

New York, N.Y.
January 25, 1966

TO ALL BRANCH ORGANIZERS

JOE JOHNSON TOUR

Dear Comrades,

The attached schedule for comrade Johnson's national tour should be acted on as soon as possible. The tentative dates were reached by taking into account two main considerations.

1. Wherever campus meetings are probable he is scheduled to be in town for at least one weekday. Where he will probably speak at a regular public forum he is scheduled to be in town on the regular forum night.

2. Joe will be traveling by bus on a special tour ticket to keep expenses to a minimum. The special bus ticket carries restrictions on routing, one of which is that he cannot go through the same city twice. In this respect we have had to adjust what seems the best schedule for each area to the limitations of his travel arrangements.

If it is necessary to ask for a change in date for reasons we were not aware of, please bear in mind the travel problem involved. If a change in routing is necessary it would lead to a considerable increase in expense which should be covered, if at all possible, by the branch requesting the change.

Joe will prefer to stay at private homes to cut expenses.

It is taken for granted that branches will make arrangements for campus meetings in nearby areas, i.e. Detroit - Ann Arbor. Publicity material and suggested topics for Joe's talks will be sent from the Twin Cities.

Please fill out the attached forms and return them promptly.

Comradely,



Ed Shaw

Organizational Secretary

ES:ba

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TO ALL LOCALS AND BRANCHES

Dear Comrades,

The enclosed transcript of Comrade Cannon's remarks at the Los Angeles Branch Meeting was sent earlier to National Committee members, but was inadvertently left out of a branch mailing.

The tape library in Chicago will have this speech and can fill orders for any branch that wants the tape.

It should always be kept in mind that this speech was given at a branch meeting and not intended for use outside the Party framework of discussion.

Comradely,



Ed Shaw

Organizational Secretary

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January 28, 1966

Dear Comrade:

Attached, for your information, are the following items:

1. An "Open Letter" from Al A., announcing his departure from the SWP to join the Stalinist Progressive Labor group. Until his departure Al A. was a leading member of the Swabeck faction in Los Angeles. Following the ineluctable logic of the Swabeckite Maoist line which provides a bridge to Stalinism Al A. crossed over into the Stalinist swamp where he will undoubtedly complete his education in the "counterrevolutionary role of Trotskyism."

2. A copy of correspondence sent to Larry T. in Boston by Arne Swabeck together with the note from Larry to the N.O. commenting on the contents of the communications he received from Swabeck and Dan (Dave Dreiser) a longtime supporter of the Kirk-Kaye faction. The Swabeck "Tendency" letter was addressed to "Doug and Rosemary" on December 14. At the Dec. 16 meeting of the New York Branch, Doug and Rosemary submitted their resignations from the party along with a "statement" closely paralleling that of Al A. We are informed that they subsequently tried to join the Marceyite group in New York but were rejected for being "unstable."

3. A copy of the note to Larry from Dan covering the unedited version of the Kirk attack on the party, an edited (security) version of which had been sent to all members of the N.C. in advance of the plenum discussion on the questions involved. Dan, resident for some years now in Connecticut, has been on an indefinite leave of absence for several years during which time his sole contribution has been to act as an agent of the Kirk-Kaye faction carrying out such functions as distributing their faction documents to various and sundry "contacts."

4. The P.C. at its last meeting took note of the numerous violations of elementary party procedure involved in these, and other more flagrant incidents, and decided to place on the plenum agenda a point under which there can be a full discussion and appropriate action taken.

Comradely,

Tom Kerry
For the Majority