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Building Black Participation

The restrictive abortion and contraceptive laws and the practice of forced sterilization are central aspects of the oppression of Black Women. The Women's National Abortion Conference in July indicated the support of Black women for the repeal of all anti-abortion laws and also that they can be drawn into the national abortion campaign. YSAers active in local abortion coalitions should participate in activities that get the word out to Black and Raza women and involve them in the campaign.

The Boston Abortion Action Coalition (BOAAC) attempted to involve Black women in a workshop conference on women and our bodies and how to gain control of our bodies. The conference was initiated by BOAAC and hosted by the Boston University Abortion Action Coalition (BUAAC). Florynce Kennedy was invited to be the keynote speaker for the Friday night preceding the workshops.

BUAAC approached the BU Student Union president and asked that the Student Union cosponsor Kennedy's talk. He agreed not only to urge the Union to cosponsor her talk but also to pay her an honorarium and to cosponsor the entire conference.

Through the Student Union president, BUAAC approached the Black Student Union and the Black Student Center. They both agreed to cosponsor Kennedy's talk and decided to arrange for her to arrive early in the day on Friday so that she could have a special meeting with Black students. Both the president and vice-president of the Black Student Union are women and they were very receptive to the whole idea of the conference. A Black woman from Female

Liberation met with them to discuss the possibility of the Black Student Union cosponsoring the entire conference, and they agreed to do this.

Despite the fact that these arrangements were made too late to get much publicity out on the conference specifically directed toward Black women, 12 Black women attended the Third World workshop at the conference. In addition, two Black women from WONAAC chapters in other areas attended the workshop and helped to motivate the campaign and to encourage the participation of these women in it.

The women at the workshop responded enthusiastically and decided that as a first step in introducing the abortion issue in the Black and Raza communities around Boston they would produce a program on Abortion and Third World women on a local UHF station.

This is just the beginning of what could be a significant involvement of Black women in BOAAC and in November 20. At Boston University we are encouraging the women in the Black Student Union to participate in BUAAC's activities and offering our support for any activities that they wish to initiate. Our initial work indicates that there is significant sentiment among Black women for the demands raised by the abortion campaign and that by local coalitions taking the initiative in approaching Black women, they can become involved in the campaign.

GINNY HILDEBRAND
Boston YSA

Worcester Women's Liberation

On October 18, a Women's Conference was held in Worcester, Massachusetts, which was attended by over 300 women. The conference was sponsored by Worcester Women's Liberation, Clark University Women's Liberation, and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF).

In planning the conference, the first task for the sponsoring groups was to decide upon a format. It was decided to hold the conference on a night during the week and to have two speakers, a skit, and workshops. The scheduled speakers were Toba Singer, who gave a sketch of the history of women's rights in relation to the present feminist movement, and Maryanne Weathers, who discussed the oppression of Black women. A skit was planned about the conditioning of women in our society performed by women in Worcester Women's Liberation. Workshops were held on abortion, women against the war, women and health care, women in politics, high school women, working women, women in the university, Black and Raza women, and women in the media.

The groups contacted and asked to help in planning and building the conference included the League of Women Voters, American Civil Liberties Union, National Organization of Women, Clark Abortion Action Committee, and a women's collective. A poster was designed of leaflet size, 1,000 of them were printed, and we posted them up all over the city—in laundromats, in stores of all kinds, in beauty parlors, on all the campuses, and everywhere women went.

Although we were unsuccessful in securing spots on talk shows, we had public service announcements on all the major radio stations and on

our local TV station. A number of campus newspapers carried articles and ads on the conference, and the Worcester newspaper printed an article three days before the conference and advertised it in its calendar of events. A woman from the local TV station, who had attended several women's liberation meetings, was contacted and agreed to cover the conference and to bring camera crews.

Clark Women's Liberation obtained an entire building free of charge on campus for the conference. Arrangements were made to have a sound system set up in the main hall and to have a number of rooms available for the workshops. Coordinating meetings for the conference were held about twice a week.

