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TO ALL ORGANIZERS AND AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Dear Comrades,

There's been an excellent response in most areas to the call for the June 22 protest demonstrations at French consulates and information centers. The Canadian comrades are planning to have actions at every French consulate in Canada so the demonstrations will be continent-wide. We are enclosing a list of the sponsors of the Philadelphia and Atlanta actions; they are the broadest we've heard of thus far. Don't forget to send pictures and stories to the Militant right after the actions. Films will be developed by the Militant and the pictures and stories featured in the next issue.

→ An international defense committee for the victims of the Gaullist political repression is now being organized. We want to continue to lay the groundwork here for a campaign of moral and material solidarity with the victimized French vanguard. It's important to continue soliciting messages of protest to Premier Pompidou from all available individuals and organizations. This will help develop the largest protest against the attack on the civil liberties of the militant French students and workers and also serve to contact people for the organization of a broader national defense effort on behalf of arrested members of the proscribed organizations.

PETITION

One valuable tool that can be used in defense of the French victims of Gaullist repression is a petition. This should revolve around four central demands. One, the immediate lifting of the ban on all the proscribed political organizations. Two, the immediate release of all political prisoners. Three, the reaffirmation by the French government of the right of free access for all foreign journalists in order that the rest of the world may know the truth about France. Four, an immediate end to the brutal repression of demonstrations and other attacks on the civil liberties of the French people.

The Militant will carry the latest information as of Friday, June 21, on our arrested comrades. It is important to make known that political prisoners can be held incommunicado by the French government for five days, then can be re-arrested and held for another five days. This process can be repeated for over a month. To our knowledge, the arrested political leaders of the French students and workers, including our comrades, are being held incommunicado by the French government.

For your information, we are enclosing copies of the full text of the four statements by the JCR and PCI calling for support to the victimized elements of the French vanguard.

The response in Europe to our propaganda campaign about France, especially in Belgium, Germany and England, has been great. It is a source

of encouragement and inspiration to comrades in France and other parts of Europe to see the kind of internationalist campaign the North American comrades are carrying out in defense of the French revolution and its revolutionary vanguard.

MILITANT FUND APPEAL

We are launching a public fund appeal for the Militant in this week's issue. Enclosed is the text of the appeal in the form of a letter to friends of the Militant. We must raise several thousand dollars in order to be able to sustain our journalistic campaign around France, maintain our current level of functioning, and prepare for the home stretch of the presidential campaign without borrowing on a future fund drive.

This fund appeal is not aimed at the party and YSA memberships who have just finished spring fund drives. It is to be directed toward the periphery and friends of the party and YSA and to readers of the Militant inspired by the exceptional events in France.

But the money cannot be raised primarily by the appeals in the Militant. A list of potential contributors must be drawn up, and phone calls and personal visits made. One comrade should be assigned in each area to be responsible for this campaign and their names be sent to the NO.

CAMPAIGN ON L'ENRAGE

Enclosed is a copy of L'Enrage, the magazine of the student rebels that emerged from the barricades of Paris. It is the very first publication of the embattled French students to appear in translation in the United States. The sales of L'Enrage will be one of our major acts of solidarity with the French student vanguard.

There can be two main methods of obtaining large sales of L'Enrage. One will be by sales by the comrades themselves on campuses, at meetings, and demonstrations and from tables set up on the campus and other appropriate places.

The second will be by placing it in as many bookstores and newsstands as possible. Comrades will have to canvass the bookstores in their areas in order to place the publication in as many as possible. It should sell especially well right now.

It is the kind of timely and attractive item that, if we work on it, will be reviewed and written about in campus and underground papers.

In order to aid sales of L'Enrage, posters of the "La Chienlit C'est lui!" cartoon with "Support the French Students - Read L'Enrage" written across it will be sent to each area.

All the labor that went into the translation and printing of L'Enrage was volunteered in solidarity with the French vanguard.

The branches will receive no discount. Branches and YSA locals will have to offer bookstores the regular discount of 40%. Some may take it for 25% off; some may demand 50% off. The national distributors will ab-

sorb these discount costs.

All areas have been sent a bundle and will be sent more as they order them. They can be ordered from either Merit Publications or Granma Bookstore whichever is nearest you. Bills will be adjusted for areas depending on how many copies are placed in bookstores at discounts.

Please let us know your plans and experiences with L'Enrage.

Comradely,



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