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What is the Young Socialist Alliance?

The government is run by crooks!

That's what Watergate shows. The revelations have uncovered their secret web of bugging, lying, stealing and spying aimed at those who challenge the government's policies.

But that's just the beginning. The rulers of this country are responsible for far more serious crimes—and far more deadly ones as well.

They murder millions in Vietnam. They use police terror against the Black, Chicano and Puerto Rican communities. They create soaring prices and artificial shortages. They cut back vital education and health programs.

And make no mistake about it: Nixon's not the only one responsible for these criminal policies. Not by a long shot!

Gerald Ford, Edward Kennedy, Henry Jackson and all the rest of the Democratic and Republican politicians are equally guilty. When push comes to shove, every

one of them will defend their system of capitalist rule to the hilt.

In fact, there is a long tradition of bipartisan criminality in the U. S. government. Remember Johnson's lies about Vietnam? Remember John Kennedy's Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba? Remember Truman's use of the atomic bomb?

The incredible crimes of president after president are no coincidence. On the contrary, the basic policies of the government are rooted in the very foundations of capitalist society.

The decisive economic and political power in the U. S. today is concentrated in the hands of an extremely tiny number of capitalists. These corporate businessmen, billionaires and bankers own and control society's wealth and institutions.

They, and not the majority of people, call the shots in the Democratic and Republican parties. They, and not the majority, determine U. S. foreign policy. They, and

not the majority, decide how the country's resources are to be used.

And you can be sure of one thing. These decisions are not based on the needs of working people, students or the oppressed. Just the opposite. What comes first and foremost for these capitalist kingpins are profits — human needs always come last.

The U. S. ruling class wants to keep things that way. For them, no crime is too horrendous, no act too inhuman to maintain their power and wealth.



Socialism the answer

The Young Socialist Alliance is out to change all this.

Our ranks include high school, college and working youth — Black, Chicano, white, Puerto Rican, Asian and Native American. We are united in one organization because we have a common program to combat a common enemy.

The YSA aims to help make a socialist revolution that will abolish capitalism and establish a socialist society in its place.

Under socialism, the factories, land, schools and all the earth's resources will be taken out of the hands of the tiny ruling class and placed under the control of the majority — working people and the oppressed.

Truckers, waitresses, farm workers, steelworkers, janitors and other working people will control society. *We* — not the bosses — will democratically choose what to produce and how to produce it; what attitude to take toward events around the world; and how to insure that everyone receives the best possible housing, food, clothing and health care.

The "basic necessities of life" will become human rights guaranteed to every person. We will turn the vast productive capacity of the United States away from the murderous war machine that currently commands such



U. S. rulers killed or maimed millions of Vietnamese.

a huge proportion of society's wealth and towards the goal of insuring every individual in the world a decent life.

Racist oppression, discrimination against women and wars of aggression—each spawned by capitalism's constant drive for greater profits—will become things of the past. A socialist revolution will lead to the creation of a society where there is no need to pit one oppressed group against another, because under a collectively owned and planned economy there will be an abundance for all.

How to make a revolution

To establish socialism in the United States will be no small task. Only the combined might of the working class and the oppressed nationalities will be strong enough to successfully challenge capitalist rule. It will take this enormous force, together with the struggles of all the oppressed, to wrest control of society from the Rockefellers, Morgans and the rest of their ilk.

The Young Socialist Alliance is helping to organize just such a powerful movement for socialism. We understand that only a mass multinational revolutionary party can lead this struggle to victory. To this end, we support and work with the Socialist Workers Party,

