

## PROGRAM FOR SOCIALIST ACTIVISTS AND EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

### Educational Sessions

An intensive educational program will be one of the highlights of the Socialist Activists and Educational Conference. The topics covered afford a fitting culmination to the local summer schools, taking up the central issues that the revolutionary movement has to deal with today. Classes will be taught by experienced SWP and YSA educators.

The basic theme of the conference will be set by a class of six lectures, "Prospects for the American Revolution: the Revolutionary Party in the 1970's." This class will be in lecture format, attended by everyone. It will cover the most important points that have been incorporated in the recent SWP convention and plenum political reports and resolutions, among them the following: the international factors underlying the crisis of American imperialism; the depth and structural roots of the current radicalization; the combined character of the American revolution; application of the transitional program; the role of the student youth; the character of the Leninist vanguard party; problems of party building in the 1970's.

In addition there will be eleven class series, consisting of three or four sessions each. Six of the series will run simultaneously in the afternoon, the rest in the evening, so comrades will have the opportunity to attend two of the class series.

Although comrades will be able to attend only a portion of the educational program, all classes will be recorded on tape and available for future use in local areas.

The classes and confirmed teachers so far are as follows:

1. Prospects for the American Revolution: the Revolutionary Party in the 1970's -- six lectures. Speakers are Jack Barnes, George Breitman, Peter Camejo, Derrick Morrison, Barry Sheppard and Mary-Alice Waters.
2. Marxism and the Struggle for Women's Liberation -- four lectures (the fourth being a report on the women's liberation movement and our tasks -- to be attended by everyone). Speakers are Caroline Lund, Evelyn Reed, a panel of Third World women, and Elizabeth Barnes.
3. The Revolutionary Party in the Antiwar Movement -- three lectures. Speakers are Fred Halstead, Gus Horowitz, and Carol Lipman.
4. Revolutionary Socialist Electoral Policy -- three lectures. Speakers are Doug Jenness, Linda Jenness, and Lew Jones.

5. Structure and Organizational Principles of the Party -- three lectures. Speaker is Farrell Dobbs.
6. The Foundations of Scientific Socialism -- three lectures. Speakers are Robert Langston, Dick Roberts and Dan Styron.
7. Dynamics of the Labor Movement and Party Tasks -- three lectures. Speakers are Clifton DeBerry, Ross Dowson, and Frank Lovell.
8. Anatomy of Stalinism -- three lectures. Speaker is Tom Kerry.
9. The Transitional Program -- three lectures. Speakers are George Novack, Larry Seigle, and Robert Vernon.
10. Constructing a Revolutionary International -- three lectures. Speaker is Joseph Hansen.
11. Marxism vs. Ultra-leftism, Anarchism and Terrorism -- three lectures. Speaker is Harry Ring.
12. Marxism and the Struggle for National Liberation -- four lectures (the fourth being a report on the current stage of the national liberation struggles in the U.S. and our tasks -- to be attended by everyone). Speakers are Richard Garza, Norman Oliver, Art Young, and Tony Thomas.

#### Activists Panels, Workshops, and Fraction Meetings

We face unprecedented possibilities for building the SWP and YSA in this period of deepening radicalization. The key is our ability to translate our theory into practice, our ideas into action. The following sessions are being designed to focus in on the most important areas of branch and local building activity. The format will maximize the exchange of experiences and ideas for improving our functioning.

13. Socialist Education: From Contacts to Cadre (led by Gus Horowitz)
14. Defending our Movement from Right-wing Attacks -- Lessons of the political campaigns against the Legion of Justice, the counterrevolutionary Cuban exiles, and other ultra-rightists (led by Lee Smith)
15. Building a Revolutionary Press -- The different roles and division of labor between The Militant, ISR, Intercontinental Press, and the Young Socialist Organizer. Is the time ripe for the biggest subscription blitz yet? How can we improve our press? (led by Mary-Alice Waters)
16. The 1970 SWP Election Campaigns. How have the May Events and the perspective of the 18 year old vote changed our campaign potential? (led by Joel Britton)

