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To All Organizers and At-Largers,

Dear Comrades,

Attached are excerpts from a letter we received from Don Critchlow in Phoenix, Arizona, describing the political situation and recruitment possibilities in that area.

We are sending you this report for informational purposes. Since the National Office received this letter, one more person has been recruited in Phoenix, making enough to form a local there.

Comradely,

Charlie Bolduc

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National Secretary

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YSA National Office
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Dear Comrades,

YSA here has been having a fantastic amount of success. Through the speaking tours of Gisela Mandel and Paul Boutelle and the work we have put into the Halstead-Boutelle campaign we have been able to recruit two more people to the YSA. Probably more important is the fact that the potential for recruiting more people is excellent. The political climate at Arizona State University has really become radicalized. The ASU Committee to End the War has a membership of about ninety people and we have also witnessed an emergence of affinity groups on campus. These affinity groups are similar to those found in San Francisco in both their structure and their romantic outlook on terrorism. While it seems unlikely that they will ever commit an act of terror, they are able to exert an influence at ASU Committee meetings and on the campus in general.

We were able to arrange a small meeting of about twenty people for Gisela. She was very articulate and made a favorable impression on most of the people there. The group consisted mainly of SDS people who I knew from being past chairman of SDS. Gisela impressed most of these people not as a stereotyped Marxist visionary but as a serious revolutionary concerned with real problems. The most contact any of them had had with socialism was through the Socialist Labor Party which is too rigid and sectarian to recruit many students to the cause of socialism.

Paul Boutelle's tour through here was also successful. We arranged a press conference for him which was responded to very well. He later spoke to a series of high school classes. At noon he spoke on the ASU mall to a group of 600 students. We sold thirty dollars worth of literature. This exhausted our supply of literature. When we started the semester we had around fifty dollars worth and we had set the table up only once before and had sold twenty dollars worth. Malcolm X of course sold well but the other two best sellers are Leon Trotsky On Black Nationalism and Mandel's Introduction to Marxist Economics.

Comradely,

/s/ Don Critchlow