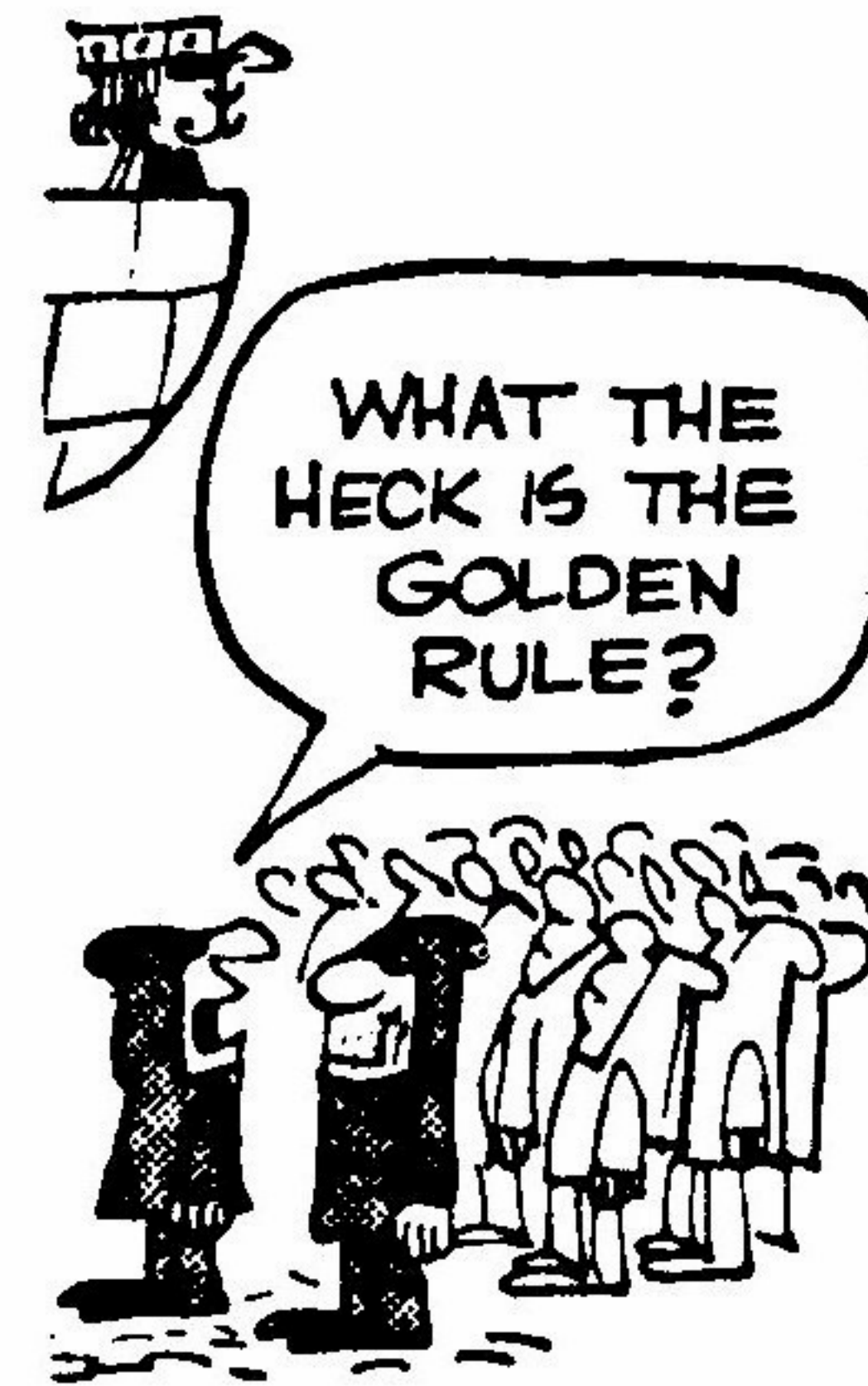
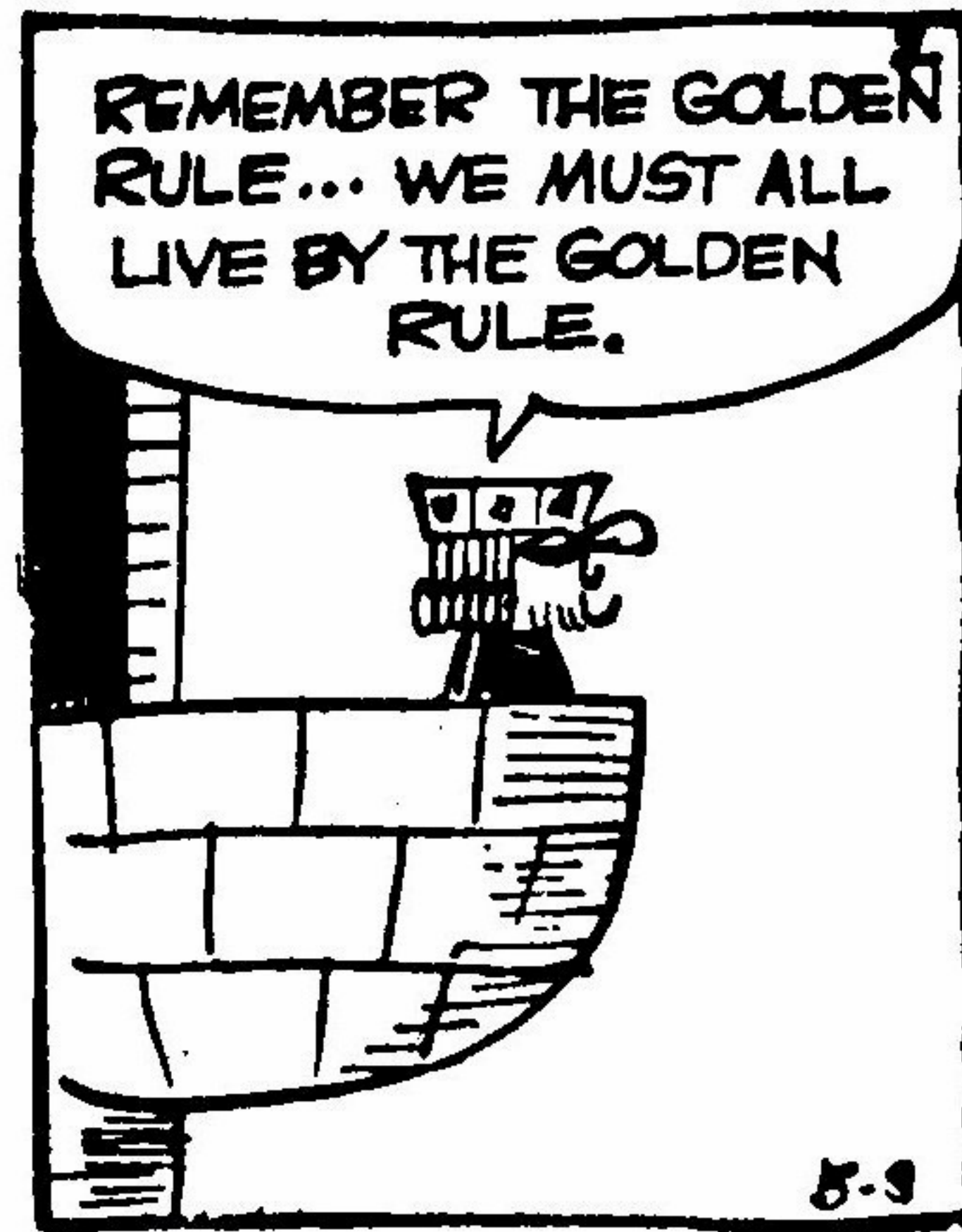
the only revolutionary socialist party in this country, and the only organization that shares our political ideas and goals.

