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National Student Antiwar Conference

As we outlined at the YSA convention, our next major task in the antiwar movement is building the National Student Antiwar Conference hosted by the Student Mobilization Committee. This conference will take place in New York City on February 25-27 at Washington Irving High School. Because of the political importance of this conference, building it will require a concerted effort on the part of the entire YSA.

The political analysis of the state of the war and the tasks of the antiwar movement, which we made at the YSA convention, has been confirmed by the events of the past few weeks. The issue of the war is again on the front pages of the newspapers and many of the articles have conceded that the war will remain a major issue in 1972. The January 16 issue of *The New York Times* included an article by Neil Sheehan which said in part, "... if Vietnamization develops serious failings before the fall of 1972—if Saigon's administration and army come apart because of internal divisions or fail to hold off the North Vietnamese and the guerrillas—the President could find himself in deep political trouble...

"The outcry over the five days of bombing raids against North Vietnam at the end of the last month has demonstrated that the war is a latent issue with the electorate that could be quickly rekindled by events in Indochina."

This tinderbox situation with the war and the deepening antiwar sentiment in this country highlight the importance of the National Student Antiwar Conference.

THE CONFERENCE AND APRIL 22

The conference can be an important tool in building the April 22 demonstrations, which have been called by NPAC and endorsed by the SMC national steering committee.

While the April 22 demonstrations are the only clearly antiwar demonstrations which have been called for the spring, it is important that the authority of these actions be clearly established.

One way this can be done is through the endorser drive that is being directed by the NPAC National Office, and which should be organized in every area. Every group and individual that is against the war should be approached and asked to endorse April 22. Despite the pressures of the election period, many of the forces who will draw back from working with the antiwar movement will also feel a need to remain identified with it because of the mass sentiment against the war. One indication of this trend is another article in the *Times* of January 16 entitled "Who's Against the War Most?" This article noted that almost every major contender for the Democratic presidential nomination, from George McGovern to Hubert Humphrey, is running as a "peace" candidate. These politicians and their supporters should be approached to endorse April 22. All April 22 endorsements should be regularly sent to the NPAC National Office.

The National Student Antiwar Conference represents another very important means of establishing the authority of April 22. An endorsement for the demonstration from a large and representative gathering of the entire student antiwar movement could be decisive in establishing April 22 as the date for antiwar action this spring.

However, the conference will not simply be an attempt to ratify April 22. We expect that this conference will be widely attended by many different forces with many different perspectives for the student antiwar movement. We expect that a very important discussion will take place over the perspectives for the movement. We will want to win the majority of those at the conference to a mass action position—in support of the April 22 demonstrations.

In addition, we will want to explain the necessity of educating the American population about what is happening in Southeast Asia. One

of the vehicles for doing this will be the Friday night session of the conference, which will be a national teach-in on the war. The SMC is in the process of contacting a number of prominent individuals to speak at the teach-in. The teach-in, and the conference as a whole, will be an answer from the student movement to Nixon's claim that the war is winding down.

Similar teach-ins should be organized around the country as well. The SMC should invite other organizations to co-sponsor them and should attempt to obtain honoraria for prominent speakers. Where possible, and where they will facilitate the building of the conference, these teach-ins should be held in the weeks preceding the conference. If this is not possible, we should make plans to organize such teach-ins after the conference, as building actions for April 22.

BUILDING THE CONFERENCE

To maximize the political opportunities that this conference offers, the practical tasks of conference building must be thought out very seriously. On a national scale the SMC is meeting with many other forces in the student movement, including the Association of Student Governments, the National Student Association, forces in the Youth Caucus, and others. In addition to discussing plans for the conference with these people and inviting them to become involved in these activities, the SMC National Office is attempting to get their endorsement for the conference.

This should also be done around the country. Student governments, student councils, organizations such as Youth for McGovern, as well as individual leaders of these groups, should be approached to endorse the conference. Other forces in the student movement such as feminist organizations, Black Student Unions, other nationalist organizations, gay organizations, and others should also be approached. These endorsements of the conference should be viewed as separate from those obtained for April 22, although there are many people who will endorse both. Endorsement of the conference indicates an agreement that the student movement should come together and plan a course of action in response to the continuation and escalation of the war. We should also urge all the forces that we approach for endorsement to attend the conference and to join with the SMC in helping to build it. Endorsements obtained for the conference should be sent to the SMC National Office on a regular basis.

Obtaining these endorsers will add to the political breadth of the conference and will focus more attention on it. Press conferences can be held with local endorsers to announce plans being made locally.

In addition to the endorser drive, other plans should be made for building the conference. We want to approach this work as one of the central campaigns for the YSA in the next few weeks.

Some of the possibilities for building the conference include: regional and citywide traveling by the SMC to publicize the conference; soliciting news articles, editorials of endorsement, and free advertisements from the campus and underground press; organizing paste-ups of conference material, including leaflets, stickers, and posters; and organizing mass leafleting of campuses and high schools with information about the conference. Careful attention to this kind of leafletting campaign will both increase the number of people who will attend from local areas and, by spreading the word about the conference, increase the interest in its decisions among those who cannot attend. This should be organized with particular attention paid to systematic leafletting of high schools. Many areas have found that this is an important step in establishing a base for the SMC in the high schools.

