

# NEW YORK PARTY MOBILIZER



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ALL OUT FOR MAY DAY  
SUNDAY, MAY 1ST, UNION SQUARE  
12:00 - 5:00 PM

This year's May Day promises to be one of the biggest, most exciting and most important May Days in recent years. While at the time of this writing, many specifics of who will participate in the program and other details are still being worked on, enough has been achieved to date that we can see that this year's May Day will be qualitatively improved from previous recent efforts. (Although those recent efforts helped lay the base for this year's event).

The theme of "Unity Will Win - Jobs, Peace, Equality" in this election year has struck a responsive chord among many forces. This year's May Day Committee has been meeting as a coalition of organizations. The first, "generic" leaflet lists twenty participating organizations. The next leaflet that comes out will list forty. Many groups are organizations that work closely with the Party, although in previous years, they have not felt it was possible to participate in May Day. Most of the groups are left and solidarity groups that have <sup>not</sup> participated in May Day before. All of these groups will be having tables on the Square and helping to mobilize their membership for May Day.

Labor participation is not yet confirmed as of this writing. We are confident, however, that there will be more labor tables of unions on strikes and more labor speakers than previous years.

Pete Seeger has agreed to perform and will open the Solidarity Festival at Noon.

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The three political parties participating will be speaking at the Unity Rally. Our Party (Comrade Gus Hall), the Socialist Party (probably their Chair, David McReynolds - although it's not confirmed yet) and a representative of PSP.

WBAI will broadcast the event.

A featured speaker will be Lea Tsemel, an Israeli civil rights attorney, whose only New York City appearance of her U.S. tour will be at May Day.

Leslie Cagan, the National Coordinator of the June 11th Demonstration will be speaking and we are arranging for a speaker from the May 14th Family Day Rally as well.

ANC and SWAPO have agreed to speak and there will be a joint peace statement from Iranian, Iraqi and Kurdish organizations -- and there will be more.

The overall format is: set-up at 9:00 A.M. - tables at 11:00 - Solidarity Festival 12 to 3:00 - Unity Rally 3:00 to 4:00-4:30.

We are also working on a children's program and supervision for children at the Union Square playground.

May Day is important every year. It is a working class protest holiday, a unifier of progressive issues and movements, a "made in the USA" international working class solidarity holiday and a public barometer of the relative size of the left. This year May Day's additional importance lies in its potential to increase the impact of the left both politically and organizationally on the electoral process. A successful May Day has the potential of raising the level of unity of left initiatives in the elections, including for left and communist candidates.

#### To Make May Day A Success

All the endorsements of May Day mean that there is a better framework for a successful May Day. None of this will be achieved without a full mobilization of the Party. Therefore:

ALL PARTY MEMBERS SHOULD ATTEND MAY DAY AND BRING THEIR FAMILY FRIENDS, ETC.

Clubs should mobilize broadly for May Day through their mailing lists, tabling, etc.

Individual comrades and clubs should think about how to organize participation in May Day - meeting for rides to Union Square - Sunday brunch, then go down together, etc.

If we are members of an organization that has endorsed May Day, we should help guarantee that that organization mobilizes its base and doesn't just table and speak.

May Day should be promoted at the April 23rd - 26th recruiting events.

Finally, if you want a table -- please call us now - setup at

DISTRICT HOUSING ACTIVISTS MEET ON MARCH 12

Over 40 comrades and guests attended the recent district housing conference. The conference focused on the current political situation regarding housing issues, on the tasks before us in moving the struggle forward and in building the party, and on the role of clubs in initiating militant grass-roots actions.

One participant stated that as the housing crisis grows deeper, we must up the ante. It is possible to do so and in fact people, outraged by the situation, are demanding it. There is a broad sense of outrage about homelessness and other housing problems, which needs to be translated into even more actions.

There was a consensus that the only solution is public or publicly-owned housing. In New York City, this means immediate rehabilitation of the 100,000 vacant apartments in city-owned buildings.

Koch and Cuomo as well as Reagan were roundly blasted for creating and tolerating people being pushed onto the streets to live.