A major effort was made at the conference to involve women present in the national abortion campaign and in the November 20 demonstration in Washington D.C. The abortion workshop focused on the campaign, and a WONAAC table was set up at which many endorsements for WONAAC were obtained.

The YSJP had a table, which evoked a lot of response to the only campaign with a feminist program and a feminist presidential candidate. There were also tables set up by the United Women's Contingent, WILPF, and the ACLU.

Because the facilities were free, the only registration fee requested was a 25¢ donation.

The conference was successful in bringing hundreds of women into contact with the women's liberation movement, and many of them are now interested in becoming involved in it. To follow up on these women, Worcester Women's Liberation is holding orientation meetings beginning November 8.

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One of the ways campus abortion coalitions or abortion committees of women's liberation groups can publicize the national abortion campaign, involve women in building it, and generally show the university community the sentiment for the repeal of all anti-abortion laws is to hold an abortion referendum on campus.

The Clark Abortion Action Committee recently held such a referendum at Clark University in which over 94 percent of those voting (30 percent of all the students) voted in favor of repealing all anti-abortion laws.

The way we organized it was very simple and can be done on most campuses. We obtained a master list of all students from the university public relations office so that we could check each name off as the student voted. We then mimeographed ballots saying, "I am in favor of the repeal of all anti-abortion laws (legalization of abortion). Check Yes or No. Check Male or Female." A number of volunteers sat behind a table in two-hour shifts. The table was set up in the campus mailroom since this is the most frequented place on campus.

After the referendum was completed, the votes were tabulated in three categories: total, female, and male. The results were printed in both the campus newspaper and a weekly bulletin published on campus.

JO DELLA-GIUSTINA
Worcester YSA

Ohio Socialist Educational Conference

The Ohio Socialist Educational Conference is scheduled for November 12-14 and is projected as a high point for the YSA's fall offensive and as a tool with which to build the 1972 SWP local congressional and national election campaigns, the YSA convention, and the fall educational program launched by the SWP and the YSA.

Leaflets on the conference were distributed at the November 6 antiwar action in Cleveland in addition to leaflets announcing an open house at the YSJP headquarters immediately after the demonstration. About 40 independents came to the headquarters and informally talked with YSJPers, browsed through the bookstore, and received literature and information about the educational conference. One YSAer at the open house was assigned to get campaign endorsers and another to pass out educational conference leaflets.

Many people have been introduced to the politics of the YSA through our participation in the antiwar movement this fall. Holding the conference on November 12-14 gives us the opportunity to bring these activists closer to the YSA and to recruit many of them.

The regional locals are publicizing the conference through mass leafleting and writing articles for the campus press. Special emphasis is being placed on areas where we have very few

or no YSAers and in the Cleveland area where the conference is being held. A team of six YSA and SWP members is starting a blitz tour of the Ohio area to sell *Militant* and *ISR* subscriptions, and an important aspect of this tour will be to publicize the educational conference.

In Cleveland public service announcements have been sent to the radio stations and news releases have been mailed to the media. Each of the high school and college campus fractions are leafletting their schools and a mailing has been sent to all the endorsers of the campaign. At Cleveland State University campaign endorsers are doing most of the work of building the conference. Plans have been made to leaflet high schools where we do not yet have campaign supporters and YSAers.

The theme of the educational conference is the 1972 elections. The three SWP congressional candidates in the Cleveland area will be featured speakers at the conference. On Saturday night there will be an SWP congressional campaign kick-off rally with a major speech by one of the candidates followed by a "Join the YSA" meeting. The rally will be preceded by a panel discussion on the '72 elections and a talk on the wage freeze and the war and one on Black nationalism and the '72 campaign. Also there will be workshops on women's liberation and the

antiwar movement.

The keynote speaker, Evelyn Reed, will speak on Friday night. Additional publicity specifically on her talk will be distributed. A number of women who have become interested in the YSA through our participation in the educational conference on abortion law repeal held in Cleveland late in October and building for the November 20 action have shown a particular interest in this part of the conference.

