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TO ALL REGIONAL ORGANIZERS

Dear Comrades,

As of today the YSA has 60 locals. Late last April was the only other time in the YSA's history that we hit that figure. With the recruitment of this spring's teams and other regional work we may well surpass that in the course of the spring.

Thirty-four locals are in the region and account for close to 40% of our membership. One point discussed in the Finances Workshop at the YSA convention was the participation of regional locals and at-large members in the fund drive. The enclosed PROGRESS REPORT and scoreboard indicate where the fund drive stands as we finish the first quarter.

As can be seen from the scoreboard, it is necessary to pay special attention to the regional locals in order to improve their financial functioning. Six regional locals are currently on or ahead of schedule, three are between one and three weeks behind, and another 27 have not made any payments at all.

Altogether the fund drive quotas for regional locals amount to \$3,275, 9% of the national goal. Although the center locals bear the largest responsibility for the fund drive, what is done by the regional locals will mean either successfully reaching or not reaching the national goal. It is politically important for every local to feel responsible for the national organization as a whole and contributing financially is one aspect of this.

The experience and direction regional organizers can give to the smaller locals will be an important part of helping them meet their financial projections. Regional organizers should help in drawing up a local operating budget and a fund drive budget, in setting up books and a checking account, and politically explaining how the YSA functions financially. In many areas this process has already begun, but in general needs to be intensified. Reports and ideas on the development of the financial work of regional locals should be sent to the National Office.

Comradely,

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