The YSA participates in all the major day-to-day battles of the oppressed, pitching in to build these struggles and explaining that only a fundamental change in society can end capitalist oppression once and for all. We are particularly active in the high schools and colleges, seeking to transform them into organizing centers for social struggles in the interests of the majority of people.

Worldwide struggle

The fight for emancipation of humanity is a worldwide fight; the capitalist rulers of the U. S. have acted as "world cop" in their efforts to crush freedom struggles around the globe. Living in the most powerful imperialist country, we in the U. S. have a special responsibility to protest its savage acts of war and aggression.

Since 1965, YSA members have been in the forefront of the movement against U. S. intervention in





Palestinian refugee camp. Millions were forced off their land by Israeli expansion.

Vietnam. Despite the pull-out of American ground troops, the U. S. continues to prop up the Saigon dictatorship. We call for the U. S. to get totally out of Southeast Asia and for freedom for the hundreds of thousands of political prisoners in Thieu's jails.

The YSA has helped build demonstrations in defense of the liberation struggles in Africa. The Portuguese government of António Spínola, while giving lip service

to African self-determination, has every intention of maintaining its domination of Angola, Mozambique and Guinea-Bissau. It is of vital importance, therefore, that activists in the U. S. organize picket lines, marches, and protest meetings demanding that Portugal get out of Africa now.

The YSA unconditionally supports the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and the fight

of the Arab peoples against Israel and its imperialist backers.

On campuses and in cities all across the country, YSA members have been getting out the real truth behind the Mideast conflict and have sought to gather support for the just demand of the Palestinians for a return of their homeland. We call for an end to the exclusionary Zionist state of Israel and its replacement by a socialist Palestine where both Arab and Jew can live in peace.

Since the U.S.-backed military junta in Chile overthrew the Allende government, a savage reign of terror has been aimed at the Chilean working class and political activists. The YSA actively opposes the junta's suppression of democratic rights and we participate in the defense of Chilean political prisoners.

The YSA supports struggles in the Soviet Union, China and Eastern Europe for socialist democracy. While capitalism has been overturned in these countries, they are ruled by parasitic and bureaucratic castes, in the brutal tradition of Joseph Stalin, that have seized control of society from the hands of the masses of working people.