The Ohio Socialist Educational Conference will also launch the intense educational program sponsored by the YSA and SWP. Many regional YSAers are already planning their schedules so that they can attend these classes, and the educational conference will serve as an additional motivation for this educational series.

We also plan to make a big push for the YSA convention. Information on transportation will be available, and at every session the activists present will be encouraged to attend the convention. At the conference we will launch a major publicity campaign throughout the region to build for the Young Socialist convention.

BERNIE SENTER
Cleveland YSA

Student Government Campaigns

The YSA ran an election campaign this fall at Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC). Primarily we utilized the campaign as a means to get out the program and politics of the YSA. The campaign enabled us to draw student activists around the YSA and to increase

our influence on campus.

We used the campaign and the forum it provided to build November 6 and November 20. The campaign committee and independent activists supporting the campaign were involved in forming a Black and Puerto Rican Morato-

rium Committee at BMCC which is working to involve the Black and Puerto Rican students on campus in action against the war. Campaign supporters are active in organizing buses to take women to Washington on November 20 to dem-

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onstrate for the repeal of all abortion laws.

The BMCC campaign has been an excellent vehicle for gaining support for the Jenness and Pulley campaign. We have distributed large quantities of SWP campaign literature and built a campaign rally which featured B. R. Washington, SWP congressional candidate 18 C. D., and Paul Boutelle, SWP '72 campaign spokesman. There is now a very active layer of Jenness and Pulley supporters at BMCC.

Our major opponent in the BMCC campaign was the Third World Coalition (TWC) whose central leadership is in the Young Workers Liberation League (YWLL). The TWC once had complete hegemony on campus, but the YSA is now vying for campus leadership with them due in large part to our campaign.

The majority of TWC's members are Black nationalists while the YWLL is antinationalist, and similar divisions exist over the question of immediate withdrawal from Southeast Asia versus set the date. Our campaign has exacerbated the contradictions between the leadership and the rank and file. This has forced the YWLL to pose a more radical program for the coalition than they desired; they were forced to call for an immediate end to the war in Vietnam as well as to add a number of watered-down nationalist demands. The YSA will continue to counterpose our program for Black liberation to that of the YWLL, and we are confident that we will recruit many from the TWC to the YSA.

In drawing up the platform for the campaign, we used the "YSA Program for Campus Revolt" as its base. We added support for November 6 and November 20; "Hands Off the Attica Rebels! Free All Political Prisoners!"; and "Vote Jenness and Pulley in '72." BMCC is over 70 percent Black and Puerto Rican and has a significant Asian-American sector, so we emphasized the nationalist aspect of our program.

We put out a leaflet on our program urging students to support our campaign and to come to a campaign supporters' meeting. At the meeting three students sympathetic to our program asked to run on our slate. After discussion we agreed to run a joint Young Socialist slate.

We set up campaign literature tables displaying a wide range of Pathfinder literature, *Militants*, and YSJP campaign literature. The tables were highly successful in getting out free material, building the Young Socialist campus election campaign, and gaining supporters for the Jenness-Pulley campaign.

We also printed a folded brochure on the campaign for wide distribution, and several of the

coupons from these brochures have been sent in.

All the paper we used for our campaign was obtained from the school administration. The YSA also applied for a budget of \$8,000, some of which was to have been used on the campaign, but the administration has deferred acting on the request.

We also held two campaign rallies which were highly successful. Following the second rally a student asked to join the YSA.

The campaign made significant gains for the YSA even though we did not win office. We distributed massive quantities of literature on all facets of our movement, and the campaign helped build November 6 and November 20 at BMCC. Most importantly, the campaign provided a tool with which to confront the YWLL. By exposing the YWLL and posing an alternative to their politics, the campaign has eroded a portion of their base on the campus.

The Young Socialist slate did receive a significant increase in the number of votes in comparison with the campaign we ran last year. The TWC has been forced to acknowledge the YSA as a significant force on the BMCC campus since our active campaign, and the new TWC student government president has indicated that the student government will subsidize buses to the November 20 demonstration in Washington.