TRANSPORTATION AND FUND RAISING

Transportation for the conference should be organized early. Buses should be reserved and, where necessary, car pools should be organized immediately so that as many people as possible can attend.

Fund raising for the conference is very important. We should approach individuals and student governments for funds to help in the building of the conference and in subsidizing transportation to it. This should be given particularly close attention in areas where long distances must be traveled to attend the conference. Starting this work immediately can make a significant difference in the number of people who will be able to attend from these areas.

PARTICIPATION BY YSAers

The participation of as many YSAers as possible in this conference is extremely important. As was mentioned earlier, we expect that this conference will be the occasion for a very important discussion for the student movement. Our movement has a very important role to play in this discussion and it is essential that as many YSAers as possible attend and take part in it. The conference will also be an excellent opportunity to obtain endorsers for the SWP election campaign, involve YSJers in campaign activities, and win young activists to our ranks.

Furthermore, the experience of taking part in such a conference is a very important one for every YSAer. The leadership of every local should view the attendance of YSAers at this conference as an important priority, and should organize the maximum possible attendance from each local. At-large YSAers and YSAers in areas where no transportation can be organized should contact the regional center and make arrangements to attend the conference.

The work we do in the next few weeks to build this conference can be decisive in the success of all our antiwar work this spring. We should organize with this in mind and help to make this conference as successful as possible.

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Young Socialist Organizer Report

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The growth of our movement, both geographically and numerically, makes it essential that we develop national tools with which to organize and educate our membership. *The Militant* since its inception has played this role in our external campaigns by updating our tasks for the mass movements each week, polemicizing with our opponents, and answering questions central to the radical movement. But the expansion of our activity, in particular the campaigns to improve and professionalize our internal functioning, necessitates some form of communication with comrades around the country of more an internal nature.

Prior to 1970, this communication took the form of internal mailings from the National Office to National Committee members, YSA organizers, and at-large members. These mailings, however, reached only a fraction of our membership and consumed a tremendous amount of time for the comrades working in the National Office. At the 1968 YSA convention we decided to launch *The Young Socialist Organizer*. The YSA's previous publication, the *Young Socialist* magazine, had consisted of articles and interviews aimed at the student movement as a whole and had been sold in much the same way as we sell *The Militant*. This publication had proved to be inadequate for any kind of exchange of experiences among comrades across the country or for the kinds of reports from the center aimed at our membership that we were finding increasingly necessary.

At the same time, we still saw the need for a publication that could be directed toward radicalizing youth, containing our analysis of the current radicalization and taking up questions being raised on the left. For this reason, in conjunction with the Socialist Workers Party, we decided to launch the new *International Socialist Review*.

The Young Socialist Organizer as we conceived of it was to more adequately fulfill the needs of the YSA. It was to serve four purposes.

First, it was to educate our membership, especially the newer comrades, about how we function while giving every comrade, from those in center locals to at-large members, a feeling of being part of a national organization.

Second, it was to offer a forum for YSAers to exchange experiences, problems, successes, and the lessons learned from each—something that in the past had only been possible at plenums and conventions.

Third, *The Organizer* was to substitute for some of the internal mailings which previously had gone to only a few YSAers—to communicate the important reports on our tasks to all comrades.

And last, it was to serve as an introduction to our politics and organizational norms for people coming around the YSA.

DEVELOPMENT

Publishing a paper of this character was a new experience for the YSA, and since its beginning in 1970, we have further developed our concept of *The Organizer* and have continued to increase its usefulness to YSAers in the field. At the YSA National Committee plenum in July of this year, it was reported that with the addition of one person to the staff and the increased consciousness of comrades in the field about contributing to the *Organizer*, we had been able to regularize the publishing schedule to bi-weekly and to improve the balance of articles from the field and the center. We decided at the plenum that the next step was a weekly *Young Socialist Organizer*.

The reasons for this change were inherent in every report discussed at the plenum. With the intense level of activity projected for this fall, especially the SWP '72 Campaign, we felt it essential to increase the number of campaigns covered in

the YSO, to increase the number of articles and aspects of any one campaign covered, and to make the articles more current and therefore of more use to comrades in the field.

With the first 15 issues of the weekly *Organizer*, we can definitely say that the decision to change to a weekly publication was a correct one. The success of the weekly *Organizer* has corresponded with the most active and fruitful fall offensive the YSA has ever experienced, and the coverage given to our campaigns in the *Organizer* has contributed to the gains the YSA made nationally this fall. I now want to briefly review the progress we have made on the *Organizer* in the last year, specifically this fall.

At the plenum in July, we projected that initially the weekly *Organizer* would be four pages, with the perspective of making it eight pages after we had made the necessary transition, training new staff people, streamlining the technical production of the *Organizer*, and so on. However, we were able to begin the first weekly *Organizer* in September with eight pages, and only twice this fall have we had to print a four-page *Organizer*.

The National Executive Committee constituted an editorial board to oversee the work of the *Organizer* and we added an additional person to the staff, increasing the *Organizer* staff to three.

