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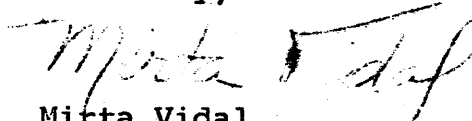
September 2, 1971

TO ALL ORGANIZERS AND NC MEMBERS

Dear Comrades,

The attached internal report by Tank Barrera and Mariana Hernandez on a recent meeting of the Mexican American Youth Organization should be made available to comrades involved in Chicano and Latino work. It is not intended for general membership distribution at this time.

Comradely,



Mirta Vidal
YSA Chicano Liberation Director

REPORT ON TEXAS MAYO MEETING
By Tank Barrera and Mariana Hernandez

INTRODUCTION

Prior to the Denver Chicano Youth Conference, a meeting was called by MAYO (Mexican American Youth Organization) "central" in San Antonio, Texas, to discuss a statewide Raza Unida Party effort. At that time there was no clear indication given whether this would be a large planning meeting or just a meeting of MAYO activists. The Houston Black and Brown work fraction projected that Houston, Austin and San Antonio Chicano comrades would participate.

NATURE AND COMPOSITION OF THE MEETING

The July 17 meeting in San Antonio was attended by 75 - 100 activists, most of whom are recognized leaders of MAYO chapters around the state. Among others in attendance were the Austin Huelguistas and lawyers. This was not a large, open meeting of the entire Chicano movement, but rather a statewide MAYO leadership meeting. Most of the people had worked together before. The atmosphere was one of "in-groupness" to which we were recognized as belonging.

PURPOSE

The explicit purpose of the meeting was to set priorities for MAYO in the coming year. The major priority as outlined by Carlos Guerra, national MAYO chairman, would be to work to build La Raza Unida Party.

A second purpose was to establish the idea that LRUP and MAYO were two separate organizations. This was made clear when Jose Angel Gutierrez announced that he would leave MAYO to work full time in La Raza Unida Party. This statement was followed by Mario Compean's statement that he too would leave MAYO.

A third purpose, flowing from the first, was to explain to those in agreement with building La Raza Unida Party the legal problems involved in setting up a third party and having it placed on the ballot. Alberto Pena, County Commissioner from San Antonio, soon to be licensed as a lawyer, presented the legal aspects of filing. Extensive discussion followed this presentation.

In motivating the idea of setting up a priority to build LRUP, Carlos Guerra gave a history of past activities. He discussed the Winter Garden Project and explained that Angel had approached the Mesa Directiva (Board of Directors) projecting an effort to organize on the local level -- specifically Zavalla County. Now that it had been shown to work, it was their thinking that consideration be given to statewide organizing efforts.

ROLE OF LEADERSHIP

The three people considered the most influential at the meeting were Carlos Guerra, Mario Compean and Jose Angel Gutierrez. For that reason it is important to evaluate the positions held by the three.

a. Mario Compean played the best role of the three in clearly stating the need to break with the Democratic and Republican parties.

b. Carlos Guerra presented LRUP as mostly a pressure group.

c. Jose Angel Gutierrez mediated. As the major speaker, he did not challenge directly the pressure group concept, nor did he come out and say that there should be a break with the two capitalist parties. This was somewhat contrary to previous statements. He further stated that he was not in favor of building a national Raza Unida Party at this time. He explained that such a projection had come out of the Denver conference and that it could be read in The Militant. The reason he gave for not supporting a national party was that it was premature because the lower echelons of the movement and the masses as a whole were not educated about or yet accepted the idea of LRUP. His position was that the Denver conference was not representative -- it included only the radical youth for the most part and not other organizations in the community such as GI Forum, LULACS, etc. He explained that in order to build LRUP these organizations would have to be brought in. He further stated that he had written to Cesar Chavez asking him if he would be willing to be the presidential candidate. The answer was "not this year."

RESULTS OF THE MEETING

1. Agreement by the majority to start petitioning for statewide ballot status for LRUP as soon as the law permits this. (For those who are more conservative and think the statewide effort will fail, they were urged to petition on a county level at the same time that they petitioned for a statewide party -- the process for getting on the ballot is different in both cases.)

2. An agreement that each county would try to get a quota of 3% of the voters on the petition.

3. An agreement to call the party Raza Unida Party, as opposed to Partido Raza Unida (PRU).

4. An agreement that Jose Angel be the chief organizer, a position he would not accept unless the Austin MAYO agreed to help him. Austin MAYO is one of the most conservative of all the MAYO's in the state.

