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TO ALL SWP ORGANIZERS

Dear Comrades,

You have received a copy of a letter from the YSA national office to YSA organizers and Boston work directors.

It outlines our movement's central tasks in building the Feb. 14-16 National Student Conference Against Racism.

Building this student conference and local student committees against racism is the most effective way at this time to call another national action and pave the way to involving much broader forces on a national scale.

It should be noted that while this is a student conference and most of its participants will come from high schools and colleges, local committees should be encouraged to obtain endorsements of prominent Black leaders, community organizations, unions, liberal politicians, etc. Some of these organizations and individuals are also willing to contribute financially to help students fighting against racism. In some places where broader coalitions were created during the December 14 actions, these can help organize support, publicity, buses, and funds for the student conference. Local student committees and broader coalitions will be able to tie in whatever national focus of activity is projected by the conference with activities on a local level where possible.

An important side to building for this conference is regular coverage of conference building activities in The Militant. Branches should assign someone to send in reports of local news conferences, new endorsements, successful building meetings, and news about local busing fights or other struggles against racism that tie into conference building activity.

At the conference itself, we will need as many SWP members as possible to insure the fullest and clearest possible political discussion.

Comrades heading up this work in the branches should keep the national office informed on the progress of conference building activities.

Comradely,

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