During 1971 and especially since the initiation of the weekly *Organizer*, we have significantly increased the number of articles from the field in any one issue, completely reversing the situation with the early *Organizer* where the majority of articles were from the center.

In 1970, we printed 131 articles from the center, which includes all the national departments—Pathfinder, the National Campaign Office, the YSA National Office—and 190 from the field. Just since this September, there have been 69 articles from the center and 110 from the field.

In addition, we have had more of a variety of articles, from regular features like "Notes from Pathfinder" and the *ISR* sub drive scoreboard to a whole number of "how to" articles—how to get campaign media coverage, how to make money on book sales, how to sell subs—to special reports like those from the national sub teams.

We have almost eliminated unnecessary space fillers and have been able to start more articles on the cover to utilize all available space.

The timeliness of all the articles, especially the line articles from the center, have qualitatively improved. The weekly *Organizer* has enabled us to devote several issues to each campaign we are involved in. One of the most significant improvements is the number of articles we have received from locals at the beginning and during the course of our campaigns, rather than just after their completion, so that line articles from the center have been accompanied by several field articles outlining concrete examples of our tasks. An example of this was the special Attica issue that we published almost immediately after the Attica massacre, containing the NEC statement on Attica, a line article from the National Office, and three articles from the field on our response to Attica around the country.

In order to assess our strengths and weaknesses regarding specific areas of work covered in the *Organizer*, I want to pick out a few of the most outstanding categories from the index of articles for the 1971 *Organizer*.

In 1970, we published 19 issues of the *Organizer* and in 1971, 30 issues, so this, of course, should be kept in mind in comparing the number of articles we have printed on each area of work.

The most striking category in comparing 1970 with 1971 is that of women's liberation. This category indicates the role YSAers around the country have played in helping to initiate and build the national abortion campaign. In 1970, we printed a total of eight articles on women's liberation, and in 1971, 42 articles on women's liberation and the national abortion campaign.

The second strength we can point to, which is integrally related to the success of this campaign, is that of finances. Last year we printed 20 articles on finances, and this year we printed 49.

Since the beginning of the weekly *Organizer*, some of the articles most frequently appearing have been on the SWP '72 Campaign. In 1970, the SWP election campaign category was com-

bined with articles on student government elections and contained a total of six articles. In 1971, we have printed 29 articles on SWP election campaigns, virtually all of them relating in some way to the '72 national campaign.

Some of the other categories which should be noted are: in 1970, seven articles on the sub drive, this year, 22; in 1970, seven articles on the YSA convention, and this year, 17.

An indication of our increased activity, the opportunities opening up, and the variety of articles that the weekly *Organizer* allows us to have are the several new categories that we have added to the index for 1971. They are prisoner work, gay liberation, campus blitzes, and Pathfinder.

Now for the dimmer side of the picture, which I think we can say is dim only in comparison with our successes. Last year we had four articles on high school work, and this year, despite the campaign outlined at the July plenum of stepping up our work with high school students, we increased this category by only six articles, for a total of 10 articles in 1971 on high school work. This is one area that we want to give much more attention to this spring. The discussion under the high school report indicated that it only requires an increased consciousness on the part of comrades to share their experiences in high school work with other YSAers.

The second category that indicates a certain weakness in our publication is that of *Militant* and *ISR* sales. Last year we printed three articles on sales and this year it increased only to seven. We expect that with the emphasis that locals will be placing on increasing bundle sales of both *The Militant* and the *ISR* this spring, this important aspect of our propaganda work will be reflected in the *Organizer*.

The last category that should be pointed to is the area of our work with international students. Last year we had only two articles on our work in defending the Arab Revolution. Considering the amount of activity we carried out in this area of work in the fall of 1970, this small number of articles was a serious lacking. This year, after a report at the YSA plenum on international students and the discussion that followed, it became clear that locals are doing consistent work in this area. We can report only one article for 1971 on our work with international students. Articles on this area of work should be given careful attention this spring. Related to this, we expect articles from the center and the field on the campaign in defense of Latin American prisoners outlined in the International Report to this convention.

Considering the index as a whole, however, we can say that the 1971 *Organizer* has reflected the intense activity of the YSA and has contributed to the success of many of our campaigns for 1971.

YSO CORRESPONDENT AND LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The key to improving *The Young Socialist Organizer* and increasing its value to all YSAers is increasing the contributions that comrades from the field make to it. When we begin to receive enough articles to allow us to edit sections that may have been repeated in other articles, return articles for more elaboration if needed, and generally be more selective in the articles that we print, then the usefulness of the *Organizer* will significantly increase.

In order to facilitate getting field articles and to improve distribution and utilization of the *Organizer*, the National Office asked that each local assign a *Young Socialist Organizer* correspondent, preferably a member of the executive committee.

The function of this correspondent is to assign comrades to write articles and in doing this to see that the *Organizer* is integrated into all areas of work. The correspondent should see that the *Organizer* is discussed in executive committee, local, and fraction meetings. In addition, an important part of this assignment is ensuring that the *Organizer* is effectively distributed to and utilized by all comrades.

