

## National Communique

### What's Happening:

The local in the forefront of fraction work is Detroit. The YSA recently recruited three black militants. This gives Detroit a fraction of five plus a Mexican-American high school comrade.

At the same time, when Paul Boutelle visited Detroit in May, close to 200 black youths signed up as supporters of the campaign. When this figure is added to the national list of Afro-American supporters, it makes for a total of 600. Thus Detroit has 1/3 of the total black endorsers of the campaign. This figure should make all of us work a lot harder in getting Afro-American endorsers for the campaign.

The Black Fraction in Detroit is using a Malcolm X tape series and the summer school as a means of bringing together AAHB's. Also, two of the black comrades, who are high schoolers, write for the Black Student Voice. The BSV is the high school organ of the Inner City Voice, a revolutionary nationalist publication in Detroit. Judy W., head of the fraction, writes for the ICV.

Another area that has established good working relations with black militants is Seattle, Washington. The Seattle branch has very close contact with the newly formed Black Panther Party. In fact, in Washington, the Panther Party has a chance of getting on the ballot. The leadership of the Party and YSA has met with and discussed with the Panthers the idea of getting on the ballot. The discussion was very amicable. Debbie L., who is running for senator, sent them the information to obtain ballot status, and how ballot status could be used for publicizing the Newton and Cleaver cases and as a means of organizing the Panther Party.

Besides this local situation, the Party and YSA have gotten Afro-American supporters all over the state of Washington.

In Los Angeles, the Black Work fraction has set up a Mexican-American Work fraction due to the developments in the Mexican-American community. The L.A. Black Work fraction has been the most consistent in sending in reports of fraction meetings and developments in south L.A.

In New York, the YSA recently recruited a young black high school militant. He came around us as a result of the election campaign. He is in the leadership of the Afro-American Student Association at his high school. At present, Tony is playing Malcolm X tapes at the weekly meetings of this group. The Black Work fraction in New York is operating a city-wide Malcolm X tape series at the headquarters for the month of June. We are also in the process of checking out a

National Communique continued

Black Panther Party in New York. A couple of organizers from the BPP in Oakland are in New York helping to set up the organization. At present, we are attending classes at a Liberation school in Brooklyn sponsored by SNCC. The Panthers work around this school and have HQ up at SNCC in Manhattan. We are also working on the summer school, using that as a basis for regularizing contact with our black contacts.

We close this section of the communique with the reminder that if there are any interesting developments in your area, please send us a report. From now on, we in New York hope to reciprocate with the locals in exchanging information and sending out reports.

P.S.: In regard to terminology, a black fraction is composed solely of black comrades; whereas a black work fraction is composed of black and non-black comrades.

NBAWADU:

Everybody seems to have gone their separate ways in New York NBAWADU. Gwen Patton is in the hospital with a broken leg, and John Wilson is working on Herman Ferguson's campaign for senator in the New York State Freedom and Peace Party. Despite his connection with Freedom and Peace, Wilson has recently put out the NBAWADU nesletter, but doesn't seem to be to enthusiastic. Gwen has gotten involved in the SMC fight on the side of the CP-pacifist coalition while paying lip service to building NBAWADU. She'll be out of the hospital by the time of the Continuations Committee meeting of the SMC at the end of the month. We'll have to wait and see what happens to this organization.

Election Campaign:

An attempt is being made to knit together the Afro-American supporters of the campaign with the publication of the Afro-Americans for Halstead and Boutelle Newsletter. We made an initial run of 2,000. The AAHBN will be mailed out to all black supporters. However, the AAHBN is not just for formal endorsers, but it is a way of reaching the uncommitted, a way to directly approach black militants about supporting the campaign. Selling and distributing the Newsletter can be a way of activating passive support. The Newsletter will probably be a monthly. The number run on the next issue will be determined by how many of this edition we sell. Send in reports on how the Newsletter goes in your area.

The Afro-American campaign brochure will soon be coming out.

Comradely, Derrick Morrison,  
N.Y. B-W-F

List of Publications to Read

1. The May edition of Negro Digest
2. The June 15 & June 29 editions of Ramparts, articles by Cleaver and on BPP
3. The Winter 1968 edition of Freedomways Magazine article on Styron's 'Nat Turner'
4. The Inner City Voice from Detroit
5. The May 25 & June 1 & June 15 edition of the Guardian, articles by Robert L. Allen, interview with Kathleen Cleaver and Bobby Seale, interview with Rap Brown.
6. The Rebellion News from Boston
7. The Black Panther