

P.O. Box 471 Cooper Station  
New York, New York 10003

March 27, 1971

TO ALL COMRADES

Dear Comrades,

The main task before the YSA between now and April 24, in addition to building the demonstrations themselves, is to gear into the activities of the SMC and turn the broad endorsement for the April 24 actions, and sentiment in favor of them, into concrete organizational gains for the SMC.

The March 20 national steering committee meeting of the SMC, held in Philadelphia, voted to launch a drive for 15,000 new members of the SMC between now and May 5. We want to open an aggressive campaign to recruit to the SMC in keeping with the decision of the steering committee. Volunteers who come into local antiwar offices should be signed up as SMC members. SMC regional travelling should be expanded, and the literature available from the SMC national office gotten out in large quantities onto the campuses. SMC membership cards should be sold, along with bus tickets to Washington, D.C., or San Francisco, and the SMC button with the April 24 symbol on it given out. (750,000 of these buttons have been ordered and will be distributed free of charge). In addition, SMC recruitment meetings and classes on the war should be organized. The potential for the growth of the SMC is based on the fact that it is the primary organization on the campuses building April 24. In building the 24th, it will continue to relate the war to the campus through the initiation of campaigns against ROTC, military recruitment, for student rights, etc. The type of opportunities that are open is shown by the examples of Drew University in New Jersey, where 65 members of the national SMC were signed up in one day, and New York City, where five new SMC chapters were set up in the past week.

Another key decision of the steering committee was to plan a national student strike for May 5. This action will be called jointly with the National Student Association and the Association of Student Governments, and promises to be very large. The best way of projecting the May 5 strike and the membership campaign locally is through regional SMC conferences held prior to April 24. These conferences would also be able to plan the participation of the SMC on the demonstrations themselves. We will be relying on having large numbers of SMC monitors on April 24, not only to help guide the march, but also to help take the money collections which will be necessary to pay for the expenses of organizing April 24. The organization of these monitors in the local areas, in consultation with the people in Washington, D.C. and San Francisco who are in charge of logistics for the demonstrations, will be essential if things are to go smoothly in this area. Also, SMC activists will be needed to blanket the demonstrations with leaflets and buttons building the May 5 strike.

The recent influx of more moderate elements into the antiwar movement not only presents us with the possibility of building

the most massive and powerful antiwar demonstration in American history on April 24, and of reaching whole new layers of people with our literature and our ideas, but also raises new problems. Especially as the 1972 election campaign draws near, those forces which support capitalist peace candidates will advocate that the antiwar movement do likewise. There is no way to predict the form or timing of the debates that will invariably arise over the perspectives for the antiwar movement, or whether they will involve one or another aspect of the April 24 demonstrations, but it is absolutely clear that the SMC will play a more and more crucial role as the left wing of the antiwar movement. The organizational and political strength of the SMC will be a major element in the ability of the antiwar movement to maintain its pressure on the Nixon administration, and the ruling class as a whole.

Comradely,

*Dave Frankel*

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April 13, 1971

TO ALL ORGANIZERS, NC MEMBERS, AND AT-LARGE MEMBERS

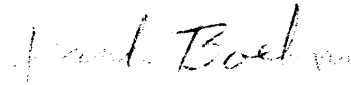
Dear Comrades,

The enclosed leaflet has been prepared by the YSA National Office to aid local areas in their recruitment campaign during the spring antiwar offensive. The tremendous amount of activity and political motion generated around building the April 24 and May 5 actions has resulted in whole new layers of youth entering the antiwar movement. The experience they gain in building the antiwar actions and participating in the political discussions around the war and related questions will lead many of them to raise further questions for which we can provide answers. Therefore, a crucial aspect of our work in building the spring offensive must be to explain the ideas of revolutionary socialism to these militants and recruit them to the YSA.

This leaflet should be duplicated in local areas and distributed to the thousands of activists who are attracted to the numerous antiwar rallies, teach-ins, speak-outs, conferences, defense meetings, etc., which are taking place on campuses all across the country between now and the end of the spring offensive. Taken together with YSAers speaking at these meetings, intensive sales of our press, attractive "Join the YSA" literature tables, forums directed at drawing these activists closer to the YSA, recruitment classes, and the organization of individual contact work, this leaflet can be a valuable tool in helping to spread the name of the YSA, and can aid in drawing activists to the YSA. The most immediate task in regard to this leaflet is to get it out in massive quantity as soon as possible.