The activists who worked with us on and supported this campaign will provide a base for an active YSJP on the BMCC campus.

WILL STANLEY Upper West Side YSA

In order to establish a Young Socialists for Jenness and Pulley at Brown University in Providence, we decided to run a campaign for student government. Initially the YSA contacted people we felt might join the YSJP slate. We asked people at an SMC meeting and at a forum to remain afterward if they were interested in finding out about our campaign. Two independent activists joined the slate with four YSAers.

The six candidates got together to write the final platform. We had to expose our opponents' abstention from political questions as support for the status quo rather than political "neutrality." We stressed that voting to abstain from the mass movements is the same as voting to defeat them and emphasized participation in the anti-war, Black, student rights, and women's liberation movements. We also advocated the university's fulfillment of its responsibility to the local

community, the need for binding democratic decision-making by the university community, an end to the discrimination against the student government's funding of political organizations, and support for the campaigns of Linda Jenness for president and Andrew Pulley for vice-president.

Brown University allows only one week to campaign. No candidate is allowed to spend money on her or his campaign, and the election board granted each candidate only 200 leaflets to reach a student body of 5,000. No other means of publicity were arranged. We were not allowed to appear as a slate on the ballot according to a recently passed constitution.

Just prior to the beginning of the campaign, all the candidates met to discuss other forms of publicity. The YSJP ticket suggested space in the student newspaper for each candidate's platform, a debate among all the candidates, time on the student radio station, a brochure containing each candidate's platform to be widely distributed, a larger number of leaflets to be allotted to each candidate, and a longer period of time to campaign. Neither the election board nor the other candidates were very responsive to our suggestions. Since there was no precedent for active campaigning, it would probably have been helpful to talk with the election board before the elections were announced. The other candidates had no political content in their platforms for the most part and were no help in trying to get more publicity for each candidate's platform. They were content with what little leafleting they were allowed. One other problem was that leaflets posted on walls kept being torn down. We learned that provision should have been made for bulletin boards to be set up specifically for the election where leaflets would remain throughout the campaign.

We also learned that the fastest way to collect the 224 signatures needed to appear on the ballot was to petition in the school cafeteria. People could pass the six YSJP candidates' petitions around the tables at the same time getting a large number of signatures quickly.

As a result of our election campaign, several people came to our office to find out more about the YSJP, the '72 elections, and the YSA. Each of the YSJP candidates got a minimum of five percent of the vote, and one was elected.

CHARLES FELDMAN Providence YSA

Two New Locals Formed

The first Southern California regional meeting was held in San Diego in September at which plans were mapped out for expansion and consolidation of the YSA. A regional budget with regular sustainer pledges and regional fundraising projects was projected, launching the fall's regional work.

Our first success was in Santa Barbara. We began with one at-large YSAer at the University of California at Santa Barbara. Through regular sales work the at-large member at UCSB sold 50 subs to *The Militant* and recruited two more people to the YSA. The three YSAers and the regional organizer set up an "introducing the YSA" meeting on campus. We distributed 1,000 leaflets and set up a YSA table on campus every day for a week prior to the meeting. We had already established the YSA as an official on-campus organization which enabled us to set up a table and reserve an adequate lecture hall for our meeting. Sixty-five students attended and listened to a talk on "The Coming American Revolution and the Role of the YSA." Following the presentation all the students remained for an hour of questions and answers. The questions centered around the politics of the YSA, our position on the various mass movements, and the difference between the YSA and other political organizations on the left. We invited anyone who wanted to join the YSA to meet afterwards and organize a local. By the end of the evening eight people were ready to build the YSA at UCSB.

The local in Santa Barbara is well into building all the major campaigns of the YSA. The local has arranged a meeting on campus for Andrew Pulley, was involved in building the November 3 student strike with the SMC and the support of the student government, is helping to build for the November 20 demonstration for the total repeal of all abortion laws, and

has regular sub sales, literature tables, and educational.