The amount of articles received from the field in the last year and specifically in the last few

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months has notably increased. This is a definite sign of strength in our publication. The assignment of an *Organizer* correspondent in most locals has contributed to this progress. Many locals now regularly discuss contributions for the *Organizer* in executive committee meetings.

However, the *Organizer* staff in the National Office still spends a significant portion of time coming up with ideas for field articles and soliciting them. Any effort to improve the *Organizer* will have to include a campaign by locals to turn this situation around with regular discussions on possible articles in executive committee and fraction meetings. This is necessary because the present situation involves several problems: first, it is a time-consuming process for the *Organizer* staff; second, it decreases the timeliness of the articles; and third, it limits the variety of articles we can have since the National Office cannot possibly be familiar with every facet of each local's work.

To a certain extent, this problem is compounded by the attitude of some locals that they have little or nothing to contribute to the *Organizer*. There is, however, no local of the YSA that has not had experiences that would be useful to share with other YSAers. YSAers should keep the concept of the *Organizer* in mind when considering topics for articles. The *Organizer* is aimed at our membership and articles for it do not have to report on earth-shattering political events or activities that have made tremendous gains for the YSA. We want articles on activities, campaigns, and internal functioning from which lessons can be drawn and useful techniques or procedures can be passed on to YSAers in other parts of the country. This obviously includes a gamut of activities in every local in the country. There should be no problem in finding topics for *Organizer* articles.

The second thing that comrades should remember is that we want to take an imaginative attitude toward articles. Every article does not have to be a round-up article on a particular area of work, but we should experiment with specific aspects of activities or campaigns—how to do a collection speech, how to organize a fund-raising dinner, how to organize a press conference, and so on.

We do not want articles only after activities have happened or in the midst of a campaign, but articles outlining projections and how these projections were arrived at, especially with activities that locals will be organizing nationally. A good example of this is the article we received from Oakland-Berkeley on their fall socialist educational conference.

The *Organizer* is a tool which comrades should use to help organize all their activities. In this respect, the nature of *Organizer* articles is important: for example, *Organizer* articles are much different than *Militant* articles. *Organizer* articles should not just report on what happened, but how it happened. They should include how an activity was publicized, how honoraria was obtained, how many people were recruited, how new forces were drawn in, how it was motivated to the local, and so on. If written with these guidelines in mind, other YSAers after reading it, should be able to benefit from these experiences when carrying out similar activities in their areas.

The majority of articles we presently receive are from large center locals. It is the regional locals however, who have consistently utilized the *Organizer* and depend on it for direction in organizing their work. It is important that we receive contributions for the *Organizer* from these regional locals dealing with the special problems they face and how they organize their activities, so that this knowledge can be shared with other regional locals.

Regional organizers and travelers should encourage and work with regional comrades, including at-large members, in writing articles for the *Organizer*.

SPRING CAMPAIGNS

If the *Organizer* is to play an important role in all our work, it is important the *Organizer* articles not be pushed to the bottom of our list of priorities during intensive periods of activity. We will want to give extensive coverage to all the campaigns the YSA will be involved in.

First, we will want to have regular articles on the mass movements that the YSA will be building this spring, in particular the antiwar

actions and the national abortion campaign. We expect articles from YSAers who are active in these movements on any number of aspects of these campaigns—campus organizing, fund raising, drawing in new forces, publicizing these actions, building contingents, and so on.

Next, the spring *Militant* and *ISR* sales campaign takes on special importance in light of our intensive propaganda offensive through the 1972 elections. Since this is one of the areas that we want to improve coverage of in the *Organizer*, locals should be especially conscious of writing articles on their experiences with the sales campaign, including articles on new sales locations, involving YSJPer in sales, and stabilizing debts.

The emphasis that locals will be placing on the spring *Militant* and *ISR* renewal campaign should be reflected in the pages of the *Organizer*. Since this will be an entirely new campaign for our movement, the *Organizer* should play an extremely valuable role in helping to make this campaign a success. We want to immediately begin printing articles on how locals are organizing the renewal campaign.

The financial report to this convention has indicated the tremendous gains we have made in this area of internal work. The *Organizer* has played a role in this success. The increasing funds needed by our movement to finance our expanding activity have necessitated a special emphasis on outside fund raising. This is a relatively new area of activity for the YSA, and this spring we want to increase our coverage of the experiences comrades are having with their speakers bureaus and other fund-raising projects.

Finally, the campaign that will be the focus of all our activities and the one that should be integrated into virtually all *Organizer* articles is the SWP '72 election campaign. Already this fall more articles on the SWP '72 Campaign have appeared in the *Organizer* than on any other area of work. These include articles on the candidates' and YSJP coordinators' tours, confronting capitalist candidates, interventions in register-to-vote rallies and conferences, organizing YSJPs, and completing the endorser drive.

As the momentum of the campaign grows this spring, we expect this trend to continue with an even wider variety of articles on building support for the campaign. Comrades should view the *YSO* as the campaign organizer just as we view *The Militant* as the campaign newspaper. The *Organizer*, with the close attention of comrades around the country, should be a key component in the tremendous gains we will make from the '72 election campaign.