The sharp racist edge in all the policies of gentrification and displacement, lack of funding for affordable housing, failure to enforce anti-discrimination laws, is evident. A Howard Beach situation is only possible where segregated communities exist.

It was noted by several speakers that housing problems are getting lots of attention in the public workers and other trade unions. Active housing committees are being formed.

There was discussion of recent legislation to outlaw warehousing of apartments and of the need to push this legislation. Also discussed was the approximately \$350 million in new housing money which the legislature is currently deciding how to spend.

Another participant whose building is confronting warehousing and a co-op plan expressed the need to us to lead people to "stay and fight" for our homes and communities -- for working people there's simply nowhere else to go.

Among proposals and recommendations from the conference were the following:

- . Neighborhood and community clubs to take on a particular housing struggle, with involvement of current housing activists and other club members; housing commission to provide assistance.
- . West Side (Manhattan) clubs to meet to plan strategy for fightback against gentrification and over-development.

. Housing commission to develop more specific plan of action for struggle around vacant city-owned buildings.

. Our candidates for Congress and other offices to project a militant housing program involving more Dollars for construction of permanent affordable housing; halting of "privatization" trend; strengthening tenant laws; and relief for small home owners.

. Organize for May 24 Tenant Unity Day in Albany.

. Build the Party -- don't just help out in housing struggles, but bring an advanced position and the PDW, in better targeting and distribution of PDW articles on housing.

Jarvis Tyner in his closing remarks stressed the need to "make every Party club a center of housing activism" -- that housing should be on every club's agenda because it is an issue that affects people's lives so much. The coming months are an opportune time and we can help "set the stage for the post-Reagan era," when a peoples' movement to solve the housing crisis can begin to show more results. The Party needs to be out there.

We must also in the coming period, beginning at the club and neighborhood level, make every candidate and elected official deal with housing issues. In this connection, we should not treat Tenant Unity Day (May 24) as routine but should help make sure it is the biggest lobby day ever for the tenant movement.

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#### ISRAELIS TO APPEAR FOR PDW JUNE 3

Prominent Israeli peace leaders Felicia Langer and Tawfig Zayyad will be appearing at a public event in New York City on Friday morning, June 3, at the New York Society for Ethical Culture. They will report on the uprising in the Israeli occupied territories and bring the message that Jews and Palestinians can work together for peace and justice in the Middle East.

Langer and Zayyad are touring 6 cities, including New York City, to conclude the 1988 PDW Fund and Circulation Drive. Coming at a critical time when new coalitions are forming almost daily, to challenge the long silence in the U.S. over the Middle East, the PDW tour can make a major contribution to this struggle while opening new opportunities to build the PDW.

A committee is now being formed to organize the tour program in New York City. To help with this activity, please call Helen Scott at the District Office, 212-924-0550 or at home, 718-338-5182.

PDW FUND DRIVE  
AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PARTY MEMBERSHIP

Comrades, only 7 weeks remain in the 1988 PDW Fund and Circulation Drive, and we must all take urgent action if we are to meet the financial goal set for New York State. Our quota of \$125,000 equals one-fourth of the national goal of \$500,000. Therefore, the NY District has a major responsibility to guarantee the success of the entire drive, and to insure that the funds for continued publication of the PDW are available.

At this halfway point, we have only reached 25% of our goal. Many clubs have not yet made any contribution toward their club goals. While the NY District Office will raise a substantial portion of our quota, we cannot meet our quota unless each club also works to complete its goal. Also, through the club membership, we can reach more effectively for support from non-Party friends.

Therefore, our actions must include:

1. every club immediately set activities to meet its goal;
2. every club hold one public event for the PDW in April or May;
3. district and club fund goals to be completed by May 31.

Since this year's May Day celebration will be on Sunday, all clubs and members have the opportunity to participate fully, so this is a good time for club booths to raise finds for the PDW. Many other ideas for fund-raising can come from serious club discussions.

We are confident we can meet and surpass our goals if every comrade and every club does their share. The New York Party leadership is ready to assist the clubs in this common effort, so let us hear from you.

Jarvis Tyner

Helen Scott

URGENT REMINDER FOR CLUB CHAIRS AND FINANCE DIRECTORS

Outstanding registrations as of 12/31/87 must be submitted to District Office immediately.