The regional organizer has been visiting all the locals in the region to help in educational work and establishing stable finances. The national SWP campaign and organization tours are being coordinated through regional work to take maximum advantage of the opportunities they offer.

We are organizing a regional educational conference for Thanksgiving weekend to be held in Los Angeles. The details are still being worked out, but it is a target date for the entire region since previous educational weekends have proved excellent for recruitment and education of YSAers. The next regional meeting will also take place that weekend and will focus on regional convention-building plans and travel arrangements.

JIM LITTLE Los Angeles YSA

Through the work of the Providence local and the New England regional committee, a new YSA local has been formed at the University of Rhode Island (URI), a school of 15,000 in Kingston. For the last couple of years there have been a number of people interested in joining the YSA and even a few at-large members, but no consistent regional work had been done in the area before this fall.

In early October three YSAers spent a day at URI. We set up a literature table and spent several hours in the URI dorms selling nearly 40 subscriptions to *The Militant*. We contacted a number of people who had previously expressed an interest in the YSA to members of the Providence local who had visited the campus.

The next week two of us returned and arranged a meeting with a talk entitled, "Is a revolution

possible in the U. S.?" given by a YSAer from Providence. We spent four hours leafleting for the meeting; 80 people attended. Afterwards we spoke to a number of people who seemed interested in joining the YSA.

The following week we returned again, this time for two days. We scheduled a talk on the YSJP and the Socialist Workers Party 1972 campaign, which we again built through leafleting. Approximately 20 people came. A number of them endorsed the campaign and subscribed to *The Militant*. Following the speech we spoke with six people whom we'd contacted during our previous visit, including the president of the URI Afro Society. All six decided to join the YSA.

Our success in establishing a local at URI can be attributed to consistent regional work. The Providence local was able to carry out trailblazing which broke the ground for recruitment. A number of people became interested in the YSA through the SWP election campaign that the Providence YSA local conducted in 1970 and through the contact classes the Providence local held at URI during the summer. The follow-up work of the New England regional committee resulted in the formation of a new local.

This is just an example of the gains we can make through this kind of regional work. We have sold between 100 and 200 *Militant* subs at a number of large state schools throughout New England (University of Massachusetts, University of Vermont, University of Maine, and University of New Hampshire). We will be following this sub work up with YSJP talks at all of these schools. We expect that the URI local will be only the first of a number of new locals in the New England region this fall.

ALAN EINHORN Worcester YSA

Fund Drive Report

Logan, Utah, got back on schedule this week and now has 67 percent of its fund drive payments into the National Office. Also, a new local has been added to the scoreboard—Columbus, Ohio—and they have taken a fund drive quota of \$150.

We have not yet begun to receive the amount of money necessary to reverse the situation of the fund drive being behind schedule. In fact, during the last week while locals have been actively engaged in helping to build November 6, the amount of fund drive payments has been slightly smaller than usual.

Now that November 6 is over, locals must switch into high gear around the fund drive. This must be seen as one of the central tasks of the YSA between now and December 18. Locals that have not yet sent in 60 percent of their fund drive payments should map out detailed plans for successfully completing and possibly surpassing their quotas.

It is important that locals send in payments on a regular basis and not wait until a large sum has accumulated in their bank accounts. The scoreboard each week should accurately indicate the point at which the fund drive stands nationally.

A few more at-large YSAers have taken on fund drive quotas this week, but there are still many who have not. Every at-large member is strongly encouraged to take on a fund drive quota to ensure that we meet and surpass the at-large quota of \$1,200.

The most important thing right now is to see that adequate leadership is assigned to finances and that projected fund-raising activities are carefully organized and carried out.

