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TO ALL YSA ORGANIZERS, NC MEMBERS AND AT-LARGERS

Dear Comrades,

From early November through late December, three members of the Montreal branch of the League for Socialist Action/Ligue Socialiste Ouvriere, the Canadian section of the Fourth International, will be touring the U.S. Since it is impossible for our Canadian co-thinkers to free up one comrade for a long tour of the entire U.S., the tour has been divided into three separate parts.

Beginning November 4 and extending through late December, Philip Courneyeur, 27, a member of the Central Committee of the LSO and a writer for La Lutte Ouvriere, Quebec revolutionary socialist newspaper published by the LSO, will be in the U.S. He was arrested during the War Measures Act for illegal distribution of socialist election literature. Philip's tour will cover the major locals, as well as a few at-large areas, in the South and the West. The immediacy of his tour makes it imperative that comrades begin arranging public meetings, press interviews, etc., for him right away. He will also be prepared to give an internal educational on our movement in Canada.

Sometime in late November, Comrade Penny Simpson who, along with Art Young, was arrested in a midnight police raid under the War Measures Act, will make a tour of Midwestern locals. Penny is a leading women's liberation activist in Canada, and was financial director of the LSO mayoralty campaign in Quebec. In early December, Comrade Manon Leger, LSO candidate for mayor of Quebec and a leader in the struggle of the Quebecois for self-determination, will be touring the East Coast, with stops in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Washington D.C. Further information on the Simpson and Leger tours will be forthcoming.

Because of the short time which the above comrades can spend on tour, they will not be able to visit every local of the YSA. We had to select those areas where the largest public meetings could be arranged and where the greatest possibilities for obtaining honoraria exist. It is extremely important that all locals make a serious effort to obtain honoraria to help defray the cost of the tours and tour quotas. All money obtained for the tours should be sent directly to the National Office.

The tours have three very important aspects. First, they will inform the student movement in this country about the circumstances surrounding the War Measures Act. Secondly, they will further identify the YSA as internationalist and part of an international movement. And third, they will help educate the student movement on the nature of the struggle of the Quebecois for national liberation.

If any changes must be made in the tour schedule, the N.O. should be informed immediately. Philip Courneyeur's tour schedule and biography are attached.

Comradely,

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