

Not Maoists, Say Young Socialists

By GENE STEPHENS

Two anti-war organizations Friday released statements admitting that the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) is actively participating in the planning for Sunday's GI Day in Atlanta but denying that the YSA is Maoist (Red Chinese) oriented.

Nelson Blackstock, head of the YSA, said, "The article (in Friday's Constitution) erroneously describes the YSA as a 'Maoist' organization. While we support the Chinese revolution of 1949 and the tremendous progress that has occurred in China since the overthrow of capitalism, we are quite critical of the lack of democracy in that country and many of the policies of the Maoist bureaucracy. By no stretch of the imagination could the YSA be considered 'Maoist.'

"The Atlanta Constitution

could have easily ascertained the YSA's true position, but it is far more convenient to use the Maoist label, with its sinister connotation that we are evil agents of a foreign power. In reality we are all native Southerners who happen to believe that socialism provides the solution to the major problems that face the world today," Blackstock said.

Meanwhile, the Atlanta Alli-

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ance for Peace, the loose-knit organization which coordinates peace groups planning the

march and rally, released this statement, signed by 12 members:

"The Atlanta Constitution has informed its readers that several members of the YSA (Young Socialist Alliance) were involved in planning the GI Day activities scheduled for this Sunday in Atlanta.

"We in the Atlanta Alliance for Peace, the organization responsible for initiating and organizing those activities, affirm that members of the YSA did indeed participate in that planning and will no doubt continue to do so in the future.

"We state that we welcome their participation, just as we welcome the participation of anyone, Republican or Democrat, Communist or Socialist, who is sincerely interested in ending the War in Vietnam.

"The Atlanta Alliance for Peace is a non-exclusionary organization, run on democratic principles, and does not intend to dissipate its energies in any kind of divisive witchhunt."

Signers included Denis Adelsberger, Eleanor Bockman, Steven Bush, Noyes Collinson, the Rev. Albert Driesbach Jr., Peter Grannis, Joseph Gross, Gene Guerrero Jr., Greg Gustafson, Jim Gwin, Harry Herzog and Mrs. Stephen Wagner.

Meanwhile, two organizations listed by the Alliance as members disavowed any part in planning Sunday's peace demonstration. Spokesmen for the Atlantans for Peace and the American Friends Service Committee denied having any part in the demonstration. Both said many of their members, as individuals, might take part, however.

Blackstock also commented Friday, "In the past the Atlanta Constitution coverage of the anti-war movement in this city has been most conspicuous by its almost total absence. . . .

"The fact that socialists are active in the anti-war movement is presented as if it were a startling revelation, a deceptive technique characteristic of the McCarthy era. However, the McCarthy era is dead, and this type of Red-baiting rings hollow to young anti-war activists. We feel this obvious attempt to discourage participation in GI Day will prove unsuccessful. . . .

"The YSA's participation in the anti-war movement is well known. We are proud of the role we have played in Atlanta and nationally in building mass demonstrations and end the War in Vietnam and bring the troops home now."

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Mao-Tinged Socialists Backing GI Day March

Interviews with supporters of the Atlanta Alliance for Peace's GI Day march and rally Sunday show that the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) is among the organizers.

Nelson Blackstock, head of the Atlanta chapter of the Trotsky oriented YSA, said Thursday, "I am working hard to promote this demonstration." In recent months the YSA has been described as more Maoist (Red Chinese) oriented than Trotskyist.

Peter Grannis of the Atlanta Workshop in Nonviolence, another group coming under the umbrella-type Alliance, confirmed the YSA is a member of the Alliance and Blackstock is one of its organizers.

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Blackstock said he tentatively has two GIs who were members of YSA before they were drafted, scheduled to speak at the GI Day in Piedmont Park.

The YSA is the youth wing of the Socialist Workers' Party (SWP) a group advocating Marxism-Leninism.

Blackstock was a major speaker at the YSA's national convention in Detroit in February. According to the SWP newspaper. The militant blackstock was "one of the most significant contributors to the discussion" of "a large-scale socialist campaign in support of black control of the black community and to bring the GIs home now." It said he "described favorable

responses to the campaign on campuses in Georgia and Alabama."

At a recent meeting of the YSA in Atlanta speakers talked about the upcoming presidential election, trying to decide "whether to boycott the election or utilize them for the purpose of building the revolutionary socialist movement."

A former member of Students for a Democratic Society, Blackstock said in a recent interview with Atlanta Magazine, "The coming of the war in Vietnam was the real factor that led to the format of the New Left. Radicalism is the result of the struggle for socialism in

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Socialists Back March

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Major speaker will be retired Brig. Gen. Hugh Hester, a veteran of World War I and II and the Korean conflict. Other speakers will be dissident GIs.

Grannis said other members of the Alliance taking part in the peace demonstration will be the Emory Chapter of SDS, the Committee on Social Issues at Georgia State, American Friends Service Commission, and Atlantans for Peace.

The GI Day program includes picketing of the State Selective Service Department at 11:30

"Hopefully some will have served in Vietnam," Blackstock said.