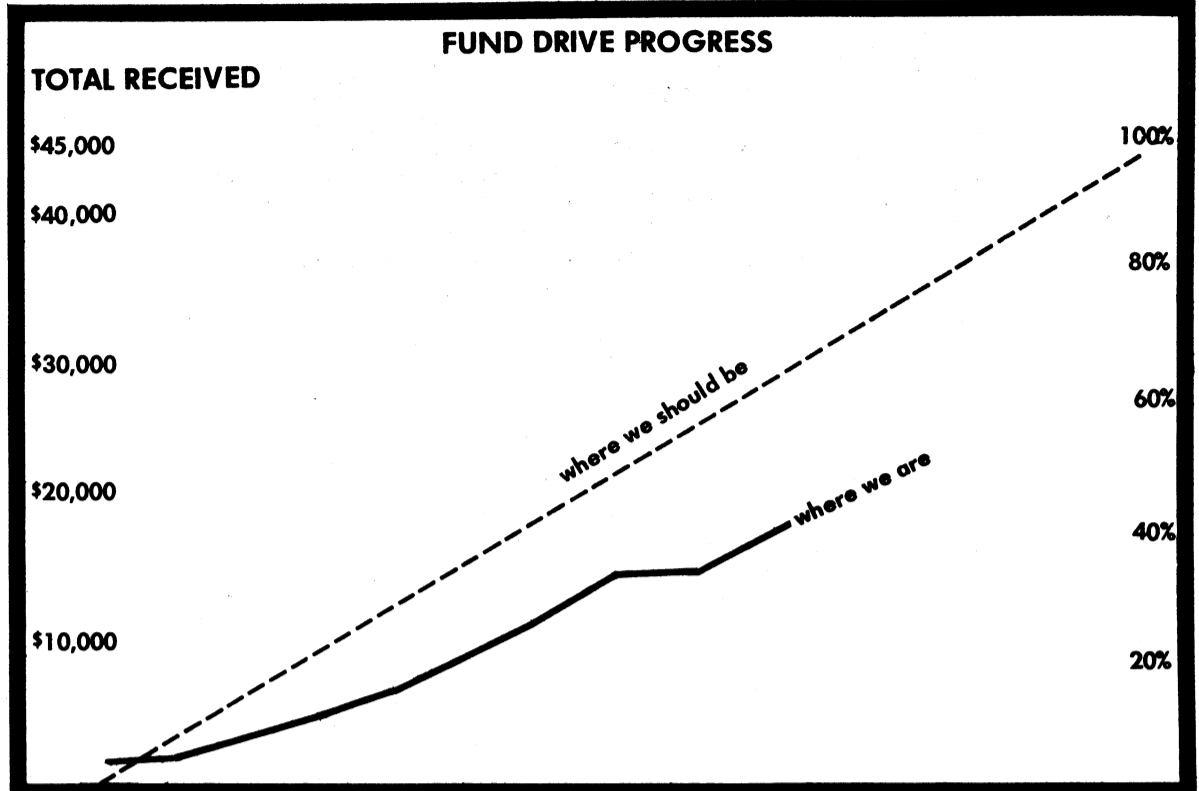
The New England Issues and Activists Speakers Bureau has set the pace nationally for our movement in giving us a glimpse of what is possible for every regional speakers bureau. Not only are they raising an average of \$150 weekly, but they are confident that by next spring it will have risen to \$300 weekly.

In the next few weeks there shouldn't be a campus in this country that hasn't been contacted about our speakers bureaus. If every local does this and sets up as many speaking engagements as possible, we will be well on our way to our \$45,000 goal.

TERRY HARDY
YSA Financial Director

FALL FUND DRIVE SCOREBOARD

REGION AND LOCAL	QUOTA	PAID	%
TEXAS/LA./OKLAHOMA	2,750	1,950	71
AUSTIN	1,300	1,300	100
HOUSTON	1,300	650	50
SAN ANTONIO	150	0	0
MARYLAND/VIRGINIA	1,800	1,032.14	57
WASHINGTON D.C.	1,800	1,032.14	57
(CRISFIELD, MD.)		(81)	
(COLUMBIA, MD.)		(7)	
(RICHMOND, VA.)		(4.13)	
(CHAPEL HILL, N.C.)		(1)	
NEW ENGLAND	4,500	2,228	50
BOSTON	1,750	1,025	59
WORCESTER	600	340	57
PROVIDENCE	400	200	50
CAMBRIDGE	1,750	663	38
(PORTLAND, MAINE)	(50)	(50)	
(DURHAM, N.H.)	(30)	(40)	
(N. ANDOVER, MASS.)		(20.98)	
(PLYMOUTH, MASS.)		(7)	
(MANCHESTER, N.H.)	(30)		
MIDWEST	5,350	2,488	47



