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FALL SOCIALIST EDUCATION CONFERENCES

All of the YSA's activities this fall are being carried out in the context of the campaign to recruit new members and build the YSA. Our work in building the mass movements constantly brings us in contact with radicalizing activists in the high schools and on the campuses. By selling *Militants*, *ISRs*, and subs to these activists, by getting out YSJP and other campaign literature to them, by urging them to attend forums, campaign meetings, and the YSA convention, by discussing our program with them, we are winning young militants to revolutionary socialist politics and to the YSA.

The nationwide socialist educational conferences held this fall will be one of our most valuable tools for presenting our views on a wide range of topics to the people we seek to recruit. These conferences will incorporate lectures and discussions, campaign rallies, sales, "Join the YSA" meetings, YSA regional committee meetings, and a variety of other activities. Several regions are already planning conferences, and every region that has not yet done so should begin right away to work out a program and schedule and start publicizing their conference.

The weekend of November 27-28 is probably the best time to schedule the conferences, since it follows the November 6 and 20 demonstrations and since many students will find it easier to attend during the Thanksgiving holidays.

CAMPAIGN '72

The 1972 SWP election campaigns will figure prominently in all the socialist educational conferences. Not only will candidates be featured speakers, but virtually every speech will serve to spell out the campaign's position on the issue it deals with and will urge support for the

SWP campaign. Having the Young Socialists for Jenness and Pulley as a cosponsor of the conference will further point up the connection between the conference and the campaign.

In building the conferences we will want to make a special effort to get everyone who has expressed interest in the campaign to attend. At the same time, the conference will serve to win new supporters for the campaign.

Most regions will probably want to hold one session that is especially billed as a campaign rally and that will be a focus for publicizing the conference. In some areas such a rally could be used to officially launch a local campaign.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST REVIEW

We want to tie the *International Socialist Review* in with the conferences so as to expand its influence and circulation. Many of the speakers at the conferences will be contributors to the *ISR*, and it is possible that the *ISR* may publish some of the talks. The conferences should be advertised either as being sponsored by "the YSA and YSJP in cooperation with the *International Socialist Review*" or with the *ISR* listed as a cosponsor.

The November issue of the *ISR* will carry a full page ad for the conferences, giving a general picture of what they will be like and listing the addresses of all the YSA regional centers. Thus sales of the *ISR* will be another important way to publicize the conferences.

FACILITIES

We should make every effort to obtain free use of the facilities of a major campus to hold and

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publicize the conferences, bearing in mind the impact a large socialist conference will have in recruiting students from that campus and in projecting the YSA as the central political organization on campus.

Having the YSA or YSJP draw up a budget for the educational conference and request that the student government finance it is another way to utilize our campus base to help make the conferences successful. Many YSA campus fractions included such requests in budgets submitted last spring, but it is still not too late to try for student government funds. Naturally, we are willing to have the student government cosponsor the conference if it so requests.

Even if student government is not willing to fund the entire conference, it may be possible to have it provide honoraria for some of the speakers, free ads in the campus paper, or free use of campus printing facilities to print posters and leaflets for the conference.

PUBLICITY

Because of the increased pace and scope of activities in the mass movements, the deepening and broadening of the radicalization, and our own movement's expansion, we have the possibility of building these conferences into the largest ever. To take full advantage of this possibility we need to plan out large-scale campaigns to publicize and build the conferences.

Such a campaign would include *printing* attractive, professional-looking publicity materials such as folded leaflets, posters, constituency leaflets, etc.; announcing the conference at a news conference (which could be pegged around the campaign); getting ads into local campus and underground papers and, of course, *The Militant*; sending out special invitations to such

groups as campaign endorsers and *Militant* subscribers; personally inviting all our contacts from the mass movements; and organizing the entire region to get out publicity as widely as possible.

Involving all the YSA locals and at-large members in the region in planning and building the conference is particularly important: the conference should be thoroughly discussed in regional committee meetings, and regional organizers and travelers should make a special point of working with YSAers in the regions to get maximum attendance from their areas.

How the November 6 and 20 actions can be used to build the socialist educational conferences must be carefully thought out. Trying to leaflet the November 6 regional antiwar demonstrations has the serious drawback of reducing the number of YSAers available to sell *Militants* and *ISRs*. The best way to handle this question is probably to plan to have a big ad in the issue of *The Militant* to be sold on these demonstrations.

