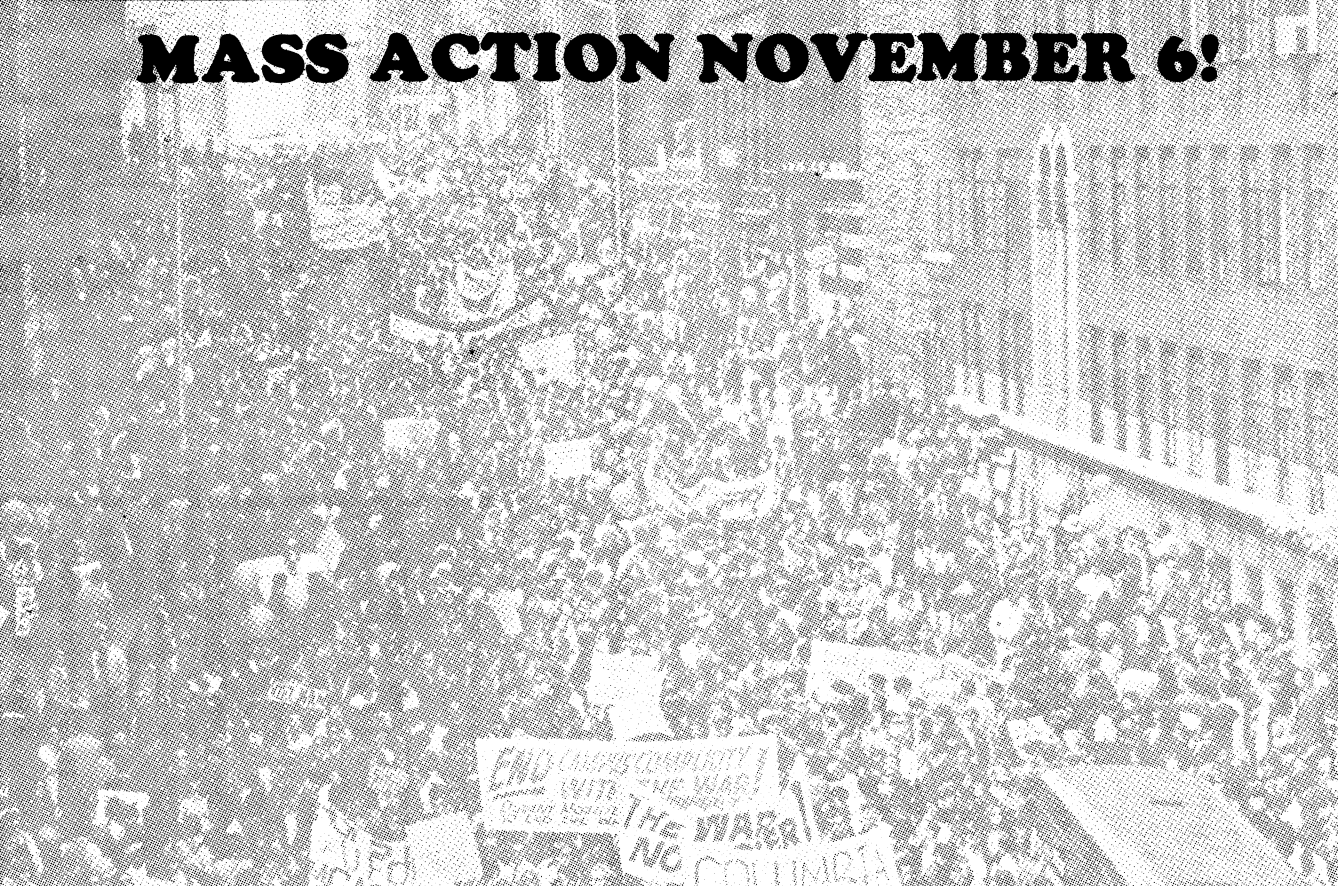


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## All-Out Campaign to Build Nov. 3 & 6

As we enter the final period leading up to the November 3 student strike and the mass marches scheduled for November 6, the work being done to build the fall antiwar offensive in each area should be carefully reviewed.

### NOVEMBER 3 STUDENT STRIKE

The November 3 strike should be viewed in two ways. First, it promises to be a powerful action of the antiwar movement in its own right. The New York SMC, for example, is planning a city-wide high school rally in conjunction with the strike. This action will give a central focus to the strike in New York, as well as giving high school students a sense of their own power.

Such citywide actions in no way preclude or cut across activities being organized on individual campuses and high schools for November 3. Picket lines or rallies at individual schools followed by marches to a larger action is one idea that can be used.

The most important thing that we want to see is activities at the maximum number of campuses and schools on November 3. The strike is a political action the success of which will be measured on a national scale by the total number of schools and students taking part, and not by whether or not a particular school was shut down. Of course, where it is a realistic projection, we are in favor of normal classes being halted on November 3 and the resources of the school being turned over to the antiwar movement.

The strike represents a vehicle for broadening the student antiwar movement. Endorsements should be solicited from all of the political organizations on campus, student governments, newspapers, dorm councils, fraternities, sororities, various academic clubs, special interest groups, and prominent professors.

Many students who will support the strike and actively participate in it do not necessarily want to join the SMC. For this reason, there should be ad hoc November 3 action committees, or strike committees, set up. These can serve as an arena for mass decision-making meetings and for involving the broadest spectrum of forces around the strike. At the same time, since the SMC is the main organization building the strike nationally, it will benefit organizationally from the success of November 3.

The second aspect of the strike is that it represents the opening of a final drive to build the November 6 demonstrations. The other side of the mobilization of students on November 3 and the demonstration of their opposition to the war is the use of these actions to reach out to the rest of the population and mobilize it for November 6.

All areas should organize massive leafleting and poster paste-ups, along with street rallies, sound

trucks, and sidewalk tables out of the November 3 actions. The most successful areas will be able to use the campuses as organizing centers right up until the day of the demonstrations.

Those areas outside of the seventeen regional centers in which actions are taking place should also tie in their sales of bus tickets and organization of car caravans with these other activities.

### NOVEMBER 6 DEMONSTRATIONS

Already it has become clear that the regional antiwar demonstrations on November 6 will not only be very large but will have broken new ground in reaching out to the organized labor movement.

The antiwar movement has three tasks before it. First, it must mobilize every resource and take advantage of every opportunity to build the November 6 actions. The primary aspect of this should be a massive campaign to produce and get out to the general population millions of pieces of antiwar literature with information on November 6. This publicity campaign should also include the organization of press work and of ads urging participation in the marches.

The effect of this campaign will be maximized to the extent that materials on the various contingents are available and being distributed. Black or Raza newspapers and radio stations, for example, will often cover the Black or Raza contingent even if they would be reluctant to cover the demonstration in general.

Wherever possible, ads should be run. These could duplicate the type of ad run by NPAC in *The New York Times*, or could be directed at a specific section of the population, such as women or trade unionists.

The second task which faces the antiwar movement, and which YSA members should take the lead in, is the organization of peaceful and smooth-running actions on November 6. Regional centers have the responsibility of organizing the logistics and marshalling of the demonstrations in such a way that those people taking part in an antiwar march for the first time will have no hesitation about continuing to participate in the antiwar movement.

Marshal training meetings should be set up in advance and arrangements made with areas outside of the regional centers for help in this work. Groups which have endorsed the demonstrations, particularly unions, should be approached about helping to marshal.

The final aspect of organization for November 6 that should be closely reviewed is that of fund raising. Regular fund raising which involves the entire staff is a necessary part of ensuring the smooth functioning of the antiwar offices and the production of the materials for building the action.

In addition to regular fund raising and special fund-raising projects, it is necessary to pay the closest attention to the organization of sales and the collection at the demonstrations. The money collected at the demonstrations is crucial to paying off many of the debts incurred while building the actions and determines the speed and efficiency with which the antiwar movement can organize further actions.

