

REPORT ON CUBA TOUR AND REGIONAL WORK, (Dan Rosenshine, New York)

The Cuba tour has been very helpful in expanding the influence of the YSA in this area. The use of the tour breaks down into three main areas: 1) within New York City; 2) around the locals that have been established in upstate New York; and 3) opening up new territory where we have not previously had comrades or contacts.

Within New York City there were 11 campus meetings with an average attendance of 27. Recruitment was moderate. Extensive publicity was gotten for the YSA and the fact that we had a trip to Cuba. Contacts were also made on a number of campuses that have proved useful for the Socialist Workers Party mayoral campaign. In the New York area the tour helped in getting the initial word around about the April 5 demonstration and putting antiwar activists in touch with the SMC.

The tour was the most useful for the newly established locals. A new local was established at C.W. Post College in Greenvale, N.Y. and the first meeting held after the Cuba talk. The Albany and Binghamton locals were each visited twice. The tour helped with recruiting in each of these locals and also helped tie the region together on building April 5, the May Day educational weekend in New York, general YSA perspectives and planning educational work for the summer.

The Albany local used the second swing through to open up new campuses in their area - where the comrades worked with close contacts in getting the meetings set up. This has since led to recruitment. This is an example of a newer local beginning to do some regional work itself.

The talks in new areas have led to valuable contacts being made that look to the YSA for further speakers and help in their local actions, particularly in New Haven and Middletown, N.Y. Two at-largers were recruited at Keuka Baptist College for Women. We are going to keep in touch with the good contacts over the summer and use them to get meetings set up right away in the fall.

The response to the talks was very good. The overwhelming majority of students came prepared to agree that the Cuban Revolution must be supported and that many gains have been made. This included students of a fairly wide-range of political views: pro-socialist; SDS; antiwar activists; black students; liberals, etc.

Discussion centered on several areas. One was the question of socialism and democracy as it relates to the Cuban revolution. Many newly radicalizing students showed an appreciation for what they considered our balanced position in contrast to what they would view as a blind support position.

Another area of discussion was Che and the Latin American revolution. What we have noticed before held true - that there is universal admiration of Che as a principled and courageous figure.

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There was a surprising number of students who had done serious study on Cuba and were very familiar with particular areas of the revolution's work, such as education, health, role of women, etc.

Generally the question and answer period would stay on Cuba although I would often try and steer it to the struggle in the U.S. through examples and analogies. When discussion did turn to prospects in this country, including such things as how a revolution can be made, the American working class, the difference between the YSA and SDS, it often became the most fruitful.

The tour was organized by Kipp Dawson for the region. Each of the locals within New York also had a tour director for their area. Mailings went out to 200 individual contacts and 200 schools addressed to Guest Speakers Program, c/o Student Government, such-and-such school. There was a surprising number of returns from student governments (and one from a school administration) which led to \$420 in honorariums. It looks like the honorariums and other income as against the printing, mailing and traveling expenses will leave us ten to fifteen dollars short of breaking even.

25,000 printed leaflets were run which could be used to build the meetings by mimeographing in the local information. There were also 1,000 printed posters which helped build the meetings, especially where one or two people were working on outlying campuses. Sometimes individual contacts are not used to leafletting extensively or are not organized enough to do it.

The total attendance at meetings was 1,343. This breaks down into 285 at 3 meetings at the headquarters, two of which were forums and one a special Saturday meeting organized by the high school comrades. There were 255 people at three campus meetings on subjects other than Cuba. And there were 803 at 23 campus meetings on Cuba for an average attendance of 34.9.

There were 12 Cuba meetings in the region outside of New York City with an average attendance of 42.1. \$118.70 in Merit literature was sold. The bulk of regional recruiting was done in areas in which there are already YSAers. In evaluating the work done in completely new areas there are several things that are important: being prepared to get another meeting set up for soon afterwards; being in the new area for a couple of days if possible; and having another comrade along to handle the literature table, talking to people as they go out etc.

The region now consists of locals in New York City, Newark, Albany, Binghamton, Greenvale plus 2 at-largers in Keuka, 2 in Buffalo and 1 in Valhalla, New York.

