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ALL OUT FOR JUNE 11TH!

The work on June 11th and the support for it is growing. As things stand now, there is a possibility of a massive successful demonstration. The out-of-town mobilization is increasing with trains and buses being reserved. The speakers' list is for the most part excellent and includes Jesse Jackson, Rev. Boesak, Bishop Gumbleton, William Winpingsinger and others. Major cultural figures will be there including international performers from the U.S.S.R., Japan and other countries. The most recent New York City planning meeting had 150 people attending, most of whom represented organizations.

However, to say that the possibility for a successful demonstration exists does not mean that it's "in the bag." The mobilization in New York City especially, has to be increased dramatically in these last five weeks and major holes in the mobilization among labor, the Afro-American community and the Puerto Rican community have to be filled.

Our Party can and must play a decisive role in helping to guarantee the fullest possible mobilization. Clubs and other Party bodies must take every step to guarantee the mobilization.

Industrial clubs and/or execs must meet immediately to see how their union can become immediate endorsers of the demonstration -- how to publicize the event in the union newspaper -- and how to have the most organized approach to the mobilization of the rank & file.

Shop clubs need to discuss forums, committees, etc. that will publicize and mobilize for the demonstration.

All commissions need to meet to see how they can help mobilize for the demonstration in their areas of responsibility.

Neighborhood clubs need to plan an all-out approach to the demonstration. This includes: community-wide coalitions -- if they are not already established, weekly tabling, including use of PDW, Party literature, etc. -- a full approach-mailing, phone calls, etc. to entire mailing lists. At the level of community-wide coalitions and our own direct work, the organization of turnout on June 11th, whether thru buses, group subway rides, etc. needs to be guaranteed.

Comrades -- there are many important activities being planned for the spring and we realize that the list of "priorities" can become quite overwhelming for clubs. The starting point has to be that June 11th is the top priority. However, a club plan from now to June 11th can include fulfilling activities like the PDW drive, membership drive, YCL Convention building, etc. For example, we would strongly urge that neighborhood clubs initiate neighborhood June 11th coalitions that would carry out activities in the neighborhood. However, as part of our contribution to that overall work, we should guarantee a division of labor that includes Party tabling for June 11th where we can give out the PDW, meet young people who could be interested in the YCL Convention, etc.

Please call us if you would like a member of the State Committee to come to your club to help discuss June 11th plans.

Finally, there will be a CPYCL contingent on June 11th. Clubs need to organize participation in it -- more details to follow.

MAY DAY SUCCESS

This year's May Day was a success and in many ways represented a qualitative turn in the character of May Day. Without making a full report (see the PDW of 5/3/88 for fuller May Day coverage, including the speeches of Comrade Gus Hall and others) some aspects of this year's May Day include:

- . 30 tables of various peoples' organizations on the Square
- . over 40 participating organizations
- . greater labor participation than previous May Days, including co-chairs Juan Laboriel from UFCW and Bobbi Rabinowit from Local 371 and speakers from the Paper Workers, Flight Attendants, 1199 and the May 14th Coalition. The Paperworkers, May 14th Coalition and Flight Attendants had tables on the Square throughout the day.
- . an excellent cultural program which included Pete Seeger.

The breadth of the support for May Day means a coalition can be initiated next year for an even greater and more broadly based May Day.

The main problem with May Day was the mobilization. Estimates vary of numbers of people in the Square at one time of 500-600 to 800 with 1000 to 1500 people participating in May Day during the course of

SPECIAL APPEAL TO ALL CLUBS

Guarantee the PDW Fund Drive!

Comrades,

This is an emergency appeal to take immediate steps that will guarantee the completion of club quotas for the 1988 People's Daily World fund drive.

We want to congratulate your club if you have reached or are near to your club goal.

However, most of the clubs in our district are very far behind in their fund drive achievements. The total raised in New York thus far -- \$36,521: is only 30% of our goal of \$125,000. Of the amount raised, approximately one-third has been contributed by readers of the People's Daily World who are not Party members.

We have assigned leading comrades to check on your weekly progress and to see how we can help you meet your club quota.