The November 3 strike activities will offer an important opportunity for the organization of volunteers for the various tasks of marshalling and fund raising.

### THE TASKS OF THE YSA

The YSA will be devoting its resources first of all to ensuring the largest and most powerful demonstrations possible against the U.S. government's war on the people of Indochina. In the course of this activity we will be meeting thousands of antiwar activists who will be interested in the general questions of strategy and tactics facing the antiwar movement and sensitive to and outraged by the social injustice they see around them.

It is the job of the YSA—through the 1972 SWP election campaign, *The Militant* sub drive, the fall educational conferences, and the YSA convention in Houston—to recruit these activists to revolutionary socialism.

Every YSA member not assigned to marshalling or collecting money should be selling *The Militant* or the *ISR* on November 6. The sales of our press will be the most important vehicle for the dissemination of the ideas of socialism on these demonstrations.

The areas where demonstrations are being held should plan some type of big forum and open house for the night of November 6. This will help in reaching many people we might otherwise not meet and will serve as a big boost to the sub drive. Also, this type of activity can often serve as a highly successful fund raiser.

Finally, the routes of the November 6 marches and the rally sites should be pasted up with SWP campaign material and the YSA convention poster. This, along with the sale of our press, is the most efficient way to make sure that as many people as possible on the November 6 demonstrations hear about the YSA and its activities.

**DAVE FRANKEL**  
YSA Antiwar Director

## Tips on Campus SMC Building

Last spring YSAers active in the SMC at the University of Illinois Chicago Circle campus learned some valuable lessons in campus organizing. We think our experiences may be useful for YSAers in other parts of the country who will be building SMC chapters this fall.

The first was campus fund raising. Until last spring our fund raising was dependent upon one rock concert and contributions from a few sympathetic professors. After the SMC national convention in February, we owed the university over \$200. We realized there would be interest throughout the university community about the spring antiwar actions and decided that it would be an excellent time to raise money to pay off this debt and to use for future activities.

We drafted a fund-raising letter and put it in all the professors' mailboxes. Then we got a faculty directory and began calling all the faculty to ask them for contributions. We recorded the responses and followed up pledges with personal visits. Through this campaign our debt

was paid off in two weeks and hundreds of dollars was contributed to the citywide antiwar office.

The second lesson we learned was the benefit speaking to classes can have. We used a university timetable to get the times, dates, places, and professors' names for all the large lectures on campus. We then called these professors to inform them of the spring antiwar calendar, ask them for a contribution to the SMC, and request that they allow an SMCer to speak to their classes for five minutes on the spring actions and then pass around a can for donations.

Almost everyone on our list agreed to all the requests. A schedule was compiled for all the speaking engagements. For each one we had two people attend, one to speak and the other to pass out leaflets and collect donations. Before we left each class we wrote the building and room number of the campus SMC office on the blackboard so that students could contact us for more information.

By going to one class for 15 minutes, two people can get out 1,000 leaflets, speak to 400 students, raise \$15, sell a few bus tickets, and make some SMC contacts. In several weeks we raised hundreds of dollars, spoke to thousands of students, distributed thousands of free buttons and leaflets, made valuable contacts with the faculty, recruited new people to the SMC, and established the SMC as the center of political activity on campus. In addition, it was a real morale booster for the SMC activists, and it trained a whole crew of people in public speaking.

We think these experiences last spring will be crucial components of building the November 3 student strike, not just at the U of I, but all across the country.

**BILL RAYSON**  
Chicago YSA

# Regional Antiwar Organizing

In order to ensure the success of the November 6 antiwar demonstrations, it will be necessary for the antiwar movement to develop strong, working regional networks that can organize hundreds of thousands of people from areas outside the regional centers into action on November 6. In Chicago a regional antiwar conference was called for September 25 to lay the basis for such a campaign.

Endorsements from trade unionists, veteran and GI groups, women's groups, and Black, Latino, and student individuals and organizations were gathered. We also made a serious effort to involve the local PCPJ in planning the conference.

One of the most important tasks, of course, was to involve activists from outside of Chicago in building and participating in the regional meeting. With only a short time to publicize the conference, the SMC sent regional travelers throughout the four-state Midwest region. We found that the SMC is already a significant force on Midwest campuses this fall. In Madison, Wisconsin, the first meeting of the SMC attracted 110 students, while just across the hall Students for McGovern had rounded up barely 50. At schools where there were no organized SMCs, it was very easy to sign up long lists of students interested in organizing an SMC and the entire fall antiwar calendar.

The short blitz tours proved a success, with

over 125 in attendance at the conference. Close to one half of the participants were from the region—Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Missouri, and Kansas.

In building November 6 we want to expand on the concept of regional antiwar organizing. With the coordination developed at the regional conference, we feel it is feasible to make a division of labor between the regional center and the SMCs throughout the region. YSAers outside the regional center should take responsibility for seeing that the SMCs on their campuses reach out to the colleges, high schools, and communities in their areas. This should be done in collaboration with the antiwar office in the regional center to avoid any duplication. These schools and communities should be saturated with November 6 materials, new SMCs should be set up, and community organizations should be involved in building November 6.

With SMC activists in the region doing consistent reach-out work in their immediate areas, the regional center antiwar offices will be able to direct their attention toward the larger cities where no SMCs or affiliates of NPAC exist. In Chicago we're mapping out a campaign to build November 6 in the densely populated areas surrounding the city. We also plan to send teams of five or six people to major cities in the region where we believe the largest numbers of people

can be mobilized for November 6. These teams will stay in each city for one or two days and will leaflet schools, shopping centers, plant gates, etc.

We have found that for a regional center antiwar office, it is necessary to have at least two people working full-time on regional organizing. Large, detailed maps of blitz sites should be worked out in advance. By sending some teams out to nearby areas, it will be easier to involve independents in regional antiwar work.

The October 13 moratorium and the November 3 student strike can offer opportunities for organizing regional teams for building November 6. Whenever possible, rallies and teach-ins on these days should be transformed into leafletting and fund-raising teams. Cars, November 6 materials, and specific locations should be lined up in advance.

If we can organize our regional antiwar work with both the regional center and all the SMC chapters and antiwar activists in the region taking responsibility for reaching thousands of people who otherwise might never hear of November 6, we will see the largest and most successful antiwar actions to date.

**KEN EDWARDS**  
Chicago YSA

## Winning Labor Support for November 6

An important part of building the fall antiwar offensive will be securing labor endorsement and participation in the actions. Because of the importance of this work, we freed one YSAer in Atlanta of other tasks to work full-time for the Atlanta Peace Action Coalition to ensure the involvement of labor.

A letter was received from the National Peace Action Coalition at the beginning of September asking regional centers to secure signers for a statement on the wage freeze and to hold press conferences on September 9 that would feature trade unionists (especially signers of the statement) who had endorsed the fall actions. The first thing APAC did was look over the names of the labor leaders who had already signed the statement nationally. A number of officers of the Amalgamated Meatcutters had already signed the statement in other cities, so we decided to first approach that union in Atlanta.

We made an appointment with the local Secretary-Treasurer of the Amalgamated Meatcutters. We brought along a statement from national leaders of his union and encouraged him to follow their lead. He endorsed the labor statement, the November 6 action, and APAC.

Next we called the president of the local Ameri-

can Federation of Teachers (AFT) who had endorsed APAC in the past. We mentioned the recent AFT convention that came out with a statement against the war and were able to secure his support for the fall offensive over the phone.

We then made an appointment with the director of the Alliance for Labor Action and presented our materials to him. He had also been friendly toward APAC in the past and gave his support to the labor statement. A representative of the National Council of Distributive Workers of North America, whose support we had gotten over the phone by mentioning that David Livingston of District 65 had signed, was also present at the meeting.

