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## A Call for Youth Unity

The time has come for all of us in the youth and student movement to take stock as to where we are at. Youth unemployment is at an all time high. Racism is still an everyday fact of life. College costs continue to skyrocket while drastic budget cuts are hitting campuses.

The moment is filled with possibilities to dramatically change the future of our generation. The defeat of the ultra-right in the White House makes this possible. But it will still take a struggle. The right-wing and monopoly corporations are working overtime to set the political agenda. The current President has to present solutions to the problems in favor of the people and not the corporations. He has not done that and will not until the working class and people's movement - push him across the class line. Otherwise the right-wing and corporations will continue to dominate.

How can the youth and student movement contribute to the unity process?

The YCL sees the need for an organized left in the youth and student movement around the issues of jobs, education, equality, housing, health care and peace. An organized left is needed to counter the ultra-right attempts to organize young people on the campuses and in the communities.

A national youth and student roundtable to discuss our common interests would be a start. Let's work together on legislative initiatives addressing issues like jobs, education and equality.

We invite you to join with us in our call for youth unity and left unity in the youth and student movement. Separately, we have very little political power or influence. Together, united, we can move political mountains.

*This is the 30th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech. Through the course of his life Dr. King made many speeches promoting the themes of equality, peace, justice, unity and the need to struggle. Dr. King's speeches and writings serve as an invaluable resource for the young activists of today. The following speech is excerpted from The Centennial Address delivered at Carnegie Hall in New York City, February 23, 1968. The occasion was the International Cultural Evening sponsored by Freedomways magazine on the 100th birthday of Dr. W.E.B. DuBois.*

*The speech is an insightful, historic tribute to Dr. DuBois. But Dr. King didn't stop there. In his speech he also addresses an ideological stumbling block for many - the issue of anti-communism. He acknowledged that anti-communism is a brake on the working class and people's movement. This took courage at a time when Cold War anti-communism was at a high pitch. The Vietnam War was raging. The US government and corporations were using the two-sided sword of racism and anti-communism to justify it.*

*We reprint, in part, this speech to add to the dialog and discussion on the need for unity in the youth and student and people's movement of today.*

## Honoring Dr. Du Bois

By Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Tonight we assemble here to pay tribute to one of the most remarkable men of our time.

Dr. Du Bois was not only an intellectual giant exploring the frontiers of knowledge, he was in the first place a teacher. He would have wanted his life to teach us something about our tasks of emancipation.

One idea he insistently taught was that Black people have been kept in oppression and deprivation by a poisonous fog of lies that depicted them as inferior, born deficient and deservedly doomed to servitude to the grave. So assiduously has this poison been injected into the mind of America that its disease has infected not only whites but many Negroes. So long as the lie was believed the brutality and criminality of conduct toward the Negro was easy for the conscience to bear. The twisted logic ran - if the black man was inferior he was not oppressed - his place in society was appropriate to his meager talent and intellect.

Dr. Du Bois recognized that the

keystone in the arch of oppression was the myth of inferiority and he dedicated his brilliant talents to demolish it.

There could scarcely be a more suitable person for such a monumental task. First of all he was himself unsurpassed as an intellect and he was a Negro. But beyond this he was passionately proud to be Black and finally he had not only genius and pride but he had the indomitable fighting spirit of the valiant.

Long before sociology was a science he was pioneering in the field of social study of Negro life and completed works on health, education, employment, urban conditions, and religion. This was at a time when scientific inquiry of Negro life was so unbelievably neglected that only a single university in the entire nation had such a program, and it was funded with \$5,000 for a year's work.

He soon realized that studies would never adequately be pursued nor changes realized without the mass involvement of Negroes.



W.E.B. Du Bois

The scholar then became an organizer and with others founded the NAACP. At the same time he became aware that the expansion of imperialism was a threat to the emergence of Africa.

He recognized the importance of the bonds between American Negroes and the land of their ancestors, and he extended his activities to African affairs. After World War I he called pan-African Congresses in 1919, 1921, and 1923, alarming imperialists in all countries and disconcerting Negro moderates in America who were afraid of this restless, militant, Black genius.

