

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 22, 1972

No. 4

NEC Present: Andy, Byron, Caroline, Delpfine, Geoff, Bob, Mirta, Steve

NEC Excused: Fred, Malik, B.R., Terry, John H., Laura, Andrew, Tom

NC Alt. Present: Leslie, Louise, Mark U.

Guests: John L., Jerry

Convened: 10:06 a.m.

Chairman: Geoff

Agenda: 1. Spring Organization Tours Report

1. Spring Organization Tours Report - Andy

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion: Steve, Andy

Motion Carried

Adjourned: 10:19 a.m.

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TO ALL ORGANIZERS

Dear Comrades,

The YSA national organization tours this spring will be conducted by Delpfine Welch, Mirta Vidal, and Malik Miah. During March, April and May they will visit every YSA local in the country. These tours are invaluable both in giving the National Office greater familiarity with the work of the locals and in giving YSAers an opportunity to discuss their plans and perspectives for building the YSA and exchange ideas and suggestions on national, regional, and local functioning with members of the N.O. staff.

Most of the time in each area will be spent in meetings with various comrades. Early in each tour stop, time should be set aside for a meeting with the local organizer to go over every area of the local's work. These meetings with organizers are usually very lengthy--several hours-- and should be scheduled in advance to ensure the best utilization of comrades' time. Delpfine, Mirta, and Malik will also be meeting with many other comrades in the locals, but these meetings can be scheduled after they arrive. In addition, it should be announced in advance in each local that any comrade may set up a meeting with the comrade on tour to discuss any questions, suggestions, or criticisms she or he may have about the functioning of the YSA. Local organizers should arrange the times for these meetings.

In each local, an executive committee meeting and local business meeting should be scheduled to hear a national tour report. Because it is very informative for the N.O. comrades on tour to hear the reports and discussion of a regular local meeting, it would be preferable to arrange in advance to schedule a regular business meeting for some time during the tour stop (with the tour report replacing the educational), rather than a special meeting only to hear the report. The same consideration is true for the executive committee meeting.

The length of the tour stops has been increased this spring to allow more time in each area for discussions with comrades. The N.O. feels that this will make it possible for the comrades on tour to gain greater familiarity with each local area, and significantly increase the usefulness of the tours.

The tour quotas have been set to exactly cover the costs of the tours, and the national budget depends on receiving the tour

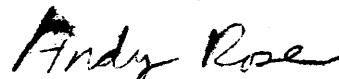
quotas on a regular basis throughout the tours-- not six months later. A check made out to the Young Socialist Alliance for the amount of the tour quota should be given to Delpfine, Mirta, or Malik when they arrive. The attached list gives the proposed tour quota for each local.. If any locals wish to make an adjustment in their quotas, they should contact the N.O. right away to discuss it.

The tours are primarily organization tours rather than speaking tours, but Delpfine, Mirta, and Malik have public talks prepared, and each local can set up no more than one public speaking engagement. The primary reason for holding such public talks is to allow locals to raise money through honoraria. Biographies of Delpfine, Mirta, and Malik are attached for use in applying for honoraria. Any honoraria obtained greater than the tour quota will be applied to locals' fund drive quotas. All honoraria obtained for Delpfine, Mirta, or Malik should be sent directly to the YSA National Office. It should be emphasized again that no more than one public talk can be set up in each local, and that SWP forums, as well as any other meetings which are not of an internal nature, count as public talks.

Rest days have been kept to a minimum in the proposed schedules --each comrade on tour has only two rest days out of a 7-week tour. No meetings whatsoever should be planned on the scheduled rest days.

If there are any problems with the proposed schedules and locals wish to make any changes, they should contact the National Office immediately.

Comradely,



Andy Rose  
National Chairman

PROPOSED SCHEDULES FOR SPRING 1972 YSA ORGANIZATION TOURS

DELFFINE WELCH

Denver	March 8-11
Boulder	12-13
Seattle	14-17
Portland	18-21
Eugene	22-23
REST/TRAVEL	24
Oakland/Berkeley	25-28
San Francisco	29-April 1
Santa Barbara	2-3
Los Angeles	4-7
REST/TRAVEL	8
Riverside	9-10
Claremont	11-12
San Diego	13-14
Phoenix	15-16
Tucson	17-18
Kansas City	19-20

PROPOSED SCHEDULES FOR SPRING 1972 YSA ORGANIZATION TOURS

MIRTA VIDAL

Twin Cities	March 20-23
Madison	24-25
Milwaukee	26-27
Chicago	28-31
DeKalb	April 1-2
REST/TRAVEL	3
Champaign	4-5
Carbondale	6-7
Bloomington	8-9
Detroit	10-13
Ann Arbor	14-15
Columbus	16-17
REST/TRAVEL	18
Cleveland	19-25 (NYC antiwar action, 21-23)
Edinboro	26-27
Washington DC	28-May 1
College Park	2-3
Philadelphia	4-8 (abortion action, 6)

PROPOSED SCHEDULES FOR SPRING 1972 YSA ORGANIZATION TOURS

MALIK MIAH

New Haven	April 2-3
Kingston	4-5
Providence	6-7
Boston	8-13
REST/TRAVEL	14
Worcester	15-16
Binghamton	17-18
Nashville	19-20
	(NYC antiwar action, 21-23)
Atlanta	24-27
Tallahassee	28-29
Miami	30-May 1
REST/TRAVEL	2
Houston	3-6
Austin	7-10
	(SWP Plenum, NYC, 11-14)
New Brunswick	15-16
Long Island	17-18
New York City	19-24

