, and a lot of interest was generated in the Jenness and Pulley campaign, as well as in the idea of YSJPs.

We can probably expect to see a number of such conferences being held throughout the country in the coming months. We should not let one of them go by without exposing their youthful participants to the ideas of revolutionary socialism and the mass movements. As we found out at Gainesville, they can provide us with the opportunity for breaking away serious political youth from dead-end capitalist politics and recruiting them to the YSA.

**BILL O'KAIN**  
Atlanta YSA

## Philadelphia Sub Sales Soar

One thousand subs for Philadelphia? Is it possible with so many YSAers who have never participated in a sub drive before?

We no longer think it's possible—we think it's definite. Our first sub blitz proved it. Twenty YSAers sold 102 subscriptions to *The Militant* in one evening. The question no longer is will we make the sub drive—but when and how much will we go over our quota?

How did we achieve such success on our first blitz? Our first step was to carefully choose the schools. We wanted the first night of blitzes to score an enthusiastic success to give the sub drive in its opening stages the proper momentum. We decided on two campuses that had provided us with a high number of subs in past drives and one campus near the headquarters (so that executive committee members, who had a meeting that night, could participate).

We were confident that the students at these schools would be receptive to our press, but the response we got was beyond our expectations. The students were eager to know what was going on this fall, and most jumped at the oppor-

tunity to subscribe to a paper that could let them find out.

The blitz was organized well in advance. Each team knew the exact location of the dorms on their campus, and mimeographed sheets were distributed to each sub seller so that he or she could record the dorms, floors, and rooms covered. Searching for a place to sell or hitting dorms that have already been covered in previous blitzes can cost a team twenty subs or more.

Team captains were assigned to collect the money and sub blanks. Nothing can be more demoralizing for salespeople or annoying to new subscribers than misplaced or lost subs that find their way to *The Militant* Business Office weeks later or not at all.

Just before embarking on the sub blitz, we had a short session on "how to sell subs." Veteran sub sellers demonstrated proven sales techniques, and everyone left for the blitz enthusiastic and confident.

One point that was stressed in our "pep rally" before the blitz—and was proven in practice later

that night—is the importance of our attitude toward selling. To be successful in selling subs, we have to believe that we're offering a great opportunity to the potential readers of our press. That isn't too hard to believe because we are. Look at what we offer—for one dollar, ten weeks of the best coverage of the SWP campaigns, the antiwar movement, the women's liberation movement, the Black, Chicano, and Puerto Rican struggles, the gay movement, the trade union movement, the prison revolts, and the list goes on; and for another dollar, three months of in depth coverage of these movements and analysis of the questions facing the left today.

If our first sub blitz was any indication of how the remainder of the sub drive will go, we'll not only go over our 1,000 quota but will probably recruit a whole new layer of YSAers that can lay the groundwork for an even bigger quota during the next sub drive.

**BILL PISCIELLA**  
Philadelphia YSA

## How to Make Money on Book Sales

Since the beginning of the spring fund drive the Los Angeles YSA has conducted a series of used book sales and found them to be an efficient method of outside fund raising. With two or three YSAers we have consistently been able to raise from \$35 to \$150 in a day.

The first step in organizing a book sale is collecting the initial book stock. YSA and SWP members and friends should be asked to cull their libraries for books. Professors can be induced to give up dozens of their review copies (and may become YSA sympathizers in the process). No books should be refused, no matter how damaged or obscure. Every book is somebody's "bargain."

When you have collected several boxes of books (the more the better), schedule an all-day sale on a busy campus. It never hurts to precede a book sale with publicity and to post signs drawing attention to your table.

Do not arrange the books as you would for a normal literature table. Stack the books side by side with the spines up. In this way you will have a manageable display that does not spread over too many tables.

It is important to consider ahead of time the problem of transporting the books from car to sale site. Some campuses may have carts that can be borrowed, but in other places it may be necessary to bring one with you.

Prices of books should be set on the spot when customers ask for prices. You can ask 50 percent or more of the original cover price for many new books and 30 to 50 percent for used paperbacks. Older textbooks will usually bring somewhat less return. Many people will want to bargain and you should not hesitate to wheel and deal with them. Offer all kinds of special deals and clever bargains that will result in the sale of more books.

When the day's sale is over you will probably still have a large stock of books left. These "leftovers" can be used over and over again. We found that when our "leftovers" were brought out on a new campus they sold like fresh stock.

For successive sales it is necessary only to "sweeten" the stock with new books in order to ensure the best results. The frequency of good book sales is limited only by the speed with which you replenish the stock.