We stand for political revolutions in these workers states that would overthrow the Stalinist bureaucrats, while maintaining collective ownership of property. The YSA defends the democratic rights of Solzhenitsyn, Grogorenko and other dissidents in these countries.

End racist oppression

Racist oppression is an everyday fact of life for millions of Blacks, Chicanos and Puerto Ricans in the U. S. In addition, these oppressed nationalities are hit hardest by rising inflation, unemployment and the cutbacks in federal spending for jobs, housing, education and medical care.

YSA members around the country have helped to lead protests against these racist conditions. In New York City, for example, the YSA is participating in the





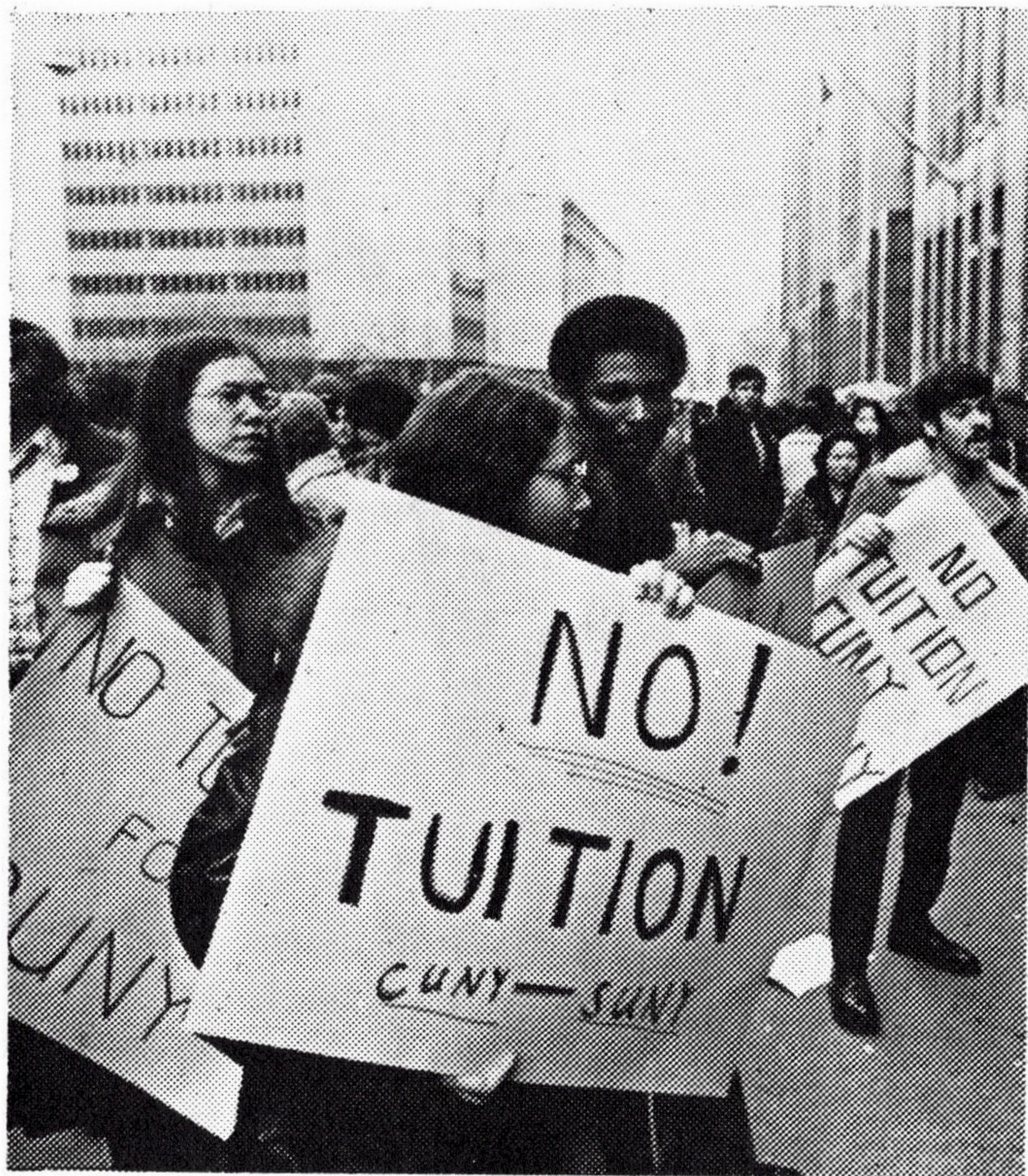
Boulder, Colo., demonstration protesting the murder of six Chicanos.

heated fight being waged by the Puerto Rican, Black and Chinese communities of the Lower East Side to gain control over their schools. In the Southwest, we have helped to defend undocumented *Mexicano* workers —so-called "illegal aliens"—from deportation and victimization by the U. S. immigration service.