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Despite the improvements made in the *Organizer*, indications from the national organization tours, the organization questionnaires for this convention, and the size of the locals' bundles, are that the *Organizer* is not fully utilized by comrades, especially those in the center locals. This is the most significant weakness in our publication at this point, and plans for improvement in the *Organizer* must include a campaign to increase bundle orders and the utilization of the *Organizer*.

The *Organizer* is the vehicle we have to communicate with our entire membership, and it is the responsibility of the local leadership to see that it is utilized to its fullest. While the *Organizer* correspondent should oversee the distribution of the *Organizer*, the local leadership should be constantly on top of its utilization.

Each issue of the *Organizer* should be motivated at local business meetings, and special articles should be pointed out to the membership. Articles on particular areas of work should be included in reports to fractions and the local. Many of the articles can be used as the basis for educationals, such as the articles we had prior to the convention on selecting a national leadership.

The *Organizer* correspondent, along with the executive committee should devise an efficient way to distribute the *Organizer*—to find a way that each week the *Organizer* gets into the hands of every YSAer. We also want to make a special

effort to sell the *Organizer* to members of the SWP who are not in the YSA.

One important role the *Organizer* can play in our campaign to recruit new members, is to introduce people interested in the YSA to our politics and to how we function. The *Organizer* is an impressive example of the professionalism and seriousness of the YSA. This characteristic of the YSA will be a factor in our recruitment through the YSJP and the SWP '72 Campaign.

The campaigns we have launched to professionalize our internal organization and the expanded opportunities for external work have led to a division of labor in the YSA that is becoming more and more specialized. The *Organizer* can contribute toward broadening the organizational experience of each comrade, toward making well-rounded revolutionary cadre, and it is this, combined with the aid it can give to all our areas of work, that makes distributing the *Organizer* so important.

The immediate improvements of increasing the number of and variety of articles from the field and of increasing the distribution and utilization of the *Organizer* can only be accomplished when all YSAers give careful attention to it. *The Young Socialist Organizer* is a very important part of the national apparatus that allows us to operate as a unified and effective revolutionary socialist youth organization. It is one of the aspects of our movement that sets us apart from all the other political tendencies with which we are vying for hegemony on the campuses and high schools. During this spring, with the intensive activity that we have projected at this convention and the many campaigns which will be new experiences for much of our membership, the *Organizer* can and should play an especially important role.

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Final Fund Drive Scoreboard and Spring Quotas

The final scoreboard for the fall fund drive and the suggested spring fund drive quotas for each local are included in this week's issue of *The YS Organizer*. The YSA voted at the convention to approve a national quota of \$46,000 for the 16-week spring fund drive, February 5 to May 27. For the most part, the individual local quotas are slightly higher than those taken on last fall.

The discussion at the convention around the \$46,000 fund drive indicated that the YSA is well prepared to meet this goal. During the fall, we gained valuable experience and knowledge about YSA finances. Most importantly, we have had more experience in raising funds outside our membership, while at the same time professionalizing our organization of local finances. Having laid the groundwork in drawing up budgets, establishing speakers bureaus, and training YSAers in financial work, we can realize the goals outlined in the financial report approved at the YSA convention.

Completing the spring fund drive successfully is a top priority for YSA locals. At the same time, it must be seen in the context of the whole spring financial campaign. The other important side of the spring campaign is for locals to organize their finances so that they will be able to pay off all or a large part of their debts this spring.

To make this possible, locals should immediately begin drawing up budgets, building strong financial committees, strengthening internal finances by raising sustainers, organizing fund-raising projects, preparing speakers bureau literature, and applying for student government budgets. Carrying out these financial tasks is an integral part of the overall political work of each local.

While locals should begin discussing the proposed fund drive quotas, it is not necessary that the quotas be voted on until they have been discussed with the National Office during the financial tour.

TERRY HARDY
YSA Financial Director

FINAL FALL FUND DRIVE SCOREBOARD AND PROPOSED SPRING QUOTAS

REGION AND LOCAL	FALL		SPRING	
	QUOTA	PAID %	QUOTA	
TEXAS/LA/OKLAHOMA	\$2750	\$2851	103	\$3000
AUSTIN	1300	1400	108	1500
HOUSTON	1300	1301	100	1500
SAN ANTONIO	150	150	100	—*
(DENTON, TEXAS)		(20)		
(EL PASO, TEXAS)		(1)		
NEW ENGLAND	4580	4636	101	5200

PROVIDENCE	400	500	125	550
CAMBRIDGE	1750	1762	101	1850
BOSTON	1750	1750	100	1850
WORCESTER	600	600	100	650
AMHERST	50	16	32	150
KINGSTON	30	8	25	150
(PORTLAND, MAINE)		(50)		
(DURHAM, N. H.)		(40)		
(MANCHESTER, N. H.)		(30)		
(N. ANDOVER, MASS.)		(21)		
(PLYMOUTH, MASS.)		(7)		
(W. BRATTLEBORO, VT.)		(5)		

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	5600	5600	100	5800
OAKLAND/BERKELEY	3600	3600	100	3700
SAN FRANCISCO	2000	2000	100	2100
(MODESTO)		(12)		
(SAN MATEO)		(3)		