DATE	9/11	9/25	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/20	12/4	12/18	
MADISON		500	275	55	ATLANTA		1,400	480	34
BLOOMINGTON		375	188	50	TALLAHASSEE		250	50	20
MILWAUKEE		300	150	50	NASHVILLE		150	10	7
KANSAS CITY		200	100	50	TAMPA		300	0	0
CHICAGO		3,600	1,775	49	(GAINESVILLE, FLA.)			(4.50)	
DEKALB		375	0	0	(JACKSONVILLE, FLA.)		(50)	(1)	
(KENOSHA/RACINE, WISC.)		(100)	(64.50)		(MOBILE, ALA.)			(0.50)	
(ST. LOUIS, MO.)			(41)		(ATHENS, GA.)		(40)		
(PITTSBURG, KANSAS)		(45)	(30)		(BRISTOL, TENN.)		(25)		
(FT. WAYNE, IND.)			(2)		MICHIGAN		2,900	565	20
ROCKY MOUNTAIN		1,400	627	45	DETROIT		2,600	545	21
LOGAN		150	100	67	ANN ARBOR		300	20	7
DENVER		1,000	459	46	(GRAND RAPIDS)			(21.75)	
BOULDER		250	68	27	(EAST LANSING)			(15)	
WASHINGTON		1,000	442	44	(FLINT)			(0.50)	
SEATTLE		1,000	442	44	OHIO/KENTUCKY		2,550	510	20
(PULLMAN)			(2.50)		CLEVELAND		2,250	500	22
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		3,750	1,580	42	EDINBORO		150	10	7
CLAREMONT		150	80	53	COLUMBUS		150	0	0
SAN DIEGO		750	375	50	OXFORD		150	0	0
LOS ANGELES		2,550	1,075	42	(LOUISA, KY.)			(1.50)	
TUCSON		150	50	33	NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY		5,950	1,043	18
SANTA BARBARA		150	0	0	BINGHAMTON		150	40	27
(ORANGE)			(1)		LOWER MANHATTAN		1,700	408	24
(PHOENIX, AZ.)		(100)			BROOKLYN		1,800	375	21
UPPER MIDWEST		2,300	850	37	UPPER WEST SIDE		1,800	220	12
TWIN CITIES		2,300	850	37	LONG ISLAND		350	0	0
(MADISON, S.D.)			(4)		PATERSON		150	0	0
PENNSYLVANIA		1,800	659	37	(VERNON CENTER, N.Y.)			(19)	
PHILADELPHIA		1,800	659	37	(HARTFORD/NEW HAVEN, CONN.)		(80)	(10)	
(STATE COLLEGE)			(99)		(WEBSTER, N.Y.)			(3.05)	
OREGON		650	223	34	(NEW LONDON, CONN.)			(2)	
PORTLAND		500	220	44	(NEWARK, N.J.)		(20)	(1.50)	
EUGENE		150	3	2	(ALBANY, N.Y.)			(1)	
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA		5,600	1,700	30	(MANCHESTER, CONN.)			(1)	
OAKLAND/BERKELEY		3,600	1,265	35	(GARDEN CITY, N.Y.)			(0.50)	
SAN FRANCISCO		2,000	435	22	TOTAL AT-LARGE		1,200	548.41	46
(MODESTO)		(14)	(8)		SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS			(8.50)	
(SAN MATEO)			(2.50)		TOTAL		45,950	17,094.05	39
SOUTHEAST		2,300	640	28	SHOULD BE			27,000	60
KNOXVILLE		200	100	50	SCOREBOARD COMPILED NOVEMBER 6, 1971				

Notes From Pathfinder

With the recent events in Attica, we can expect book publishers to be rushing books about prisons to the printer. Pathfinder is ahead of them, however, with **Black Voices from Prison**. In fact, we have just recently reprinted the paperback.

