

New York, N. Y.

May 13, 1970

TO ALL BRANCHES, LOCALS AND AT-LARGERS

Dear Comrades,

The dates and location for the nation-wide "Socialist Activists and Educational Conference" are now set: August 8 through 15 at Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio.

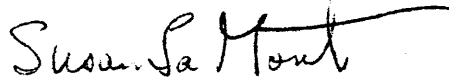
Costs for adults for the conference will be \$8.00 per day total for food and dormitory housing. Child care facilities will be available. Some free housing will probably be available.

Further information will be forthcoming soon about the arrangements for the conference and the pre-conference discussion which will be initiated by publication of the organization report to the February 1970 national committee plenum.

Fraternally,



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TO ALL COMRADES

Dear Comrades,

Right now our movement is in the most favorable situation it has ever been as the result of the crisis for the American ruling class brought on by the Cambodia invasion, the resumption of bombing of North Vietnam and the Kent State massacre.

We have gone ahead in the center to do the necessary given the objective situation we face:

1) We have put out two special issues of the paper the first week of the campaign with runs of 60,000 and 75,000 to get our analysis and orientation for the movement out as widely as possible. We are doing the same thing this week. We have been flying correspondents for the paper to key places around the country to do special on-the-spot reporting of what is occurring.

2) We have spared no resources to make sure we have been constantly in contact with the branches by telephone for consultation on developments in each area.

3) We have tried to maximize the utilization of our small cadre by flying comrades from the center to areas where the pace of events has required closer collaboration than phones can provide. We have brought the comrades on European assignment for our press back for a few weeks to help increase the cadres at the center we have to work with.

The killings in Augusta, Georgia yesterday will add a new dimension to the social crisis. We will have first-hand reports from Augusta in the next issue of the paper.

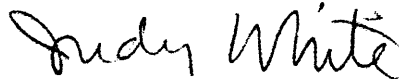
This makes it more imperative for us to have the financial resources available so that we can influence this movement as effectively as possible and reap the maximum immediate gains for our movement in terms of large-scale recruitment to the YSA, sales of our literature and expansion of the party's periphery and influence.

At the same time we face an immediate financial crisis as a result of the amount of money owed to the national office of the party and The Militant by the branches. If you include only the first two special issues of the paper put out this past week, and the May sustainer, the amount owed by the members of the party is over \$20,000.

This has placed the party in a position of having to drain its reserves and borrow money in order to continue to try and influence the course of these events. We are currently using our 30-day credit to run The Militant and will be seriously hampered in our functioning if this situation is not turned around.

We are asking all branches to launch an immediate concentrated effort to take advantage of the political situation we are in to raise the money to pay off these debts to the N.O. and The Militant immediately. This single financial goal, if met, will make it possible to continue our campaign and be in a position to take advantage of the changed situation.

Comradely,



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