

Attica Brigade emerges as regional group

A New York City conference of about 250 students March 31-April 1 marked the emergence of the Attica Brigade as a regional anti-imperialist student organization.

Shirley Sosnowitz, in the opening speech to the conference, explained that the need for a new anti-imperialist student organization was related to the isolation and fragmentation of student organizations around the country.

"From our work in single-issue

organizations, whether civil rights, antiwar, welfare rights, tenants rights, women's liberation, strike support or whatever, we have discovered a common source of oppression and everyday misery -- monopoly capitalism. From our experience and study, we know that monopoly capitalism and imperialism are the same thing," she said, adding, "based on that connection, we must now build unity among all the struggles against the single common enemy."

The Brigade has two principles of unity, she explained: "Support for national liberation struggles abroad as exemplified by the National Liberation Front and Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam and support for the struggles of oppressed people at home."

Local activists who attended the conference said their criticisms of the Brigade included male domination and sectarianism.