However, we should plan to have plenty of conference leaflets available at the local headquarters and at any forums or other special meetings the YSA or YSJP may be sponsoring on the November 6 weekend. It should be possible to distribute leaflets as well as sell *Militants* and *ISRs* on the buses bringing demonstrators into the regional centers.

RECRUITMENT & YSA CONVENTION

These regional conferences will play an important educational role for YSAers throughout the regions—for many of the new members recruited this fall the conferences will be the first opportunity to hear nationally prominent speakers from the YSA and SWP and the first opportunity to hear detailed educational presentations on various aspects of our program. The first step in building large, successful conferences will

be to get every YSAer in the region to attend.

At the same time, two of the primary functions the conferences should serve are the interrelated ones of recruiting to the YSA and building the YSA convention.

Along with the educational talks, sales of our press and Pathfinder literature, distribution of "Join the YSA" leaflets, and personal discussions with those attending the conferences, special "Join the YSA" meetings should be organized for some time near the end of the schedule. At these meetings everyone who expressed interest in joining would have a chance to hear more about how the YSA is organized, what membership in the YSA means, and would be able to ask any questions they might have about aspects of the YSA's program.

The potential the socialist educational conferences have for bringing new members into the YSA is underlined by the fact that this spring 11 percent of the new members we recruited joined right after attending such a conference.

A big pitch should be made at every conference for everyone present to attend the YSA convention and help build it in their areas. Transportation to the convention will in most regions be organized out of the regional center, and not only information about the convention but also bus or plane tickets should be available at the educational conferences.

By beginning now to organize a large attendance for the regional socialist educational conferences, we can lay the basis for the biggest YSA convention ever.

ANDY ROSE
Editor

ISR Sub Drive Scoreboard

Printed below is the first *ISR* sub drive scoreboard. While the drive for 30,000 new *Militant* subscribers is ahead of schedule, we have gotten off to a slow start with *ISR* subs. With close to a fourth of the sub drive over, we have only 11 percent of the 5,000 goal completed. Only five locals are on time or ahead of schedule for the *ISR* sub drive—Paterson, Bloomington, Milwaukee, San Antonio, and Binghamton. This means that locals will have to make a special effort to integrate the sales of *ISR* subscriptions with *Militant* sub sales.

This can be done by motivating at local meetings and special sales sessions the importance of selling subs to the *ISR* and explaining, with examples, how easy it really is, and by organizing the sub drive so that sales of *ISR* subs are an integral part.

It is important to point out to YSAers that the *ISR* is one of the most attractive and topical theoretical magazines on the American left. The articles in it, written by YSAers, SWPers, and activists outside our movement, are aimed at and are of interest to the thousands of young activists that we want to work with in the mass movements and recruit to the YSA this fall. *The Militant* combined with the *ISR* will be the most comprehensive introduction to our politics that we can offer to the thousands of potential YSAers around the country.

Most of the measures we will take to get the *ISR* sub drive rolling can be applied to the *ISR* sales campaign as well. Some organizational suggestions that bear repeating are: with both sub sales and bundle sales, *Militant* salespeople should always carry four or five copies of the current *ISR* with them, and after the sale of either a sub or a single issue of *The Militant*, they should try to sell the *ISR*; the activists that we work with in the mass movements who already subscribe to *The Militant* should be approached about subscribing to the *ISR*; YSA literature tables should have *The Militant* and the *ISR* prominently displayed along with ads for the special subscriptions to *both*; monthly bundles of the *ISR* should be broken down into weekly sales

quotas (if a local's monthly *ISR* bundle is 100, the goal each week would be 25); and on each sales team at least one person should be assigned to concentrate on selling just the *ISR*.

We will be printing *ISR* sub drive scoreboards in *The YS Organizer* every two weeks. Locals that are doing especially well on *ISR* subs should submit articles to *The Organizer* or just send in short explanations of ideas they have used that can be included with the next *ISR* scoreboard.

