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TO ALL BRANCH ORGANIZERS AND SALES DIRECTORS:

Dear Comrades,

To concentrate the impact of the socialist press in the period ahead the publishers of the <u>International</u> <u>Socialist Review</u> and of <u>The Militant</u> have proposed an important new step. Beginning with the April issue the <u>ISR</u> will be merged with <u>The Militant</u>, where it will appear as a special monthly magazine supplement. This will have two advantages. It will provide an attractive feature for <u>The Militant</u> and broaden the range of its coverage. For the <u>ISR</u> it will mean a considerable increase in its circulation -- approximately triple its present readership. The <u>ISR</u> will retain its own identity and name. The merger will also allow for a more economic and efficient use of the resources of the two periodicals in many respects ranging from editorial collaboration to subscription drives and mailings.

The new format for the <u>ISR</u> will be 12 <u>Militant</u> pages. The weeks it appears, the paper will publish a total of 32 pages with 20 for <u>The Militant</u> and the rest for the magazine. Present <u>ISR</u> subscribers will receive <u>The Militant</u> for the full duration of their <u>ISR</u> subscription. If they already have a <u>Militant</u> sub it will be extended accordingly.

A public announcement of the change will be published in the March <u>ISR</u> and will appear simultaneously in <u>The Mili-</u> <u>tant</u>. The March <u>ISR</u>, its annual special International Women's Day issue, will appear as scheduled.

Comradely,

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