17. Weekly Public Forums -- branch ritual or dynamic focus of socialist propaganda? (led by a branch forum director)
18. How to Finance the Revolutionary Movement -- the interrelation between fund raising and expanded political opportunities. (led by Judy White)
19. The Branches and Locals as Regional Centers. Where is it happening and how? (led by Bob Schwarz)
20. Branch Bookshops and Pathfinder Promotion. (led by a person from Pathfinder)
21. Hugo Blanco and Other Imprisoned Latin American Comrades. A first-hand report, and plans to support the USLA Justice Committee's campaign to free them. (led by Richard Garza)
22. Antiwar Fraction (led by Carl Frank)
23. Women's Liberation Fraction (led by Elizabeth Barnes)
24. Third World Fraction (led by Norman Oliver)
25. Trade Union Work (led by Frank Lovell)
26. Campus Work after May, 1970 -- Results and Prospects (led by YSA national office)
27. High Schools as Revolutionary Organizing Centers (led by YSA national office)
28. How to Defend the Arab Revolution (led by Barry Sheppard)
29. Meeting of SWP and YSA National Committee members and organizers

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR SOCIALIST ACTIVISTS AND EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

(For what # 1 - 29 refer to, see "Program" for conference)

### Sunday, August 9

- 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM -- Registration, housing assignment, swimming and other sports
- 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM -- Dinner
- 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM -- Orientation and first lecture of series # 1 (everyone attends this series)
- 10:00 PM to Midnight -- Cabaret: Refreshments and entertainment

### Monday, August 10

- 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM -- Breakfast
- 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM -- Second lecture of series # 1
- Noon to 1:30 PM -- Lunch
- 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM -- First lecture and discussion in series #'s 2 - 7 (choose one)
- 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM -- Free time: swimming and other sports
- 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM -- Dinner
- 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM -- First lecture and discussion in series #'s 8 - 12 (choose one)
- 10:00 PM to Midnight -- Cabaret

### Tuesday, August 11

- 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM -- Breakfast
- 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM -- Third lecture of series # 1
- Noon to 1:30 PM -- Lunch
- 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM -- Second lecture in series #'s 2 - 7
- 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM -- Free time
- 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM -- Dinner
- 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM -- Second lecture in series #'s 8 - 12
- 10:00 PM to Midnight -- Cabaret

### Wednesday, August 12

- 8:00 - 9:30 AM -- Breakfast
- 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM -- Fourth lecture in series # 1
- Noon to 1:30 PM -- Lunch
- 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM -- Third lecture in series #'s 2 - 7

Wednesday, August 12 (continued)

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM -- Free Time

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM -- Dinner

8:00 PM to 10:00 PM -- Third lecture in series #'s 8 - 12.

10:00 PM to Midnight -- Cabaret

Thursday, August 13

8:00 AM to 9:30 AM -- Breakfast

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM -- Fifth lecture in series # 1

Noon to 1:30 PM -- Lunch

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM -- Panel discussions # 13 - 15 (choose one)

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM -- Free time

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM -- Dinner

8:00 PM to 10:00 PM -- Panel discussions # 16 - 18 (choose one)

10:00 PM to Midnight -- Cabaret

Friday, August 14

8:00 AM to 9:30 AM -- Breakfast

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM -- Panel discussions # 19 - 21 (choose one)

Noon to 1:30 PM -- Lunch

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM -- Fourth lecture in series # 2 (to be attended by everyone)

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM -- Free time

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM -- Dinner

8:00 PM to 10:00 PM -- Fourth lecture in series # 12 (to be attended by everyone)

10:00 PM to Midnight -- Cabaret

Saturday, August 15

8:00 AM to 9:30 AM -- Breakfast

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM -- Meeting # 22

Noon to 1:30 PM -- Lunch

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM -- Meetings # 25 - 28 (choose one)

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM -- Free time

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM -- Dinner

Saturday, August 15 (continued)

8:00 PM to 10:00 PM -- Sixth lecture of series # 1

10:00 PM to ... -- Cabaret

Sunday, August 16

8:00 AM to 9:00 AM -- Breakfast

9:00 AM to Noon -- Meeting # 29

Noon to 1:30 PM -- Lunch