These initial supporters provided a good local list to present to the next people we approached. Our first call was to the local American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) office. We asked for names of the local officers and they told us to call the president of AFSCME Local 1644. He endorsed the statement, November 6, and APAC and suggested we call the president of District Council 14.

We asked each person we called for the names of other labor leaders we should contact. Our main job was to reach these people. This entailed

long hours on the telephone trying to catch them in their offices, asking for their endorsement over the phone or making appointments to talk with them in person.

Next we began arranging the press conference. We called all the endorsers to line up speakers and to find whether their union hall could be made available for the press conference. The day before the conference, we delivered press releases to all the newspapers and radio and TV stations. We followed the deliveries with phone calls first thing the next morning.

The press conference was held in the ALA hall. Most of the major media were present, including *The Atlanta Voice*, a local Black newsweekly. The press coverage was successful and enabled us to announce labor support for the November 6 actions and for October 13.

The labor endorsements we obtained will be used on leaflets which the SMC will be distributing at plant gates in order to build labor support in the fall actions.

**BOB ROBERTS**  
Atlanta YSA

## UC-Berkeley SMC

The University of California-Berkeley SMC was the major force on campus building the April 24 demonstration in San Francisco, which brought 350,000 people into the streets. The success of April 24 established the SMC as the mass action antiwar group on campus. Our work around April 24 enabled us to make contacts among faculty and student groups that are invaluable as we gear into building the fall antiwar offensive.

During the summer the UC campus has about 4,000 students attending school, compared to the rest of the year when 28,000 students and 2,000 professors are on campus. The success of the antiwar activities this summer at UC is an indication of the potential that exists for mobilizing thousands of UC students this fall around the antiwar offensive.

The UC SMC played an instrumental role in raising money to send over 50 Bay Area activists to the NPAC Convention in New York City last July. A few weeks later a meeting was held to report the results of the convention. The meeting was sponsored by the campus SMC and MECHA and drew over 125 people. We were

able to involve both the MECHA and La Raza Unida Party in giving reports on the results of the Raza workshop.

During the first week in September (the summer session was still on), the SMC sponsored a "Union Speak-Out on the Wage Freeze," which was attended by 175 people. Speakers included two representatives of the striking Longshoremen's Local 10 in San Francisco, the Oakland coordinator of the United Farmworkers, a representative from the campus AFSCME, and a representative from the California Federation of Teachers. Several of the speakers pointed out the need to protest the wage freeze because of its relation to the war in Southeast Asia. SMC speakers emphasized participation in the November 6 antiwar demonstration as one of the best ways to protest the wage freeze.

The union contacts we made through building this meeting will aid in building the Labor Support Committee of the Northern California PAC.

The success of these two meetings was due in large part to good publicity. We sent out press releases, as well as general mailings on the meetings. Over 8,000 leaflets were distributed for each

of the meetings. In addition to leafletting the campus during the week, we used Saturdays to mobilize YSAers and independent activists to leaflet shopping centers and busy street corners in the area.

Both of these meetings held during the summer session were larger than any SMC meetings at UC during the buildup for April 24.

The first fall SMC meeting at UC attracted 120 people to discuss the Vietnamese elections and to plan the fall antiwar actions. We have received the endorsement of the student senate and the Berkeley Board of Education for the October 13 moratorium, the November 3 student strike, and the November 6 march in San Francisco. We see this as just the beginning of an all-out effort to involve every conceivable student organization and individual at UC in the fall antiwar actions.

**BRIAN WILLIAMS**  
Oakland/Berkeley YSA



# New York City High School Work

There is great potential for building a high school women's abortion coalition in New York City. Although New York has a liberalized abortion law, the time and age restrictions prevent women from having complete control over our bodies. Because legal abortions are limited to women over 18, high school women are denied abortion referral, birth control information, and abortions without parental consent.

Twelve high school women in the New York City Abortion Coalition office initially mapped out plans for a high school women's abortion coalition, which would function as part of the NYC Abortion Coalition. The first meeting was scheduled for October 2. Leaflets were distributed throughout the city and phoning was done to women of the United Women's Contingent, the former High School Women's Coalition, and the high school women who attended the Women's National Abortion Conference here in July. A high school letter was drafted and sent to more than 300 names on our high school mailing list urging them to pick up leaflets and help build the Coalition. All political meetings where there was a possibility for numbers of high school women to be present, like SMC meetings, were leafleted.

Over 45 women representing 10 high schools attended the October 2 meeting. Reports on the November 20 demonstration and the abortion campaign were greeted with enthusiasm by all the women present. Three committees were set up—a publicity committee, a transportation committee, which would concentrate on organizing inexpensive transportation to maximize the participation of high school women in the November 20 action in Washington D. C., and a speakers committee. This last committee will plan a program of speakers from Planned Parenthood and arrange engagements for them in as many high schools throughout New York City as possible—through gym classes, hygiene classes, general assemblies, etc. These speakers will talk on contraceptives and abortion and will be accompanied by a representative from the NYC Abortion Coalition, who will describe the abortion campaign and the November 20 actions.

We feel this is a major step forward in organizing the city's high school women to demand that adequate birth control information and abortion referral be provided in the high schools. Building the Coalition on these demands as well as the

demands of the November 20 demonstration will facilitate the drawing in of high school women who see the need to continue the struggle against the present restrictions of the New York abortion law.

At this point, gaining support for the upcoming November 20 action is our major task. We expect to have a large number of high school women from New York City marching in the high school contingent on November 20 in Washington D. C.

Our next meeting is planned for October 17. All the women present at the last meeting are determined to go back to their high schools and build this next meeting into a really large gathering of high school women that can build the November 20 demonstration into a powerful show of force.

## CAROL BETH SAN Brooklyn YSA

An important aspect of the Socialist Workers Party's 1972 election campaign will be reaching high school students and involving them in campaign activity, primarily through the Young Socialists for Jenness and Pulley. Because of the importance of the campaign in the high schools, we are making plans in New York that will make high schools a major focus of our campaign activity.

First, we are projecting a citywide YSJP meeting for Linda Jenness while she is on tour in New York. The meeting will be preceded by an intensive leafleting campaign by all three New York City locals of the YSA. Building the YSJP in the city's over 90 high schools will be a priority of each local and all YSAers will be involved in leafleting high school students in the mornings before classes and after school.

A second important projection for the campaign in New York is running high school students as candidates on the SWP ticket. When we launched our campaign in September, we announced that David Keepnews, a 16 year old YSAer who won a campaign for vice-president of the Dalton High School student government on a socialist platform last spring, would be the candidate for State Assembly in the 66th District. Plans for fielding other high school candidates later in the campaign were also announced.

Running high school students on the SWP ticket

adds a new dimension to our campaign. First of all, it demonstrates our support for the demand of full rights for high school students, including the right to vote and hold office. Second, it indicates the attitude we have toward high school students as full political human beings and shows the kind of participation by high school students we want to see in our campaign. It unquestionably designates our campaign as *the* high school campaign.

An immediate aim of the New York campaign committee is to produce and distribute a brochure entitled "Why High School Students Should Support the SWP Campaign." The brochure, which will be signed by David Keepnews as vice-president of Dalton High School, will detail our program for high school rights and be aimed at actively involving high school students in campaign activity.

Plans for our high school candidates include intervening at Board of Education hearings and playing active roles as candidates in the SMC and the NYC Abortion Coalition. The New York Militant Speakers Bureau will feature our high school candidates, enabling us to speak to high school students across the state. Our active involvement in the mass movements and defense of high school rights will serve to make us leading spokespeople for the high school student movement.

To complement the SWP high school campaign, we want to encourage YSJPs at individual high schools to run candidates for their student governments on Young Socialist platforms. These campaigns can relate the rotting conditions within their schools to broader social issues like the war and the anti-abortion laws, and can serve to involve students in the fall antiwar offensive and the anti-abortion law repeal campaign.