The YSA has helped to organize large demonstrations against special racist police squads in Detroit and Atlanta that have gunned down scores of Blacks in the last several years. In Oakland, New York City and Denver we have helped build community protests against wanton police murders of Black and Chicano youth.

We support the efforts of La Raza Unida parties in the Southwest to organize Chicanos into their own party —independent of the Democrats and Republicans. Independent political action is a powerful tool for offering an alternative to the racist and bankrupt policies of these two capitalist parties. The RUP serves as a positive example for the Black community and for working people as a whole, pointing the way towards the formation of an independent Black party and a labor party based on the trade unions.

The YSA backs the struggle for the independence of Puerto Rico and demands that the U. S. government end its years of imperialist domination of that island.



Halt attacks on education

YSA members are active in high schools and colleges across the country. We are leaders and participants in the struggles against tuition hikes and educational cutbacks. We take part in actions for open admissions for Black, Chicano and Puerto Rican youth and for free education for all.

Students and faculty, not the administration or the Board of Trustees, should decide how the universities are run. Schools in the Black, Chicano and Puerto Rican communities should be controlled by and at the service of those communities.

¡ Viva la Huelga!

The struggle by the United Farm Workers Union to unionize Chicano and other migrant farm workers—a movement which the joint force of the growers, the government and the corrupt leadership of the Teamsters union is trying to smash—deserves the backing of all those in favor of democratic rights. The YSA is actively building the United Farm Workers' boycott of scab grapes, iceberg lettuce and Gallo wines and is seeking the massive support necessary to defeat those who oppose the farm workers' right to their own union.

For women's liberation

The YSA supports actions by women against all forms of sexist discrimination. YSA members are active in women's liberation coalitions and campus groups that are fighting for equal pay and educational opportunities, child care and the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

We are taking a leading role in combating the growing attacks against a woman's right to abortion.

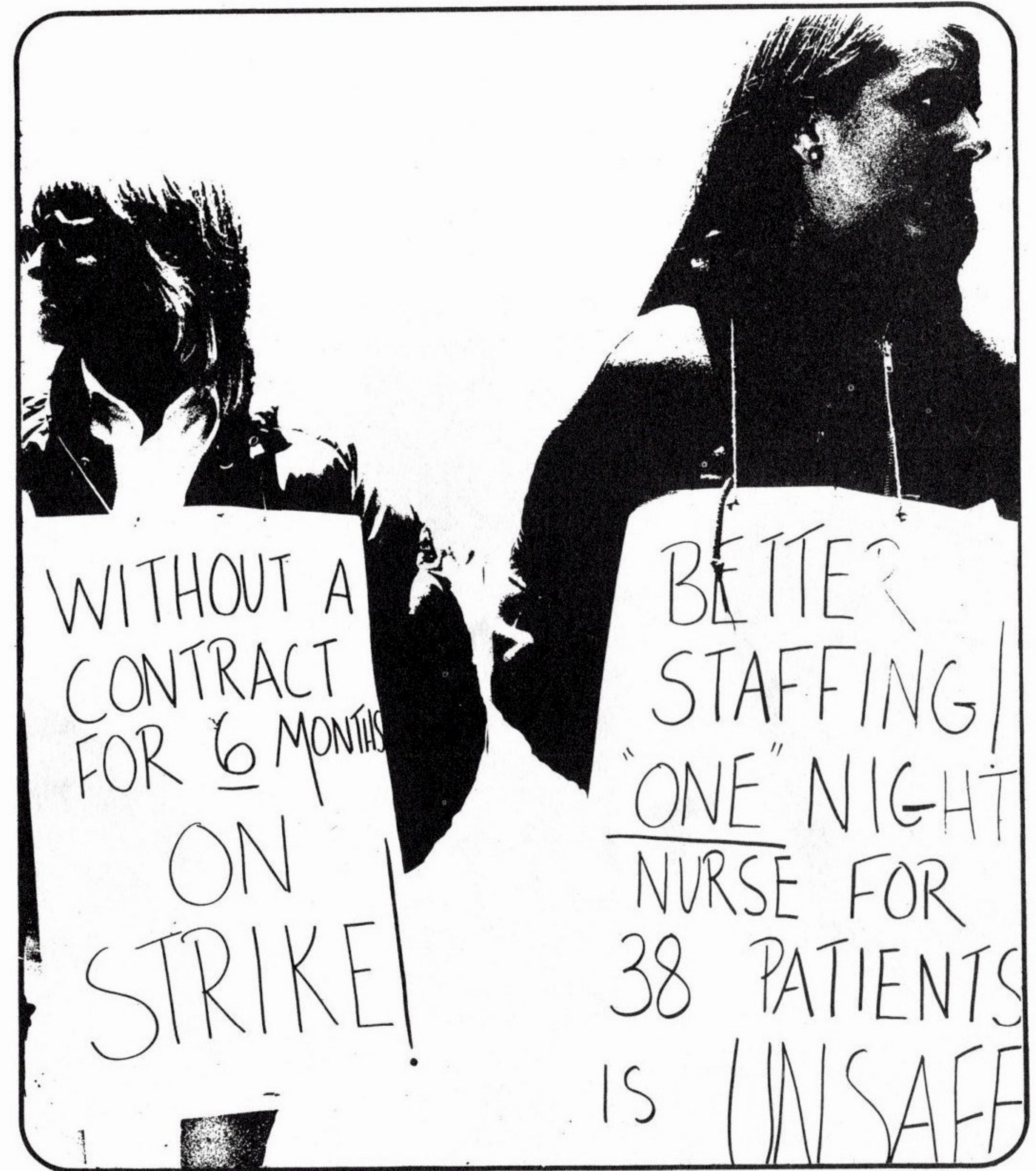
The YSA is helping to build the newly formed Coalition of Labor Union Women which can become an important weapon for fighting for the rights of working women.

