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TO ALL ORGANIZERS

SPRING YS TEAMS

Dear Comrades,

As we projected at the YSA convention, we will be fielding 14 Young Socialist teams this spring. We are now preparing a YS team handbook which will contain all the specific details and instructions for the teams. This letter is intended to provide a basic outline to enable locals to begin organizing their teams.

Each team should have 3 members this spring, rather than 4. The teams will be able to conduct the same type of activities as previous teams and because of their smaller size it will be easier for areas to assign experienced comrades to the teams. We are proposing to field teams from the following areas:

1) Boston, 2) New York, 3) Atlanta, 4) Houston - Austin, 5) Twin Cities, 6) Seattle - Portland, 7) Berkeley - San Francisco, 8) L.A. - San Diego, 9) Denver, 10) Philadelphia - Pittsburgh, 11) Chicago - St. Louis, 12) Cleveland, 13) Detroit, 14) Washington D.C.

The teams will be on the road 6 weeks. We are proposing that they leave on March 1 and travel through April 11. Some areas are considering keeping their teams on the road for a longer period. We think this is a good idea where possible. However, after the 6 week period the National Office will not be able to finance or administer the teams. If a local continues the tour of the teams it will have to obtain literature and bundles of the press and take on the job of getting them to the teams. Also the subsistence of the team members will become the responsibility of the local. Some locals may be able to find the resources for continuing team activities through the state campaign committees since the campaigns will be a central feature of all the teams this spring.

The basic quotas for the teams this spring will be: 1) sales of 100 Young Socialists per week; 2) sales of 100 Militants per week; 3) sales of 30 Militant subs per week for the first three weeks.

Most locals responsible for the teams are already making plans for them. A leading comrade should be assigned captain and experienced team members should be selected. As soon as these assignments are made the regional organizer should notify the YSA N.O. We also need to know the projected itinerary.

Our experience shows that careful preparation is one of the most important elements that allows us to take advantage of the resources and comrade power we invest in the teams.

Comradely,

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