

OCT. 22-24 IN BOSTON

# Conference to Unite Youth in Struggle

The Communist Youth Organization (CYO) has announced its plans to hold a national conference for revolutionary youth called "Youth Conference '77—The Future is Ours." The conference is scheduled for the weekend of October 22-24 in Boston.

Hundreds of young people and representatives of many different organizations are expected to come to the conference. The main purpose of the meeting, according to CYO Chairman Roy Smith, will be "to educate and unite the young people taking part in the people's struggle around the country."

According to Smith, representatives of national liberation struggles will speak to the conference. Films, cultural presentations and workshops are scheduled, including a new feature film from the People's Republic of China. The workshops will help those participating in various struggles to learn from each other and strengthen the unity of the anti-imperialist movement.

Among the main educational presentations will be some on the nature of the two superpowers and their present war preparations; the oppression of youth and, particularly, their struggle for jobs; and the freedom struggle for the many victims of political and racist repression, including Gary Tyler.

## STRUGGLE AT NEW HIGH LEVEL

"Youth Conference '77" will take place as school reopens and the struggle of students and youth is at a new high level. From Kent State University, where students and community people are fighting to keep strong the memory of the four 1970 martyrs, to Bridgeport, Connecticut, where working class and minority youth are demanding justice after the police murder of Tito Fernandez, activists from around the country will be exchanging their rich experiences.

From China to the Middle East, news of the international struggle against imperialism will be brought to the conference, and participants will get an opportunity to express their solidarity with the

worldwide movement against the superpowers.

Aside from cultural presentations, the conference will have some workshops and discussion of culture and cultural work. Participants will have a chance to examine the latest trends in music, films and art. They will criticize the decadent culture of capitalism—like the "Remember Elvis" trend—as well as promote and share examples of revolutionary culture.

The conference follows last January's National Convention of the CYO which consolidated the young organization and planted it firmly on its feet. Unlike the National Convention, the Youth Conference will emphasize educational work, especially for those hundreds of people new to the revolutionary struggle.

Roy Smith noted, "This conference will be aimed especially at people new to the struggle. It will have a very broad character, and there will be plenty of time for broad mass participation. We especially want to discuss the Jobs for Youth struggle which is the main mass campaign of the CYO."

## YOUTH AND WAR DANGER

*The Young Communist*, the CYO's newspaper, carried an article on the conference in its August issue. It commented on the oppression of youth and the growing war danger. "Despite all the lies by the U.S. and its superpower rival, the Soviet Union, about 'detente,'" the article explained, "war preparations are increasing at a record-breaking pace. This year thousands of unemployed youth will be dragged into the military to be used as pawns in the superpower struggle to rule the world."

This connection between the economic crisis here at home and the growing danger of a new world war will be one of the main points developed in the course of the educational presentations.

*Those interested in attending "Youth Conference '77—The Future is Ours" should contact the CYO, P.O. Box 5698, Chicago, Ill. 60680 or call (312)-489-3005.*