PROPOSED TOUR QUOTAS  
 SPRING ORGANIZATION TOURS

<u>LOCAL</u>	<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>LOCAL</u>	<u>QUOTA</u>
Ann Arobr	\$20	Los Angeles	\$40
Atlanta	40	Lower Manhattan	40
Austin	40	Madison	30
Binghamton	20	Miami	15
Bloomington	15	Milwaukee	15
Boston	40	Nashville	15
Boulder	20	New Brunswick	15
Brooklyn	40	New Haven	15
Cambridge	40	Oakland/Berkeley	40
Carbondale	15	Philadelphia	40
Champaign	15	Phoenix	25
Chicago	50	Portland	30
Claremont	15	Providence	20
Cleveland	40	Riverside	15
College Park	15	San Diego	20
Columbus	15	San Francisco	40
DeKalb	15	Santa Barbara	15
Denver	40	Seattle	40
Detroit	40	Tallahassee	25
Edinboro	15	Tucson	15
Eugene	15	Twin Cities	40
Houston	40	Upper West Side	40
Kansas City	15	Washington D.C.	40
Kingston	15	Worcester	20
Long Island	25		

## Delpfine Welch

Delpfine Welch, 22 years old, is a member of the National Executive Committee of the Young Socialist Alliance.

Welch was one of the founders of Cell 16 and Boston Female Liberation, two of the first women's liberation organizations to develop in the new wave of feminism. In May, 1969, she was an organizer of the first women's liberation conference on the East Coast, held at Emmanuel College in Boston.

As a third degree Blue Belt in Tae Kwon Do (Korean Karate), she has travelled around the country giving self-defense demonstrations for women and speaking on women's liberation. She participated in the Southern Female Rights conference in Mississippi in May, 1970, and in the first Women's National Abortion Action Conference in New York in July, 1971.

Welch was a chief marshall for the November 20, 1971, demonstration in Washington D.C. for repeal of all abortion laws, and helped to organize the second Women's National Abortion Action Conference in Boston this February.

At the National Convention of the Young Socialist Alliance, held in Houston in December, 1971, and attended by over 1200 delegates and observers, Welch presented the report on the women's liberation movement. It was at this convention that she was elected to the National Executive Committee of the YSA. She has been a frequent contributor to The Militant, the largest circulation radical newspaper in the U.S.

This spring, Delpfine Welch is on tour in the West Coast and Southwest states, speaking on "Feminism and Socialism." Her suggested fee is \$300.



## Mirta Vidal

Mirta Vidal, 23 years old, is the National Secretary of the Young Socialist Alliance, the nation's largest radical youth organization.

Vidal is a nationally-known spokeswoman on the Chicano liberation movement, especially on the development of Chicana feminism. She recently authored Chicano Liberation and Revolutionary Youth (New York: Pathfinder Press, 1971) and Chicanas Speak Out-- Women: New Voice of La Raza (New York: Pathfinder Press, 1971). She is a frequent contributor to The Militant, the largest circulation radical newspaper in the U.S., and to the monthly International Socialist Review. She toured Texas in the spring of 1971 to cover the role of La Raza Unida Party in the local elections.

Vidal was an active participant in the national conference of Raza women held in Houston in May, 1971. She also participated in the last two National Chicano Youth Liberation Conferences, held in Denver in 1970 and 1971; in the Raza Unida Party conference in Pueblo, Colorado, in November, 1971; and the Mi Raza Primero conference in Muskegon, Michigan, this January.

She has also been active in the antiwar movement, as a founder of the Queens College (New York) Student Mobilization Committee, and as National Coordinator of the SMC Third World Task Force in the spring of 1970.

Last fall Vidal toured Aztlan speaking on "The 1972 Elections and the Strategy for Chicano Liberation." At the National Convention of the Young Socialist Alliance, held in Houston in December, 1971, and attended by over 1200 delegates and observers, she presented the report on the Chicano liberation struggle. It was at this convention that she was elected National Secretary of the YSA. This March, Vidal was a featured speaker at a "World in Revolution" symposium at the University of Nebraska.

Mirta Vidal will be on tour this spring throughout the Midwest and Atlantic Coast states, speaking on "Nationalism and Women's Liberation: Is Feminism Relevant to Chicanas?" Her suggested fee is \$300.

Malik Miah

Malik Miah, 20 years old, is a member of the National Executive Committee of the Young Socialist Alliance, the nation's largest radical youth organization.

Miah has been an active participant and leader in the antiwar, Black liberation, and revolutionary socialist movements. He joined the YSA after participating in the April 5-6 antiwar demonstrations while a student at Cass Technical High School in Detroit. While a student at Wayne State University, he participated in the May, 1970, campus upsurge against the invasion of Cambodia. Soon afterward, he was elected co-chairperson of the Wayne State Student Mobilization Committee. He was a key organizer and chief platform marshall for the regional antiwar demonstration held in Detroit on October 31, 1970.

Miah has been particularly involved in mobilizing Black participation in antiwar struggles. He was a founder and city-wide coordinator of the Detroit Black Moratorium Committee to End the War, which organized the first Black antiwar teach-in at Highland Park Community College and one of the first Black antiwar actions, in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, on April 3, 1971.

At the National Convention of the Young Socialist Alliance, held in Houston in December, 1971, and attended by over 1200 delegates and observers, Miah presented the report on the Black liberation struggle. It was at this convention that he was elected to the National Executive Committee of the YSA. He has been a frequent contributor to The Militant, the largest circulation radical newspaper in the U.S.

Miah, an Afro-Asian, has spoken on campuses across the country in defense of the Bengali struggle for self-determination. He recently spoke on the present stage of the liberation struggle at a Bangladesh teach-in at the University of California-Berkeley, along with a representative from the new Bengal nation. Members of Miah's family were among the Mukti Bahini forces in Syhlet province.

This spring Malik Miah is on tour in the East Coast and Southern states, speaking on "Bangladesh and World Revolution." His suggested fee is \$300.