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	3850	3870	100	4300
CLAREMONT	150	175	117	200
LOS ANGELES	2550	2575	100	2650
SAN DIEGO	750	750	100	850
SANTA BARBARA	150	150	100	200
TUCSON	150	150	100	200
PHOENIX	100	70	70	200
(ORANGE)		(1)		

UPPER MIDWEST	2300	2300	100	2400
TWIN CITIES	2300	2300	100	2400
(MADISON, S. D.)		(4)		

MARYLAND/VIRGINIA	1800	1802	100	2100
WASHINGTON D. C.	1800	1802	100	2100
(CRISFIELD, MD.)		(131)		
(COLUMBIA, MD.)		(7)		
(RICHMOND, VA.)		(4)		
(CHAPEL HILL, N. C.)		(1)		

PENNSYLVANIA	1800	1800	100	1900
PHILADELPHIA	1800	1800	100	1900
(STATE COLLEGE)		(173)		

WASHINGTON	1000	1000	100	1500
SEATTLE	1000	1000	100	1500
(PULLMAN)		(3)		

OREGON	650	630	97	900
PORTLAND	500	500	100	750
EUGENE	150	130	83	150

MIDWEST	5350	5140	96	5300
KANSAS CITY	200	225	113	200
BLOOMINGTON	375	415	111	450
MADISON	500	550	110	300
CHICAGO	3600	3600	100	3700
MILWAUKEE	300	300	100	300
DEKALB	375	50	14	150
CARBONDALE	—**			150
SKOKIE	—**			50
(KENOSHA/RACINE, WISC.)		(117)		

(ST. LOUIS, MO.)	(102)
(PITTSBURG, KANSAS)	(46)
(FT. WAYNE, IND.)	(2)

OHIO/KENTUCKY	2700	2394	89	2650
CLEVELAND	2250	2274	101	2350
EDINBORO	150	115	77	150
OXFORD	150	5	3	—*
COLUMBUS	150	0	0	150
(MARIETTA, OHIO)		(20)		
(LOUISA, KY.)		(2)		

ROCKY MOUNTAIN	1550	1309	84	1400
LOGAN	150	150	100	—*
BOULDER	400	350	88	400
DENVER	1000	809	81	1000

NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY	5990	4684	79	5080
LOWER MANHATTAN	1700	1700	100	1380
BINGHAMTON	190	191	100	250
UPPER WEST SIDE	1800	1548	86	1500
BROOKLYN	1800	1146	64	1500
LONG ISLAND	350	100	29	150
PATERSON	150	0	0	150
NEW HAVEN	—**			150
(HARTFORD/NEW HAVEN/				
NEW LONDON, CONN.)		(57)		
(VERNON CENTER, N. Y.)		(19)		
(WEBSTER, N. Y.)		(5)		
(NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.)		(5)		
(NEWARK, N. J.)		(2)		
(ALBANY, N. Y.)		(1)		
(MANCHESTER, CONN.)		(1)		
(GARDEN CITY, N. Y.)		(1)		

MICHIGAN	2800	1645	59	2250
ANN ARBOR	200	200	100	150
DETROIT	2600	1445	56	2100
(GRAND RAPIDS)		(22)		
(EAST LANSING)		(15)		
(FLINT)		(1)		

SOUTHEAST	2450	1029	42	2300
NASHVILLE	150	100	67	150
TAMPA	300	150	50	—*
KNOXVILLE	200	100	50	200
ATLANTA	1400	622	44	1400
TALLAHASSEE	250	50	20	250
GAINESVILLE	150	7	4	150
MIAMI	—**			150
(JACKSONVILLE, FLA.)		(1)		
(MOBILE, ALA.)		(1)		

TOTAL AT-LARGE	1200	928	77	1000
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS		45		
TOTAL	46,370	41,664	90	47,080

* LOCAL DISSOLVED SINCE FALL FUND DRIVE
** LOCAL FORMED SINCE FALL FUND DRIVE

Abortion Conference Reports...Chicago

The past two weeks in Chicago have netted important gains in building the Illinois Women's Abortion Coalition and the Women's National Abortion Conference, which will be held in Boston on February 11-13. Our first general coalition meeting of the year was built through campus leafleting and systematic phone calling to everyone who had been involved in any way in building November 20. In our phone calls, we explained the legal situation in New York and the need of the abortion law repeal movement to respond to the recent attacks on the liberalized New York abortion law. The New York situation stimulated a significant response. Fifty women attended the IWAC meeting, including 15 who had never before been involved in the movement.

The meeting began with a talk by Claytee Artz of the Detroit Black Women United on "Black Women—Genocide and Abortion." After a film was shown, reports were given on the New York situation and the conference. The emergency character of the conference in light of the attacks on

the New York law was explained and a picket line at the Federal Building in solidarity with the New York women was called.

Despite sub-zero weather, 15 women participated in the picket line which was spirited and received press coverage from two newspapers and two TV stations.

IWAC is also planning a campus task force meeting for the last week in January. We anticipate a good turn-out with representation from all the major Chicago campuses, including three predominantly Black schools where women became interested in the abortion campaign during Claytee Artz' tour. The meeting is being built by phoning the campus key list and leafleting on the campuses. The Artz tour helped make many new contacts for the abortion law repeal campaign.