Defend democratic rights

The YSA defends the Attica Brothers, the Wounded Knee defendants and all other opponents of capitalist oppression that the government is trying to silence.

YSA members help to lead high school and college students in struggles against infringements on their rights to carry out political activities in their schools. We call for removing all cops from the schools.

We support full civil and human rights for GIs, prisoners and gay people.



San Francisco nurses strike showed growing militancy of working women.

Vote socialist!

YSA members around the country are actively campaigning for the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party running for state and local offices. The SWP election campaigns are helping to popularize socialist ideas and the struggles of the oppressed.

The socialist candidates are explaining the reasons behind the Watergate crimes and demanding an end to harassment and disruption of political dissenters by the government. Their campaigns are offering a working class and socialist alternative to both the Democrats and the Republicans.

The YSA also runs college and high school Young Socialist student government campaigns that present socialist answers to the problems confronting students and young people.

End government harassment

One aspect of the YSA's campaign against the Watergate gang is a federal law suit, filed on our behalf by noted civil liberties attorney Leonard Boudin, that seeks a permanent injunction against the government's harass-



Vince Eagan, SWP candidate for governor of Georgia, speaks to rally protesting police repression in Atlanta.

ment of the YSA and SWP. Details of the government's intricate plan for disrupting, victimizing and intimidating members of Black, student and socialist organizations—singling out the YSA and SWP for particular attack—have come to light in recent months.

The Political Rights Defense Fund is seeking broad support for the YSA's suit as a way of preventing the government from continuing these undemocratic assaults against political activists.

In addition, the YSA and SWP are waging a fight against the many undemocratic election laws—such as filing fees, age restrictions and enormous signature requirements.

In conjunction with the American Civil Liberties Union, we have filed a suit against the provisions of Washington's so-called "election reform" law that require the disclosure of contributors' names. This law would provide the Watergaters with a ready-made list of political activists to harass and intimidate.

How the YSA is organized

To carry out our ambitious program of day-to-day activities, and to ultimately defeat America's capitalist rulers, the YSA must be organized in a highly effective manner. We have learned that organizational questions are not to be taken lightly, but flow from the vital tasks that need to be accomplished.

In that light, the YSA has modeled its organizational concepts on the best traditions of the socialist and workers movement in this country and internationally. To begin with, we are organized on a nationwide basis. There are YSA chapters in scores of cities around the country; each local unit meets weekly to plan out its work and activities.

Full and democratic discussion and decision making

on the policies and programs of the YSA are the norm. Once these decisions are made, the YSA as a whole puts them into practice.

Our highest decision-making body is the YSA's national convention. At these yearly gatherings, YSA members from all across the country gather to discuss national and international issues and arrive at a course of action for the coming year.