IMMEDIATE PROJECTIONS

Each local area will meet and discuss what they want LRUP to be.

OTHER INTERESTING INFORMATION

1. A magazine called El Magazine will be published.

2. Jose Angel's thesis: "Empirical Conditions for Revolution in 5 South Texas Counties" will be published. A statement was made that in the future everything would be published by MAYO's press.

There were no vocal opponents either of the idea of building LRUP, nor any opponents of ours present at this meeting and there was no red-baiting.

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September 3, 1971

TO ALL ORGANIZERS AND NC MEMBERS

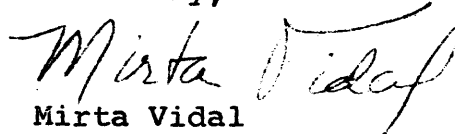
Dear Comrades,

The fall campaigns offer us an excellent opportunity to reach out to and work with growing numbers of radicalizing Chicano youth.

It is essential that we begin at once our efforts to involve Chicanos and Chicanas in both the November 6 antiwar demonstrations which will take place in many major cities throughout the Southwest, and the national abortion law repeal demonstrations scheduled for Washington D.C. and San Francisco on November 20.

Comrades should think out concrete projections for Raza involvement in the building of these actions as well as participation in the actions. Reports on the progress of this work should be submitted to the YSA National Office. These reports will facilitate coordination of this aspect of the November 6 and November 20 actions on a national scale.

Comradely,



Mirta Vidal
YSA Chicano Liberation Director

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September 3, 1971

TO ALL ORGANIZERS, NC MEMBERS, AND WOMEN'S LIBERATION DIRECTORS

Dear Comrades,

I have been assigned National Women's Liberation Work Director in the YSA National Office. It is important that copies of women's liberation fraction meeting minutes, local reports of women's liberation activities, and reports on the local abortion coalition and all the literature that it publishes, be sent to the YSA N.O. on a regular basis so that we can keep track of the developments across the country in the abortion campaign and the feminist movement. In particular, women's liberation fraction meeting minutes should be sent to the N.O. as soon after each meeting as possible.

Comradely,

Delpfine Welch

Delpfine Welch
YSA Women's Liberation Work
Director

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September 2, 1971

TO ALL ORGANIZERS AND NC MEMBERS

Dear Comrades,

We are attempting to compile an accurate list of YSAers who are on leave of absence due to military service. Please send in the names and addresses of any such comrades that you know of to the N.O.

Comradely,

Dave Frankel

Dave Frankel
YSA Antiwar Director

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September 3, 1971

TO ALL ORGANIZERS

Dear Comrades,

Last week you received a letter requesting the mailing address of your local and the address of the local organizer, financial director, and the regional organizer. Only one questionnaire has been returned. These questionnaires should be completed and sent to the National Office immediately.

Comradely,

Caroline Fowlkes

Caroline Fowlkes
YSA National Office

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 9, 1971

No. 16

NEC Present: Frank, Cindy, Norman, Andy, Laura, Steve, Mirta

NEC Excused: Dave, Debby W., Ruthann

NC Present: Andrew, Geoff

NC Alt. Present: Terry Ha., Byron, B.R. W., Delpfine, Linda, Fred,
Caroline

Guests: Nancy, Malik, Louise, Russell, Bob

Convened: 3:08 p.m.

Chairperson: Mirta

Agenda: 1. National Office Report
2. Convention Resolutions Report
3. YSA National Convention Call Report
4. Fall Fund Drive Report
5. National Financial Report

1. National Office Report

a. Membership - Caroline

Motion: To accept the following applications for membership
at-large:

1. John C. in Manchester, N.H.
2. Danny D. in Ellwood, Ill.

Motion Carried

Motion: To transfer the following comrades from at-large
areas to locals:

1. William S. from Nashville, Tenn., to Tampa
2. Robert McC. from Grand Rapids, Mich., to Oakland/
Berkeley

Motion Carried

Motion: To transfer the following comrades from locals to
at-large areas:

1. Mark C. from Oakland/Berkeley to Orlando, Fla.
2. Terry H. from Oakland/Berkeley to Lubbock, Tex.
3. J.C. B. from Lower Manhattan to Colorado Springs,
Colo.

