

May 1972 Plenum

Youth Report

Since May 1970

marked decrease in activity on campuses

short life of student movement turnover
- rapid

["memory" = YSA.

area

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in class party

note → particularly true in regard to student movement because of rapid turnover —

Student lull -

coincided w/ lull in

Black movement

(increase in)
both geographical spread of radical
gps etc.

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post-May period

Contia in radicaliz. -

lull, but increase in
who are/conscious radicals

lull in activity, not
a turn away from radical ideas

Jan 70 1,032

Aug 70 1,222

Dec 70 1,331

July 71 1,256

Dec 71 1,250

1971 - recruited 900 members

Dec 1971 - 40% in YSA \cong 1 yr

note: a lot of graduation

Last 2 yrs

also high rate of turnover

(3)

notes there were some overprojections

eg. - double members through
election eggs

- big increase in finances

3 aspects to recruitment

- a) election eggs

b) organized aspects of recruit
work

c) importance of individual discussion

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Growth of opponents

PL-SDS

CP.

u.l.

General "ultra-left" milieu

general tendency to decline - splinter
- turn to welfare work projects

workerist rhetoric \leftarrow CP
sectarians

3 still large numbers of u.l.s

N.A.M. - New American Movement

attempt to resurrect old-style SDS

Sectarians - have grown

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PL-SDS -& have made an about-face on sectarianism

a) - a-w-m - participate on basis of
- out now
- stop bombing

b) women's movement

- free abortion on demand
no forced sterilization

CP - YWLL

have a real, though somewhat shaky organization -

500-600 attended their convention

200+ were black

Claim membership of 1250 in 60 units in 30 states

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$\frac{1}{2}$ membership of YWLL is black

major source of recruitment =
Angela Davis defense

their membership is less active and
at a lower political level

CP age in YWLL is ≤ 30

their leadership development has been
slow

their "branch" system is more
like ^(small) fractions.

- but ^(often) meet once/every 2 wks or
once/month

But, for all their low level of
functioning, they are making a serious
effort to build a serious organization

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attempts to harden up their
membership vis a vis us.

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So we need a stepped-up effort
against them

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587 - 70

900 - 71 cont.

1000+ - 72

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81% (joined) since 1965

53% joined since 1970

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[3 ms. literary
discussion on
Gay Liberation Movement