IWAC is preparing several constituency mailings on the conference to campus, high school, trade union, and Black women. A mailing was sent to the key list explaining the literary discussion in the WONAAC Newsletter and encour-

aging women to send in contributions. We are soliciting speakers and resource people for the conference. In this work we have also emphasized the seriousness of the attack on the New York law and the importance of the conference as a national response.

Fund raising has been going well. A mailing was sent to the entire fund-raising list. Follow-up phone calls netted \$140 in one day. We hope to secure several honoraria before the conference to help subsidize women who cannot afford the \$41 bus ticket. We also sent a special mailing to doctors asking them to donate an amount equivalent to the price of an abortion to help women attend the conference. Regular button sales have brought in money and are helping to publicize the campaign. A weekend button sale held recently raised \$100. We are hoping to repeat this success by sending four teams to shopping centers this weekend. Campus activists are also encouraged to speak to sympathetic professors for funds.

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An attractive brochure, advertising the IWAC speakers bureau has been prepared. IWAC hopes to develop the speakers bureau into a major fund source after the conference. A special fund-raising brochure illustrating our spring projections is also being planned.

IWAC is organizing a brief regional tour to get out posters and leaflets on the conference and help organize new campus groups in the region.

We are contacting female *Militant* subscribers in the Chicago area to involve them in setting up literature tables and meetings.

Regular press work has also paid off. As well as getting out a press release every two or three days, we have been able to take advantage of free public service announcements on a number of radio stations. We have also been successful in getting appearances on TV talk shows, which have brought us numerous responses from inter-

ested women.

Through all these activities we expect to fill at least one bus from Chicago for the national conference.

JANE TOURTELLOTTE
Chicago YSA

...Detroit

The Detroit Women's Abortion Action Coalition (DWAAC) has begun to gear into the building of the Women's National Abortion Conference.

So far, fund raising has been a major area of our activity. DWAAC is sponsoring a benefit showing of the Rolling Stones' film, *Gimme Shelter*, to raise money to cover part of the cost of the bus trip to Boston. The coalition will also be raising money for the buses by co-sponsoring an art and book sale with Wayne State University Women's Liberation. We expect that both of these fund-raising projects will help to significantly lower the cost of bus tickets.

The building for this conference presents the abortion law repeal movement with the opportunity to expand onto many new campuses and high schools. Understanding these possibilities, DWAAC will be sending blitz teams to high schools and colleges in the Detroit area to leaflet and sign up women to go to the conference. This will be an excellent opportunity for DWAAC to

make contact with new women and involve them in both the local and national abortion law repeal campaign.

The High School Women's Committee of DWAAC is projecting the largest possible participation of high school women in the national conference. High school sisters have already begun leafleting and setting up speaking engagements to build the conference. Women from the high school committee were recently interviewed on a women's radio program, and spoke about how the present laws deny high school women the right to control their own bodies. The importance of participation in the upcoming conference was also stressed.

Wayne State University Women's Liberation is setting up literature tables to leaflet, encourage women to attend the conference, and sell bus tickets. They will also be submitting articles to the campus newspaper on different aspects of the national abortion campaign and the WONAAC

conference, notifying women of where they can obtain bus tickets. Wayne State Women's Liberation is also sending a fund-appeal letter to all of the campus faculty to help cut the cost of the bus tickets.

Black Women United for Abortion Law Repeal at Wayne State recently had their first meeting. At the meeting they decided to immediately begin to involve Black women at Wayne State in the abortion law repeal movement. Black Women United will be building the conference in conjunction with Wayne State Women's Liberation and the Detroit Women's Abortion Action Coalition.

LAURA ROBB
Detroit YSA

Organizing the Renewal Campaign

"The renewal campaign is beginning to get into gear . . ." (*The Militant*, January 28) and the YSA must step up its organization of the renewal campaign in order to take full advantage of the time remaining in it. Because the renewal campaign is a new experience for locals, it is essential that all areas keep in close touch with *The Militant* Business Office and the YSA National Office so that the progress can be followed in *The Militant* each week and successful organizing techniques can be passed on through *The Young Socialist Organizer*.

The majority of introductory subscriptions obtained last fall came from the regions rather than the regional centers themselves. These subscriptions were obtained primarily by sending teams from the centers to outlying campuses for a day, weekend, or overnight. The same technique will be necessary in obtaining renewals. Instead of sending teams simply to sell subs to *The Militant* and *ISR*, however, we have the opportunity to send campaign and recruitment teams that will build the campaigns of the YSA as well as urge people to renew their subscriptions.

The most effective way to track down subscribers on a campus where a large number of subscriptions were sold will probably be by going door-to-door through the dorms, as was done on sub drives. This will give the team several opportunities.