Motion Carried

b. National Committee - Caroline

Motion: To approve the graduation of NC member Bob S. and notify Debbie N. that as number one alternate she is automatically elevated to full membership on the National Committee.

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the graduation of NC member Jean S. and notify Al B. that as number one alternate he is automatically elevated to full membership on the National Committee.

Discussion: Frank, Laura, Frank

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the graduation of NC Alt. Mimi H.

Motion Carried

Motion: To transfer NC Alt. Peter G. from the Oakland/Berkeley local to the Portland local.

Motion Carried

Motion: To transfer NC Alt. Lyle F. from the Denver local to the Oakland/Berkeley local.

Motion Carried

c. National Executive Committee - Frank

Motion: To approve the graduation of NEC member Debby W. and notify George K. that as number one alternate he is automatically elevated to full membership on the National Committee.

Motion Carried

d. Boston Report - Frank

Motion: To approve the dissolution of the South Boston, North Boston, and Cambridge locals and the establishment of the Boston and Cambridge locals.

Motion Carried

e. The Young Socialist Organizer Editorial Board - Frank

Motion: To add Louise G. to the editorial board of The Young Socialist Organizer.

Motion Carried

2. Convention Resolutions Report - Norman

Motion: That the following line resolutions be prepared by the NEC for the YSA National Convention:

1. Political Resolution
2. High School Movement Resolution
3. Women's Liberation Resolution
4. Black Struggle Resolution
5. Chicano Struggle Resolution
6. Antiwar Resolution

Discussion: Frank

Motion Carried

3. YSA National Convention Call Report - Frank

Convention call enclosed.

Motion: To hold the Eleventh National Convention of the YSA in Houston, Texas.

Motion Carried

Motion: That the convention be held on December 28, 29, 30, 31, and January 1.

Motion Carried

Motion: That the proposed agenda of the YSA convention be:

1. International Report
2. Political Report
3. National Campaign Report
4. High School Movement Report
5. Black Struggle Report
6. Women's Liberation Report
7. Chicano Struggle Report
8. Antiwar Report
9. Organization Report
10. Financial Report
11. The Young Socialist Organizer Report
12. Election of the National Committee

Motion Carried

Motion: That the basis of representation for the election of delegates to the National Convention be one delegate for the first nine members and one additional delegate for each additional nine members or major fraction thereof (five or more constituting a major fraction).

Motion Carried

Motion: That the convention assessment be raised from \$3.00 per member to \$5.00 per member.

Motion Carried

Motion: That December 14 be set as the deadline for the acceptance of articles submitted to the pre-convention discussion bulletin.

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion: Norman, Caroline, Frank

Motion Carried

4. Fall Fund Drive Report - Louise

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion: Terry Ha., Laura, Louise, Geoff, B.R. W., Louise, B.R. W., Louise, Linda

Motion Carried

5. National Financial Report - Terry Ha.

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion: Laura, Terry Ha., Byron, Terry Ha., Laura, Terry Ha., Andy, Frank, Laura, Terry Ha., Byron, Terry Ha., Louise

Motion Carried

Adjourned: 4:55 p.m.

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September 10, 1971

TO ALL COMRADES

Dear Comrades,

Enclosed is the call for the Eleventh National Convention of the YSA. It should be read to all YSA members at the next local meeting. Reports on plans and preparations for the upcoming convention will be appearing soon in The Young Socialist Organizer.

Comradely,

Frank Boehm

Frank Boehm
National Chairman

CALL FOR THE ELEVENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE
YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

The National Committee hereby calls the Eleventh National Convention of the Young Socialist Alliance to convene in Houston on Tuesday, December 28, 1971, and to continue through five days (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 29, 30, and 31, 1971, and January 1, 1972.)

The following is the proposed agenda for the convention:

International Report
Political Report
National Campaign Report
High School Movement Report
Black Struggle Report
Women's Liberation Report
Chicano Struggle Report
Antiwar Report
Organization Report
Financial Report
The Young Socialist Organizer Report
Election of the National Committee

Pre-Convention Discussion

Written discussion will be opened with the publication of the first bulletin. The pre-convention discussion bulletin is open to all YSA members on the subjects listed in the agenda or others which they may wish to present for the consideration of the YSA. All material submitted to the pre-convention bulletin must be received in the National Office no later than December 14, 1971.

