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TO ALL COMRADES

Dear Comrades,

The NPAC steering committee decided on May 8 to call a national antiwar conference in New York City for July 2-4. (The decision to change the site of the conference from Washington, D.C., to New York was made after the May 14 issue of The Young Socialist Organizer, which you will receive later this week, was already in the print shop.) Holding the conference in New York opens up a new stage in the attempts to forge an authoritative, unified national antiwar coalition.

An NPAC convention in N.Y., with thousands of antiwar activists from all over the country, with substantial publicity in the mass media, and with participation by the new forces drawn into the antiwar movement by April 24, such as many liberal groups and trade unionists, will have an enormous impact nationally. Abstention from such a conference would be extremely difficult for any antiwar formation, particularly one with a significant base in N.Y.

Since the Fifth Ave. Vietnam Peace Parade Committee, which supports the perspectives of the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice, remains a powerful force in the N.Y. peace movement, and since N.Y. remains a center for the Communist Party, we can expect to see extensive participation by these groups in this conference. The outcome of the political discussion and debate which will take place at this convention will be crucial for the future of the antiwar movement. The possibility exists for a mammoth fall action to come out of this conference--an action which could have an enormous impact on the 1972 presidential campaign and the politics of the country as a whole.

In view of this, it is essential that we begin to mobilize participation in this conference immediately along the lines laid out in The YS Organizer. Sponsors should be gathered, money raised for transportation expenses, widespread publicity gotten out, and antiwar activists talked to about arranging their schedules and finances so that they will be able to attend the conference. In areas where campuses are still in session special efforts should be made to take advantage of this fact.

Comradely,

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TO ALL ORGANIZERS, REGIONAL ORGANIZERS, AND NC MEMBERS

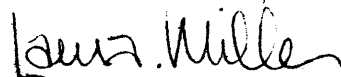
Dear Comrades,

The attached letter has been sent to all YSA at-largers from the National Office. As this letter and the article on socialist summer schools in the April 30, 1971, issue of The Young Socialist Organizer state, it is important that each regional center organize to maximize the participation of regional comrades in the summer schools. This campaign to build the summer schools should be the central task of our regional work in the next few weeks.

If work on organizing the participation of comrades in locals and at-large areas in the region has not yet begun, it should begin immediately. Regional centers should ensure that each comrade in the region is personally contacted about her or his plans for the summer, and that provisions are made to facilitate the transferring of comrades to the regional centers.

Reports on the number of comrades transferring to the regional centers and the locals that will be dissolving for the summer should be sent to the National Office as soon as all plans are concretized.

Comradely,



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TO ALL AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Dear Comrades,

As you know from reading the April 30 issue of The Young Socialist Organizer, comprehensive socialist summer schools will take place this year in every regional center in the country. The socialist summer schools are a basic institution of our movement and are geared toward the intensive education of our membership in the principles of revolutionary socialism.

Two aspects of each socialist summer school this year will be a class series on the basic dynamics of the current radicalization and the building of the revolutionary party and a class series on revolutionary socialist electoral policy. The first topic will provide an excellent preparation for the August convention of the Socialist Workers Party, to which all YSAers are invited, and the second topic will supply indispensable aid to our activity in building the upcoming 1972 SWP election campaign.

We would like to encourage you to make a special effort to attend one of the many socialist summer schools which will be taking place. Not only will you be able to gain a greater theoretical understanding of our revolutionary socialist politics by attending the summer schools, but you will be able to benefit from the experience of functioning as a member of a large YSA local. In addition, this summer it will be possible for you to observe discussions which are taking place in the branches of the Socialist Workers Party in preparation for their national convention. The overall political experience which is open to all YSAers this summer will be invaluable in our preparation for stepped up activities on the campuses next fall.

If it is impossible for you to move to a regional center for the entire summer, you should consider transferring for at least a part of the summer. If your regional center is relatively close, you can commute to the summer school classes which are held usually two or three evenings per week. If neither of these alternatives is feasible, you should make the necessary arrangements with the regional center so that you can receive the tapes and syllabi of the summer school classes.

Although most at-large YSAers will transfer to regional centers nearby them, some comrades may want to move to a regional center in another part of the country. If you have made or are making plans to transfer to a regional center for the summer, you should notify the organizer of the local to which you will be transferring.

Summer is the best time for the intensive education of our movement and preparation for the massive fall offensive. We encourage every YSAer to participate in this process!

Comradely,  
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