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To All Organizers and NC Members

Dear Comrades,

As the article on the YSA Convention in the November 25 issue of The YS Organizer states, local delegations to the Convention will be seated on the basis of the number of comrades in the local who:

- 1) were admitted prior to December 14;
- 2) have paid their national dues through November 1970;
- 3) have paid their convention assessments of \$3.00/person.

These requirements must also be fulfilled in order for a person to be able to vote on the resolutions and delegates for the convention, or to be a delegate.

Locals should make sure that all the convention assessments have been collected and send them in to the National Office right away. It is also important to check and make sure that the local dues are paid up through November 1970.

Comradely,

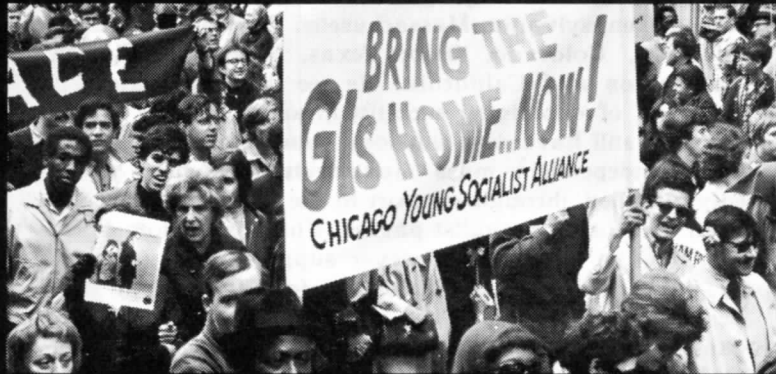
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in the high schools, where the opportunities to participate in and lead mass actions are now the greatest, and where the most people can be won over to revolutionary ideas and to the YSA.

In the schools, we apply a strategy of mobilizing students and working from the campus as a means involving other sections of the population in mass struggles—the way the schools were made into antiwar centers during May 1970.

If you agree with us, then you should join the YSA.



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- Enclosed is \$ for posters and buttons checked above.
- Enclosed is \$3.00 for a six months sub to THE MILITANT
- I would like more information about the YSA.
- I want to be informed about activities and classes in my area.
- I want to join the YSA.

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JOIN THE YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE



WHAT IS THE YSA?

During May 1970 millions of college and high school students mobilized in the largest student strike in history, taking over their schools and transforming them into antiwar centers for reaching out to the rest of the population. This upsurge created in those who participated a new awareness—an awareness of their own power and at the same time an understanding of the need to join with other sections of the American people in united action to force the warmakers to respond to the demand of the majority: Bring the GIs Home Now!

May was a living example of the political strategy developed and advanced by the Young Socialist Alliance on campuses and in high schools across the country, not only in the antiwar struggle but in the struggle for self-determination by Blacks, Chicanos and other national minorities, and in the struggle of women for their liberation from the degraded and inferior status to which they have been assigned by the male-dominated institutions of this society.

WHO WE ARE

The Young Socialist Alliance is a multi-national revolutionary socialist youth organization dedicated to the construction of a socialist America and a socialist world. We see socialism as the only alternative to a system which inevitably produces poverty, exploitation, wars of aggression, the poisoning of our environment, the oppression of national minorities, the subjugation of women, and the distortion of all human relationships.

The YSA's basic program of opposition to this capitalist system can be defined by a few fundamental points. The YSA supports the Cuban, Vietnamese and Arab revolutions, the main inspirations for the world socialist revolution. Cuba has shown that revolutions in the colonial world are able to achieve national liberation only to the extent that they lead uninterrupted into socialist revolutions. The Vietnamese revolution is showing the whole world that the people of a small colonial

nation, fighting for national liberation, can resist the military might of U.S. imperialism. The Palestinian people are today in the vanguard of the Arab revolution in their struggle against imperialism and Zionism for national self-determination.

The YSA supports the struggle for full socialist democracy in Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union, and China. These workers states have abolished capitalism and must be supported against world imperialism, but they are dominated by privileged bureaucratic regimes which need to be overthrown before socialism can become a reality. Socialism means not only the abolition of capitalism, but the full flowering of workers democracy, the elimination of privileges for a few, and a society of abundance for all. We condemn the Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia, which trampled on that country's right to self-determination and put a temporary halt to the development of political democratization there.

The YSA holds the perspective of a working-class revolution for socialism in the United States and the other advanced capitalist countries. The mass upsurge of the French workers in May-June 1968 demonstrates that this goal is realistic, and strikes such as the postal workers strike and the UAW strike of 1970 show the kind of power the U.S. workers will wield when they become politically aroused. Working people — women, Blacks, Chicanos, Puerto Ricans, whites — will lead the American socialist revolution.

WHERE WE STAND

The YSA's perspective is above all international and based upon the interests of the world socialist revolution. We work in solidarity with revolutionary socialist organizations all over the world.

In the United States, the YSA's program has four central aspects:

THE ANTIWAR MOVEMENT

The YSA supports the mass antiwar movement and works actively to build demonstrations for the immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam and all Southeast Asia. We work in antiwar coalitions, such as the National Peace Action Coalition, and in the Student Mobilization Committee, on a principled revolutionary basis, uniting with others on the basis of agreement to organize mass action against the war.

SELF-DETERMINATION STRUGGLES

The YSA supports the struggles for self-determination by the Afro-American, Chicano, Puerto Rican and Native American peoples. These national minorities represent

the most exploited section of the U.S. population, suffering a dual class and national oppression. Fighting that oppression, they will be in the vanguard of the American socialist revolution. Third World YSAers actively participate in all phases of the liberation movements of the oppressed national minorities in this country. We believe that the formation of independent political parties, like the Chicano La Raza Unida Party in Texas and Colorado, is key in the development of the national self-determination struggles. Such parties can fight independently of, and in opposition to, the Democratic and Republican parties of the ruling class. The formation of a mass independent Black party, similar to the Chicano La Raza Unida Party, will mark a major advance in the Black struggle.

SOCIALIST ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

The YSA supports the election campaigns of the Socialist Workers Party, such as the 1970 Congressional and state election campaigns in New York, Illinois, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Georgia, Minnesota, Michigan, Colorado, Ohio, Texas, Wisconsin, Florida, Washington and California. We see these campaigns as a means of explaining socialist ideas to millions of people who still have deep illusions about the capitalist elections. Independent mass movements have been repeatedly derailed through support to the Democratic, Republican and other capitalist parties. For this reason, Marxists have a principle of never supporting any capitalist party. The YSA calls for the formation of an independent labor party, based on the trade unions, which can break with the ruling class in the arena of elections and pose political issues on a class basis.

WOMEN'S LIBERATION

The YSA actively supports the women's liberation movement. The oldest form of oppression in class society is the oppression of women. The rise of the women's liberation movement today fundamentally challenges all of the institutions of capitalist society, including one of its most basic cornerstones, the traditional nuclear family. The YSA played a major role in building the massive women's demonstrations on August 26, 1970, including the march and rally of 40,000 in New York City. YSA women work to construct broad coalitions of women for united action around such issues as the demand for legal, free abortions, for free 24-hour-a-day child-care centers, and for equal education and employment opportunities for women. The YSA participates actively in all phases of this vital movement.

YSA STRATEGY IN THE SCHOOLS

The YSA is active mainly on college campuses and