The leaflet is photo-ready. Plates for offset printing or electronic stencils can be made directly from it. Because the printing is on both sides, it is advisable to use 20 lb. weight paper for mimeographing the leaflet. Locals and at-large members should be sure to include their local address if possible in the coupon.

Comradely,



Frank Boehm  
National Chairman

# Organize to end the war.



## And capitalism.

## Join the YSA!

This spring's antiwar offensive—particularly the April 24 antiwar demonstrations in Washington D.C. and San Francisco—is the most massive expression of antiwar sentiment in the streets that this country has ever seen—an outpouring of people united around the demand for the immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Southeast Asia.

The Young Socialist Alliance, the largest radical youth organization in the U.S., sees this outpouring as a tremendous step forward in the deepening political consciousness of the American people.

In the middle of an imperialist war a vast majority of the population is challenging the right of the U.S. government to wage that war. People recognize that the war in Southeast Asia is being conducted not in the interests of freedom and democracy abroad but in the interests of a small profit-hungry minority here at home. Vietnam is not an isolated mistake, but the logical extension of capitalism, a system which places profit above human needs.

The courageous struggle of the Vietnamese people for self-determination is part of a larger struggle of peoples of all colonial countries to rid themselves of U.S. economic and political domination. Any time that domination is threatened by a popular revolution the U.S. government is ready to intervene in any way it feels necessary—up to and including direct military aggression—to ensure that the profits keep coming in and to keep its political control intact.

We live in a system which perpetuates wars of aggression like the one in Southeast Asia while here at home it produces poverty, exploitation, racism, the oppression of women, the poisoning of our environment and the distortion of all human relationships.

It is clear that we are in the midst of a deepening radicalization—a deepening opposition to all the oppressive aspects of the capitalist system. The U.S. government is now being confronted by people in the Black, Puerto Rican and Chicano communities demanding the right of self-determination, the right to control their own lives and communities. It faces the growing women's liberation movement putting forth the demand for the right of women to control their own bodies and rejecting the degrading and inferior status to which women are subjected by capitalism's male-dominated institutions. The labor movement is beginning to act against the war in Vietnam—the workers' unwillingness to sacrifice for this war is indicated by the increased number of strikes in the recent period. The rise of the gay liberation movement

challenges the basic tenets of sex-roles and sex-typing and the institutions which perpetuate these oppressive relationships. Millions of high school students—especially Black and Brown students—are taking action against the repressive conditions in the schools and the lack of control over their own education. And the developing ecology movement is posing a serious challenge to the pollution-makers.

The nationwide student upsurge last May—triggered by the invasion of Cambodia and the gunning down of students at Kent State, Augusta, and Jackson—threw the country into a major social crisis. The May upsurge demonstrated both the tremendous depth of the youth radicalization and the power of independent mass action.

The Young Socialist Alliance unconditionally supports and builds all the movements for social change, realizing that these movements must continue in a revolutionary direction in order to win their demands.

We believe that it is our duty as revolutionaries to participate in these movements and help develop them into organized mass movements that can win their demands. We seek to make people conscious that for these struggles to be successful they must maintain their independent character and never subordinate their demands to the Republican or Democratic parties—parties that are owned and controlled by the ruling class.

It is only through the direct action of masses of people—challenging the right of the ruling class to control their lives—demanding an end to their oppression—saying there can be a better way, a system based on human needs rather than profit—that the American socialist revolution will be made.

The Young Socialist Alliance is a multinational revolutionary socialist youth organization dedicated to the construction of this type of society, a socialist America and a socialist world. We see socialism as the only alternative to the total annihilation of humankind by the capitalist system—whether through a thermonuclear holocaust or the destruction of the environment.

If you agree that the war in Southeast Asia is only part of a general policy of the U.S. capitalist system, which also results in racism, destruction of the environment, oppression of women, poverty, and alienation, then you should also agree with the need for an organization to fight all aspects of capitalism for the only solution to the crises of our epoch—socialism.

