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December 9, 1969

To All Organizers and NC Members

Dear Comrades,

The National Executive Committee has decided to present
The Worldwide Radicalization and the Tasks of the Fourth
International to the YSA national convention for a vote.

All locals should vote on the general line of this document
along with the other resolutions in pre-convention discussion.

Comradely,

Larry Seigle

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National Chairman

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To All YSAers

Dear Comrades,

Enclosed is a copy of the convention schedule and a report from Bill Massey on publicity plans for the convention. Bill will be coordinating publicity from now until the convention.

Every local area that can possibly do so, should plan a local press conference on or around December 16th. With this series of conferences, we hope to break into the press on a national scale. Locals which will be having conferences should notify the N.O. of when they will be having them.

Along with Bill's report, we are enclosing two sample press releases which locals can use as models. (When the releases are actually typed up, they should be double-spaced.)

An additional publicity idea is for locals to reprint the "Challenge to Revolutionary Youth" from the December Young Socialist as a leaflet. The other side can be used for information on the convention.

Comradely,

Susan LaMont

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YSA National Office

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 27 (All sessions at Coffman Union, Univ. of Minnesota)

10:00 - 10:30 Organization of the Convention and Greetings
10:30 - 11:30 Report: The Worldwide Youth Radicalization and
the Tasks of the Fourth International
11:30 - 12:30 Discussion on Report and Resolution
12:30 - 2:00 Lunch
2:00 - 3:00 Discussion continued
3:00 - 3:30 Summary of Report and Discussion
3:30 - 4:30 Report: The Deepening Radicalization: Revolutionary
Perspectives for the 1970s
4:30 - 7:00 Discussion on Report and Resolution
7:00 - 8:30 Dinner
8:30 Keynote speech by Farrell Dobbs

Sunday, December 28

10:00 - 10:30 Summary of Report and Discussion
10:30 - 11:30 Report: The New Stage in the Antiwar Movement:
A Strategy for Young Socialists
11:30 - 12:30 Discussion on Report and Resolution
12:30 - 2:00 Lunch
2:00 - 3:30 Discussion continued
3:30 - 4:00 Summary of Report and Discussion
4:00 - 5:00 Report: Strategy and Tactics in the Struggle for
Black Self-Determination
5:00 - 6:00 Discussion on Report and Resolution
6:00 - 7:30 Dinner
7:30 - 9:00 Discussion continued
9:00 - 11:30 Workshops: 1) Antiwar Movement 2) Socialist
Electoral Action 3) Black and Other
Third World Struggles 4) International
Revolutionary Movement

Monday, December 29

10:00 - 10:30 Summary of Report and Discussion
10:30 - 1:00 Workshops: 1) The Militant 2) Women's Liberation
3) High School Movement
1:00 - 2:30 Lunch
2:30 - 4:00 Organizational and Young Socialist Report
4:00 Dinner
Party (at 1 University Ave. N.E.)

Tuesday, December 30

10:00 - 12:30 Discussion of Report
12:30 - 2:00 Lunch
2:00 - 2:30 Summary of Report and Discussion
2:30 - 3:15 Credentials Report (Constitution Commission Report)
3:15 - 4:15 Election of National Committee
4:15 National Committee Plenum

Report on Publicity Plans for YSA National Convention by Bill Massey

In preparation for the upcoming YSA national convention, we are putting a heavy stress on trying to get as much publicity as possible in order to build for the convention. On December 10, we will hold a kick-off press conference in Washington D.C. to begin what we hope will be a nationwide campaign in this regard. On December 16, we will hold news conferences in several major cities where we are located. We encourage comrades in all areas to hold news conferences on the 16th to announce the upcoming convention. We are enclosing two sample press releases that can serve as a guide to calling the news conferences. Comrades should feel free to make any changes in the releases to make them more in line with your local situation. In addition to these press conferences, we will be carrying out continuous press work in Minneapolis itself.