RESUME OF MEETINGS IN NEW YORK CUBA TOUR

Date	School (City)	Sponsor	Attendance	Honorarium	Expressed Interest in joining	Joined
2/24	Harpur College (Binghamton, N.Y.)	YSA	50	-	-	-
2/26	St. John's (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	Peace Forum(+)	20	-	1	-
2/27	Vassar College (Poughkeepsie, N.Y.)	YSA	65	-	-	-
3/3	C.W. Post (Greenvale, N.Y.)	YSA	60	-	2	2
3/6	Long Island U. (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	Student Org. for Black Unity(+)	25	-	-	-
3/6	State U. of N.Y. (Albany, N.Y.)	YSA	40	-	3	3
3/10	SUNY at Stonybrook, N.Y.	Commuter Association	25	100	-	-
3/11	Pace College (NYC)	S.G.	30	-	-	-
3/11	Princeton (Princeton, N.J.)	Whig-Cleo-Sophic Soc.	15	50	-	-
3/13	City College of N.Y. (NYC)	YSA	10	-	-	-
	Fordham uptown (NYC)	Stu. Speakers Bureau (+)	40	-	-	-
3/13	Columbia U. (NYC)	YSA	30	-	3	3
3/14	Pratt Institute (NYC)-debate with YAF	S.G.	80	100	1	-
3/14	Militant Labor Forum (NYC)		115	-	3	3
3/19	Brooklyn Polytechnic Inst. (NYC)	Radical Action Group (+)	20	-	-	-
3/22	YSA High School Forum, NYC, with 3 Cuba speakers		100	-	3	3
3/24	Brooklyn College	YSA	3	-	-	-
3/24	York College (NYC)	S.G.	15	-	-	-
4/9	Orange Co. Community (Middletown, N.Y.)	Pol. Affairs Com.	80	20	5	-
4/11	Binghamton - Harpur College*	YSA	10	-	2	2
4/15	Keuka College for Women (Keuka Pk., N.Y.)	Individuals	20	-	2	2
4/16	U. of Buffalo (Buffalo, N.Y.)	YSA	30	-	-	-
4/18	Buffalo State College (Buffalo, N.Y.)	P&FP	40	-	1	-

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Date	School	Sponsor	Attendance	Honorarium	Expressed interest in joining	Joined
4/22	Syracuse U. Ext. at Utica, N.Y.	School Administration	60	100	-	-
4/24	Albany Jr. College **	Individuals	45	-	-	-
4/24	Rensselaer Plytch. Inst. (Troy, N.Y.)	Individuals	30	-	-	-
5/15***	Patterson State College (Patterson, N.J.)	SDS	200	-	-	-
5/16	Militant Labor Forum (NYC) -slides-		70	-	-	-
5/26	Yale (New Haven, Conn.)	Resistance	15	-	-	-

\* Talk on "What Next for Anti-War Movement"

\*\* Debate with professor on "How to Change Society"

\*\*\* Teach-In, spoke on "Student Revolt to Socialist Revolution"

+ Signifies that YSAers on campus organized meeting even though sponsored by another group.

S.G. = student government

RADIO AND TV APPEARANCES

- 3/4 Caspar Citron Show WRVR (FM) New York 30 minutes  
(Rebroadcast on 18 AM and FM stations across the country.)
- 3/7 Freal Andrews Show WMHT-TV (UHF) Schenectady 30 minutes
- 4/14 John Otto Show Call-in AM Radio Buffalo 4 hours

