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TO ALL SWP ORGANIZERS AND BLACK WORK DIRECTORS

Dear Comrades,

The enclosed report from the YSA National Office is important for party activities. Reports of African liberation support activities should be sent to the SWP National Office.

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As campuses open again this fall opportunities to become involved in activities in defense of the African liberation struggles will continue. Since the May 27 African Liberation Day demonstrations, various groups and committees have held activities in support of the African liberation struggles. In Los Angeles and the Bay Area, local affiliates of the African Liberation Support Committee (formerly the African Liberation Day Coordinating Committee) have continued to meet and discuss plans of action. Various demonstrations have occurred throughout the country against the continued importation of Rhodesian chrome, against several newspapers' racist stance in relation to the African liberation struggles or Africans in general, and notably the protest by Black athletes in the Olympics demanding that Rhodesia be barred from the games.

These actions point to an increased Black awareness of and solidarity with the struggles of Africans for national self-determination.

While no date has been set for fall African liberation support actions by the ALSC, the committee has projected several activities of an educational nature, including tours of speakers, a Gulf Oil boycott project, a campaign to raise \$50,000 for the African liberation fighters, and the distribution of the film Black Unity: Breaking the Chains of Oppression, a documentary on the ALD demonstrations and the liberation struggles in Africa. It is likely that these activities as well as others will be concretized at the September 30 ALSC steering committee meeting in Detroit.

Although we are not in the position to take major organizational responsibility for these activities we should be aware of all such activities that take place and become involved in them wherever possible. Key to this is the use of propaganda institutions, especially on the campuses, to educate Black and student youth on the various struggles currently being waged in Africa and on the need for continued mass-oriented action and educational campaigns to defend those struggles.

Immediately, several activities can be undertaken. Areas can arrange for showings of the film Black Unity at forums, campus and high school meetings. The film can be obtained free of charge from the African Liberation Support Committee, Box 21304, Greensboro, North Carolina 27420 [see In Review, Militant, September 29, 1972]. Panels including representatives of the Young Socialist Alliance and the Socialist Workers Party campaign, Black and African

student organizations, and local affiliates of the ALSC can be organized in conjunction with or independently of the film showing.

Along with our general propaganda on the Black struggle campus and local election campaigns can effectively take up the issue of the African liberation struggles, using the ALD demonstrations to explain our concept of mass action. In addition campus campaigns can take up where appropriate the issue of campus complicity with oppressive regimes in Africa. Most campuses are complicit through various courses taught on campus and through connections with various corporations and government institutions involved in the maintenance of those regimes.

Important to all our activity in this area is coverage of the African liberation struggles and the activities in this country in defense of those struggles in The Militant and The Young Socialist.

Finally, it is important that we maintain close contact with the various committees active in support of the African liberation struggles. A central aspect of this activity is sales of the press and subscriptions to activists in the African liberation support movement.

Reports on plans for branch and local activities and on the state of local African Liberation Support committees should be sent as soon as possible to the national office.

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