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TO ALL ORGANIZERS AND AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Dear Comrades,

Local organizers and at-large YSA members should send in periodic reports on the different leftwing or radical groups in their areas. These reports do not have to be lengthy or frequent, but we would like to have information on the size and activities of our opponents on a regular basis. Any events such as conferences of opponent groups, a marked growth of some group, or a significant intervention by an opponent into an arena in which we are active should be reported to the N.O.

We are particularly interested in two organizations: the Young Workers Liberation League (YWLL), and the New American Movement (NAM).

According to reports we have received and information in the underground press, NAM chapters are being set up in many areas of the country. NAM represents an attempt to pull together in a national organization the remains of the general ultraleft milieu. It is the most serious such attempt since the breakup of SDS, and we want to follow its development very closely. Comrades should inform us of what NAM groups have been established in their areas, who is involved, what activities they carry out, etc. Copies of material put out by NAM, and of publications carrying reports on NAM, should also be sent to the N.O.

The YWLL is our major opponent leftwing youth group. It is in political solidarity with the Communist Party and shares the CP's Stalinist politics. Since its founding convention in 1970, the YWLL has been steadily growing and is now approximately the same size as the YSA. Comrades often have little information about the YWLL because it does not usually operate in the same areas as the YSA. For example, the YWLL rarely intervenes in the antiwar movement or the abortion campaign. Nevertheless it is important for comrades to find out about the YWLL in their areas, how large it is, what it does, etc., and keep the N.O. informed.

Of course, we want to not only observe but also politically confront these opponent groups. We always endeavor to involve them in the antiwar movement and the abortion campaign. If they do become involved, these movements are strengthened and also

we have an opportunity for political discussion and debate with their members. If they refuse, we can expose their sectarian refusal to engage in activity to defend the Vietnamese revolution or women's right to control their own bodies. We particularly want to discuss with YWLLers and NAMers their groups' attitudes toward the elections: YWLL's support to the Democratic Party, and NAM's lack of any position on this crucial question.

Comrades should become familiar with these opponent groups, follow their press, and send in periodic reports on their size, growth, and activities.

Comradely,



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