The Young Socialist Alliance seeks to unite fighters in all arenas of struggle against capitalism: Black and Brown youth, women, students, and GIs. If you want to help end all wars, which means ending capitalism, then you should join the YSA and participate with us in the most urgent task before youth in this country—building an organization which can help lead the American socialist revolution.

CLIP AND MAIL TO: YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE, BOX 471 COOPER STATION, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10003 OR CONTACT THE YSAERS NEAREST YOU.

- I WANT TO JOIN THE YSA
- I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

April 14, 1971

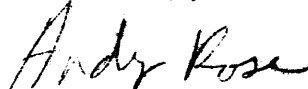
TO ALL ORGANIZERS, NC MEMBERS, AND FINANCIAL DIRECTORS

Dear Comrades,

Part of the spring financial campaign is for YSA campus fractions to apply for funds from their student governments. While in many cases it was not possible to obtain funding for this spring, due to the delays and red tape involved in applying for student government budgets, locals have been investigating the possibilities of applying for funding in the next school term.

We would like to draw together nationally some of the information that has been obtained in these investigations. Each local should send in a report on student government funding in its area, answering the questions listed below. These reports should be returned to the National Office no later than May 15.

Comradely,



Andy Rose  
YSA Financial Director

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Please answer as fully as possible each of the following questions for each campus on which the YSA has comrades:

1. Name of school
2. Where does the student government's money come from? --e.g., student fee (if so, how much from each student), grant from university, other.
3. What is the total amount of the student government's budget?
4. Does the student government have an annual budget or does it have a new budget every semester, quarter, etc.?
5. What body has control over this money, and what is its composition? --e.g., council of all student organizations, elected student government, committee appointed by administration, committee appointed by student government officials, etc. (The key point is how much control the student body is able to exercise over funding.)
6. What does the student government usually spend its money on, as far as we can tell? --e.g., campus paper, entertainment, special programs, speakers, etc.
7. What other political groups or causes are funded by the student government and how much money have they gotten?
8. When must requests for funds be submitted, and when are they decided on?
9. How many comrades are in the campus fraction?
10. Have we submitted requests in the past and, if so, what were the results? If we were refused, what reason was given?
11. If we are able to get funds, will we have complete control over their use, or must expenditures be approved by some university body?
12. Have we submitted a request for the next school term? Please include copy of request.

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April 18, 1971

TO ALL COMRADES

Dear Comrades,

The YSA will have a "Young Socialist Movement Center" open in Washington, D.C., from April 19 through April 30. The center is intended to facilitate contact work and recruitment to the YSA, as well as serving as coordinating center for all YSA activities in Washington around the April 24 action. It will feature extensive literature displays and forums on a wide variety of topics.

The Young Socialist Movement Center is located at 2000 P St NW, Room 305. The telephones are (202)-223-2267,8, and 9. Below is a partial schedule of activities at the Movement Center.

Thursday, April 22--"The Second Wave of Feminism: Can It Achieve Liberation?" 8:30 pm. Speakers: Ruthann Miller, Myrna Hill

Saturday, April 24--"How to Make a Revolution in the U.S." 8:30 pm. Speaker: Peter Camejo (at GWU)

Sunday, April 25 --"Black Nationalism and Socialist Revolution" 8:30 pm. Speaker: Andrew Pulley

Monday, April 26 --"After the 24th: How to End the War" 8:30 pm. Speaker: Fred Halstead

Tuesday, April 27 --"Israel and the Arab Revolution" 8:30 pm. Speaker: Jon Rothschild

There will be a party every night at the center. Everyone who is going to Washington should be strongly encouraged to come to the Young Socialist Movement Center.

One of the primary activities to which we hope to attract hundreds of antiwar activists will be a speech by Peter Camejo on the evening of April 24. The speech will be in the Ballroom of the George Washington University Student Union and will begin at 8:30 pm. While most comrades and contacts who are traveling to Washington by bus will have to leave before Camejo's talk, we want to get the word out that this speech is taking place and encourage everyone who will be in Washington that evening to attend. Promotional materials are being distributed in Washington and ads for the talk will appear in The Militant and the Guardian on April 24.