An important goal for our activity will be bringing as many high school campaign supporters as possible to the YSA convention in Houston. Running high school candidates will be one of the most important aspects of our campaign, allowing us to get the ideas of the SWP campaign into hundreds of high schools and recruiting many high school students to the YSA.

## DAVID KEEPNEWS Upper West Side YSA

# Building High School SMCs

An important focus of our work in building the fall antiwar campaign in Cleveland is building high school and junior high school SMCs. One school where we've been successful is Shaker Heights High School.

At our first meeting there we discussed sending a representative to the student council to get their endorsement for the fall offensive, writing an article for the school paper about the SMC and the fall offensive, and building a meeting for Debby Bustin on October 7.

At the student council meeting the SMC representative was originally scheduled first on the agenda but was pushed back to the end of the meeting—a maneuver which angered many council members. The general response to the SMC presentation was enthusiastic until the faculty advisor intimidated the council by questioning the legality of the November 3 student strike and claiming that the moratorium would be "a lot of anti-Nixon propaganda." Because it was the last point on the agenda, there was little time for discussion or voting. A group of council members, however, formed a committee to get a statement that they have drawn up endorsed. The SMC is obtaining individual endorsements from most of the council members and some faculty members.

In planning the Debby Bustin meeting, we invited Cecil Lampkin, coordinator of the Cleveland Black Task Force, to speak also. We felt this would help draw the support of the Black students at Shaker Heights, who comprise more than 35 percent of the student body.

To build the meeting, we put out almost 2,000 leaflets using the school's mimeo machine. The school's publicity committee helped us make posters, and they made a banner to put in the caf-

eteria. We also announced the meeting on the public address system.

The Shaker Heights SMC has prepared a fundraising letter signed by the financial director of the SMC, Debby Bustin, and several faculty members. The letter explains our budget for the fall campaign, and we think it has been helpful in getting contributions since it shows faculty members exactly what their money will be spent for.

We have two assemblies planned for October 13. A large banner in the school cafeteria reads: "October 13, Peace Action Day: Demonstrate Downtown at 4:30!" We will be collecting contributions for buttons and armbands all day on October 13.

We are trying to get endorsements from leading citizens of the Shaker Heights community for a rally in the football stadium during the afternoon of November 3. We will use the day to leaflet shopping centers and bus stops for the rally and to build November 6. We are circulating a petition to allow students to use school facilities to publicize the rally and November 6.

## WALTER DALY Cleveland YSA

The high school fraction in Atlanta is focusing on building a citywide high school SMC this fall. First, we put an ad about the high school SMC in the local underground newspaper. This got a lot of response from all over the South—and even from as far away as New Jersey. We then put out a leaflet about the November 3 student strike and the November 6 regional demonstration. By this time we had people leafleting at two high schools, and an SMC started at one—Grady High School.

Grady High School is known for its political activism. Last year about 150 students staged a sit-in there demanding the abolition of the merit system. The principal—who had been somewhat of a liberal about dress codes, leafleting, and holding political meetings at school—was threatened with the loss of his job if there were any more sit-ins or strikes.

We passed out leaflets for the first meeting of the Grady SMC, which was held in the room of a sympathetic teacher. It drew 11 students, mostly eighth graders, and they were all enthusiastic about building an SMC at Grady.

We were in the process of getting the SMC recognized at Grady, and we decided that setting up a literature table at lunch would be an excellent way to attract more students to the SMC. We requested permission from the principal to do this, and he complied on the condition that he approve all our literature first. When he saw our leaflet about the November 3 student strike, he abruptly announced that there would be no more literature tables, no more meetings, and no more leafleting in school. Our SMC is now organizing to fight this arbitrary ruling.

The SMCs on the campuses in Atlanta are working with the high school SMC in a campaign to leaflet every high school in the city. We are also asking SMCs in the region to send in reports on how high school participation in November 6 is being built in their areas and to send in names of high school activists for our regional mailing list.

## MARY NELL BOCKMAN Atlanta YSA

## Women for Jenness and Pulley Ad

The "Women for Jenness and Pulley" ad campaign offers us a unique opportunity to gain the endorsement of prominent feminists, key activists in the women's liberation movement, and leading figures in other women's groups for the Socialist Workers Party '72 campaign. By November 1, we intend to enlist the sponsorship of as many of these women as possible for a campaign advertisement that will be published in a number of feminist, radical, and campus newspapers and magazines around the time of the November 20 abortion actions.

We should view the ad as a tool with which to convince activists in the women's movement and prominent women in other fields to support our campaign as an alternative to the antifeminist politics of the Democratic and Republican Parties; as the ad states, signers needn't necessarily agree with all aspects of the SWP's program, but simply see the SWP campaign as the only one that supports and defends the rights and needs of women.

We want to get signatures from women belonging to as many different feminist organizations, women's groups, and other groups as possible,

and from locally and nationally prominent activists, authors, professors, artists, unionists, etc. In addition, we want at least one name from every campus and high school where we have contacts or campaign supporters.

To this end, campaign committees and women's liberation fractions should immediately draw up lists of potential signers and see that they are contacted as soon as possible. Mailings can be sent out to lists of women, and in some cases informal meetings can be set up (i.e., luncheon or dinner engagements) to discuss the ad with individual women who are potential signers. We should be able to bring many women closer to our campaign through this project.

While we are circulating the ad, we should also ask for contributions to help pay for its publication, since finances will be the determining factor in how many newspapers and magazines will eventually print the ad. Appearance of the ad will demonstrate the geographical, organizational, and political breadth of support of women for Jenness and Pulley.

Money collected for the ad should be sent in to the National Campaign Committee along with

endorsers' names and addresses as soon as they are obtained. Also, progress reports on the ad project should be sent in to the SWP Campaign Committee, 706 Broadway, 8th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10003.

With the deadline only three weeks away, it is vitally important that this project be a top priority for all women's liberation fractions and campaign committees until November 1.

**LAURA MILLER**  
YSJP National Staff

## Milwaukee Register for Peace Conference

On September 24 and 25 a "Register for Peace" Conference was held at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The stated purpose of the conference was to organize a voter registration drive to get 18 through 21 year olds to support peace candidates in the '72 elections. This conference was one of several scheduled to occur around the country this fall.

The real purpose of this conference and those still scheduled is to encourage disenchanted young people to support Democratic and Republican candidates. According to the local organizers the results have been minimal. The attendance at this conference was well below what they had anticipated.

YSJPs around the country can take advantage of these meetings by using them to expose young people who still have illusions about capitalist politicians to the socialist alternative the SWP campaign offers. We were able to intervene effectively at two different times during the conference. The first was the rally held on the evening of September 24 to kick off the conference. The speakers list included mainly liberal Democrats like Eugene McCarthy and Allard Lowenstein. (An earlier request by the YSJP to have Linda Jenness address the rally was turned down.)

The Milwaukee YSA had originally planned

to initiate the YSJP in conjunction with a scheduled appearance of Linda Jenness on October 5. Instead, the YSA mobilized for the Friday night rally and approximately 3,000 campaign supplements from the September 3 *Militant* were distributed that evening.

As the rally proceeded, many people, especially high school age youth, left the rally in disgust. Some people approached the YSAers who were leafleting and offered to help pass out SWP campaign literature.

The second intervention came during the delegate sessions the next day. Workshops were held for about 1,000 delegates. The featured speaker was Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana, an announced presidential candidate. Only 250 people attended his speech.

Throughout the day a YSJP table was set up. Attendance at the table nearly doubled a McCarthy table adjacent to us. After the Bayh talk the YSJP conducted its own workshop on "Revolutionary Socialism and Electoral Politics." About 25 people came, all carrying supplements from *The Militant* they had received the night before. At the conclusion of the discussion, five *Militant* subs and one *ISR* sub were sold, and about 20 people signed up for more information on the YSJP. Many of these people were from outside Milwaukee and were interested in setting

up YSJPs in their own cities.