## REPORT ON CUBA TOUR (Robin Maisel - Chicago)

Date	City	School or Group	Type of Meeting(*)	Sponsor	Attendance
2/7	Chicago, Ill.	Militant Labor Forum	L	SWP	60
2/11	Wheaton, Ill.	St. Francis High School	C	---(**)	36
2/12	Chicago	Northeastern State College	L	---	200
2/17	Chicago	Loyola Academy	C	---	40
2/18	Chicago	St. Joseph Academy	C(4)	---	225
2/18	Joliet, Ill.	St. Francis College	M	---	35
2/19	Lake Forrest, Ill.	Lake Forrest College	L	SDS	60
2/20	Chicago	Loyola University	L	SDS	80
2/25	Evanston, Ill.	Northwestern University	L	Stu.Gov't	20
2/26	Chicago	Luthern Students	M	---	12
2/26	Chicago	Univ. of Ill. Circle Campus	L	YSA	55
2/26	Glen Ellyn, Ill.	Western Suburban H.S. Council	M	---	40
3/2	Indianapolis, Ind.	Draft Project	M	---	35
3/3	South Bend, Ind.	Notre Dame University	L	SDS	80
3/3	South Bend, Ind.	Indiana Univ. at S. Bend	C(2)	---	140
3/4	South Bend	Indiana Univ. at S. Bend	L	SDS	35
3/4	South Bend	Unitarian Church	M	---	25
3/7	Bloomington, Ind.	Indiana University	L	YSA	80
3/12	Terre Haute, Ind.	Indiana State University	L	SDS	75
3/13	Greencastle, Ind.	DePauw University	L	Stu.Gov't	20
3/18	Anderson, Ind.	Anderson College	M	---	35
3/19	Crawfordsville	Wabash College	L	---	45
3/21	St. Louis, Mo.	Univ. of Mo. at St. Louis	C&L	---	150
3/21	St. Louis	Washington University	L	YSA	30
3/22	St. Louis	Reception and House Meeting	M	---	8
3/25	Champaign, Ill.	University of Illinois	L	YSA	125
3/27	Normal, Ill.	Illinois State University	L	SDS	60
4/2	Peoria, Ill.	Bradley University	C(2)	---	60
4/2	Peoria, Ill.	Bradley University	L	YSA	95
4/5	Chicago, Ill.	Cuba Festival	L	SWP-YSA	90
4/10	DeKalb, Ill.	Northern Illinois University	L	YSA	220
4/12	Mt. Carroll, Ill.	Shimer College	M	Stu.Gov't	25
4/14	Manhattan, Ka.	Kansas State University	L	SDS	32
4/15	Lawrence, Ka.	University of Kansas	L	Minority Forum	160
4/16	Kansas City, Mo.	University of Mo. at KC	L	SDS	45
4/22	Iowa City, Iowa	University of Iowa	L	SDS	60

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Date	City	School or Group	Type of Meeting	Sponsor	Attendance
4/24	Rock Island, Ill.	Augustana College	L	--	80
4/28	Valparaiso, Ind.	Valparaiso University	L	Stu.Gov't	125
4/29	Richmond, Ind.	Earlham College	M	Stu.Gov't	50
5/1	Jacksonville, Ill.	MacMurray College	L	SDS	60
5/7	Galesburg, Ill.	Knox College	M	Stu.Gov't	25
5/8	Muncie, Ind.	Ball State University	C	--	50
5/8	Muncie Ind.	Ball State University	L	Only alternative newspaper	25
5/20	Carbondale, Ill.	Southern Illinois University	L	YSA	100

\* The types of meetings were lectures (L) which were open to the general public, Meetings which were for specific groups of people and not open to the general public (M) and classes at High Schools and universities (C) which were either closed affairs or as in the case of the University of Missouri at St. Louis, the bringing of a class to an open lecture as part of the required course. When a number follows the designation "C" it indicates the number of classes or lecture sections spoken to, either singly or in groups.

\*\* The sponsorship fell into four major categories (aside from classes which were sponsored by the teacher or the school). These categories were meetings sponsored by the Socialist Workers Party or Young Socialist Alliance, meetings sponsored by chapters of Students for a Democratic Society, meetings sponsored by Student Government or Student Senate associations on the campus, and meetings sponsored by individuals, other groups of various political stripes and the like. In the latter case this has been indicated by dashes except in cases where the sponsoring group is of particular significance.

Total Number of Meetings and Classes of all sorts - 49

Number of Colleges - 32

Number of High Schools - 4

Total Number of Cities - 30; Total Attendance of all meetings - 3,108

The tour covered 11,000 miles in five states in the space of 102 days. Some of this time was spent on work other than the formal speaking tour, such as time in the office in Chicago, return trips to Kansas City and Lawrence, a trip to Columbia Missouri for a conference and other necessary side trips. There were 68 school days in this period.