NANCY COLE
YSA National Office

ISR SUB DRIVE SCOREBOARD

AREA	QUOTA	SUBS	%
Paterson, N.J.	10	17	170
Bloomington, Ind.	25	12	48
Milwaukee, Wisc.	9	4	44
San Antonio, Tex.	6	2	33
Binghamton, N.Y.	15	4	27
Washington, D.C.	100	22	22
Philadelphia, Pa.	165	34	21
Providence, R.I.	35	7	20
Ann Arbor, Mich.	15	3	20
Phoenix, Ariz.	10	2	20
Lower Manhattan, N.Y.	210	36	17
Worcester, Mass.	35	6	17
San Francisco, Calif.	220	31	14
Kansas City, Mo.	35	5	14
Amherst, Mass.	15	2	13
Los Angeles, Calif.	260	30	12
Seattle, Wash.	100	12	12
Austin, Tex.	60	7	12
Oakland/Berkeley, Calif.	165	18	11
San Diego, Calif.	55	6	11
Madison, Wisc.	50	5	10
Oxford, Ohio	10	1	10
San Jose, Calif.	10	1	10

Twin Cities, Minn.	200	18	9
Connecticut	35	3	9
Atlanta, Ga.	125	10	8
Tampa, Fla.	25	2	8
Brooklyn, N.Y.	210	15	7
Upper West Side, N.Y.	210	14	7
Cleveland, Ohio	165	11	7
Houston, Tex.	100	7	7
Boulder, Colo.	15	1	7
East Lansing, Mich.	15	1	7
Chicago, Ill.	330	20	6
Detroit, Mich.	200	12	6
Denver, Colo.	120	7	6
Long Island, N.Y.	35	2	6
Boston, Mass.	350	18	5
Portland, Ore.	65	3	5
Tallahassee, Fla.	35	1	3
Claremont, Calif.	6	0	0
DeKalb, Ill.	20	0	0
Edinboro, Pa.	6	0	0
Jacksonville, Fla.	6	0	0
Knoxville, Tenn.	15	0	0
Logan, Utah	20	0	0
Marietta, Ohio	2	0	0
Nashville, Tenn.	8	0	0
National Teams	1,000	100	10
Southwest		(52)	
Western		(33)	
Mid-Atlantic		(9)	
Southern		(6)	
General	70	58	83

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Austin Over the Top!

This week Austin became the first local to hit 100 percent of its fall fund drive quota — sending in not only its original \$850 quota, but raising it to \$1,300 and completing the raised quota as well!

The Austin YSAers report that their success was mainly due to campus fund-raising projects.

The level of payments has continued to be relatively high from some locals, but we are not yet taking in enough money to begin catching up. Less than \$2,000 was taken in this week and quite a few locals have yet to make their initial payment. Our goal must be to narrow the gap between the 16 percent we're at now and the 27 percent mark where we should be.

The top locals this week are Austin, with 100 percent paid; Washington D. C., 41 percent; Houston, 37 percent; Worcester, 35 percent; and Atlanta, 34 percent.

With Austin's increased quota we now have a total of \$46,450 pledged to the fund drive nationally. This represents a significant advance from last spring's fund drive in which the needed \$43,000 wasn't pledged until the very end of the drive.

As the scoreboard shows, the former Pacific Northwest region has been divided into the Washington and Oregon regions.

LOUISE GOODMAN YSA National Office

FALL FUND DRIVE SCOREBOARD

REGION AND LOCAL	QUOTA	PAID	%
TEXAS/LA./OKLAHOMA	2,750	1,775	65
AUSTIN	1,300	1,300	100
HOUSTON	1,300	475	37
SAN ANTONIO	150	0	0
MARYLAND/VIRGINIA	1,800	732.14	41
WASHINGTON D.C.	1,800	732.14	41
(CRISFIELD, MD.)		(21)	
(RICHMOND, VA.)		(4.13)	
(COLUMBIA, MD.)		(3.50)	
SOUTHEAST	2,500	573.50	25

ATLANTA	1,400	480	34
KNOXVILLE	200	43.50	22
TALLAHASSEE	250	50	20
JACKSONVILLE	200	1	0
TAMPA	300	0	0
NASHVILLE	150	0	0
(GAINESVILLE, FLA.)		(1)	
(CHAPEL HILL, N.C.)		(0.50)	

UPPER MIDWEST	2,300	450	20
TWIN CITIES	2,300	450	20
(MADISON, S.D.)		(4)	

PENNSYLVANIA	1,800	359	20
PHILADELPHIA	1,800	359	20
(STATE COLLEGE)		(75.50)	