The important lesson learned from this successful intervention is that no matter who initially mobilizes them, young people interested in political alternatives are going to be receptive to the SWP campaign. We plan to intervene in as many meetings of this kind as possible this fall. When Linda Jenness visits Milwaukee, we plan to bill her as the candidate the Register for Peace Conference was afraid to let speak.

**SAM HUNT and JIM WYSOCKI**  
Milwaukee YSA

## Twin Cities Campaign Press Coverage

The work we did in lining up media coverage for Linda Jenness's tour through the Twin Cities produced some excellent publicity for the SWP campaign.

We began early by calling radio and TV stations to set up interviews on talk shows. Although we were often dismissed with the "equal time" dodge ("If we let you on, we have to grant equal time to every other candidate"), we arranged radio interviews on seven stations, one live TV interview, plus interviews with two large daily newspapers.

A press conference was called for the morning Linda Jenness arrived in the Twin Cities. In addition to delivering a press release to every newspaper, wire service, and radio and TV station, we called them about two hours before the conference to remind them.

The week before Jenness arrived, the mayor of Minneapolis vetoed a City Council resolution naming November 6 "Peace Action Day." He quoted J. Edgar Hoover's statement that NPAC (and therefore its local affiliate, Minnesota PAC) was dominated by the SWP and YSA as his reason for the veto. A statement by Jenness countering that charge and challenging the mayor to a pub-

lic debate on the question was prepared and given to the press at the conference just before it began. The TV and radio stations present were able to read the statement in advance and then record and film the portions of her remarks that they felt were most newsworthy. These were played on news broadcasts during the day.

Many of the radio stations and newspapers requested further information on the SWP campaign and candidates, so we prepared packets containing campaign literature and a biography of Jenness. In addition to distributing these at the press conference, Jenness took them to her radio interviews.

We also met with success in getting campus press to cover her tour. For each campus where there was a speaking engagement set up, we prepared a press release and delivered it to the campus newspaper, encouraging them to send a reporter to her talk. Every one of them did.

At Mankato, a small town in southern Minnesota, not only did the campus paper appear but also two local radio stations and the campus radio station. An impromptu news conference was held just before she spoke, and the campus radio station broadcast her entire speech live.

Because of careful attention to advance publicity, thousands of people now know about the SWP campaign, and over 30 students have signed up to become active in the Minnesota YSJP.

**JOHN LEMON**  
Twin Cities YSA

# Fall Educational Program

The article in the last issue of *The YS Organizer* on fall socialist educational conferences laid out projections for publicizing the conferences, linking them with the SWP election campaigns and the *International Socialist Review*, and utilizing them to build the YSA convention and recruit to the YSA. This article will provide more details on the conferences and make projections for a follow-up program of intensive education in all YSA locals.

These proposals are jointly recommended by the National Office of the YSA and the National Education Department of the Socialist Workers Party. YSA locals and SWP branches will be working closely together to carry out the programs.

## EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCES

The political thrust of the conferences should be around the dynamics of revolution today, with talks designed to present our views on the central political issues. The exact conference programs will of course be varied to fit the political situation in each area, but there are several topics that are particularly important to be covered. These include: the meaning of the wage freeze; socialist strategy in the 1972 elections; feminism; Black nationalism; the Chicano liberation struggle; and the struggle against the war in South-east Asia.

National speakers from the YSA and SWP will be available for the conferences—a list of speakers and topics will be sent out shortly. The supply of national speakers is necessarily limited, and requests will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. There will generally be only one or two national speakers available for each region.

Rich Lesnik is arranging the coordination of national speakers for the educational conferences. He may be contacted at the SWP National Office, 14 Charles Lane, New York, N.Y. 10014, telephone 212-242-5530.

## INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST REVIEW

The *ISR* will be linked with the conferences in that many of the speakers are contributors to the *ISR* and some of the speeches may be published later in the *ISR*. It is very natural to tie in the *International Socialist Review*—the theoretical journal of the American left—with conferences devoted to socialist education.

In line with this perspective, it is recommended that an introductory three-month subscription to the *ISR* be offered free or at half-price with the price of admission to the educational conferences. This offer should be made on the local level to those who do not yet have *ISR* subscriptions, and should not apply to YSA or SWP members.

For each subscription obtained in this manner, \$1 should be taken out of the conference receipts and forwarded to the *ISR* Business Office. Thus, the subscriptions would be subsidized by the conference receipts, not by the *ISR*. If the conference

finances are carefully planned out with conscious attention to outside fund-raising possibilities, making this special offer should pose no financial problems for the conference.

## INTENSIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The Socialist Workers Party has projected organizing, in collaboration with the YSA, a three-week period of concentration on education immediately following the educational conferences. During this period, November 28-December 19, education will be given the same high political priority it has during the summer schools.

The socialist summer schools organized each year in regional centers have proved to be the most effective means we have for cadre education. Their success is due to several factors:

- The majority of YSA and SWP members attend the classes on a consistent basis.

- A considerable amount of reading is done in preparation for the classes.

- The summer schools are made a major feature of our political activity, so that the classes are held regularly, rather than being subject to postponement or cancellation because of pressing political activity in other areas of work.

The various educational programs carried out in non-summer months—socialist educational conferences; short educationals before or after meetings; and class series—are all important and useful, but not totally adequate for our needs.

The special program being organized for this fall is an experiment through which we hope to carry over some of the advantages of the summer schools into continuing cadre education during the non-summer months.

A realistic proposal for the non-summer months must set strictly limited objectives. Given the importance of major campaigns in the mass movements throughout the year, such an educational program cannot be effectively extended over two or three months, or even over six weeks. It should be possible, though, to hold a class in each area that will last for three or four sessions that everyone will be expected to attend. This can be sufficient time to study a given subject or book in depth.

These classes will be most successful if they are planned during a time when there is the least conflict with other campaigns, and if the YSA locals and SWP branches place a high political priority on the classes. This plan can probably be carried out twice a year—once in the fall, and again in the spring.

The best time to begin is during the three-week period immediately following the Thanksgiving educational conferences. During November 28-December 19 there is time to hold a three-session class, meeting once each week. Alternatively, a four-session class could be held, two sessions per weekend, for two consecutive weekends. Other variations are possible, but the objective in each case is the same: intensive cadre education involving the entire membership.

The Thanksgiving educational conferences will stimulate interest in education and can be used to kick off the classes. Building the YSA convention will also be tied in—close contacts invited to attend the classes may be inspired to attend the YSA convention. (However, the political level of the classes will be addressed to the cadre, rather than contacts, just as the summer schools are.)

The topics to be covered in the classes should be designed to meet the basic educational needs of the given area. There are four topics, though, which are particularly important to study at this time:

- 1) A Marxist analysis of the economic situation and our approach to the labor movement;

- 2) The revolutionary socialist attitude toward electoral action;

- 3) The character of the revolutionary party;

- 4) The dynamics of the current radicalization, studying the resolutions of the last two SWP conventions and the book *Towards an American Socialist Revolution*.

Each area will be holding at least one class series on at least one of these topics. To facilitate planning these class series, the National Education Department of the SWP will send out syllabi on each of these four topics.

## REGIONAL PARTICIPATION

One of the most important factors for success in this educational program will be full participation by all YSA locals and at-large members in each region. The regional centers should assume responsibility for organizing such participation.

The best variant would be for all the YSA members from the region to come into the regional center to attend the classes that will be held there. This may be possible in some regions if the classes are held over the weekends of December 11-12 and 18-19, two sessions per weekend.

