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TO ALL ORGANIZERS AND WOMEN'S LITERATION DIRECTORS

Dear Comrades,

In the last few days there have been several inquiries about the International Tribunal and its relationship to local activities and actions. This letter is an attempt to clear up any confusion or misunderstanding about it.

The International Tribunal is being built as a national and international event, and building for the Tribunal is the central focus nationally of our women's liberation activities. WONNAAC hopes to have participation and representation from as many states as possible, and from several foreign countries. For instance, one idea suggested by the WONNAAC staff is to have state signs throughout the audience in order to show the national support and representation, both to the participants and to the press. Since one aspect of the Tribunal is defense of the New York law, we want to show that women from all over the country have a direct interest in defending the law.

WONNAAC has obtained Town Hall for the Tribunal. This is a very prestigious auditorium that seats 1,500 people. Filling the auditorium for the weekend would be a significant and impressive accomplishment.

The East Coast areas are directing their efforts to getting as many people to the Tribunal as possible, and the bulk of participants will come from those areas. But we both want and need as much participation nationally as is feasible.

The International Tribunal is going to be an exciting and inspiring event. It is the kind of action that many of the best activists will want to attend and that will help educate and strengthen all those who do attend. We certainly want to encourage and facilitate the participation of as many activists as possible, including members of the SWP and YSA.

There are some areas of the country where local coalitions are developing to build local International Women's Day activities around struggles in their local areas. Some of these activities are seen as "building actions" for the International Tribunal, others are taking on a major local focus. Hopefully these activities will not be planned so as to directly conflict with the International Tribunal. It would be much preferable to have them on a separate weekend. In those areas where major local activities are being planned, the local WONNAAC may decide not to attempt to bring several buses to the International Tribunal but, instead, to send a delegation of people, perhaps one bus or several cars, to represent their area. That is the exception rather than the rule.

WONNAAC is holding a National Coordinating Committee meeting in New York on January 13. We are not expecting this meeting to be very large. However, we expect that each area will send at least someone, or several people, to attend the NCC. It will be an excellent opportunity to discuss building the Tribunal, raise any questions that have come up, get caught up on general and specific developments, and share with other areas and the national WONNAAC office the work that you are doing. It will be a worthwhile meeting both for the areas that are represented and also for the national WONNAAC staff.

Comradely,

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