MAISEL CUBA TOUR TV AND RADIO TIME

Date	City	Station	Program	Type	Time	Audience
2/7	Chicago	WLS-TV	6pm & 10pm News		2 min. (x2)	Millions
2/7	Chicago	WMAQ-TV	6pm & 10pm News		2 min. (x2)	Millions
2/8	Chicago	WBBM-TV	At Random	Talk	30 min.	200,000
2/24	Chicago	WLS-TV	Chicago Show	Talk	60 min.	300,000
3/2	Indianapolis	Channel 8	News		2 min.	250,000
3/5	South Bend	Channel 32	News		2 min.	200,000
3/12	Terre Haute	WTWO-TV	News		2½ min	200,000
3/25	Champaign	Channel 15	News		3 min.	100,000
3/31	Peoria	Channel 9	News		3 min.	200,000
5/20	Carbondale	WSIU-TV	Kaleidoscope	Talk	10min.	200,000
5/20	Paducah, Ky.	WPSD-TV	News		3 min.	200,000

Total TV time - 2 hours 3½ minutes.

3/2	Chicago	WCFL	Report from Havana	A special report on the trip	30 min	Millions
3/5	South Bend	WSBI	Open Line	Call-in	50min	200,000
3/7	Bloomington	WFIU	News	Interview	10min	25,000
3/12	Greencastle	DePauw radio		call-in	30min.	2,000
4/14	Manhattan, Ka.	KSBD	News	Interview	4 min.	50,000
4/28	Valparaiso	WVUR	broadcast of lecture		95 min.	50,000
5/20	Carbondale	WCIL	News	Interview	3 min.	75,000

Total Radio time - 3 hours 42 minutes.

Coverage in 12 cities in all.

MAISEL CUBA TOUR REPORT - STATISTICS

Total attendance of meetings sponsored by branches of the SWP or YSA - 855 or 27% of the total audience.

Total attendance of meetings sponsored by chapters of Students for a Democratic Society - 587 or 18% of the total audience.

Total attendance at meetings sponsored by student governments - 265 or 11% of the total audience.

Total attendance at meetings sponsored by other groups or individuals (exclusive of classes) - 775 or 25% of the total audience.

Total attendance at classes - 626 or 19% of the total audience.

Average attendance per meeting sponsored by YSA-SWP - 95 at 9 meetings.

Average attendance per meeting sponsored by SDS - 58.7 at 10 meetings.

Average attendance per meeting sponsored by other groups or individuals - 59 at 13 meetings.\*

Average attendance per meeting sponsored by student government associations was 44 at 6 meetings.

Average attendance at classes was 52 at 12 meetings.\*

\* I have split the total at the UMSL meeting in half and given credit to each category for 75 people plus one meeting.

Total sales of Merit publications was \$451.95.

Other sales were of the Militant and Young Socialist totalling approximately \$50 and the sale of posters totalling about \$60.

35 subscriptions to the YSA and Militant were sold on the tour exclusive of places where chapters of the YSA are.

The total collected honorarium, fees and collections was \$1,031.21



YOUNG SOCIALIST PAMPHLETS

<u>Title</u>	<u># sold per month (Jan. 1969 - May 1969)</u>	<u>Total Sales</u>
1. Malcolm X Talks to Young People	909/month	10,000
2. Revolutionary Student Movement (since April)	558/month	1,100
3. Introduction to Marxist Economic Theory	282/month	5,100
4. Zionism and the Arab Revolution	253/month	4,900
5. Socialism and Man	208/month	3,800
6. GIs and the Fight Against War	101/month	4,200
7. War & Revolution in Vietnam	77/month	28,200
8. Land or Death	28/month	1,200

TOP TEN MERIT TITLES

<u>Title</u>	<u># sold per month (Jan. 1969 - May 1969)</u>	<u>Total Sales</u>
1. Malcolm X on Afro-American History	2092/month	32,700
2. Malcolm X - the Man & His Ideas	1354/month	25,600
3. Two Speeches by Malcolm X	935/month	30,500
4. Myths About Malcolm X	697/month	8,700
5. Last Year of Malcolm X	513/month	11,000
6. How a Minority Can Change Society	349/month	6,400
7. Case for a Black Party	276/month	6,000
8. Black Nationalism and Socialism	240/month	2,850
9. Che on Vietnam and World Revolution	211/month	8,600
10. Trotsky on Black Nationalism & Self Determination	184/month	3,600