In regions where long distances make this impossible, some other arrangements will have to be developed. Another possibility is for the regional center to send one of its educators on a brief tour of the outlying YSA locals to teach classes there. At the very minimum, the regional centers should be in close consultation with the outlying locals, helping them prepare the best possible educational program.

Whatever methods regional centers devise should be based on the goal of involving every YSA member in an intensive educational program, with experienced revolutionary socialist educators as teachers.

**ANDY ROSE**  
Editor

# Defending the Right to Sell II

As the present radicalization deepens, *Militant* sales will continue to penetrate into areas where people have never seen a radical newspaper before. In places where we've already established regular sales, store managers and police have learned not to tamper with our legal right to sell *Militants*. When sales are first organized—at plant gates, shopping centers, airports, etc.—we will often encounter managers and cops that need a little education on constitutional rights.

Northgate Shopping Center is one such area where the Seattle YSA decided to organize weekly *Militant* and *ISR* sales. After the first sales team had sold there for only a few minutes, the security guards kicked them off the central mall where most of the pedestrians are concentrated. Since we had no intention of creating a test case without the local first discussing and organizing it, the YSAers left without incident.

In preparation for a legal challenge we checked with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), who said they would defend us on the basis that there is a legal precedent for selling and distributing political material on private property used as a public thoroughfare. The local set

aside an adequate amount of cash for bail, and the day before our planned test case, we contacted the ACLU again.

On the day set for the test, a crew, including SWP City Council candidate Gary Johnson and a *Militant* reporter (equipped with a camera), began selling at Northgate Shopping Center. The security guards began harrassing them, threatening arrest if they didn't leave. It was several hours before the Seattle police were finally called.

As previously decided, everyone stopped selling except Gary Johnson. After the cops finally arrived, there was a 10 minute conference between the Seattle police, the security guards, an unidentified man with a Polaroid camera, and the manager of the department store. Their discussion may have had something to do with who was going to take responsibility for arresting a candidate for City Council three days before the primary.

When our photographer asked the sergeant of the security force whether it was legal to sell *Militants* there, he replied that they hadn't decided yet. When asked if he was going to stop us, he answered that there was nothing he could

do. Finally he became apologetic and told us that he was just doing his job.

Faced with the prospect of a legal defeat and some embarrassing publicity, the cops and the shopping center officialdom backed down. We have now added one more location to our growing list of regular sales sites, and we plan to expand this list throughout the fall. With the growing receptivity to our ideas, defenders of the status quo are going to find it increasingly difficult to prevent us from selling our press anywhere.

**CRAIG HONTS**  
Seattle YSA



# Report on Fall Financial Campaigns

The total received by the YSA National Office for the fund drive this week was \$2,100—a substantial increase over last week's payments.

The top locals this week are Austin, with 100 percent of its quota paid; Worcester, 42 percent; Washington D. C., 41 percent; Houston, 37 percent; and Atlanta, 34 percent. The locals with the highest amounts (as opposed to percentages) paid are Austin, with \$1,300 paid, and Chicago, \$1,120.

A new YSA local recently formed in Santa Barbara, California, has taken on a \$150 quota. This pushes the total national quota to \$46,600!

Beginning this week, the quotas that have been accepted by at-large areas are listed in parentheses on the scoreboard. Over \$300 has already been pledged by at-large YSA members. In addition, many at-large members have sent in contributions without indicating a pledge.

At this point we are one third of the way through the fall fund drive, but only 21 percent of the \$45,000 goal has been sent in. All but 19 locals have now made at least one payment—and of these 19, five are newly-formed locals that have just been assigned quotas in the last couple of weeks. This still means that over one third of the locals in the YSA have yet to make a payment on the fund drive. This is the primary reason we are behind schedule.

While we have been receiving regular weekly payments from the majority of the regional centers, it is the outlying locals that have not been sending in the necessary amounts to keep on schedule.

There is no reason why this must be the case. Most regional locals, though smaller than the regional centers, have a very strong campus base. Money raised from the campus through honoraria, film showings, book sales, etc., will be a crucial source of income for the fund drive. The Austin and Worcester locals, which are leading the fund drive, are excellent examples of what locals can do when they gear their fund raising to the campus.

In addition to the fall fund drive, the YSA is currently engaged in several other financial campaigns.

## BACK DEBT REPAYMENT

In addition to meeting the fund drive we want to eliminate the back debt locals owe the National Office, which currently totals over \$5,000. One of the reasons the fund drive goal this fall is only \$2,000 higher than the \$43,000 spring fund drive is that the budget for the National Office is based on receiving not only the fund drive payments but also a substantial part of this back debt.

Atlanta, Bloomington, Houston, Knoxville, Washington D. C., and Providence have started sending in regular payments on their back debts, and other locals with large debts should plan to take this step also.

The "freezing" of the back debts of locals owing more than \$100—by requiring these locals to pay in advance for all materials ordered—was a step designed to keep the back debt from rising.

The income of the National Office from sales of literature, posters, buttons, and other materials increased significantly during the last month. This increase is due to: 1) the new sales policy, which resulted in many orders being pre-paid; 2) the beginning of regular debt repayment by several locals; and 3) the tremendous response to the Attica button and poster published by the N. O. Almost \$700 worth of these materials was sold in the first two weeks they were out.

## DUES

Another area of the fall financial campaign is collecting the \$1.50 per member per month national dues from every member of the YSA. Locals are not responsible for paying the dues of members who do not pay, but locals are responsible for seeing that national dues are collected regularly from every member and then sent in immediately to the National Office.

From August to September the dues received by the N. O. increased by about 50 percent—a significant increase, but still not in accordance with our actual membership. Locals should be conscious of collecting dues from every member, and sending the money in promptly so it is not spent on other local expenses.

In the Financial report approved by the July YSA plenum it was projected that the minimal increase in the fund drive—in the context of a continuing campaign to improve local organiza-

tion of finances, increase campus fund raising, increase sustainers, etc.—could result in locals keeping up with all their obligations to the National Office. It is clear that this process is already taking place, representing an important victory for the fall financial campaign.

Another reason for the modest increase in the fund drive was to allow locals to concentrate more of their resources on financing regional work. The Organization report to the plenum projected every region having at least one full time regional traveler and one full time regional organizer as soon as possible. Later articles in *The YS Organizer* will report on the progress of this aspect of the financial campaign.

## LOCAL FINANCIAL ORGANIZATION

Adequate forces must be assigned to work on finances in order to make the fall financial campaign a success in every local.

Every local should have at least one leading YSA member—the financial director—working on finances as her or his major assignment. It is the responsibility of the executive committee as a whole to give direction to the local's finances. The financial director should be giving a report each week to the exec before presenting the financial report to the local.

Locals shouldn't wait until a large sum of money has been accumulated in the bank before sending in payments on the fund drive. Whatever money has been collected during the week should immediately be sent in to the National Office. It is necessary for locals to send in payments on a regular weekly basis to facilitate the functioning of the National Office. Also, this is the only way we can have an accurate picture of how locals are progressing toward their quotas. If locals defer sending in money that has been raised, the figures on the scoreboard do not really correspond to the locals' financial progress.

Already the YSA National Office has incurred considerable expenses for the upcoming convention. We will need to strengthen our staff as the work of the fall and building the convention increases. This fall we are conducting three national organization tours, more than ever before. The ability of our movement to respond as effectively as we did to such events as the massacre at Attica depends on our having the necessary resources and personnel.

These are only a few of the activities the YSA National Office must finance, and as we get further into the fall our opportunities for expansion will increase. We are at a point now in the fall financial campaign where every local must make a concerted effort to stay on schedule in the fund drive, and carry out the other aspects of the financial campaign, so that we can go forward with all our projections and not let any opportunities pass us by.

