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TO ALL COMRADES

Attention Women's Liberation Fraction Heads

Dear Comrades,

The Young Socialist Alliance and the Socialist Workers Party will be jointly sponsoring a tour this summer for Jo O'Brien, a leader of the British women's liberation movement.

The topic of the tour will be the British women's liberation movement, including information on recent struggles of women workers in Britain, the role of the trade unions in women's equal rights struggles, the meaning of the Equal Pay bill proposed by the Labour Party, abortion reform in Britain, and the activities of the women's liberation groups.

Jo O'Brien has recently returned from a three week tour of Czechoslovakia, and will also be able to answer questions on the situation of women in that country.

A tour schedule is attached. The reason we were not able to include all major areas in the tour schedule is that she will be traveling on a special charter flight for only a three week period. Comrades from areas not included on the tour schedule will be able to meet and talk with Jo O'Brien at the Socialist Activists and Educational Conference August 8-15 in Oberlin.

It is very important that comrades take the financial side of the tour seriously so that it will pay for itself. It will be more difficult to raise speakers fees from universities during the summer, so comrades should begin immediately to apply for honorariums. In addition to campus meetings and our regular forums, comrades should consider having Jo O'Brien speak before meetings of city-wide women's liberation coalitions or groups, asking for a donation from the women who attend to cover the travel expenses.

The tour quota given on the schedule is a minimum, and all honorariums from the tour should be sent to the SWP national office.

The following information will be useful in applying for honorariums: Jo O'Brien is 24 years old, and is on the editorial board of Socialist Woman, a British women's liberation magazine which has been published for about a year. She has an honors degree in history and English from the University of Wales and a certificate in education from the University of Leicester. She is a member of the Association of Teachers in Technical Institutions. She presented a

paper on the history of women in the British labor movement at a conference of 600 British women's liberation activists held at Oxford in February.

Please let us know immediately whether the dates on the schedule are satisfactory and whether you accept the tour quota. Also let us know who will be in charge of the tour in your area.

You will notice that there are no travel days scheduled during the tour. Comrades should schedule only evening meetings on the first day of their tour time, to allow for travel from the previous area on that day.

Comradely,

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