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To All Organizers, NC Members, and At-Largers

Dear Comrades,

A committee of Americans, including Allen Young of the Liberation News Service and Julie Nickman of SDS, is organizing two trips to Cuba this winter, in collaboration with the Cuban government. The trips are two months long, from November to January, and from January to March.

The trips are known as the Venceremos Brigade, and their purpose is to contribute to the work of harvesting the gigantic sugar cane crop. There will be a complete description of the trips in the September 12 issue of the Militant.

Although the YSA has not been specifically invited to participate in the Brigade, we believe, after discussions with the organizers of the trip, that it will be possible for a group of YSAers to be part of the trips. The organizers of the trips are anxious to have a substantial Third World contingent. Comrades should feel free to inform contacts of the YSA, especially Third World people, about the Brigade.

Each local should discuss whether or not it is possible for one comrade to apply to go on either of the trips, taking into consideration its plans for the fall. If the local decides that it will be possible for one comrade to go, the decision about who is to apply must be made in collaboration with the National Office. No applications should be submitted until it is cleared with the YSA National Office. Locals should understand that not everyone who applies will be chosen to go, since the final decision rests with the organizers of the trip. At-largers wishing to apply must also contact the N.O. before submitting their applications.

Applications must be in before September 20, and should be sent to: Brigade, P.O. Box 643 Cathedral Station, New York, NY 10025. In order to meet the September 20 deadline, it is necessary for all the locals to discuss this question immediately. Comrades should write immediately to the Brigade for application forms.

Comradely,

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