It is not harmful to integrate the sale of *Militants* and *ISRs* into book sales and to openly proclaim that all the book profits go to the YSA. Leaflets can be given out to the customers and politics can be openly discussed across the table. Rather than driving away potential customers, this method seemed to put them at ease. They were glad to know that a legitimate organization was getting the money and not a private individual. New contacts can be invited to help build the YSA by stepping behind the table and helping to sell books.

Book sales are a unique way of getting hundreds of students to contribute generously to the YSA and to love doing it. In fact they are getting a much bigger bargain than they know: every dollar given for every book goes directly to financing the YSA in its revolutionary tasks.

**MARTIN ROTHMAN**  
Los Angeles YSA

# Fund Drive Progress

The fall fund drive has registered two major advances during the last week. First, the payments received by the National Office increased substantially—since the last scoreboard we have taken in over \$2,400! This is a big jump from previous weeks, and is almost the amount needed to keep on schedule each week.

Several locals that were considerably behind schedule have reorganized their finances and are now gearing into the drive.

In order to stay on schedule we must receive almost \$3,000 each week—while we came close to that goal this week, we must accelerate the process if we are to get back on schedule. We went from 7 percent paid to 12 percent, but we are still short of the 20 percent "Should Be" mark.

A glance at the scoreboard shows the primary reason for this continued lag: 25 YSA locals, the majority of locals on the scoreboard, have not sent in a single payment. Most of these are regional locals, but the list includes three major central locals as well. It is up to the regional organizers and committees to work out a plan to overcome this problem and get all the locals in their regions that have not yet sent in a payment to do so immediately. Such a plan should include promptly calling every local in the region.

The second important advance is that the total national quota has hit \$46,000! The Gainesville local has been reconstituted as an at-large area. At the same time, the Brooklyn and Upper West Side locals in New York have increased their quotas by \$100 each, to \$1,800.

A "Special Contributions" category has been added to the scoreboard to show donations sent by YSA sympathizers directly in to the National Office.

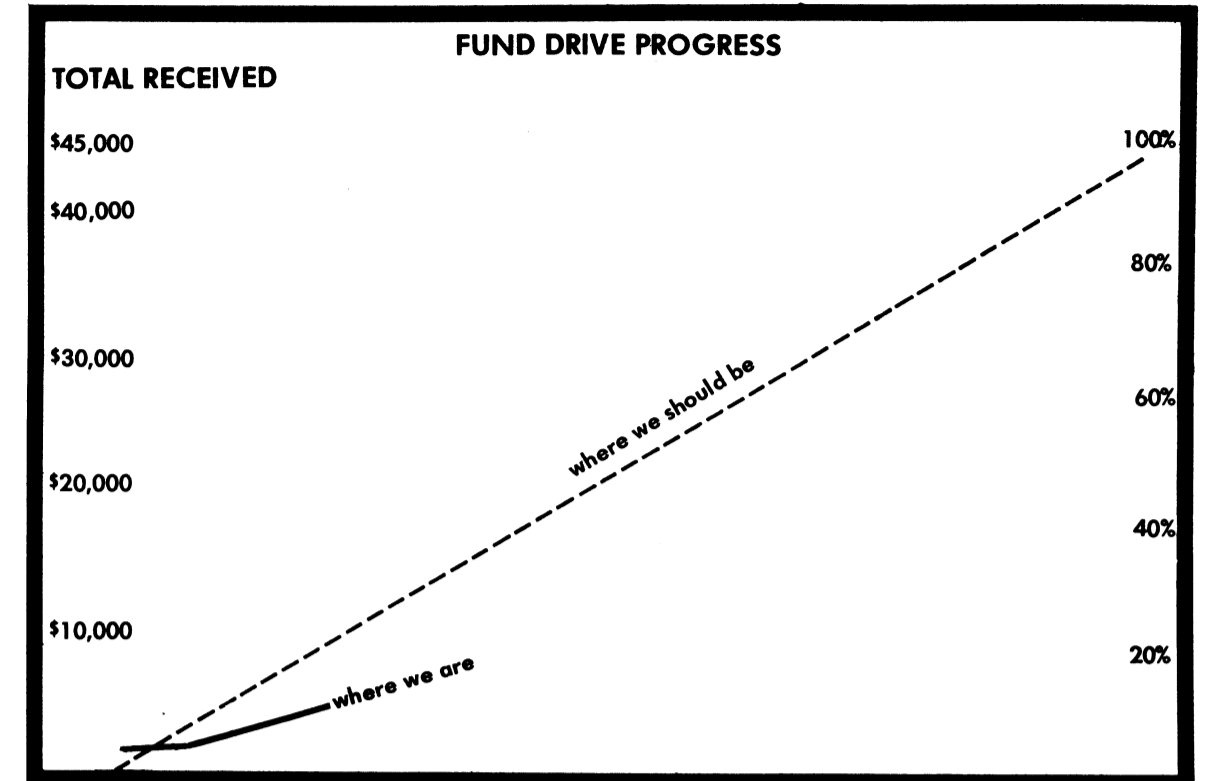
The top locals this week are Austin and Washington D.C., each of which has sent in 41 percent of its quota. Other locals that are on or ahead of schedule are Atlanta, with 34 percent paid; Houston, 33 percent; Worcester, 24 percent; Twin Cities, 20 percent; and Philadelphia, 20 percent.