Local membership meetings shall be arranged for oral discussion of the various points on the agenda and may also be arranged for discussion of any of the articles submitted to the pre-convention discussion bulletin.

Convention Assessments

A convention assessment of \$5.00 shall be levied to help cover the expenses of the convention, the payment of which is obligatory for every member.

Basis of Representation

1. Representation from the locals shall be as follows: one delegate for the first nine members and one additional delegate for each additional nine members or major fraction thereof (five or more constituting a major fraction).

2. Each local having five or more members is entitled to a voting delegate.

3. Delegates are to be elected by the locals in accordance with the actual number of members in good standing who have been admitted to the YSA prior to December 14, 1971, and who have paid their convention assessment. "Good standing," according to our constitution (Article III, Section 5), is defined as follows: "Any member more than one month in arrears in dues ceases to be a member in good standing. Only members in good standing may vote or hold office in the YSA. Any member more than three months in arrears may be dropped after notification."

4. Locals organized after December 14, 1971, are entitled to send consultative delegates to the convention.

5. Members admitted to the YSA after December 14, 1971, are entitled to a voice in the local discussion, but no vote on resolutions or in the selection of delegates.

6. Members must be present and voting in person at the meeting where the election of delegates takes place. The only exception is for members whose absence is for a substantial reason such as being sick or working, and who send an unambiguous written statement of their positions or delegate choices.

7. Members transferred from one local to another after December 14, 1971, must vote in the local from which they transferred.

Proportional Representation

Where there is a division on national policy within a local unit, election of delegates in the local is to be on the basis of proportional representation. Delegates shall be elected on the basis of a vote on a resolution or statement made in writing and submitted to the local unit for a vote. Abstentions in no case count as votes.

The following table shows the modified proportional system to be followed if division occurs:

<u>Number of qualified members in unit</u>	<u>Total number of delegates the unit is entitled to</u>	<u>Minimum number of those voting for a minority to get:</u>		
		<u>1 del.</u>	<u>2 del.</u>	<u>3 del.</u>
5-13	1	..*	-	-
14-22	2	1/3**	-	-
23-31	3	1/4	..*	-
32-40	4	1/5	2/5	-
41-49	5	1/6	1/3	..*
50-58	6	1/7	2/7	3/7
(9n-4) to (9n+4)	n	1/n + 1	2/n + 1	3/n + 1

(* in the special case of a unit entitled to an odd number of delegates and where the division in unit voting is exactly equal, 2 delegates with $\frac{1}{2}$ vote each will be elected.)

(** for example, in a unit of 14 qualified members, $\frac{1}{3}$ of 14 equals $4\frac{2}{3}$ members; therefore a minimum of 5 (not 4) would get a delegate. If the unit had 21 qualified members, then $\frac{1}{3}$ of 21 equals 7 members, so 7 voting minority members would be the minimum to get a delegate. The same consideration holds true for figuring all other fractions in the above table.)

In the event that a unit undergoes a more than two-way division, that unit will elect delegates on a directly proportional basis, i.e., in a unit entitled to n delegates, at least $\frac{1}{n}$ fraction of qualified members must have voted for a position for that position to get a delegate.

After a division has been established, those voting each way will select in caucus their own delegations and report them to the unit as a whole for acknowledgement. Where no division has taken place the election of delegates will proceed normally by the unit as a whole.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE
YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

September 9, 1971

Box 471 Cooper Station
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September 12, 1971

TO ALL ORGANIZERS AND NC MEMBERS

Dear Comrades,

This fall Andy Rose, Mirta Vidal, and Norman Oliver will conduct national organization tours for the YSA. They will visit every YSA local between the middle of October and early December. These organization tours are extremely important for the YSA National Office as well as for the locals around the country. They offer YSAers the opportunity to discuss their plans and perspectives for building the YSA, and to exchange ideas and suggestions on national, regional, and local functioning with members of the National Office staff.

Although the organization tours this fall vary in some respects from past tours, they remain primarily organizational rather than speaking tours. Most of the time in each area will be spent in meetings with YSAers. Each tour stop should be carefully planned out well in advance by the local to make certain that sufficient time is allocated for meetings with the local organizers, the YSA National Committee members, the local executive committee, and the local as a whole. Special local business meetings should be arranged where necessary so that national tour reports can be presented.