Pathfinder representatives visiting retail stores

report that even hard-nosed book store managers order **Black Voices**. The Black liberation flyer from Pathfinder contains excerpts from various reviews. The September **Civil Liberties**, the monthly paper of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), carried a review of the book. Paul N. Halvonik, staff counsel in Northern Cal-

ifornia, wrote:

"Etheridge Knight, the editor of this slender volume, contributes the best writing. Some of his poems are excellent. They are a crisp, clean, naked enterprise. But artful writing is not the

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point of the book. It is designed to give us some insight into the world which confronts the caged black and his theories about ways to cope with it.

"Not surprisingly, there is a lot of bitterness and rage here. But you may be surprised to discover that the rage is not directed at the daily racism of the prison institution but at the society which has caged the black and spawned the institution."

We have recently put out a promotional leaflet on **Black Voices** specifically directed toward classroom adoptions. We will be sending bundles of these to Pathfinder representatives for distribution. The Pathfinder promotion department has just finished putting out a mailing featuring **Black Voices** to large bookstores in Illinois, Massachusetts, and New York. We will send the Pathfinder representatives in those states a set of labels for follow-up work.

All bookstores feature Christmas books. Publishers frequently come out with lavish "special limited" editions of a \$50-60 art book. That's not quite the way Pathfinder operates, but two Pathfinder books which can be classified in the "nice Christmas present" category are **The Mod Donna and Scykon Z**, an anthology of women's liberation plays by Myrna Lamb, and **Cuba for Beginners** by the Mexican political cartoonist, RIUS. Pathfinder reps should be sure to take cloth copies of these two books, in addition to **Black Voices from Prison**, when stopping at bookstores from now through Christmas. Remember,

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it is the cloth copy that will make the "impressive" Christmas gift, not the paperback.

Another side to promoting Pathfinder books is through book fairs and exhibits. Often Pathfinder is represented in a combined book exhibit, but with greater frequency we have asked Pathfinder reps to set up and staff booths. Recently we participated in the New England Book Fair, a yearly event sponsored by the prestigious **Boston Globe**. Roy Inglee, our Boston Pathfinder rep, reports that several thousand people stopped by the booth, and two hundred signed the mailing list. A Cambridge bookstore called a couple of days later to place an order, mentioning that they had been impressed by the Pathfinder exhibit. People were also enthusiastic about our **Feminism Lives** and **Malcolm X** posters.

These book fairs are a good way of bringing Pathfinder books to the attention of teachers, librarians, and editors who may not have seen our material before. However, on Pathfinder's limited promotional budget, we must be very selective. The New England book fair also cost roughly 70 hours of comrades' time. As different reps hear of book fairs, they should let Pathfinder know. Some are organized by local bookstores and are relatively inexpensive, and some are important conferences where, although the price is steep, it is important to be represented. Each case must be evaluated separately.

A sociology professor recently ordered 180 copies of **Rosa Luxemburg Speaks**, and a speech professor ordered 130 of **W. E. B. Du Bois Speaks**. Now is the time for professors to place orders for the winter quarter; so it's a good idea to concentrate on those schools and universities which are on the quarter system.

For classroom adoption and for those bookstores that carry pamphlets, three new Pathfinder titles should prove popular. **Ireland in Rebellion** by Gerry Foley contains two interviews with leading Irish nationalists and an analysis of the revolutionary potential of Irish nationalism. The events in Belfast and Londonderry continue to be front-page news, and Pathfinder's pamphlet is excellent background reading.

Our two new women's liberation pamphlets, **Abortion: A Woman's Right** by Linda Jenness, Caroline Lund, and Cindy Jaquith and **Sisters in Struggle 1848-1920** by Debby Woodrooffe should prove to be popular titles. One outlines the need for repealing abortion laws and a strategy for winning while the other recounts the history of the first feminist movement in the U. S.

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