

# FINAL PLANS SET FOR JOBS MARCH ON WASHINGTON

Washington, D.C.—A very successful meeting of the National Jobs or Income Now Coalition (JOIN) was held here Jan 8. Over 50 people, representing local JOIN coalitions from 20 cities, followed up weeks of local organizing for the Feb. 18 March for Jobs by laying out final plans for the march on Washington.

Some good struggle took place over the question of whether the White House should be a target of the demonstration. But most delegates argued that it was absolutely necessary to target this symbol of the government and the Carter administration, which has promised the people jobs but has in fact provided only lies, "workfare" programs, unemployment benefit cutbacks, and general attacks on the people's living standards.

After some lively discussion on this point, the final vote was unanimous. Come Feb. 18, we will be marching on the White House!

Participants agreed that the

march route should be from the White House, down Pennsylvania Ave. to the Capitol, stopping along the way at the District Bldg. where the D.C. mayor's office and City Council are located. Demonstrators will then march through a working class neighborhood to the Washington Coliseum, where an indoor rally is planned.

Another important task of the meeting was to decide on speakers at the rally. Included in the speakers list drawn up by the coalition are activists from a broad range of organizations representing the many fronts of the fight for jobs. These include people from the womens, welfare, Native American and farmworkers movements and from many other struggles.

JOIN activists also agreed that the Coalition should not see Feb. 18 as the end of its work, but should continue to build the struggle for "Jobs or Income" after the march. A proposal from the National Fight Back Organization that each local coalition should carry out actions on



**JOIN COALITION MEMBERS** discuss

March 8, International Women's Day, was passed unanimously.

Participants summed up the meeting as a major step forward. The unity built through struggle generated a lot of enthusiasm and momentum for the JOIN campaign. "One of the things this march and Coalition will do is send a message to the people that they are not alone" in wanting to fight back, pointed out Bob Cheeks, head of the Baltimore Welfare Rights Organization. "It's very important that everybody get behind this march!"