

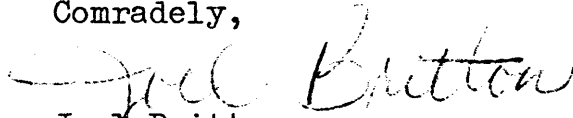
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July 29, 1971

TO ALL BRANCH ORGANIZERS AND NC MEMBERS

Dear Comrades,

The attached letter contains information on the Communist Party and Young Workers Liberation League in Seattle which we thought would be of interest to leading comrades in other parts of the country.

Comradely,



Joel Britton
National Office

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July 13, 1971

Jack Barnes
Organizational Secretary
SWP NO

Dear Jack,

We've finally found the Seattle C.P. It's taken a long time, what with their lack of a public face here and their reluctance to tackle us head-on. We now have some solid figures on their membership, composition, etc. and we're getting more on where they're working, areas of work, etc. As we gather more information I'll pass it on.

The biggest gathering they've had in the past period was a week ago at their annual People's World picnic. There were 100-110 people there, which, supposedly represented their entire membership and periphery with a few exceptions. The breakdown went as follows. There was a very sharp cleavage between young and old. Everybody was either under 30 or over 50, no in-betweens! Of the 100 or so 20 were kids: infants, children under twelve, etc. Of the remaining 80, 30 were under the age of 30. The rest were all old: over 50.

The 30 breaks down thusly: 10 Blacks (4 women, 6 men), one male Filipino, 1 Asian male, 7 white females, 11 white males. About a dozen of these are said to be real "hards," the rest are around the YWLL socially although they may occasionally hand out a leaflet, come to a meeting, etc. (An infrequently held business meeting is coming up tonight from which we should get a more detailed picture.) Of the 30 there were about 10 couples whom the 20 kids belonged to, which probably reinforces the assertion that only 12 are really political.

At the picnic a local YWLL leader, Marc Brodine, talked about the YWLL nationally, size and areas of work, and then went into their local campaigns. He gave their national membership as ranging from 1000 to 1200. He described Angela Davis Defense Work as their most important national area of work. Of next importance was sending their people into the unions. He barely mentioned PCPJ and made absolutely no mention of the fall antiwar actions. He said that 30% of their membership nationally was third-world. Locally, he indicated, Angela Davis Defense Work and Welfare Rights were their most important areas of work. This coincides with our previous information, especially that they're heavily involved in the local welfare rights group. In fact, 5 or 6 welfare rights people were at the picnic who are close but not in. A local leader of the Welfare Rights, Bernadine Garrett, was among the 6. She addressed the picnic and said that welfare rights was in solidarity with the People's World because of its support of their struggles. A People's World spokesperson made a big point of their support, their forthcoming support, to Bernadine's upcoming city council campaign in Seattle. Her campaign H.Q. will be in the same building as the People's World Office.

There was no mention of the fall antiwar actions in any of the conversations he had or overheard. Also that discipline seemed very loose. YWLLers were being asked if they could make it to the business meeting.

Comradely,
s/Mike Kelly
Organizer