Three separate organization tours, rather than two, are planned this fall for several reasons. First, because of the great amount of preparation necessary for the upcoming YSA convention it is impossible to release two people from the National Office staff for a full two-month period or longer-- the length of time it would take for two people to cover all the YSA locals this fall. Second, conducting three separate tours makes it possible to arrange the start and finish of the tours to better fit our schedule in the National Office. Third, by planning three tours it is possible to tie in the building of the YSA convention through special blitz tours to be conducted by Mirta and Norman at the end of their organization tours. These convention building tours-- which will be organized between the Texas regional center, the Southeast regional center, and the National Office-- will make it possible for Mirta and Norman to speak at many campuses and high schools in Texas, Louisiana, and other areas in the South and Southwest where we want to place special emphasis on building the YSA convention.

Each of the YSAers on tour has a public talk prepared. Every local should plan and build a public meeting and seek to obtain honoraria. Andy will speak on "Nixon's War and the Wage Freeze: Prospects for the Current Radicalization," and can be billed as a member of the YSA National Executive Committee and editor of The Young Socialist Organizer. Mirta will be speaking on "The 1972 Elections and the Strategy for Chicano Liberation," and can be

publicized as a member of the YSA National Executive Committee and National YSA Chicano Liberation Work Director. The title of Norman's talk will be "Pan Africanism and the Struggle for Black Liberation." He can be billed as the National Organization Secretary of the YSA and National YSA Black Liberation Work Director.

Wherever possible, locals should raise honoraria for the public meetings in order to help cover the tour quotas and raise money for the fund drive. Last spring a number of locals obtained large honoraria for the YSAers conducting the national organization tours, which, in addition to easily covering locals' tour quotas, contributed significantly to making their fund drive quotas. Biographies of Norman, Mirta, and Andy are enclosed for use in applying for honoraria.

The tour quotas must be given to Andy, Mirta, and Norman at each stop. Any money above the tour quotas should be sent directly to the YSA National Office to be applied to the local's fund drive quota.

Because of the expansion of the number of YSA locals and the press of the work in the National Office in preparation for the YSA convention, only one, two, or at the most three days are scheduled for each local. Locals for which one or two days are scheduled should arrange no more than one public meeting. In areas where a three-day stop is planned, no more than two public meetings should be organized. No meetings should be planned on the designated travel days-- these are for rest as well as for travel.

Because of the tight schedule, changes in the proposed schedules should be made only if absolutely necessary. If there are any problems with the proposed schedules or tour quotas, locals should inform the National Office immediately.

Comradely,

Frank Boehm

Frank Boehm
YSA National Chairman

FALL TOUR SCHEDULE - Andy Rose

<u>Local</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Quota</u>
Providence	Oct. 17-18	\$25
Boston Area	19-23	
(Boston)		35
(Cambridge)		35
Worcester	24-25	25
Binghamton	26	15
Edinboro	27	15
TRAVEL	28	
Cleveland	29-30	35
Detroit	31-Nov. 2	40
Ann Arbor	Nov. 3	25
East Lansing	4	15
Chicago	5-7	40
TRAVEL	8	
DeKalb	9	25
Milwaukee	10-11	25
Madison	12-13	25
Long Island	14	25
New York City	15-20	
(Lower Manhattan)		25
(Upper West Side)		25
(Brooklyn)		25

FALL TOUR SCHEDULE - Mirta Vidal

<u>Local</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Quota</u>
Minneapolis	Oct. 17-19	\$40
Kansas City	20-21	25

VIDAL TOUR CONTINUED

<u>Local</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Quota</u>
Denver	22-24	35
Boulder	25-26	25
Logan	27	15
Seattle	28-30	35
TRAVEL	31	
Portland	Nov. 1-3	30
Bay Area	4-10	
(San Francisco)		40
(Oakland-Berkeley)		65
Los Angeles	11-13	40
TRAVEL	14	
Claremont	15	15
San Diego	16-17	25
Phoenix	18	15
Tucson	19	15
San Francisco Abortion Action	20	
TRAVEL	21	
Austin	22-23	25
Houston	24-25	35
<u>Convention Building Tour</u>	26-Dec. 3	

FALL TOUR SCHEDULE - Norman Oliver

<u>Local</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Quota</u>
Philadelphia	Oct. 30-Nov. 1	\$40
Oxford	2	15
Bloomington	3	25
Washington D.C.	4-7	35
Nashville	8-9	15