The top at-large area is State College, Pa., with \$75.50 paid.

**LOUISE GOODMAN**  
YSA National Office

## FALL FUND DRIVE SCOREBOARD

REGION AND LOCAL	QUOTA	PAID	%
<b>MARYLAND/VIRGINIA</b>	1,800	732.14	41
WASHINGTON D.C.	1,800	732.14	41
(CRISFIELD, MD.)		(21)	
(RICHMOND, VA.)		(4.13)	
(COLUMBIA, MD.)		(3.50)	
<b>TEXAS/LA./OKLAHOMA</b>	2,300	770	33
AUSTIN	850	345	41
HOUSTON	1,300	425	33
SAN ANTONIO	150	0	0
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>	2,500	510.50	20
ATLANTA	1,400	480	34
KNOXVILLE	200	28.50	14
JACKSONVILLE	200	1	0
TAMPA	300	0	0
TALLAHASSEE	250	0	0
NASHVILLE	150	0	0



DATE	9/11	9/25	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	12/4	12/18
(GAINESVILLE)			(1)					
(CHAPEL HILL, N.C.)			(0.50)					
<b>UPPER MIDWEST</b>		2,300	450	20				
TWIN CITIES		2,300	450	20				
(MADISON, S.D.)			(4)					
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>		1,800	359	20				
PHILADELPHIA		1,800	359	20				
(STATE COLLEGE)			(75.50)					
<b>MICHIGAN</b>		3,050	445	15				
DETROIT		2,600	445	17				
ANN ARBOR		300	0	0				
EAST LANSING		150	0	0				
(GRAND RAPIDS)			(21.75)					
(FLINT)			(0.50)					
<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN</b>		1,500	188	13				
DENVER		1,000	188	19				
BOULDER		250	0	0				
LOGAN		250	0	0				
<b>MIDWEST</b>		5,850	640	11				
CHICAGO		3,600	640	18				
KANSAS CITY		700	0	0				
MADISON		500	0	0				
BLOOMINGTON		375	0	0				
DEKALB		375	0	0				
MILWAUKEE		300	0	0				
(KENOSHA, WISC.)			(42.50)					
(ST. LOUIS, MO.)			(24)					
(FT. WAYNE, IND.)			(2)					
<b>OHIO/KENTUCKY</b>		2,550	260	10				
CLEVELAND		2,250	250	11				
EDINBORO		150	10	7				
OXFORD		150	0	0				
(LOUISA, KY.)			(1.50)					
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>		4,500	301.15	7				
WORCESTER		600	141.15	24				
CAMBRIDGE		1,750	160	9				
BOSTON		1,750	0	0				
PROVIDENCE						400	0	0
(N. ANDOVER, MASS.)							(20.98)	
(PLYMOUTH, MASS.)							(7)	
<b>PACIFIC NORTHWEST</b>						1,650	120	7
PORTLAND						500	60	12
SEATTLE						1,000	60	6
EUGENE						150	0	0
(PULLMAN, WASH.)							(1.50)	
<b>NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY</b>						5,950	302	5
BROOKLYN						1,800	102	6
UPPER WEST SIDE						1,800	100	6
LOWER MANHATTAN						1,700	100	6
LONG ISLAND						350	0	0
BINGHAMTON						150	0	0
PATERSON						150	0	0
(NEW LONDON, CONN.)							(2)	
(WEBSTER, N.Y.)							(1.05)	
(MANCHESTER, CONN.)							(1)	
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>						5,600	150	3
SAN FRANCISCO						2,000	150	8
OAKLAND/BERKELEY						3,600	0	0
(MODESTO)							(8)	
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>						3,450	0	0
LOS ANGELES						2,550	0	0
SAN DIEGO						600	0	0
CLAREMONT						150	0	0
TUCSON						150	0	0
(ORANGE)							(1)	
<b>TOTAL AT-LARGE</b>						1,200	249.91	21
<b>SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>							5	
<b>TOTAL</b>						46,000	5,482.70	12
<b>SHOULD BE</b>							9,000	20

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# Regional Exchange Speakers Tours

The primary purpose of the regional exchange speakers tours this fall is to raise money for the fund drive. Each region has released one YSA member for two weeks in November to speak in a nearby area. The speaking engagements will also serve to build the YSA convention in Houston.