'Vote Socialist Workers in '68!'

In the October 1st Evening Bulletin there was an article pertaining to Fred Halstead, Socialist Workers Party candidate for President, and his recent visit to Rhode Island. Unfortunately, the article was incomplete. No mention was made of Mr. Halstead's recent visit to Vietnam to bring our fighting men his anti-war views. He informed the men that the massive peace demonstrations held here in America are held mainly in support of all those fighting in Vietnam. Mr. Halstead also explained to the GIs that the main reason for our involve-

ment in Vietnam is to continue American big business investments there. The deaths of 30,000 men and who knows how many Vietnamese are already too high a price to pay for these investments.

Fred Halstead held private discussions on the war with the GIs on the street, in the bars, wherever the soldiers gathered. We all remember the revolt in the stockades at Long Binh sometime ago. Fred Halstead had evidence that a revolt might occur there 10 days before it actually did happen. He received his information through GIs at Long Binh who told him that the stockade was overcrowded and the conditions

there were bad. In addition, there was proof of increasing friction between white and black prisoners.

We are not fighting in Vietnam to preserve freedom for its people. The Vietnamese citizens do not have freedom of speech and freedom of the press. When the people speak of peace, negotiating with the National Liberation Front, or a new kind of representative government, they are imprisoned by the Saigon regime. Tuong Dinh Dzu, a former presidential "peace" candidate, was recently imprisoned because he called for negotiations with the National Liberation Front. Mr. Dzu has been called the "McCarthy of

Vietnam" because of his beliefs which coincided with those of Eugene McCarthy. Mr. Dzu is in jail; Mr. McCarthy is not. Neutrality is forbidden in Vietnam. If a citizen has a view different from the government's view, he is considered a traitor or a Communist. Newspapers that print articles unsatisfactory to the government have their presses closed down. Is this democracy?

Mr. Halstead realizes that these evils exist in Vietnam and must be corrected. He cares about our cities. Vote Socialist Workers in '68! Show you care!

Nick Stevens

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Socialist editor says

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'Must overthrow system'

"The Young Socialist Alliance supports the complete overthrow of the system and wants to institute a humane society," stated Carol Lipman, member of the YSA Executive Committee and editor of the Young Socialist Magazine.

"The students have the role of catalyst in the revolutionary movements," she said. "Unfortunately, they don't have the power to lead these movements. They must link with

the workers and GI's who support the antiwar movement."

Miss Litton said the revolutionary movement in the world has had four main arenas of activity.

Anti-War Sympathy

The first was the revolt at Columbia University which centered around anti-war sympathy, the demand for knowledge of the role in the university of administration and a demand for addition of Afro-American history to university curriculum.

The International Student Strike sponsored by the National Coordinating Council was the second, she said. This brought out

high school students as well as college students against the war.

The third was the most dramatic event of the year when 300 active GI's demonstrated against the war in Vietnam in San Francisco last spring. "The army will play a very important role in the revolution," Miss Lipman said.

The last was the Berkeley revolt this past summer. This, she said, exemplified student revolt. It illustrated the fact that if the establishment injures one student; they injure them all. She said this event brought students out in force.

"Under socialism, we would experience a higher utilization of technology in a society where one individual won't profit from another's production," she said.

YSA Chairman Speaks On Revolt

by Gale McAllister

The New York State chairman of the Young Socialist Alliance, Daniel Rosenshine, talked to a group of interested students at a lecture Thursday, October 16, on the topic "From Student Revolt to Socialist Revolution."

Rosenshine stated that he believes there exists today, a world wide student revolution. And specifically in the U.S., this student revolt began on the college campuses in protests and demonstrations against the war.

According to Rosenshine, the student revolt is becoming a world wide socialist revolution, and people in other countries admire

the U.S. for the courage to demonstrate against the war in Vietnam.

In speaking about the Vietnam situation, he says that what is really being challenged in Vietnam is the right of the U.S. to intervene in countries throughout the world.

In short, Rosenshine said that the people of Vietnam have been fighting a war to rid their country of foreign control.

Rosenshine spoke briefly on the recent Czechoslovakian revolt against Russian dominance, saying that what the people really wanted was a more socialistic (anti-capitalistic) society, not a more westernized society.

The Young Revolutionary Communists, said Rosenshine, is the French counter part to the Young Socialist Alliance in America. And, in France after the strikes and riots of this past May were over, the Communist Party of France proposed a "liberal capitalist government" for the country.

In an interview with Rosenshine, he made it clear that in no way do the socialists advocate violent revolution as a means to accomplish their objectives.

On the contrary, Rosenshine said, "we want to win a majority of the society over for change."

He believes socialism has to take over in the U.S. for the good of the people because what America has now is a capitalist society with certain democratic rights, but does not believe democracy and capitalism can exist together in one society.

When asked why the two are incompatible, Rosenshine answered, "the capitalists do not respect human rights."

Rosenshine predicts the eventual take over of the U.S.