Every effort should be made to have all 1987 dues and assessments paid up. 1987 dues and assessments should be submitted to District on a separate Club Finance Report.

1988 dues should be collected on a current basis and turned in to District promptly. Do not hold. Industrial concentration assessment of \$5.00 per member due May, 1988.

Clubs are obligated to turn in unfulfilled Party Fund Drive goals. Payments made directly to National Office or PDW should indicate Club to be credited.

## ADOPT-A-YCLER!!

Do you know, comrades that the UCL is having a membership drive at the same time the Party building drive is taking place? Spring is here -- and with it, there's been a burst of activity. Several months ago, over 700 students converged at Rutgers University for a conference aimed at setting up a national left student organization. The huge turnout was clear evidence of the radicalization that's taking place on the college campuses.

Just a week after this event, students at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst took over a building to demand action against racism and racist violence. YCLers played a leading role in this struggle, and Jason Rabinowitz, a well-known YCL leader on the campus was elected co-president of the student government.

Students are taking an active part in organizing the June 11th peace demonstration.

All of this points to new levels of activism among young people. They also show new prospects for building our Party and the

Young Communist League in this period. We think that the Party and YCL Building Campaign can make big gains among young people.

This spring is an especially good time for outreach and recruitment among youth, because on the weekend of June 17-19, the YCL will hold its 3rd National Convention at the University of Massachusetts. (See enclosed Call). The Convention will be open to guests -- if they haven't joined by then, they'll be inspired to do so by the experience of the Convention, we're sure.

This Convention will be even more exciting and "dynamic" than the last. There will be:

- short plenary sessions!;
- a variety of workshops, including on the "how-to's";
- music and theatre presentations;
- an exhibition of the work of young artists;
- a big party on Saturday night.

The New York State YCL would like to take 60 youth to their Convention.

The full, roundtrip fare, meals and housing for one youth cost \$45.00. The New York State Committee is proposing that each Party club Adopt-a-Youth, and 1) raise the \$45.00 to send a young person to Amherst and 2) send a youth from your concentration area. Please bring your contribution to the District Office marked YCL Convention.

Decisions of the State Committee  
Meeting --- April 9, 1988

1. Called for fullest involvement in the electoral process to guarantee anti-Reagan unity and growth of progressive campaigns.
2. Endorsed Charlene Mitchell's candidacy for U.S. Senate. Called for continuing discussions toward the development of a left line (independent progressives remains leading choice for name).
3. Established special PDW committee to be chaired by Comrade Jarvis Tyner.
4. Voted fullest support for YCL State Convention, June 4th and National Convention, June 17-19. Proposed every club try to send and/or support through scholarship (\$45.00) one youth to the Convention.
5. Reaffirmed full support for June 11th Nuclear Disarmament Demonstration at the UN as main initiative for the spring.
6. Called for Party support for May 14th Family Day Demonstration.
7. Adopted main report by Comrade Jarvis Tyner, discussion, summary and proposals.

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1988 CALENDER

April 23-24 .....	National Committee Council evening club recruiting events
April 26 .....	National Healthcare Conference
April 27 .....	June 11 Planning Committee Judson Memorial Church 241 Thompson St.
May 1 .....	MAY DAY - Sunday, Union Square
May 14 .....	CLUW Mass March on Wash., D.C.
May 15 .....	NAAPR Luncheon
May 24 .....	Tenant Unity Day, Albany
Late Spring (May-June) .....	Albany Demonstration for the Paterson Bill
June 11 .....	Major Peace Demonstration
June 17-19 .....	YCL National Convention Amherst, MA
July 8 .....	Last day to register to vote in Sept. Primary (tentative)
September 5 .....	Labor Day - Caribbean Day
September 11 .....	Afro-American Day Parade (tentative)
September 13 .....	Primary & filing of Independent petitions (tentative)

## Calender (cont.)

September 18 .....	PDW Picnic - Arrow Park
October 8.....	Last day to register to vote in the November election
to be decided .....	Campaign Kick-Off Rally Fall Campaign Rally
November 8 .....	Election Day
June 3 .....	PDW Event-Ethical Culture Society with Tawfiq Toubi and Felicia Langer
June 4 .....	YCL State Convention
June 5 .....	Puerto Rican Day Parade
July 12 .....	First day of petitionning for independent candidates full Mobilization Day
August 16.....	First day of filing for independents
August 23 .....	Last day to file

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A T T E N T I O N A L L C L U B S!

