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TO ALL REGIONAL AND LOCAL ORGANIZERS

Dear Comrades,

This month will be an important conjuncture for the YSA's regional work. Most of the YS teams have just completed their tours which gives all YSA locals the opportunity to follow up on and consolidate the gains of the teams. Also there are a few weeks of class sessions remaining on most campuses in the region, and this period is extremely valuable for consolidating the work of the spring and beginning to prepare for the summer.

One of the most useful regional events this spring has been the regional educational conferences. Some have already been held, and others are going to be held later this month or in May. These conferences are an excellent opportunity for all comrades to participate in educationals and deepen their understanding of our politics and organization. The conferences are also important recruitment tools for both center and regional locals.

The conferences can be valuable in deepening the collaboration between the regional centers and the comrades in the regional locals or at-large areas. Some regions have been able to use this time to set up meetings between comrades in the centers involved in specific areas of work and comrades in the regional locals. For example, meetings between the financial or sales directors to exchange ideas may be useful to both the regional center's work and the regional local's. Many ideas used by one local can be applied successfully in others. Also, it is a big help for the regional centers to have concrete knowledge of the specific situation, problems and openings that the regional locals face.

A major target for the political work of our movement in the summer will be the socialist summer schools that the Socialist Workers Party and the YSA sponsor each year in the regional centers. Even though it is early and the concrete plans for the summer schools have not yet been made, this is a very important period for the comrades in the region to begin making preparations to attend. Many of the comrades in the regional locals and at-large areas are already making plans for how they will spend their summer break. As in the past, many of these comrades will want to take advantage of the summer period to


spend some time in a regional center and attend the socialist summer school.

Comrades may want to consider special projects, such as visits to newly recruited YSAers, newsletters outlining initial plans for the summer schools or special follow-up teams. The Twin Cities local recently sent a special YS team into the region. This team was made up of comrades who were on break from the University of Minnesota, and they set up literature tables, sold 110 papers and recruited two people to the YSA in Moorhead, Mn. Some areas may be able to help follow up the YS team with this kind of special team.

One thing that would greatly aid regional work is for the National Office to receive more reports and information on the regional work that the centers or regional locals are carrying out. For example, it would be helpful if any newsletters or notices on regional activities could be sent to the N.O.

We have found reports from the regional organizers and other comrades involved in regional work to be particularly valuable. We would like to encourage all regional organizers to send in periodic reports on the activities in the region. This aids us in following the activities of the centers, regional locals and at-large areas and the progress of regional work nationally. These reports will enable us to exchange information more frequently on our experiences in regional work.

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