MIDWEST	5,850	880	15
CHICAGO	3,600	880	24
KANSAS CITY	700	0	0
MADISON	500	0	0
BLOOMINGTON	375	0	0
DEKALB	375	0	0
MILWAUKEE	300	0	0
(KENOSHA, WISC.)		(42.50)	
(ST. LOUIS, MO.)		(24)	
(FT. WAYNE, IND.)		(2)	

MICHIGAN	3,050	445	15
DETROIT	2,600	445	17
ANN ARBOR	300	0	0
EAST LANSING	150	0	0
(GRAND RAPIDS)		(21.75)	
(FLINT)		(0.50)	

WASHINGTON	1,000	140	14
SEATTLE	1,000	140	14
(PULLMAN)		(1.50)	

ROCKY MOUNTAIN	1,500	188	13
DENVER	1,000	188	19
BOULDER	250	0	0
LOGAN	250	0	0

OREGON	650	80	12
PORTLAND	500	80	16
EUGENE	150	0	0

NEW ENGLAND	4,500	427.10	10
WORCESTER	600	207.10	35
CAMBRIDGE	1,750	220	13
BOSTON	1,750	0	0
PROVIDENCE	400	0	0
(N. ANDOVER, MASS.)		(20.98)	
(PLYMOUTH, MASS.)		(7)	

OHIO/KENTUCKY	2,550	260	10
CLEVELAND	2,250	250	11
EDINBORO	150	10	7
OXFORD	150	0	0
(LOUISA, KY.)		(1.50)	

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	5,600	375	7
SAN FRANCISCO	2,000	150	8
OAKLAND/BERKELEY	3,600	225	6
(MODESTO)		(8)	

NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY	5,950	302	5
BROOKLYN	1,800	102	6
UPPER WEST SIDE	1,800	100	6
LOWER MANHATTAN	1,700	100	6
LONG ISLAND	350	0	0
BINGHAMTON	150	0	0
PATERSON	150	0	0
(NEW LONDON, CONN.)		(2)	
(WEBSTER, N.Y.)		(1.05)	
(MANCHESTER, CONN.)		(1)	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	3,450	0	0
LOS ANGELES	2,550	0	0
SAN DIEGO	600	0	0
CLAREMONT	150	0	0
TUCSON	150	0	0
(ORANGE)		(1)	

TOTAL AT-LARGE	1,200	249.91	21
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Report from the Road

Editor's Note: The following report was sent in by Terry Hillman, a salesperson on the national Militant sub-selling team that is covering the South.

Selling subscriptions has never been easier, especially in places like the South. At the first campus we went to, Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, we sold 175 subscriptions in two days.

The most common response we heard was "It's only a dollar?!" Seven people indicated that they were extremely interested in the YSA and two or three asked to join. The campus radio station bought a *Militant* subscription, saying they wanted to read some of the articles from *The Militant* on their radio programs. Several women were especially interested in the abortion campaign coverage in *The Militant* and wanted to start a group to build November 20. A YSJP was started that is already an officially recognized student group. A sympathetic reporter interviewed us for the local liberal paper.

There is tremendous enthusiasm for *The Militant* at the Black schools we have been to. When we were just walking around Norfolk State with copies of the special Attica issue visible, people came up to us and literally begged to have a copy—at a time when the campus security guards, who were all over the campus, told us we couldn't sell without permission. Then the student government and student newspaper editors told us they would sell *The Militant* for us if we were forced to leave. Just about everyone on the newspaper staff, as well as the student government officials, bought subs.

At Hampton Institute, another Black school, almost everyone I asked bought a subscription. Women who hadn't been in their rooms when I

went through the dorms tracked me down later in order to buy subscriptions.

At East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina, one of the editors of the student newspaper asked to join the YSA and wants to start a YSJP and SMC. Another editor is also impressed by the YSA and is especially interested in building the abortion action. They have gotten together a group of 30 or 40 students to join the SMC and start building November 6.

These campuses are just waiting for the YSA to make an appearance. By selling subscriptions we are helping to build the SMC, build November 20, get out the name of the YSA and the SWP campaign, and recruit to the YSA.

SALES TECHNIQUES

The best place to clean up on subscriptions is in the dorms. Simply by going door to door in a steady, consistent manner, it is easy to get 10 to 20 subs in three hours. The dorms are the best places because people are generally relaxed, have their money available, will enjoy a break from their studying, and will give you time to explain about *The Militant*.

One pitch to use is: "Hi! I'm from *The Militant*, a weekly radical newspaper covering the anti-war, the women's liberation movement, the Black and Brown struggles, and other radical movements.