CLASSES FOR NEW MEMBERS will begin on Thursday, May 5, and run for six consecutive Thursdays through June 9 - 6:30 to 8:30 P.M., 6th floor, 235 West 23 Street. These classes will deal with the role, program and organization of our Party. New comrades can put all their questions here. Please make every effort to insure that all new members, including those from the April 22-23 recruiting meetings, are able to attend!!

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# To turn our country around!

Call to the  
3rd National Convention  
of the  
Young Communist League, USA



***With the end of Ronald Reagan's  
presidency fast approaching, young  
people are asking, what next?***

How can we repair the trail of  
destruction Reaganism has left in its  
wake? How to reverse the distorted  
policy of money for bombs, not for  
housing, jobs, health care, education?

How to rein in the de-regulated  
corporate giants which have polluted air  
and water, laid off workers by the  
thousands, and deserted whole cities  
while reaping huge profits and the  
biggest tax bonanza in history?

How to put a stop, once and for all,  
to a foreign policy secretly and  
undemocratically run, and based on cold  
war rhetoric, aggression, contra aid and  
covert action?

The answers to these questions are  
already forming in the minds of the  
people and in the mass movements.  
Already, important victories have

signalled the approach of Reaganism's  
demise: the defeat of Bork and of contra  
aid, the signing of the INF treaty.

The job ahead is to build these ripples  
of anti-Reagan victories into a tidal wave  
of the people's movement to wash away  
all traces of Reaganism, and begin to  
repair the damage.

***The task ahead is turning the  
country around.***

For young people to play their part in  
the coming class battles, they must be  
inspired, activated and united.

To take the next steps toward a world  
without nuclear weapons, to cut off all  
U.S. support for apartheid and the  
contras, requires action, initiative and  
unity.

To force the government to create  
jobs programs to deal with the economic  
insecurity which threatens all young  
people, in the age of stock market  
convulsions, high tech displacement and  
runaway shops, we must be united and  
organized.

To halt racist violence, to win  
affirmative action, requires a multi-racial  
movement with tactics and a program  
that unite the broadest range of people.

To win back federal funds for  
students, to roll back tuition, to increase  
enrollment of Black and other minority  
students—of all workingclass students—  
requires a united student movement.

To end discrimination against  
women, to secure equal pay for equal  
work, to win publicly funded day care,  
requires unity, of men and women, youth  
and the trade union movement, Black and  
white.

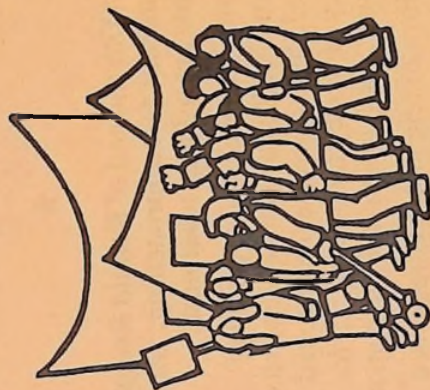
To enact an effective government  
policy to rid our neighborhoods of drugs  
and drug-related violence, requires unity.

This June, hundreds of young  
activists in the movements for peace and  
justice, fighters for a socialist future for  
youth, will come together in Amherst,  
Massachusetts at the 3rd National  
Convention of the Young Communist  
League.

If you are among the tens of  
thousands of people working for peace,  
for economic justice, for equality; if you  
want to help turn our country around,  
come to Amherst this June.

***If you want to be on the winning  
side of history, the side of the working  
class, come to the 3rd National  
Convention of the Young Communist  
League at the University of  
Massachusetts in Amherst,  
June 17-19, 1988.***

**To turn  
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**University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
June 17-19, 1988**

Please send more information about the 3rd National Convention of the Young Communist League, USA.

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