In addition, the person on tour can be a featured speaker at the regional educational conferences at the end of November. Having the tours late in the fall will give locals more time to arrange for honoraria and will come after the building of the abortion and antiwar demon-

strations.

All locals should already have the biography of the person coming to their region, so work on the tour can begin immediately. The credentials of the YSAers who will be on tour shows the experience our movement has gained and the leadership roles YSAers play in the growing mass movements. On tour this year will be leading activists from the Chicano, Black, women's liberation, and antiwar movements.

## SPEAKERS BUREAUS

One of the keys to the success of our fall fi-

ancial campaign will be the establishment of speakers bureaus in every region. The projected \$45,000 fund drive is based on locals doing greatly expanded outside fund raising in addition to raising their sustainer base. With the important political tasks facing the YSA, our energy must be spent where it will be the most effective. Setting up meetings for young socialist speakers gives us not only a chance to reach people with our ideas, but also a chance to raise money to build the revolutionary movement.

As the YSA finances workshop at Oberlin

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showed, many areas have already begun setting up speakers bureaus. Atlanta, Houston, Boston, and Los Angeles have already sent out very professionally-done material. The following excerpt from a regional report from Houston is a good example of what we want to accomplish with the speakers bureau:

"Part of the work of the regional center consists of making our speakers bureau a financial asset. The bureau is called 'Socialist Activist Speakers Bureau.' Our brochure is called 'Speakers for the '70s' and contains 19 speakers and attractive biographical information on each. We included those people who will be on tour in the brochure. The initial mailing of the brochure covered most of the universities in the region. In addition to sending a copy to speakers committees and student governments, we sent a copy of the brochure to these organizations at each college: women's liberation group, Black student group, foreign student group, ecology group, Young Democrats, antiwar organization, political science department, and sociology department. We have already received one speaking engagement for \$200 plus travel expenses, which is an indication of the financial returns we can expect to make. We will also be sending out follow-up letters and supplements of new speakers to the brochure."

Local speakers bureaus should have a variety of speakers: local YSA and SWP members (be sure to include the YSA regional organizer and

YSJP regional traveler); national and local SWP campaign speakers; the person speaking on the regional exchange tour; national SWP spokesperson; and the person from the YSA National Office who will be on the national organization tour in that area.

The regional centers will be responsible for coordinating all engagements and should make sure that every campus in the region is contacted. It is possible to raise large honoraria even at schools where there are no YSAers if consistent follow-up work is done. After the initial mailing goes out with the brochure, several phone calls will have to be made, and in some instances a personal visit if there's a possibility for lining up a large honorarium.

As with all the other work the YSA carries out, we want to organize the socialist speakers bureaus with a high degree of professionalism. These speakers bureaus have the potential of being developed into major sources of income for financing YSA regional work, local expenses, and the national fund drive.

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#### REGIONAL EXCHANGE TOURS SCHEDULE

REGION	SPEAKER	DATES
New England	James Harris	Nov. 10-Nov. 20
Maryland/Virginia	Jack Lieberman	Nov. 16-Dec. 1
Upper Midwest	Al Baldivia	Nov. 30-Dec. 13
Texas/La./Oklahoma	Olga Rodriguez	Nov. 30-Dec. 13
New York/New Jersey	Don Gurewitz	Nov. 22-Dec. 3
Pennsylvania	Liz Jayko	Nov. 22-Dec. 3
Southeast	Marilyn Markus	Nov. 22-Dec. 3
Ohio/Kentucky	Debbie Vernier	Nov. 22-Dec. 3
Midwest	Cecil Lampkin	Nov. 22-Dec. 3
Michigan	Henry Scheer	Nov. 22-Dec. 3
Rocky Mountain	Sally Whicker	Nov. 22-Dec. 3
Pacific Northwest	Ken Milner	Nov. 22-Dec. 3
Northern California	Doug Swanson	Nov. 22-Dec. 3
Southern California	Mike Maggi	Nov. 22-Dec. 3

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