First of all, we will want to contact any YSJPs on the campus before arriving so they will be able to help. YSJPs can participate in the teams that the regional center sends to a campus and continue renewal work after the team leaves. Second, a campaign table with literature, endorser cards, *The Militant*, *ISR*, and sub blanks should be set up in a busy location. Again, YSJPs on a campus can make advance arrangements. Next, teams should be sent through the dorms to find subscribers. In dorms where someone subscribes, it is more than likely that roommates and friends who have also seen *The Militant* will be willing to subscribe. Everyone who is familiar with the SWP '72 election campaign should be urged to endorse and should be sold a sub. We should point out that a one-year sub will enable a person to follow the candidates through the November elections. Introductory subs can be sold to people who are not familiar with *The Militant*.

The Twin Cities local has made packets of ma-

terial to give to interested people they meet. A packet may contain campaign material, forum leaflets, SMC and WONAAC conference leaflets, information on building the YSJP and YSA, and so on. Another area is preparing an information sheet listing the forum series, classes, special educational, dates of the SMC and WONAAC conferences, and places to contact if the person is interested in any of them. Another idea is to prepare a calling card to leave if the subscriber is not home. The card could list when *The Militant* representative will return, the time forums are held, and a phone number and address to contact. A small card could be printed inexpensively by local print shops. A couple of areas are mailing letters to all subscribers in their regions telling them they will be visited.

The YSJP teams that the national campaign is sending out during February, March, and April illustrate the tie between the renewal and election campaigns. The YSJP teams will concentrate mainly on areas where the fall sub teams were most successful, as well as some new areas. The YSJP teams will have lists of the *Militant* subscribers on each campus they visit. They will be looking up subscribers as the people most likely to endorse the campaign and help organize campus meetings and YSJP activity. They will be seeking renewals as well as selling introductory subs to the new people they meet. The regional center's renewal teams should be working in conjunction with the YSJP teams.

One important aspect of the renewal campaign that will help sell one-year subs is the free book offer. The offer of a free book or set of pamphlets with a one-year subscription will be very attractive to prospective resubscribers. The books that are offered can be displayed on campaign tables and, if possible, teams can carry samples with them. *The Militant* Business Office has produced an attractive folded leaflet illustrating the offer. All areas can take a stack with them to distribute when visiting subscribers.

In order to reap the maximum benefits of the renewal campaign, keeping accurate records is essential. One suggested method has been to type the names of all subscribers on index cards. The back of the card can have space to list when the person was visited, the result of the visit, the area of work she or he was most interested in (i.e. women's liberation, antiwar, campaign, etc.), whether she or he will set up speaking engagements, contribute financially to the campaign,

etc. The renewal director can keep the file up to date for use by the other local committees.

Key to the success of the renewal campaign is the way it is tied ~~to the~~ ~~aspects of our work~~. The extent to which we are able to involve readers of our press in the mass movements, our regular activities such as forums, and in our main area of activity between now and November—the SWP '72 Campaign—will be a crucial measure of the success of the renewal drive.

We not only want people to follow the socialist campaign by subscribing to the campaign newspaper for a year. We want them to endorse the campaign, set up speaking engagements for the candidates, YSJP coordinators, and campaign spokespeople, organize interventions into other candidates' meetings, set up campaign tables, and interest others in the election campaign. The people who have subscribed to *The Militant* and followed our campaign are most likely to become active YSJPs.

The renewal campaign offers the YSA unprecedented opportunities for contact work—those who read our press for a year will be gaining a firm understanding of our politics. We want to draw these people into activity around any aspect of our work that interests them. We can find the area that interests them most, talk to them about it, and try to involve them in activity while getting them to resubscribe. Through this process we will recruit to the YSA.

The renewal campaign will help increase our base of subscribers and our permanent readership. It will also lay the basis for a massive sub drive in the fall.

LESLIE DORK
YSA National Office

Twin Cities Renewal Drive

The goal of the Twin Cities local during the renewal campaign is to reach the 1,268 new readers of *The Militant* and *ISR* in the Upper Midwest region. We have started by sending teams into the region several times a week. The experience of these teams has shown that there is a real interest in *The Militant* and *ISR*. On occasion, we have come across cut-outs of *The Militant* on doors of dorm rooms. Students on campus have approached us and asked for a sub to *The Militant* because they had been reading a friend's copy. Some have asked how they can get our speakers on their campus.

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We are using the renewal campaign to discuss the Jenness-Pulley campaign and the '72 elections. We are bringing campaign literature with us and asking students to endorse the SWP ticket. Campaign literature is distributed in the dorms, lounges, and student centers. When we run across subscribers, we encourage them to renew so they will be able to follow the campaign through the elections.

It is also important to discuss the upcoming activities in the mass movements and local YSA activities, such as forums. An effort is made to find out what aspect of *The Militant's* coverage each subscriber we speak with is most interested in and would like to discuss.

One of our main problems has been finding the many new subscribers. Some of the campuses we need to cover are as far as 100 miles away. We plan to solve this problem by sending the regional traveler to these areas. The traveler will be able to spend a few days at each of these schools, setting up literature and YSJP tables, and talking to many of the new readers of *The Militant* and *ISR*.

Finally, another practice we are finding helpful is sending information to subscribers informing them of the dates we will be visiting their schools. By doing this, those subscribers who are most interested will make an effort to meet with us.

CAROL FREEMAN
Twin Cities YSA