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TO ALL BRANCH ORGANIZERS

Dear Comrades,

The national office is organizing a fact-finding tour to discover whatever new openings may have developed within the union movement for the systematic dissemination of our socialist ideas. Comrade Frank Lovell will visit as many branches as possible for this purpose.

Comrade Lovell will seek information about:

1. Number of comrades in your branch and area (youth and party) who are members of unions.
2. Changes that have occurred in the work force (percentage of women workers, Blacks and other minorities).
3. Shifts in attitudes and moods of these workers since the wage freeze.
4. Relationship of class forces (new forms of "crackdown" by the employers).
5. New possibilities for on-the-job political discussions and sale of socialist literature, especially The Militant.
6. Renewed interest in politics and the forms this takes.
7. Opportunities for our candidates to speak at union meetings, plant-gate meetings or rallies and demonstrations of unemployed.
8. Activities of our political opponents in the labor movement, especially the Stalinists.

In order to get a better appreciation of what our possibilities are for systematic and sustained work in this increasingly important arena, meetings of the Executive Committee and branch members in your area who are employed full-time in industry or who belong to unions should be prepared so that factual information relating to the above listed questions can be presented.

Comrade Lovell's stay in each area is limited by our need to conduct this survey quickly; however, we have tried to allot time for him to meet with the organizer and those comrades in each branch who may be active in any type of union work and wish to discuss a specific problem.

In those branches where the schedule coincides with the regular Friday night socialist forum, Comrade Lovell is prepared to speak on "The Results of the First Six Months of the Government Wage Freeze." This will help to defray expenses of the tour.

The national office is not suggesting a definite tour quota from each branch to cover the expenses of Comrade Lovell's tour. However, where the branch is able to hold a public meeting or forum with Comrade Lovell as the speaker, a contribution to defray tour expenses should be made, either through a share

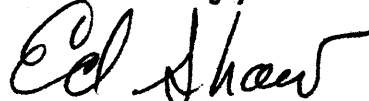
of the income or a special collection.

The tour will begin on the West Coast, scheduled as follows:

Denver	March 2-3	Travel	March 16
Travel	March 4	Los Angeles	March 17-20
Seattle	March 5-6	Travel	March 21
Portland	March 7-8	Houston	March 22-24
Travel	March 9	Travel	March 25
Bay Area	March 10-15	Atlanta	March 26-27

Other branches will be consulted about the schedule in their areas when the first part of the tour is completed.

Comradely,



Ed Shaw
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