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TO ALL ORGANIZERS, NCers, and AT-LARGERS

Dear Comrades,

Attached is a report from the Antioch local describing their approach to recruitment to the YSA. This report is for your information.

Also enclosed are two clippings from the Michigan State News describing activities of the YSA at Michigan State University.

Comradely,

Charlie Bolduc

Charlie Bolduc,
National Secretary

The Antioch Young Socialist Alliance
Antioch Union
Yellow Springs, Ohio 45387

Charlie Bolduc
New York

Dear Charlie,

Enclosed is our first mimeoed "City Letter" (sent to about 50 campus contacts), and our leaflet for our "YSA Community Meeting."

About 40 people came to the meeting -- which was pretty good since only freshmen are here right now (about 240 of them). Both Roger Rudenstein (of Cleveland YSA) and myself spoke, and this was followed by a discussion. At first we were baited viciously about Berkeley, but we convinced our chief antagonist to become a candidate. We were very informal -- played rock music as people came in, served coffee and cookies during the discussion -- and this seemed effective. Following the meeting four people said they would "try out" being candidates, and some follow-up work today brought in three more. It's POSSIBLE that by our next meeting there could be 13 of us -- including a German student who claims to be a "close friend" of Rudi Dutschke. Right now we're busy working on various actions to get these people close to us, and we're hoping that forthcoming national speakers will solidarize things.

Also enclosed is a copy of the YSA's weekly column in the Record (school paper).

Comradely,
/s/ Alan Wald,
YSA Organizer

Socialist group gains members

By MARK EICHER
State News Staff Writer

The East Lansing Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) has grown since March from the mutual interest of two individuals into a full fledged local organization with approximately 30 members.

YSA will hold its second meeting at 1 p.m. Saturday in 37 Union.

YSA is actively supporting the Socialist Workers' Party presidential candidate, Fred Halstead.

The East Lansing chapter is part of a "national team" which works through democratic centralization, according to Ginny Osteen, Arlington, Va. sophomore, YSA organizer.

Miss Osteen defined democratic centralization as a method of making decisions wherein all minorities are given a voice.

"It was used in the Bolshevik revolution very successfully," she noted.

Like all local units, the national YSA is made up of an executive committee which meets between regular meetings to compose major policy decisions.

These decisions are sent to each local unit where dissent is welcomed. All dissenting reports are sent to the national office for national distribution.

Miss Osteen said the local executive board has not been chosen yet.

"Internally there can be as much debate as we want," she said. "But once a decision is made we think it is most effective if we work as a team."

A recruiting pamphlet YSA distributes in their booth at the union each Tuesday and Wednesday states, "We believe that the root cause of war, racism, and poverty is the capitalist system, a system which means con-

trol by the wealthy few over the lives of the majority. We want to change this.

"We want a system of real majority rule," the pamphlet continues, "where the wealth and achievements of society can benefit everyone. We want a socialist United States and a socialist world.

"We are part of the worldwide struggle of the oppressed against the oppressors. We are one with the revolutionary Cubans, the Vietnamese freedom fighters and the black African revolutionaries. Like them we are young, we are determined and our numbers are growing."

Already the East Lansing YSA is in the midst of a busy schedule of events.

"We played a supportive role in the rally opposing the trustees' resolution," Miss Osteen said. "We will support anything like this that comes up in the future."

In addition the East Lansing YSA is gearing for the week of anti-war actions Oct. 21-27. Miss Osteen voiced hope that, as a result of the week, a campus unit of the Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, can be formed.

She said an MSU contingent may be sent to Detroit Oct. 26 to participate in a parade supporting the International Day of Protest.

Speakers coming to MSU through YSA include Paul Boutelle, Socialist Workers Party candidate for the vice-presidency, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in 105 S. Kedzie; Giesela Mandel, founder of the German SDS and participant in the French students strife, Oct. 20; and Carol Lipman, editor of "Young Socialist," YSA's monthly magazine, Nov. 13 and 14.

Students aid revolution

By MARK EICHER
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Lodico said that though these areas, in which important revolutionary movements have taken place, are distant from each other, each has had a profound effect on the total world revolution of 1968.

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"It is very clear that the Vietnamese people are now winning the war," Lodico said.

While the Vietnamese are fighting to rid themselves of United States imperialism, he explained, citizens of Czechoslovakia are fighting to rid themselves of political bureaucracy of the Soviet Union.

He compared the situation in Czechoslovakia with that of Hungary in 1956.

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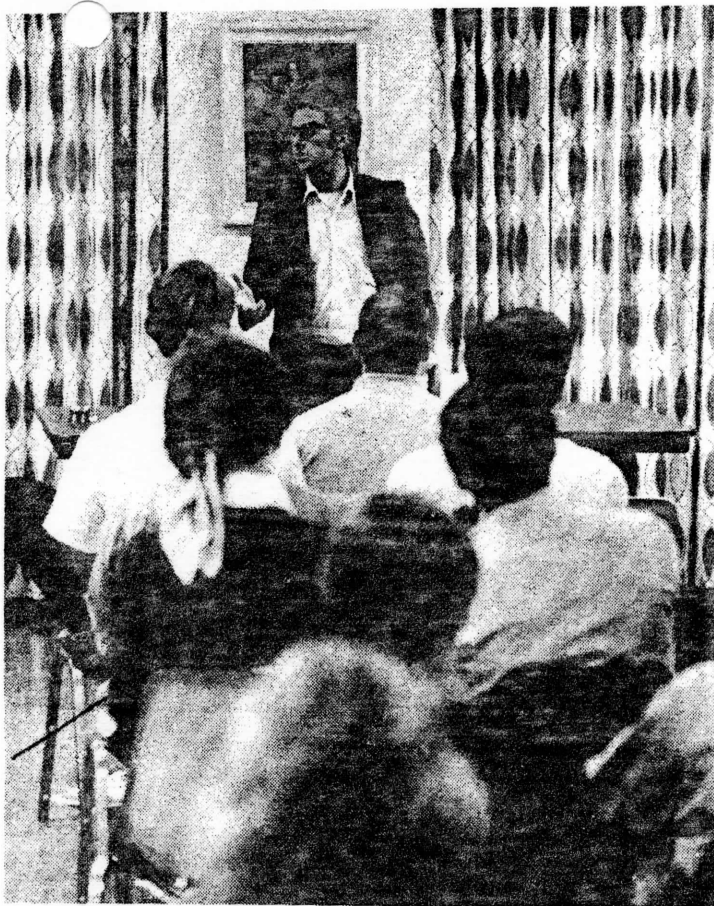
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