The convention is preceded by a three-month discussion period. Resolutions and other written contributions submitted by any YSA member are distributed to our entire membership, and special discussions are organized in each local area.





Based on the political positions which have been put forward, each YSA local elects delegates to the YSA convention to make their views known and to vote on the issues before the convention.

Come to the YSA convention

We invite you to come to the Fourteenth Young Socialist National Convention which will be held in St. Louis on Dec. 28, 1974-Jan. 1, 1975 at the Jefferson Hotel.

We'll be discussing all the important issues currently

facing young people today during the five days of convention sessions, panels and workshops.

For more information about the convention schedule, housing, transportation, etc., contact the YSA National Office or the YSA local nearest you.

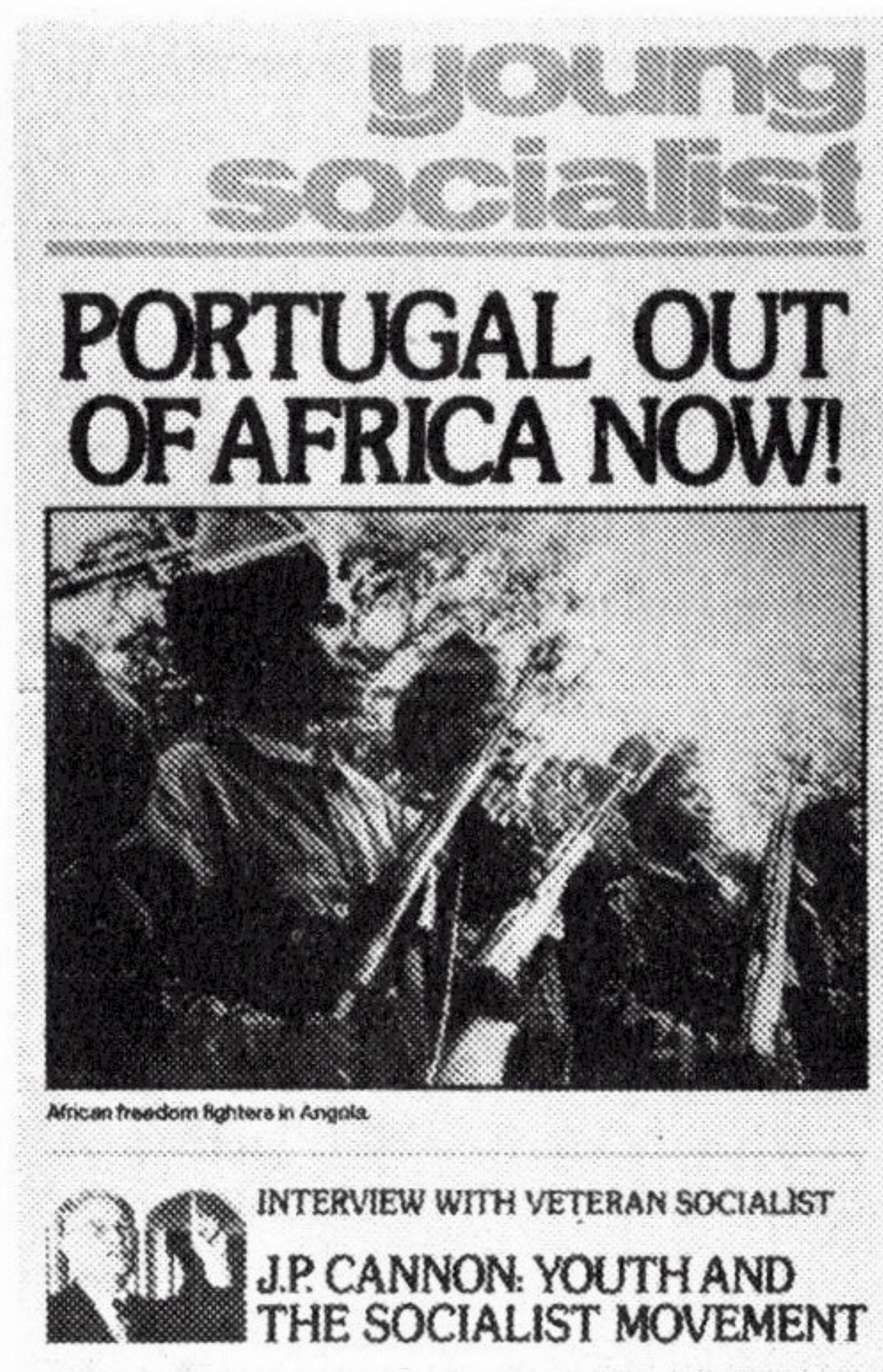
The Young Socialist Alliance is for activists who want to change this country from top to bottom. We urge you to become a part of this fight for a better world. Each individual can and does make a difference in the battle against capitalist oppression.

