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TO ALL COMRADES

Dear Comrades,

The latest developments in the Paris talks and Nixon's renewed terror-bombing assault over North Vietnam have opened new opportunities for organizing antiwar activities. NPAC and the SMC have responded to these developments by calling for mass demonstrations in Washington D.C. and other cities on Inauguration Day, January 20. Enclosed is a report on the January 20 demonstrations sent out by the Socialist Workers Party National Office that outlines in more detail the nature of these actions. The YSA should mobilize itself in areas around the country to help organize the largest possible response.

As in the past, the Student Mobilization Committee will have an important role to play in building these demonstrations and should launch a major effort to build them as campuses and high schools open after the Christmas holidays. The SMC should take the initiative in urging a united emergency response of the entire student movement to Nixon's new escalation.

The SMC is calling for student protest activities to be organized on campuses and high schools across the country on January 19 as a nationwide demonstration of student opposition to the escalation and to help publicize and mobilize for January 20. The exact type of activity that can be projected in any area for January 19 will depend on the SMC's assessment of the extent of student response once campuses open and on its ability to win broad sponsorship and support for these actions, as well as on developments in the war. On a national scale, the SMC is now contacting other forces in the student movement to win their support and endorsement for January 19. The January 19 demonstrations will be announced at a press conference scheduled for January 4 in Washington D.C.

Despite the fact that the building work that can be done before the campuses open will be limited, the SMC should begin now to build support for the actions and lay the groundwork for a major building campaign once schools open in January. The YSA should encourage the SMC to do the following:


1) Campus and high school student governments and prominent figures in the student movement should be contacted about the January 19 and 20 demonstrations and endorsements should be obtained.

2) Broadly sponsored emergency response meetings should be called for the first week of classes in the new term. If possible, joint sponsorship with other campus groups can be arranged before campuses open so a joint leaflet can be distributed at registration lines and the first day of classes.

3) The SMC will want to collaborate with other forces in the student movement in planning for January 19 and other possible campus activities leading up to January 20.

In addition, YSA locals should continue to think out how to take maximum advantage of the educational opportunities for getting out our socialist analysis of these latest developments in the war. Locals should continue to hold campus YSA forums and classes and give special attention to sales of the Young Socialist and The Militant. The December-January issue of the Young Socialist features a major analytical article on the meaning of the recent Vietnam developments and a special effort should be made to get it out.

Comradely,



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