Meantime, here are some steps your club can take to help meet the overall goal:

- * Canvass your members to collect contributions from any comrades who have not yet donated to the PDW. To meet the deadline, loans could be made based on future planned activities. Some also could give now based on their soon-to-come Income Tax returns. Each club should also adopt the goal that each member at least contribute a day's pay to the PDW.
- * Speak to PDW subscribers or readers on your paper route who have not given to the drive and ask for contributions.
- * Ask for contributions from people you work with in mass activities in your neighborhood or broader coalitions.
- * Organize comrades and friends to participate in the People's Daily World telethon to subscribers, being planned for Monday through Thursday, June 20-23 6 to 9 p.m. (Call Susan DiRaimo, 212-924-0550 to leave the names of volunteers and the dates they can come.)
- * Begin thinking of who will come with you to the PDW program on the Middle East, with Israeli speakers Felicia Langer and Tawfig Zayyad, Friday, June 3 at 7:30 P.M.

* Make plans to sell lots of tickets to the May 27th chicken dinner and free showing of MATEWAN at Winston Unity Center. All proceeds from your ticket sales will be counted toward your club quota.

We are confident that our members and clubs can rise to the critical situation that exists in the PDW Fund Drive. But we need the discipline and commitment, the love and loyalty for the Party and the PDW of every club and comrade. We must not let each other down!

LANGER, ZAYYAD TOUR RECEIVING WIDE SUPPORT

The national speaking tour of Israeli peace leaders Felicia Langer and Tawfiq Zayyad, organized by the People's Daily World, is receiving growing support in each of the 6 cities where events are being held. Organizers expect this tour to be a big success in both fund-raising and political outreach, following up on the experience gained from the successses of last year's tour with Vladimir Posner.

In New York, Langer and Zayyad will speak at a People's Daily World Symposium, set for Friday evening, June 3 at the New York Society for Ethical Culture. In addition, discussions are underway with key people from the city's labor movement, Jewish and Arab communities, elected officials and civil rights/civil liberties groups on additional activities for Zayyad and Langer in New York.

Tickets for the People's Daily World Symposium will be available in the New York District Office starting the week of May 9. An extensive mailing for the Symposium is being done to PDW readers and supporters, so be sure to place ticket orders for your club and co-workers and friends early! For further information, call the District Office at 212-924-0550.

LATE NOTICE!

New members' classes now in progress. Thursdays at
6:30 - 8:30. Second Session
5/15/88

the day. Whatever the numbers, the turnout was not adequate. We know that part of the problem was the late organizing of May Day. The first planning meeting wasn't until March 30th and this left little time for participating groups to mobilize for the day. This is also true for Party clubs, especially given the activity around the April 10th primary. However, in general, clubs did not adequately participate in May Day. We would appreciate if club execs would fill out the following questionnaire and send it in so that we can organize the May Day mobilization better in the future.

Club Name _____

How did the club participate in May Day? Number of members present _____ table _____ etc.

How (and when) was May Day discussed in the club?

What plans did the club make for May Day?

What is the members' view of May Day?

What would the club like to see done differently for future May Days?

Was the position "that every communist should attend May Day raised in the club.? What was the response?

LET'S GO YCL!
Progress in the Adopt-A-Youth Campaign

A number of clubs have already responded to the District's Adopt-A-Youth Campaign (see the Mobilizer, April 12, 1988). This shows that the clubs are concerned about guaranteeing a successful 3rd YCL Convention. Some are also using the opportunity to discuss problems and questions of their club's relationship to YCL-building, and the youth question in general.

However, comrades, we need a response by 100% of the clubs. To quote from the last Mobilizer,

"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 session!;
- 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 the Convention. Let's help make this possible!

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."

If you make the initial contact with the youth, the YCL will take it from there. You can use the coupon below to send us the information with your financial contribution.

Yes, we'll send a youth to Amherst!

Club Name _____

Contribution \$45.00 _____ Other _____

Name of youth who'd like to go:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Person referring _____

1988 CALENDER

May 14	CLUW Mass March on Wash. DC
May 15	NAAPR Luncheon
May 24	Tenant Unity Day, Albany
May 24	Albany Demonstration for the Paterson Bill
May 27	Matewan Film Showing and Dinner, Unity Center
June 3	PDW Event-Ethical Culture Society with Tawfiq Toubi and Felicia Langer
June 4	YCL State Convention
June 11	Major Peace Demonstration
June 12	Puerto Rican Day Parade
July 12	First day of petitioning for independent candidates
June 17-19	YCL National Convention Amherst, mA
July 8	Last day to register to vote in Sept. Primary (tentative)
August 16	First day of filing for independents
August 23	Last day to file
September 5	Labor Day - Caribbean Day
September 11	Afro-American Day Parade (tentative)
September 13	Primary & filing of independent petitions (tentative)
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
November 8	Fall Campaign Rally Election Day



Fundraiser

Friday, May 27, 1988
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