"Usually *The Militant* sells for 25¢ per copy or 4 for \$1, but we are giving it away now for only \$1 for 10 issues. That way you get six for free plus we'll give you this issue for free which makes seven free issues. Would you like to take a look?"

Always say "Would you like to take a look at the paper," because very few people say no. Once they start looking at it you can point out various

articles and explain what a bargain they're getting.

If they want to share a subscription with their roommate it will only cost 50¢ each, which is nothing considering what they usually waste 50¢ on in a day.

The main thing to remember about selling subs is that the more people you ask, the more subs you'll sell. In every dorm there are always at least 20 people who would be really interested in reading *The Militant*. It's just a matter of finding out who those people are and selling them subs. So never get discouraged if the first 10 people you ask don't want a sub, because among the next 10 may be a future YSAer!

During the day is not a good time to sell in the dorms. We try to sell at least 10 subs during the day by going into the student union, snack bar, cafeteria, or wherever we see a crowd of people. We also check to see if there is any special event during the day or night that would be a good place to sell, such as a rock concert, etc. Although the sales are slower during the day, if you are persistent there is no reason why in four or five hours you cannot sell at least 10 subs.

THE RIGHT TO SELL

When we go into the dorms we always assume that we have the right to sell subscriptions to *The Militant*. If we are challenged by a Resident Advisor or someone else we indicate that we are eager to comply with any formal regulations the university may have. Generally if we ask permission first, the authorities will say no. We try to sell as many subs as possible before they tell us we are not allowed to sell in the

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dorms if this is the case. The most the authorities can do is ask you to leave.

If the campus has many dorms, it is worthwhile to try to get permission to sell in them. There is a better chance of getting permission if accompanied by a friendly student from that campus. Whether or not permission is given varies from campus to campus.

If it looks like there is no way you can sell in the dorms after you have been refused permission, it is generally best not to sell in the dorms. This does not mean you cannot sell on that campus at all. Depending on the importance of the campus and the area, you may wish to stay and just try to sell out on the campus. Also, sometimes it is possible to go sell in another dorm if you have only been kicked out by a Resident Advisor of one particular dorm.

The general idea is to go where the most students are to be found. Check to see if there is non-dorm student housing, as there usually is in a campus town. It is even easier to sell in student apartments since you can't be kicked out by the authorities. The key to selling large numbers of subs is to keep selling. If you can't find anyplace else to sell, go to the movies where

there might be lines; to the local student hangout; to Black housing projects; or to factory gates.

HITTING A NEW CAMPUS

When we go onto a new campus there are all kinds of opportunities to explore. First, the campus newspaper and radio station will usually want to interview us and get exchange subscriptions. They will tell us what radical groups exist on campus, what the restrictions are on selling, where are the best places to sell, and if they know of a place where we can stay that night.

We tell them about the YSA, the fall antiwar calendar, the November 20 demonstration, and the SWP campaign.

We've also been telling them about the YSA convention in Houston and about the Klan members being indicted as a result of a campaign spearheaded by the YSA and SWP. This goes over really well, and everyone we have talked to about the YSA convention has indicated they would like to attend.

When we find a number of people who are interested in the YSA we try to set up a meeting with them to talk about the YSA in more detail. We ask them to write to the National Office of the YSA and we also send in their names to the

N.O. ourselves.

We always carry campaign brochures, antiwar literature, WONAAC literature, and YSA folded leaflets. Even though this seems like a lot to carry, it's worth it. After we get a list of names from each area of people interested in the YSA, YSJP, WONAAC, or SMC, we send the names to the appropriate places for follow-up work.

While we are in a particular location, we try to get *The Militant* and *ISR* into the local bookstores, newsstands, headshops, libraries, etc. We put up campaign, WONAAC, and November 6 leaflets in as many public places and on every bulletin board we find until the area looks like it was invaded by an army of YSAers.

By the time we're done in the South, *everyone* will have heard of the YSA and *The Militant!*

TERRY HILLMAN
National Sub Team

Notes from Pathfinder

Editor's Note: Beginning this week The Young Socialist Organizer will carry a biweekly column about Pathfinder Press—notes on new titles, Pathfinder representative work, etc. The column is written by Michael Smith, Pathfinder Representatives Coordinator, and suggestions can be sent to him c/o Pathfinder Press, 410 West St., New York, N. Y. 10014.

