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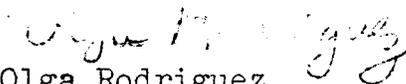
TO ALL ORGANIZERS, PUERTO RICAN, AND ANTIRACIST WORK DIRECTORS

Dear Comrades,

Enclosed for your information is an edited version of a report from Mike Taber of the West-North Chicago YSA. The report goes over developments in the YSA's work with the Federacion Universitaria Socialista Puertorriquena (FUSP -- Federation of Puerto Rican Socialist University Students) at the University of Illinois, Circle campus.

It would be useful for locals with similar experiences to send reports to the national office.

Comradely,


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YSA National Office

Report On the YSA's Relations with FUSP

By Mike Taber

This report will cover the state of our relations with FUSP in Chicago. FUSP itself has only been functioning openly for a short period of time, and has very close relations with the Puerto Rican Socialist Party. As far as we know, there are two campuses that they are on -- the University of Illinois - Chicago Circle, and Northeastern University.

In the past, our relations with the PSP had been inconsistent, occasionally being able to work together as part of a broader movement. The high point of this was around the tour by USLA of Juan Carlos Coral. The PSP lent its facilities for and helped to publicize one of his forums.

Over the past two months, we have been able to work more closely with both the PSP and the FUSP. The most important political development in this regard was the demonstration on November 1 to free the five Puerto Rican nationalist prisoners. The PSP and the Puerto Rican Solidarity Committee initiated a broader committee to build this demonstration and we participated in it. The attitude of the PSP towards all the groups working in this committee was extremely nonsectarian. The secretary of the Chicago branch of the PSP spoke at both the West-North and Southside Militant forums on the nationalist prisoners. His tone was extremely friendly, and he indicated a desire to work further with the SWP and the YSA. The PSP members who came with him to the forum were very impressed with our headquarters and our movement in general.

We have been able to work more consistently with the FUSP at the University of Illinois - Circle, where the YSA has a fraction. The FUSP has members on the campus, and also a wider layer of supporters in the Union of Puerto Rican Students, a local campus group. The YSA and the FUSP initiated a jointly-sponsored forum on the campus prior to the November 1 action. This campus forum turned out to be extremely successful, and the FUSP gave us much of the credit for this.

Following the demonstration, a meeting was held between ourselves and the FUSP leaders on the campus at which they expressed a desire to work with us on various issues on an ongoing basis.

The FUSP has been somewhat hesitant about becoming involved in SCAR. They attended the first campus planning meeting following the conference, as they were aware of the FUSP's participation at the second national NSCAR conference. They also attended the University of Illinois - Circle SCAR teach-in featuring Luis Fuentes, and were very impressed by it. However, they are still in the process of defining their relationship to SCAR, both at Circle and on a city-wide basis.

Through our joint activity, FUSP and PSP members in general have been very friendly to us. While they understand that differences do exist, they are by no means hardened against us politically. They have apparently made a conscious decision to work with us on a modest basis.

The FUSP in Chicago appears to be growing and carrying out more public activity. Our work with them thus far has given us an opportunity to better familiarize ourselves with the Puerto Rican movement in Chicago. In addition to YSA members becoming more familiar with them, we are encouraging some of their members to read the YSA NEC draft political resolution and discuss our political ideas.

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