There are several things that comrades can do to help make this publicity drive a success:

1. Hold a news conference, preferably on December 16, announcing the YSA convention. Invite, by sending out a press release, all the major newspapers, both daily and underground, as well as the campus press. AP and UPI wireservices should also be invited. Also invite the national and local representatives of the television and radio stations. Send your release so that it reaches them on the morning of the 15th (or the day before the conference) and call them on the 15th to remind them. It is extremely important to follow up the releases with personal calls to everyone who received the releases.
2. Try to get on local talk shows and to get feature interviews in the local press and magazines.
3. Get stories on the convention in the campus newspapers. Write these yourselves if necessary. Tactfully, but firmly, approach the campus editors and push on this matter.
4. Get the names of the representative of the daily papers in your area who can be contacted in Minneapolis. In smaller areas this may not be possible, in in the larger cities it should be. For example, the Washington Post has representatives in most major cities, including Minneapolis. This will help us get publicity to your local papers that will help you in your future work.
5. Keep a file of all articles and a list of all TV and radio appearances and report them to the National Office.

December 9, 1969
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NEWS CONFERENCE
Attention: News Editor

REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST YOUTH GROUP REPLACING SDS ON NATIONAL CAMPUS SCENE. WILL HOLD CONVENTION IN MINNEAPOLIS DEC. 27-30. THE YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE IS A LEADING FORCE IN BOTH NATIONAL AND SEATTLE ANTIWAR MOVEMENT.

PLAN TO SET UP NATIONAL CHAIN OF "ACTION COMMITTEES" IN HIGH SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES TO FIGHT FOR STUDENT CONTROL OF SCHOOLS TO COMBAT WAR AND PUSH STRUGGLE FOR BLACK LIBERATION ACCORDING TO LOCAL SPOKESMAN.

DETAILS TO BE GIVEN AT NEWS CONFERENCE, TUESDAY DECEMBER 16th:
10:45 A.M. AT MILITANT BOOKSTORE 5257 UNIVERSITY WAY, N.E. SEATTLE.

Rick Congress, Seattle chairman of the Young Socialist Alliance, a revolutionary communist youth group, today announced a news conference to give details on his organization's upcoming national convention and how it will relate to things in Seattle. Congress stated that this convention will map a new stage in the U.S. student movement and that the Young Socialist Alliance feels it will project them into the leadership of the left wing of the nation's student movement replacing the badly-split and weakened SDS.

Congress stated that his organization has played a leading role in the building of the national antiwar movement. This fact has also been brought out both in Congress and in the national press where a series of attacks from on high have been made on the group's role. The most recent articles have appeared in U.S. News and World Report, Newsweek, the National Observer and in the widely syndicated columns of Joseph Alsop and Evans and Novack. Various Senators and Congressmen have also attacked what they call the organization's growing influence in the leadership of the antiwar movement. Among these are the chairman of the Senate and House Committee on Internal Security. Congress stated that neither the antiwar movement which includes the majority of the American people nor his organization will be stopped by these McCarthyite tactics.

The YSA spokesman stated that Seattle will take part in the delegated conference that will draw up to a thousand youth from all parts of the U.S., as well as international observers. A wide range of groups have been invited to attend the convention which will be held in Minneapolis on December 27 through 30.

Details will be given at Tuesday's news conference on the group's plans to set up a chain of "action committees" nationally, to initiate, lead and support militant demonstrations for student control of the high schools and colleges in order to combat the Vietnam war; fight for Black liberation and to mount a struggle to change the basic structure of the nation's school system.

Congress said this will be carried out in the state of Washington and in Seattle in particular. He also stated that the fight for women's liberation and support to antiwar GIs will also be taken up.

Congress stated that the Young Socialist Alliance will take part in elections both on and off campus. For instance, the YSA will be building support for the already announced campaign of the Washington State Socialist Workers Party which is conducting a campaign for U.S. Senate, Congress and the State Legislature. At the same time plans are being readied to engage in and win campus elections on both the high school and college level.

Full details will be given at a news conference Tuesday December 16th at 10:45 A.M. at the Militant Bookstore, 5257 University Way N.E., Seattle, Wash.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Attention: News Editor

SEVERAL LEADING MEMBERS OF STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY QUIT
TO JOIN SERIOUS REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION

STATEMENT BY 15 FORMER SDS LEADERS SYMBOLIC OF MASS DRIFT AWAY
FROM FACTION-TORN ORGANIZATION. MAIN VICTOR THE YOUNG SOCIALIST
ALLIANCE

REBELS TURNED MARXIST REVOLUTIONARIES SAY SDS IS DEAD, BUT NEED
FOR SOCIALIST REVOLUTION REMAINS.

(Content of press release should be the "From Rebellion to
Revolution" article in the December Young Socialist.)