Comradely,

*Frank Boehm*

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National Chairman

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 20, 1971

No. 6

NEC Present: Laura, Frank, Carl, Rich, Mirta, Andy, Ruthann, Don

NEC Excused: Cindy, Norman

NC Present: Dave, Steve

NC Alt. Present: Mimi, Byron, Debby W., Ruth, Linda, Terry,  
Debbie N.

Visitor: Peter

Convened: 3:15 p.m.

Chairperson: Frank

- Agenda:
1. National Office Report
  2. Canadian Women's Conference Report
  3. Texas Tour Report
  4. Spring Fund Drive Report
  5. The Young Socialist Organizer Report
  6. Antiwar Report
  7. Publications Report
  8. Defense Report

1. National Office Report - Rich

a. National Office Staff

Motion: That NC Alt. Ruth R. from New York be assigned to work in the National Office.

Motion Carried

b. Membership

Motion: To accept the following applications for membership at-large:

1. Alan H. in Eugene, Ore.
2. William B. in Madison, S.C.
3. Danny D. in Clemson, S.C.
4. Roman M. in Clemson, S.C.

Motion Carried

Motion: To waive the constitutional age limit in order to allow Paul W. to join the YSA as a member of the Amherst local.

Motion Carried



Motion: To readmit John O. into the YSA in the New York local.

Motion Carried

Motion: To readmit James B. into the YSA in the New York local.

Motion Carried

Motion: To readmit Jameel B. into the YSA in the New York local.

Motion Carried

Motion: To transfer the following comrades from at-large areas to locals:

1. Joyce Mc. from Ft. Worth-Dallas, Tex., to Houston
2. Mike C. from Ft. Worth-Dallas, Tex., to Houston
3. Jerry F. from Ft. Worth-Dallas, Tex., to Houston
4. Bob H. from Fon du Lac, Wisc., to Oshkosh
5. Jana P. from Gulf Breeze, Fla., to Austin

Discussion: Linda, Rich

Motion Carried

Motion: To transfer Sharron Coontz from the Seattle local to at-large status in Cheney, Wash.

Motion Carried

Motion: That Pittsfield be dropped as a local and constituted as an at-large area because it does not have the required number of members for local status due to people leaving the YSA.

Motion Carried

Motion: That Colorado Springs be dropped as a local and constituted as an at-large area because it does not have the required number of members for local status due to transfers, etc.

Motion Carried

Motion: That Newark be dropped as a local and constituted as an at-large area because it does not have the required number of members for local status due to transfers, etc.

Motion Carried

Motion: That Ypsilanti be dropped as a local and constituted as an at-large area because it does not have the required number of members for local status due to transfers, etc.

Motion Carried

2. Canadian Women's Conference Report - Ruth

Report enclosed.

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion: Ruthann, Ruth, Linda, Ruth

Motion Carried

3. Texas Tour Report - Mirta

Report on trip to Crystal City and tour of Texas.

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion: Steve, Mirta, Peter, Mirta, Andy, Mirta, Peter, Mirta, Frank, Mirta, Terry

Motion Carried

4. Spring Fund Drive Report - Terry

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion: Linda, Terry, Frank, Steve, Terry

Motion Carried

5. The Young Socialist Organizer Report - Laura

Report to appear in The Young Socialist Organizer.

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion: Linda, Laura, Peter, Laura, Peter

Motion Carried

6. Antiwar Report - Dave

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion: Linda, Terry, Peter, Dave, Carl, Peter, Byron,  
Peter, Dave, Andy, Linda, Dave

Motion Carried

7. Publications Report - Andy

Report on publication schedule for Introduction to the YSA,  
Organizing the YSA, and Proceedings of the Tenth National  
Convention.

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion: Steve, Frank

Motion Carried

8. Defense Report - Rich

Report on current defense cases involving the YSA.

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion: Peter, Rich, Peter, Rich, Carl, Rich, Andy,  
Rich

Motion Carried

Adjourned: 6:40 p.m.