## LOUISE GOODMAN YSA National Office

### FALL FUND DRIVE SCOREBOARD

REGION AND LOCAL	QUOTA	PAID	%
<b>TEXAS/LA./OKLAHOMA</b>	2,750	1,775	65
AUSTIN	1,300	1,300	100
HOUSTON	1,300	475	37
SAN ANTONIO	150	0	0
<b>MARYLAND/VIRGINIA</b>	1,800	732.14	41
WASHINGTON D. C.	1,800	732.14	41
(CRISFIELD, MD.)		(21)	
(RICHMOND, VA.)		(4.13)	
(COLUMBIA, MD.)		(3.50)	
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	1,800	509	28
PHILADELPHIA	1,800	509	28
(STATE COLLEGE)		(75.50)	
<b>WASHINGTON</b>	1,000	277	28
SEATTLE	1,000	277	28
(PULLMAN)		(1.50)	
<b>UPPER MIDWEST</b>	2,300	600	26
TWIN CITIES	2,300	600	26
(MADISON, S. D.)		(4)	
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>	2,500	573.50	25

ATLANTA	1,400	480	34
KNOXVILLE	200	43.50	22
TALLAHASSEE	250	50	20
JACKSONVILLE	200	1	0
TAMPA	300	0	0
NASHVILLE	150	0	0
(GAINESVILLE, FLA.)		(1)	
(CHAPEL HILL, N. C.)		(1)	
<b>MIDWEST</b>	5,850	1,214	21
CHICAGO	3,600	1,120	31
BLOOMINGTON	375	94	25
KANSAS CITY	700	0	0
MADISON	500	0	0
DEKALB	375	0	0
MILWAUKEE	300	0	0
(KENOSHA/RACINE, WISC.)	(100)	(46)	
(ST. LOUIS, MO.)		(29)	
(PITTSBURG, KANSAS)	(45)	(30)	
(FT. WAYNE, IND.)		(2)	
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>	4,500	910.80	20
WORCESTER	600	250.80	42
CAMBRIDGE	1,750	355	20
BOSTON	1,750	250	14
PROVIDENCE	400	55	14
(N. ANDOVER, MASS.)		(20.98)	
(PLYMOUTH, MASS.)		(7)	
(DURHAM, N. H.)	(20)	(5)	
<b>MICHIGAN</b>	3,050	480	17
DETROIT	2,600	445	17
EAST LANSING	150	15	10
ANN ARBOR	300	20	7
(GRAND RAPIDS)		(21.75)	
(FLINT)		(0.50)	
<b>OHIO/KENTUCKY</b>	2,550	410	16
CLEVELAND	2,250	400	18
EDINBORO	150	10	7
OXFORD	150	0	0
(LOUISA, KY.)		(1.50)	
<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN</b>	1,500	188	13
DENVER	1,000	188	19
BOULDER	250	0	0
LOGAN	250	0	0
<b>OREGON</b>	650	80	12
PORTLAND	500	80	16
EUGENE	150	0	0
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	5,600	600	11
OAKLAND/BERKELEY	3,600	450	13
SAN FRANCISCO	2,000	150	8
(MODESTO)	(14)	(8)	
<b>NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY</b>	5,950	531.50	9
UPPER WEST SIDE	1,800	200	11
LOWER MANHATTAN	1,700	199.50	11
BROOKLYN	1,800	132	7
LONG ISLAND	350	0	0
BINGHAMTON	150	0	0
PATERSON	150	0	0
(VERNON CENTER, N. Y.)		(19)	
(NEW LONDON, CONN.)		(2)	
(WEBSTER, N. Y.)		(1.05)	
(MANCHESTER, CONN.)		(1)	
(ALBANY, N. Y.)		(0.50)	
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	3,600	175	5
LOS ANGELES	2,550	175	7
SAN DIEGO	600	0	0
CLAREMONT	150	0	0
TUCSON	150	0	0
SANTA BARBARA	150	0	0
(ORANGE)		(1)	
(PHOENIX, AZ.)	(100)		
<b>TOTAL AT-LARGE</b>	1,200	308.41	26
<b>SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		5	
<b>TOTAL</b>	46,600	9,470.35	21
<b>SHOULD BE</b>		14,850	33

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# New Publications

The July, 1971, YSA National Committee plenum discussed and outlined the key tasks facing the YSA until the eleventh national convention.

The reports given at the plenum have been reprinted (with the exception of the Financial, Organization, and *YS Organizer* reports, which have appeared recently in *The YS Organizer*) in two new YSA publications: *Reports From The July, 1971, YSA National Committee Plenum* and the *Defense Handbook*.

The *Reports From The July, 1971, YSA National Committee Plenum*, which is an internal informational bulletin, should be read by all YSAers. The reports included in the pamphlet are: the High School report, Political report, Antiwar report, Black report, Chicano report, Women's Liberation report, and International Students report.

The *Reports From The July, 1971, YSA National Committee Plenum* is 64 pages in length and is printed in the 8 1/2" x 11" format. The price is 75c, which reflects the actual cost of the pamphlet so no discount is offered on bulk orders.

The *Defense Handbook*, which is part two of the *Organizing the YSA* series, is the first document put out by the YSA that codifies the basic defense principles and traditions of our move-

ment.

The purpose of the handbook is to familiarize YSAers with the basic principles learned by the revolutionary movement through decades of experience on the best methods to defend ourselves.

The *Defense Handbook* should be read by all YSA members, but especially those involved in defense work. It can provide the basis for local educationals on defense strategy.

The central article in the handbook is the Defense report approved by the YSA plenum in July, which was printed in the September 3 *YS Organizer*.

Other articles, taken from *The YS Organizer* and *The Militant*, illustrate how we implement our defense strategy in various situations.

Also included is a bibliography of suggested further reading on defense strategy.

The *Defense Handbook* is 24 pages in length and is printed in the 8 1/2" x 11" format. As with the first section of *Organizing the YSA*, the *Defense Handbook* is being sold at a price of 30c.

Locals should order copies of both pamphlets for every YSA member, plus a few extra to use in recruitment work.

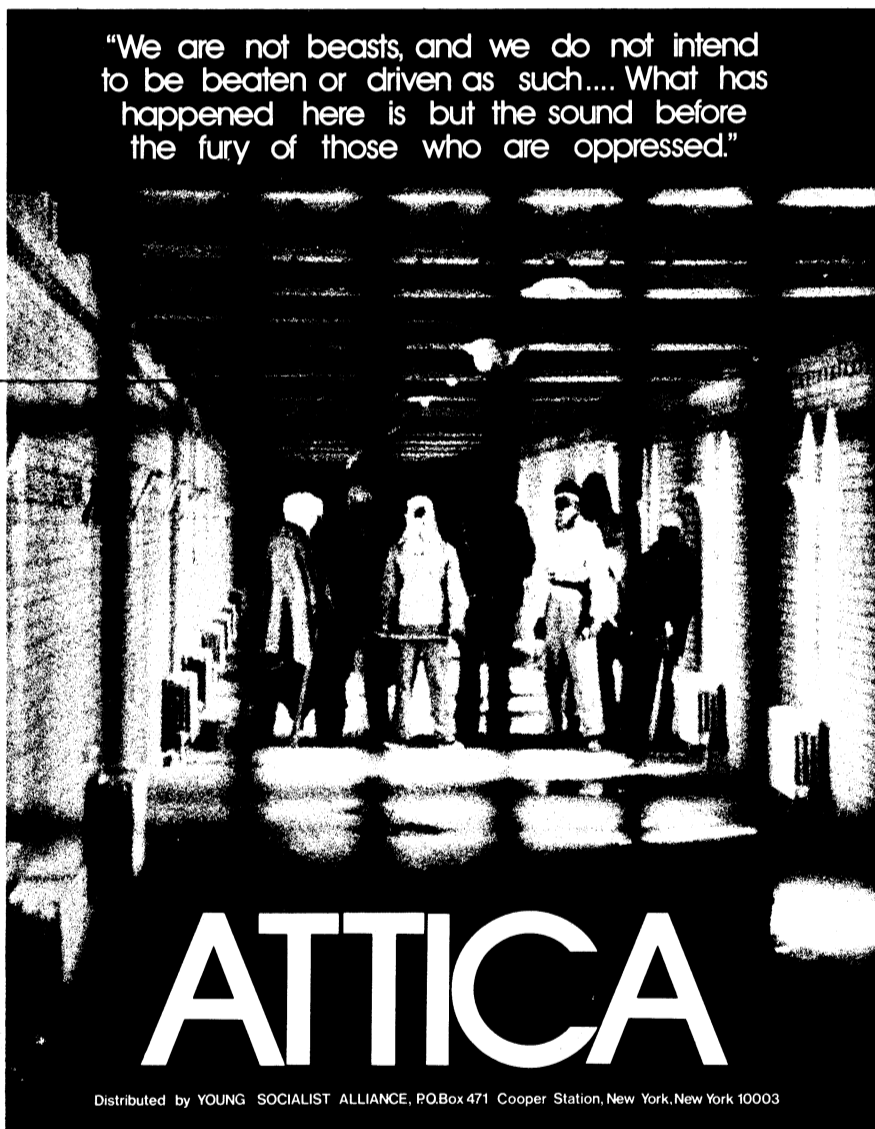
Other new materials include a poster and but-

