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TO ALL NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, ORGANIZERS AND PRDF DIRECTORS

Dear Comrades,

In order to continue most effectively the Socialist Workers Party and Young Socialist Alliance suit, the Political Rights Defense Fund urgently needs more reports of incidents of government harassment against members and supporters of the SWP and YSA. This harassment includes FBI visits and phone calls to members and supporters, their families, landlords, employers and potential employers schools, friends, and associates.

Although there was a good response to the initial request in 1973 for reports of government harassment, most local areas have not continued to send in reports of new incidents as they occur or old incidents as they are discovered.

The lawyers need these complete and detailed accounts of harassment as the case moves closer to trial.

The PRDF wants to receive reports of current harassment at the time the harassment occurs as well as accounts of past harassment which may not have been sent into the PRDF office.

Several steps including the following can be taken to collect these reports:

1. Through the course of preparing evidence for the ACLU disclosure suits, branches have accumulated extensive reports of government harassment. In many cases the PRDF does not have records of these incidents, either because the harassment occurred relatively recently or because comrades have recalled them only recently.

Copies of all accounts of harassment gathered for the disclosure suits should be mailed to the PRDF office.

2. Periodically, branch members who are directing support work for our suit should survey members and supporters for incidents of unreported current and past harassment and mail the reports to the PRDF office.

Be alert especially to any incidents of FBI agents mentioning attendance at the 1974 YSA convention. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall specifically banned the FBI from disseminating the information it gathered about those who attended the convention.

Comradely,

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