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TO ALL ORGANIZERS AND REGIONAL ORGANIZERS

Dear Comrades,

Enclosed are excerpts from a regional tasks and perspectives report given to the Cleveland YSA by Chris Rayson concerning plans for the spring Ohio/Kentucky Young Socialist team. This may be helpful for comrades working on the YS teams in other areas.

Comradely,

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EXCERPTS FROM REGIONAL TASKS AND PERSPECTIVES REPORT TO CLEVELAND YSA

By Chris Rayson

Our experience shows clearly that regional work is critical to the overall political goal of the YSA: to win hegemony among youth in general and the student movement in particular.

Five leading comrades from the center have been assigned to regional work this winter, demonstrating the priority it has. In addition to Mary and myself, we are fielding a strong Young Socialist team. Bob B., a principal leader of the Cleveland SWP, will be the team captain, and Jim S., who was on a previous team, and Glen A. round out the team.

Young Socialist teams have been crucial to maximizing political gains in the region. The team functions as a full-time campus fraction, strengthening our campus base in areas where we have comrades or trailblazing new areas. Last fall's team recruited new members at Kent State, Ohio State, and Ohio University and made around 50 other contacts.

In addition to propaganda work and support to the 1976 Socialist Workers campaign, the team will be building the action against racism called by the National Student Conference. Team members are traveling to Boston to participate in the National Student Conference and will relay its message to the young people they meet.

Having Bob on the team lends an added dimension to the support we can mobilize for Boston's Black community. Bob is not only a leader in the anti-racist movement but the socialist candidate for mayor of Cleveland, a city where the Black community faces the same oppression at the center of the battle in Boston. A key activity of the team in each area is to build public meetings for Bob.

In this fight against racism to be launched by the student conference, the axis of the team's approach will be to clearly demonstrate that the YSA is the builder of this movement, and those who want to do something positive should join the YSA.

The team's tour schedule is arranged according to the political importance of regional areas and the priority of our tasks.

To the extent possible, the regional organizer's schedule complements the team's. In order to quickly follow up contacts made by the team, I will arrive in most areas a week or two weeks after they have left.

The organizational responsibility for consolidating the gains made by the team rests with the regional apparatus.