LETTERS FROM PRISON: Word about Pathfinder has spread through many American prisons. From Attica alone we received 50 orders this year. One rebel leader, Elliott Barkley, who had corresponded with Pathfinder, was among the prisoners murdered. Here are two not untypical letters. One from an inmate in New York:

Dear Sir,

I am greatly interested in Political Philosophies which I have been informed that the Pathfinder Press Publishes, although I am incarcerated, I have found that one can become a very astute student in Political Science if one is capable of having access to literature that you Publish.

Sincerely yours in Struggle,

And another from a prisoner in Pennsylvania who wrote "It is a pure pleasure to do business with your establishment, and I would very much appreciate it if I may receive these items within three weeks." If the warden hasn't illegally stopped the shipment he is now reading *The Understanding of History* by George Novack, *Two Speeches* by Malcolm X, and *Marxism and the Negro Struggle* by George Breitman et al.

A PRISONER IN TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA, ordered Trotsky's *The Revolution Betrayed* and *In Defense of Marxism*. Gene Debs was born in Terre Haute, but did most of his time in Wisconsin.

FROM CALIFORNIA Pathfinder's Bay Area Rep Jim Kendrick writes: "I want to reaffirm one fact. The political atmosphere is supercharged. We should keep up the pressure on the profs for classroom adoptions. Big breakthroughs can be made by pushing hard to become known." A member of the YSA has been assigned to do Pathfinder work with bookstores and professors. But everyone should look for openings, everyone can help. The Los Angeles Rep Priscilla March got a professor at Santa Barbara to take 200 copies of the pamphlet *Women and the Cuban Revolution* for a class. Fidel Castro and Linda Jenness wrote it. The political importance of this is obvious. The Chairman of the Afro-American Studies Department at Indiana University told Chicago Rep Jim Wicke that four to six of our titles were good adoption possibilities in about eight of their courses.

INSPIRING COUP OF THE MONTH: New York regional traveler Joanne Tortorici visited a professor in New Paltz, New York. She unpacked her Pathfinder sales kit on his desk, spreading out the books. He was pleased, almost as if he had been waiting for her to come along. He ordered 36 books for his course, which has

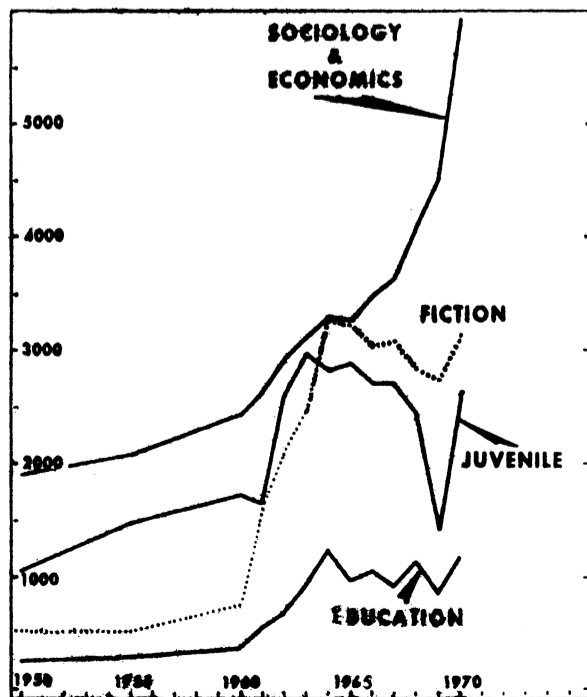
already started, and then went over to the bookstore and recommended that the buyer stock two of everything Pathfinder has. Like Noah's ark.

UNIVERSITY OF THE MONTH: The University of Boroko in the Territory of Papua and New Guinea wins for ordering eight Mandel titles and seven Novack titles, among others. Equally exotic, a store in Colloray, Australia, ordered *Black Nationalism and the Revolution in Music* by Frank Kofsky. We have just sent out a mailing advertising Pathfinder books to 4100 overseas libraries. Maybe it will pay off.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER: The official Communist Party bookstore in one European country sent in a huge order for 38 titles. Its largest request—*The Platform of the Left Opposition*.

A PRISON in Central Ohio ordered *Letters From Prison* by James P. Cannon for its library. Hint for wardens: Next time you have a Trotskyist in jail, try xeroxing his or her letters. Then you won't have to wait for the book to come out.

