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TO ALL BRANCH ORGANIZERS

Dear Comrades,

The following communication on African Liberation Day was sent out by the YSA national office.

Wherever possible SWP branches should participate in African Liberation Day activities along the same lines outlined in this letter for the YSA.

Comradely,

Derrick Morrison  
SWP Black Work Director

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Derrick Morrison".

TO ALL ORGANIZERS AND AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Dear Comrades,

The African Liberation Support Committee has called for regional demonstrations in support of the African liberation movements for May 26, which has been designated as African Liberation Day. These demonstrations will take place in over fifteen cities (see the forthcoming April Young Socialist and March 2 Militant).

We want to participate in the building of these actions all around the country. Where it is possible we should attempt to work with the local AISC or any ad-hoc committee that is building the May 26 demonstration.

The national AISC is projecting to build these demonstrations as broad and large as possible. In their call they have urged high school and college students, labor organizations, churches, etc., to build and participate in the demonstrations.

The focus of the demonstrations is not only to support the African liberation movements but also to demand that the U.S. cease its complicity with the Portugese colonialists and the white settler regimes in southern Africa. The national AISC has not issued any national demands or slogans, thus leaving the character of each local action to its participants.

This provides us the opportunity to explain to activists and those who will be participating in the demonstrations why it is important to direct the movement against the U.S. government and its counterrevolutionary role in Africa. We should take the lead on the campuses in providing information exposing the role of the U.S. in Africa. The newness of this movement and the lack of information on the African liberation struggles make propoganda and educational work one of the movement's most important tasks. The YSA should take the initiative in organizing educational activities on the campuses even where there isn't an AISC or May 26 committee in existence. The YSA should contact other groups on campus -- e.g., Black Student Unions, other Black groups, student government, and other organizations -- to sponsor educational activities on the African liberation movements and the U.S. role in Africa. Locals should try to show the Robert Van Lierop film 'A Luta Continua' (distributed by Tri-continental Film Center, 244 West 27th St., New York, N.Y. 10027; \$50 rental fee) and AISC film "Black Unity: breaking the chains of oppression" (distributed by AISC, P.O. Box 21304, Greensboro, N.C. 27420; no rental fee) on the first African Liberation Day (May 27, 1972).

Malik Miah is also available to speak on the topic of "U.S. Government: Friend or Foe of the African Liberation Struggles." VIEWPOINT should be contacted to arrange speaking engagements.

The Militant will continue to step up its coverage of the liberation struggles in Africa. The May Young Socialist will be carrying a major article on the May 26 action and what the American people should do to best aid the liberation movements.

Areas should keep the National Office informed of all activities being projected before and on May 26.

Comradely,

s/Malik Miah

YSA Black Work Director