ton on Attica (shown below). The button is white on black, 1-1/2" in diameter, and costs 25¢ each for orders under 20 and 15¢ each for orders of 20 or more. The poster, also white on black, is 17" x 22" and costs 50¢ each for orders under 10 and 25¢ each for orders of 10 or more.

## YSA CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

The first discussion bulletin for the 1971 YSA National Convention—the NEC draft antiwar resolution—is ready. This officially opens the pre-convention discussion period, and locals and at-large YSAers should immediately place orders for the document. The coupon below lists all the convention resolutions. Locals should preorder them so that they can be mailed as soon as they are printed. As with the last three conventions, these bulletins are public, and the number ordered should allow one for each YSA member plus sufficient copies to sell to independent activists.

**MALIK MIAH**  
YSA National Office



LOCAL OR AT-LARGE AREA	_____	
ADDRESS	_____	
	NUMBER	COST
DEFENSE HANDBOOK	_____	_____
PLENUM REPORTS	_____	_____
ATTICA BUTTON	_____	_____
ATTICA POSTER	_____	_____
CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS		
POLITICAL	_____	_____
ANTIWAR	_____	_____
BLACK STRUGGLE	_____	_____
CHICANO STRUGGLE	_____	_____
WOMEN'S LIBERATION	_____	_____
HIGH SCHOOL	_____	_____
DISCUSSION BULLETINS	_____	_____
	TOTAL COST	_____
PLEASE BILL US _____	ENCLOSED IS \$ _____	
<small>REMINDER: At-large YSAers, and locals that owe the National Office more than \$100, must include payment in full with orders.</small>		

# Columbia YSA Plans

Columbia University in New York City is one of the most politically important campuses in the United States. Because of its radical tradition and its political activism during the present radicalization, Columbia is considered, on even an international level, as a center for political activity. For this reason the Upper West Side local placed a top priority in our fall Tasks and Perspectives discussion on establishing a base on the Columbia campus.

We began this fall at Columbia with a fraction consisting of one YSAer in graduate school and two SWPers, one a graduate student and one a campus worker—plus we had one close contact on campus. We carefully mapped out a campaign for building the SMC, the abortion campaign, the YSJP, and, of course, the YSA. The success of this campaign depended on it being a top

priority for the entire local. Our plans necessitated non-campus YSAers, including high school YSAers and the full-time local organizer, being active on campus as much as possible.

## REBUILDING THE SMC

The Labor Committee had been able to dominate the Columbia SMC with their bankrupt politics for the spring-summer period. We considered it crucial to rebuild the SMC as an active and broad formation this fall in order to successfully carry out antiwar activities on October 13, November 3, and November 6.

We arranged to have a speaker from the regional SMC office as part of the official orientation program. This attracted 150 students and many signed up to be informed of future SMC activities. A similar talk was set up for an ori-

entation meeting in the Graduate School of Social Work, where an additional 30 people signed an SMC mailing list. We used these lists as a basis for the first SMC meeting on campus.

Our key task during orientation week was to build the first SMC meeting into a large and authoritative meeting that could endorse and plan the fall antiwar offensive. Thousands of leaflets were distributed on the campus and in the dormitories. Almost 100 people attended the first Columbia SMC meeting. While YSAers played an important role in setting the tone of the meeting, the overwhelming majority of the participants were independents. The 15 members of the Labor Committee were soundly defeated. Many of the students present signed up to work on the

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fall activities, and two independent activists were elected co-chairpersons.

Plans were made at this meeting for a noon rally on October 13. We are going to immediately seek sponsorship for this rally from the Faculty Peace Committee, the Committee of Concerned Asian Scholars, the Columbia chapter of the 1199 Local of Drug and Hospital Workers, the student government, and any other campus organization that we can think of.

The success of this meeting gave a boost to citywide SMC work, as well as concretely showing to YSAers in the Upper West Side local the potential that exists on the Columbia campus.

#### ABORTION CAMPAIGN

To build the November 20 abortion law repeal demonstration, we decided to initiate an Abortion Project Committee within Columbia Women's Liberation. At the beginning of the fall, Columbia Women's Liberation consisted of about 15 women, primarily graduate students and secretaries on campus. We intend to launch a campaign through the Abortion Project Committee to draw hundreds of undergraduate women, as well as graduate students and campus workers, into the campaign to repeal all anti-abortion laws.

At the first Columbia Women's Liberation meeting this fall, which was attended by 70 women, 15 signed up to work on the Abortion Project Committee. An organizational meeting of the Committee has been scheduled for October 12, where suggestions for a campus abortion rally

and a debate with the Right to Life Committee will be presented.

#### YOUNG SOCIALISTS FOR JENNESS AND PULLEY

Central to our work on the Columbia campus will be setting up a strong Young Socialists for Jenness and Pulley. We see the YSJP as the best vehicle for recruiting Columbia students to the YSA and for establishing the YSA as the center of political activity on campus. We plan to initiate the Columbia YSJP with a well-publicized meeting in two weeks.

One of the major ways we plan to build the Columbia YSJP is by selling *Militant* and *ISR* subscriptions on campus. Initially we plan a major dorm blitz—going from door to door and recording the response from everyone we talk to. Those students who buy subs, or who at least respond favorably to our press and the SWP campaign, will be personally visited again later and asked to build the YSJP.

The potential for the YSJP was indicated by the first literature table we set up—seven *Militant* subs, 15 single copies of *The Militant*, and three *ISRs* were sold; two people after discussions with YSAers bought "Introduction to the YSA;" lots of campaign brochures were distributed; and many people signed our mailing list.

#### RECRUITMENT TO THE YSA

One of the advantages of the Upper West Side YSA headquarters is that it is only 10 blocks from the center of the Columbia campus. We think this is going to add considerably to the potential for recruiting Columbia students to the YSA this fall. We plan to make a concerted effort to get activists from Columbia down to our headquarters for the weekly Militant Labor Forum, the bookstore, YSA educationals, SWP campaign meetings and banquets, and YSA meetings.

For a long time Columbia University has been a magnet for our sectarian opponents—the Labor Committee, Progressive Labor, Spartacists, and all those who run from the mass movements—and we think students there are tired of rhetoric and ready for action-oriented politics. By the end of the fall offensive, the YSA plans to be the radical organization on Columbia, and we're going to prove it by the size of the "Columbia contingent" at the YSA convention in Houston.

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