

February 24, 1966  
New York, N.Y.

TO ALL LOCALS AND BRANCHES

Dear Comrades,

\$22,000 FUND CAMPAIGN

(March 15 through June 15)

The February Plenum of the National Committee discussed and accepted the launching of a Spring Fund Campaign to raise a minimum of \$22,000 to be raised between March 15 and June 15, 1966.

Extraordinary expenses involved in moving and renovation of our fine new national headquarters have drained the resources of the national office. However, and fortunately, this expense is a one-shot deal, and once the work is completed, will not have to be repeated for a long, long time.

In order to arrive at approximately \$22,000 we have computed the fund quotas raised in the last (Fall) fund campaign and show what increases are necessary, as well as proposed quotas, on the enclosed sheet. You will note that some branches have been asked for more than 22%, others less. In fact, the largest branches -- and during the past several fund campaigns the most active in raising money, are now suffering from their very excellence -- drained of vital young membership by other branches of the party or other fields of activity. Chicago has lost, to other branches at least a dozen of its membership; the Twin Cities likewise has contributed young people to both national youth work and defense activity in connection with the Joe Johnson case. During the plenum discussions were held with national committee members to determine how large a quota various branches could assume in view of new situations. These comrades know the situation, the income and employment in their branches and they approach the problem with realism.

On the other hand it is neither possible nor realistic to ask small branches to take up the entire slack. Nor have we done so.

The political possibilities opening to the party through its anti-war work, the Negro struggle, the ferment among the students

on campus, make it absolutely vital that we have funds to carry out the work of reaching farther and farther into the American working class, the Negro people, the students, with our program.

However, the present proposed quota total is \$1,000 short of the plenum decision.

We expect each branch to carefully consider its proposed quota from this point of view and accept the amount asked or increase it if possible. As long as we have to operate under capitalist norms we will have to continue to use money. Party branches throughout the country must still provide the bulk of the money needed to operate our national departments.

Please use the enclosed acceptance form and return it to us as quickly as possible.

Comradely,

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