A TIP FROM THE WALL STREET JOURNAL: From a September 16 article "Reading" *Our Culture Through Books* and the accompanying graph we learn of "the precipitous rise of sociology, economics, history, and literature titles during the '60s. Equally surprising is the boom-bust of mysteries, fiction, science, religion and juvenile titles in the mid-'60s. These trends not only contain portents for book publishers; they indicate the way in which public values, priorities and tastes are moving."



Thanks mister. We didn't know that.

COMBINED AND UNEVEN DEVELOPMENT: We got the following letter from a male living in Texas:

Brothers—

Enclosed is 75c for the following pamphlets

- 1) "In Defense of the Women's Movement"
- 2) "The Politics of Women's Liberation"
- 3) "The Revolutionary Dynamics of Women's Liberation Today."

Thanks a lot, Yours sincerely,

ENTER THE CONTEST: Match the city to the state. The following places bought Pathfinder literature last month.

Upham	Missouri
Tuscaloosa	Illinois
Zion	Louisiana
Oneonta	New York
Lafayette	South Dakota
Sedalin	Alabama

The winner will get the first copy of Trotsky's *Problems of Life*, which will soon be off the press. Send answers to me at 410 West St., New York, N. Y. 10014.

COMING NEXT WEEK: "Rebellion in Ireland" by Gerry Foley, containing an interview he obtained with the Chief of Staff of the IRA. More on the many new arrivals in the next "Notes From Pathfinder" column.

GOOD BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS come from Pathfinder, people want to buy them because they are relevant. Getting them out so that they're available to the bookstores and to the teachers—that's our goal. And if we are to keep pace with the radicalization that's a necessity. We're going to be expanding. Keep it in mind.

MICHAEL SMITH
Pathfinder Representative Coordinator

Houston Attica Response

The activities of our fraction at the University of Houston the week following the Attica massacre centered around building the Attica campus speak-out at noon on Friday, September 24, the citywide community meeting that Friday evening, and sales of *The Militant*.

To carry out these activities, the campus fraction was expanded to include YSAers who didn't normally function within the fraction, but who would be available to help on the U of H campus for the week.

Our first task was to launch the Friday speak-out by seeking cosponsorship and support from a number of organizations and leading campus activists.

On Monday, September 20, we convinced a student senator to sponsor a resolution condemning the Attica murders and endorsing the campus speak-out on Friday. This was defeated with none of the senators who had been voted into office on "activist" programs speaking out in favor of the resolution. This surprised a number of students who were under the impression that these student "leaders" represented them.

It became apparent early in the week that most of the campus organizations that we were approaching for support were going to be relatively inactive in defending the Attica prisoners and

unwilling to cosponsor the rally. The YSJP and YSA were thus the only sponsoring organizations for the Friday speak-out. Through our activities that week, many campaign supporters became involved in building the campus speak-out and selling *The Militant*.

The sales of the Attica issue of *The Militant* and the dissemination of publicity on the Friday noon rally and Friday evening citywide protest meeting generated considerable discussion among the student body as a whole, particularly among political activists.

The culmination of the week's campus activities was the noon rally attended by over 200 people. Debby Leonard, SWP mayoral candidate, spoke on Attica, relating it to Houston and the role of the corrupt city government. A number of independent students urged the students in attendance to support the SWP campaign on the basis of their support for the Attica prisoners and their challenge to the Houston city government.

Judi Rossi, a feminist activist and YSAer, spoke on what students can do at the U of H to defend the Attica prisoners. Others who spoke at the speak-out included a Black professor, a Roman Catholic nun, and a number of Black student activists.

The rally endorsed a telegram to be sent to Nixon, Rockefeller, and Commissioner Oswald, condemning the Attica murders, supporting the demands of the prisoners, and calling for amnesty for the Attica prisoners. The telegram had been signed by over 100 students at the YSJP table that afternoon.

In conjunction with all our other activities on U of H that week, sales of our expanded *Militant* bundle of 750 was key. The campus fraction took a quota, and everyone was encouraged to sell several times a day that week. The campus was our major area for sales, but we all participated in other sales teams that were organized throughout the city.

At the end of the week over 125 *Militants* had been sold on the U of H campus. We now have the perspective of maintaining sales at 100 per week in conjunction with the sub drive and as part of our campaign to raise bundle sales.

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