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TO ALL ORGANIZERS, NC MEMBERS AND AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Dear Comrades,

An article in this week's Militant (December 15) reports on the struggle that the YSA is carrying out at the Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC) in New York City. It involves the revocation of the BMCC YSA's student charter and a physical assault on two YSA members. This attack against our right to be recognized was initiated by a national leader of the Young Workers Liberation League, Richard Hoyen. It is an attempt by the YWLL to deny another socialist organization recognition on a college campus because they disagree with our political views.

Because of the seriousness of this attack on our right to be a recognized student group at BMCC, it is important that the YSA respond on a national level. In this way, we can explain why democracy within the radical movement is necessary, and our total opposition to the use of physical violence to resolve political differences within the movement. We especially want to approach YWLL members and supporters, discuss this issue with them, and urge them to repudiate the actions initiated by YWLL members at BMCC and support our right to gain campus recognition.

Enclosed are materials which the National Office has sent out to various campus, radical and underground newspapers, and radical and student organizations around the country. These materials include a National Executive Committee statement on the attack, a fact sheet and a petition supporting the YSA's right to a student charter at BMCC.

Because most campuses will be out of session for the Christmas break very shortly, it is important that these materials be distributed immediately. Locals should contact campus and underground newspapers about covering this attack on democracy within the student and radical movements. We should make sure that all student organizations are informed of this attack and that signatures for the petition are obtained from student government leaders, editors of the campus press, student and radical organizations, etc.

Copies of all articles that appear in the press, statements obtained, and copies of the petition should be returned to the YSA National Office as soon as possible.

Comradely,

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