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March 25, 1968

To All YSA Members

Dear Comrades,

As the enclosed release explains, Howard Petrick has been discharged from the Army, and the task which remains is to win him an honorable discharge in the civilian courts. It will probably be a period of at least several months before the case is settled, depending on the verdicts reached by the courts in the various stages of appeal.

This means that the Committee to Defend the Rights of Pfc. Howard Petrick must continue to make known the issues in the Petrick case and continue to gain support for a final victory for freedom of speech for GIs.

Howard Petrick will begin a national tour to explain the new stage of his case and to explain the importance of defending the rights of GIs to dissent. The tour schedule for Howard is enclosed. If these dates are impossible for any area, please contact the defense committee immediately. The tour is of necessity very short because school terms end the latter part of May. This unfortunate fact made it impossible to schedule stops for Howard in many places where there are YSA at-large members. Hopefully it will be possible to arrange for Howard to speak in some of these places during the summer.

A major purpose of the tour will be to raise money for the Committee to Defend the Rights of Howard Petrick. The Committee is over \$1,000 in debt, and will have to incur more debts in order to finance Howard's tour and pay for the expenses of continued publicity and the legal appeals. It should be relatively easy to raise money by holding receptions for Howard at the homes of endorsers or by having parties to welcome Howard back to civilization. At all meetings where Howard speaks a collection can be taken to send to the defense committee. The tour quotas listed with the schedule are barely enough to cover the cost of the tour itself. The tour quotas, therefore, should not be seen as a goal for fund-raising but as the minimum.

During this new stage we will want to continue finding new endorsers of the case. This should be easy to do at all the meetings where Howard will be speaking. However, at this stage a priority should be given to raising contributions for the defense committee from endorsers we already have.

Howard's tour topic should be of great interest, given all the recent evidence of an increasing radicalization among American GIs. Local areas should try to set up meetings where endorsers of the Petrick case from the antiwar movement will speak along with Howard on the importance of defending GIs' rights to dissent.

There is reason to believe that the press will be interested in the case. For instance, at the press conference held after the YSA convention, most questions and interest centered on Howard. We should try to approach the local papers, particularly campus papers, to see if they want an interview with Howard.

Locals should again choose someone to take charge of Petrick defense work and to coordinate Howard's tour. Please send to the defense committee the name and address of this person right away.

The defense committee is putting out a printed leaflet, similar to the earlier one, bringing the Petrick case up to date. Locals should send in orders for the number of these leaflets they can use. Also, please check on your supply of the pamphlet "Free Speech for GIs" and endorsement cards. Although this pamphlet is now out of date, it will still be useful in describing what happened to Howard, and can be used along with the new up-to-date leaflet.

Comradely,

*Mary-Alice Waters*

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National Secretary

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Howard Petrick Tour

Area	Dates	Quotas
Twin Cities	April 1-3	\$30.00
travel	Ap. 4	
Bos Angeles	Ap. 5-7	30.00
travel	Ap. 8	
Berkeley	Ap. 9-11	55.00
San Francisco	Ap. 12-14	45.00
travel	Ap. 15	
Seattle	Ap. 16, 17	25.00
travel	Ap. 18	
Madison	Ap. 19, 20	20.00
Chicago	Ap. 21-23	50.00
Champaign	Ap. 24	10.00
travel	Ap. 25	
Boston	Ap. 26-28	50.00
travel	Ap. 29	
Philadelphia	Ap. 30-May 2	30.00
New York	May 3-5	60.00
travel	May 6	
Detroit	May 7-9	55.00
travel	May 10	
Antioch	May 11, 12	10.00
Cleveland	May 13-15	50.00
Kent	May 16	10.00
travel	May 17	
Atlanta	May 18, 19	15.00
travel	May 20	
Washington, D.C.	May 21, 22	20.00

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To All Those Working on Howard Petrick Defense:

We would like to propose a change in the tour schedule for Howard Petrick to make it possible for him to speak at a special state-wide conference in California on May 3-5. The new schedule would read as follows:

Twin Cities	April 1-3
travel	Ap. 4
Los Angeles	Ap. 5-7
travel	Ap. 8
Berkeley	Ap. 9, 10
San Francisco	Ap. 11, 12
travel	Ap. 13
Seattle	Ap. 14, 15
travel	Ap. 16
Madison	Ap. 17, 18
Chicago	Ap. 19-21
Champaign	Ap. 22
travel	Ap. 23
Boston	Ap. 24-26
travel	Ap. 27
Philadelphia	Ap. 28-30
New York	May 1-4
travel	evening, May 4
Bay Area	May 5
travel	May 6
Detroit	May 7-9
travel	May 10
Antioch	May 11, 12
Cleveland	May 13-15
Kent	May 16
travel	May 17
Atlanta	May 18, 19
travel	May 20
Washington, D.C.	May 21, 22

You will notice that April 27, the day of demonstrations against the war, is designated as a travel day. Hopefully Howard will be invited to speak at some major demonstration on that day, but we have no definite invitation as yet. If Howard can be invited to speak at the April 27 demonstration in any city on the east coast, or possibly even in the Midwest, please contact the defense committee right away.

Fraternally,

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Committee to Defend the  
Rights of Pfc. Howard Petrick