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TO BRANCH ORGANIZERS

Dear Comrades,

At the SWP convention last August a meeting was held of comrades who participate in the National Organization for Women. The comrades reported on their experiences, discussed some of the opportunities and problems, and offered suggestions.

It was felt that this sharing of ideas was helpful. It was obvious, however, because of the very short time available and because many comrades were not able to attend the meeting, that this meeting was not sufficient. It was suggested that written reports on our participation in NOW be sent to the national office, a summary compiled from this material, and a round-up report sent to all the branches. This kind of report would be useful to the national office, the branches, and the comrades participating in NOW.

This letter is to request a report from your branch on our participation in NOW. If there are no comrades participating in NOW in your area it would be helpful to report what is known about NOW.

NOW, and our participation in it, varies greatly from area to area. The report should include the concrete experiences in your area as well as any suggestions or questions. In addition, some items of particular interest for the report would be:

- a) size and composition of NOW in your area;
- b) types of projects NOW is involved in and which ones we are working with them on;
- c) number of comrades participating;
- d) what type of coalition work is being done with NOW. Are they involved in coalitions with campus women's liberation groups, WONAAC, union women, the SWP?
- e) to what extent do members of NOW participate in SWP activities such as election campaigns, forums, educationals.

In order to compile the information and get it out to the branches, these reports should be sent in as soon as possible.

Comradely,



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