OLIVER TOUR CONTINUED

<u>Local</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Quota</u>
Knoxville	10-11	20
Atlanta	12-14	35
TRAVEL	15	
Tallahassee	16-17	20
Tampa	18-19	20
Washington D.C. Abortion Action	20	
Gainesville	21-22	15
Jacksonville	23	15
<u>Convention Building Tour</u>	24-Dec. 3	

ANDY ROSE BIOGRAPHY

Andy Rose, 21 years old, is a member of the National Executive Committee of the Young Socialist Alliance, the nation's largest and fastest growing radical youth organization.

As a radical in his high school in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Rose initiated and edited an underground newspaper, The Student Voice. While a student at the University of North Carolina he was active in the antiwar movement, particularly in working with the growing antiwar movement within the armed forces. He worked with GIs at Fort Bragg, N.C., and at Camp Lejeune, a Marine base. Because of his activities in support of GIs United Against the War he was arrested twice by Military Police and permanently barred from Fort Bragg.

His antiwar convictions quickly led Rose to revolutionary socialist conclusions, and he joined the Young Socialist Alliance in 1969. Shortly thereafter, he moved to Atlanta to work on the campaign staff of Linda Jenness, who was running for Mayor of Atlanta on the Socialist Workers Party ticket.

While in Atlanta, Rose also worked on the staff of the Atlanta Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam and organized participation from the Southeast in the massive November 15, 1969, March on Washington.

In March, 1970, Rose moved to New York City, where he is currently the editor of The Young Socialist Organizer, the weekly newspaper of the YSA.

This fall Andy Rose will be touring the East and the Midwest, speaking on "Nixon's War and the Wage Freeze: Prospects for the Current Radicalization."

MIRTA VIDAL BIOGRAPHY

Mirta Vidal, 23 years old, is a member of the National Executive Committee of the Young Socialist Alliance. She is also the National Chicano Liberation Work director of the YSA. As a student at Queens College in New York, she became active in the antiwar movement and joined the YSA in September 1968.

She was a founder of the Queens College Student Mobilization Committee. In the spring of 1970 she became the National Coordinator of the SMC Third World Task Force.

Vidal is a national spokeswoman and author on the Chicano liberation movement. She recently authored Chicano Liberation and Revolutionary Youth, and is a regular contributor to The Militant, the largest circulation radical newspaper in the U.S. In addition, she has contributed numerous articles dealing with the Chicano movement and the relationship of feminism to the struggle of Chicanos to the theoretical monthly, the International Socialist Review. She has been an active participant in the last two National Chicano Youth Conferences held in Denver, Colorado in 1970 and 1971, as well as the recent conference of Raza women held in Houston at the end of May.

Mirta Vidal has spoken in many cities across the country on the revolutionary dynamics of the Chicano liberation movement. On her current tour she will be speaking on "The 1972 Elections and the Strategy for Chicano Liberation."

NORMAN OLIVER BIOGRAPHY

Norman Oliver, 21 years old, is the National Organization Secretary of the Young Socialist Alliance, the largest and fastest growing radical youth organization in the country.

Oliver has been active in and a leader of a number of movements that have developed in this decade. He was active in the struggles of Black students in his high school in Detroit, Cass Technical High. He was also a founder and editor of the Black Student Voice, a citywide Black high school newspaper. Oliver was also active in the High School Student Mobilization Committee and helped build the first student strike against the war which brought out close to a million students across the country on April 26, 1968.

He became the chairman of the Detroit SMC in the spring of 1970 and participated in the planning and building of the April 15 mass antiwar demonstrations of that year.

Oliver then moved to New York where he became the National Black Liberation Work Director for the YSA and its National Organization Secretary. In that capacity, he travelled to West Germany last fall to get a first hand account of the growing movement among Black GIs against the war and against the racist oppression which they suffer. While in Europe he also attended the largest gathering of radical youth ever held in Europe since World War II, in Brussels. In the spring of 1971 Oliver toured the nation speaking on "Strategy for Black Liberation." This fall he will be on a special tour covering the South and the East Coast. Oliver's presentation entitled, "Pan-Africanism and the Struggle for Black Liberation," will deal with the new rise of Pan-Africanist thought among revolutionary Black nationalists today.