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TO ORGANIZERS AND ANTIWAR DIRECTORS

Dear Comrades,

With the conclusion of the spring offensive we have come through one of the largest and most sustained periods of activity in the history of the antiwar movement. Activities are continuing in many parts of the country and some such as the Veterans Memorial Day actions are still generating publicity.

We can expect the growth the antiwar movement experienced this spring to continue through the fall. Nixon's basic dilemma -- how to achieve a military victory and at the same time pacify the rising demand for "Out Now" -- intensifies along with the antiwar sentiment of the American people. Further the logic of the war will continue to produce adventures such as the Cambodian and Laotian invasions, provoking massive reactions from the American people. In view of this we can project massive antiwar actions in a number of major cities around the country this fall.

The People's Coalition endorsement of April 24 was an important factor in making that demonstration the largest in the history of the antiwar movement. We want to take every opportunity to draw the PCPJ into the July 2-4 antiwar conference and the demonstrations this fall which that conference will call. In the local areas we should begin at once to set up meetings with individuals and organizations that tend to identify with the People's Coalition. Our perspective for the fall should be discussed with them and they should be urged to attend the New York antiwar conference.

Specifically, organizations such as SCLC, NWRO and Clergy and Laymen, as well as the Communist Party, should be approached around the need for unity in the movement around actions for the withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Indochina. The basis for a united antiwar movement was demonstrated around April 24. There must be one date with the character of April 24, although that does not preclude a different date being set aside for civil disobedience.

Also we must begin a campaign to involve officials from the labor movement and leaders from the Black and Chicano community. We began to see organized participation from these layers in building April 24. These forces can realistically be involved in the convention if we go out to them. Their participation in the convention will add political authority to the decisions and will serve as a further pressure on the People's Coalition. It is important, however, that we actively campaign for their attendance at the convention.

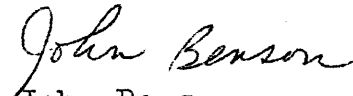
We are requesting a mobilization of the east coast and midwest branches and locals with the antiwar activists from the rest of the country attending. A list of the comrades attending should be sent to both the SWP and YSA national offices by June 25. We should also have at that time the name of the person chosen for our national steering committee from your area and 5 people who can be marshal captains who will arrive Friday for the fraction meeting.

Comrades should plan on arriving for the keynote meeting Friday night. We will be having a full fraction meeting at 5:00 PM Friday and early Saturday morning. There will be a meeting for all comrades on the NPAC steering committee at noon on Friday. All the fraction meetings will be taking place at Hunter. Comrades should go directly to Hunter when they arrive. Further details will be sent later.



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