We cannot talk of Dr. Du Bois without recognizing that he was a radical all of his life. Some people would like to ignore the fact that he was a Communist in his later years. It is worth nothing that Abraham Lincoln warmly welcomed the support of Karl Marx during the Civil War and corresponded with him freely. In contemporary life the English-speaking world has no difficulty with the fact that Sean O'Casey was a literary giant of the twentieth century and a Communist or that Pablo Neruda is generally considered the greatest living poet though he also served in the Chilean Senate as a Communist. It is time to cease muting the fact that Dr. Du Bois was a genius and chose to be a Communist. Our irrational, obsessive anti-communism has led us into too many quagmires to be retained as if it were a mode of scientific think-

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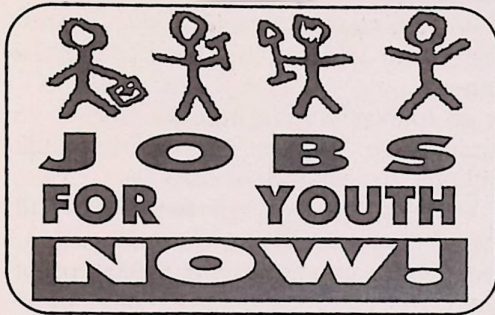
Dr. Du Bois has left us but he has not died. The spirit of freedom is not buried in the grave of the valiant. He will be with us when we go to Washington in April to demand our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We have to go to Washington because they have declared an armistice in the war on poverty while squandering billions to expand a senseless, cruel, unjust war in Vietnam. We will go there, we will demand to be heard, and we will stay until the administration responds. If this means forcible repression of our movement, we will confront it, for we have done this before. If this means scorn or ridicule, we will embrace it, for that is what America's poor now receive. If it means jail, we accept it willingly, for the millions of poor already are imprisoned by exploitation and discrimination.

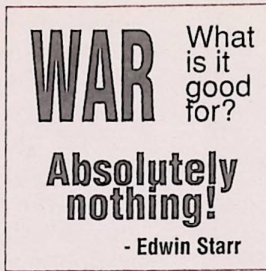
Dr. Du Bois would be in the front ranks of the peace movement today. He would readily see the parallel between American support of the corrupt and despised Thieu-Ky regime and Northern support to the Southern slavemasters in 1876. The CIA scarcely exaggerates, indeed it is surprisingly honest, when it calculates for Congress that the war in Vietnam can persist for one hundred years. People deprived of their freedom do not give up - Negroes have been fighting more than a hundred years, and even if the date of full emancipation is uncertain, what is explicitly certain is that the struggle for it will endure.

In conclusion let me say that Dr. Du Bois' greatest virtue was his committed empathy with all the oppressed and his divine dissatisfaction with all forms of injustice. Today we are still challenged to be dissatisfied. Let us be dissatisfied until every man can have food and material necessities for his body, culture and education for his mind, freedom and human dignity for his spirit. Let us be dissatisfied until rat-infested, vermin-filled slums will be a thing of a dark past and every family will have a decent, sanitary house in which to live. Let us be dissatisfied until the empty stomachs of Mississippi are filled and the idle industries of Appalachia are revitalized. Let us be dissatisfied until brotherhood is no longer a meaningless word at the end of a prayer but the first order of business on every legislative agenda. Let us be dissatisfied until our brother of the Third World - Asia, Africa, and Latin America - will no longer be the victim of imperialist exploitation, but will be lifted from the long night of poverty, illiteracy, and disease. Let us be dissatisfied until this pending cosmic elegy will be transformed into a creative psalm of peace and "justice will roll down like waters from a mighty stream."

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The Young Communist League is fighting for a different future. We are dedicated to ending corporate rule and to fighting for a decent life for all youth. We are dedicated building socialism, USA—a system where big business is publicly owned and production is geared to making life better for people; a system with a peaceful foreign policy, free education, where racism and sexism are outlawed, and where our environment is protected.

If you want to fight against war, unemployment, racism, poverty, poor education, drugs and lack of health care; if you share our vision of the future, then you belong in the YCL. Join us, and let's fight together—Black Brown and white. What could be better?

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