Join the YSA!

Read the Young Socialist

The Young Socialist is a monthly newspaper that reports on the struggles affecting young people in the U.S. and around the world. From youth unemployment to police brutality, the YS offers the socialist solutions to the oppressive conditions of capitalist society.

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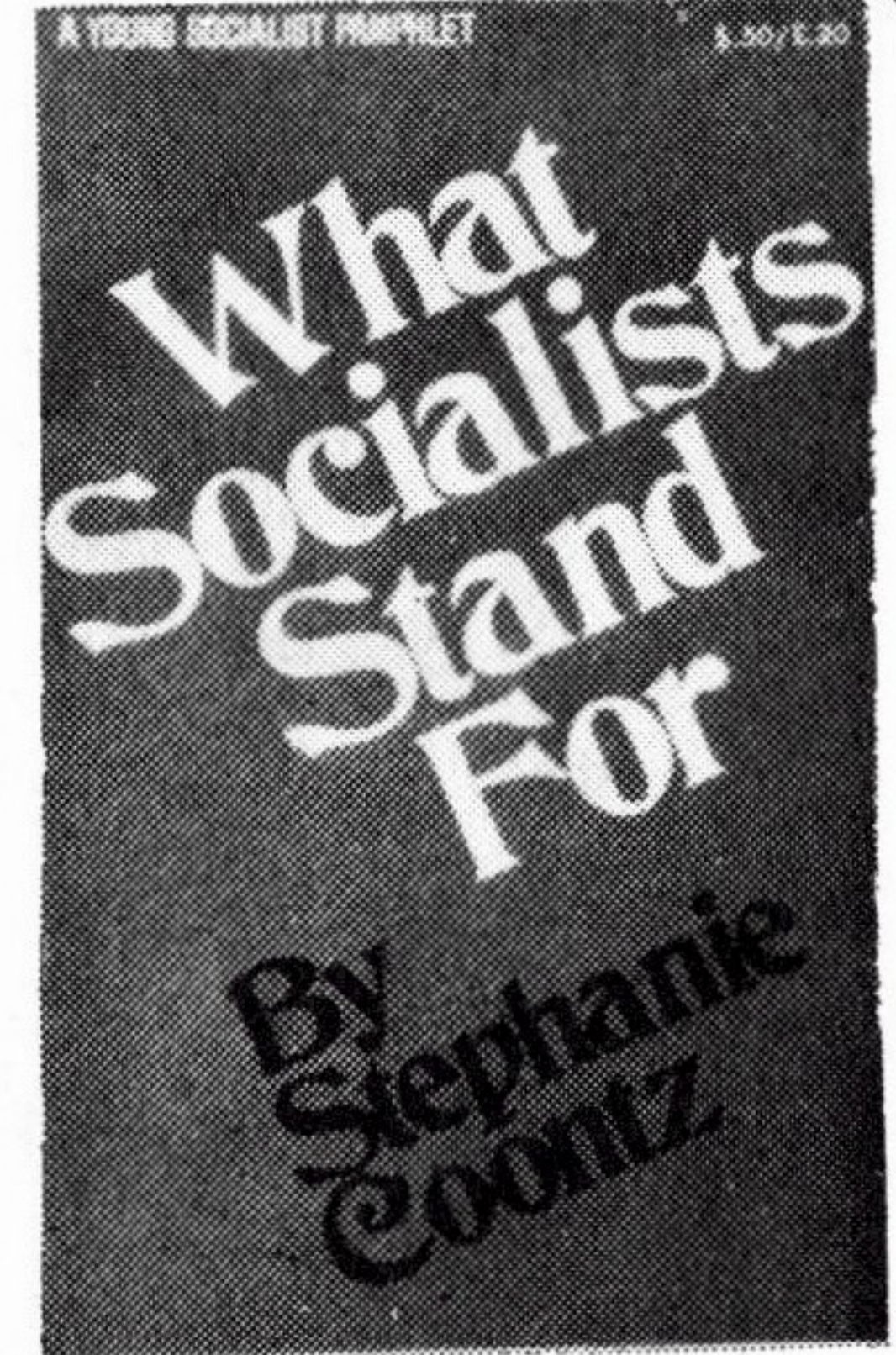
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