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TO ALL SWP AND YSA ORGANIZERS

Dear Comrades,

This letter is to outline plans for participation by the SWP and YSA in the antinuclear demonstration that will take place May 6 in Washington, D.C.

According to the May 6 Coalition, the umbrella group which is coordinating the action, there are already forty-five confirmed buses and reports of dozens of others from places such as Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, Albany, New York City, Boston, and Raleigh.

The coalition office is staffed by about fifteen people, primarily from Ralph Nader's Public Interest Research Group-- but also from the Mobilization for Survival and other activists. Many volunteers also work there. So far they have gotten out tens of thousands of leaflets and two different posters in the Washington, D.C. area alone. Sixty-second promotional spots featuring a message from Nader have been sent out to numerous radio stations. In general, comrades report that local coalitions are actively building the protest up and down the east coast.

Among the confirmed speakers are such well-known figures as Jane Fonda, Barry Commoner, Dr. John Gofman, and Dick Gregory.

Apart from the endorsement of William Winpisinger of the International Association of Machinists and Jerry Gordon of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters, however, support for the demonstration from trade union leaders and locals remains limited. Building support for the action among trade unionists and trade unions is a key axis of building May 6 for the SWP and YSA.

What we will do

While it is impossible to make exact predictions, it is already clear that May 6 will be a large, politically significant demonstration. Thousands of working people eager to voice their opposition to Carter's nuclear time bombs at Three Mile Island-- and elsewhere throughout the country--will be in Washington on May 6.

We want to reach them with the revolutionary socialist alternative to the Democrats' and Republicans' nuclear nightmare. That's why selling the Militant, Perspectiva Mundial, and the Young Socialist will be the main way we participate in the demonstration.

The Militant is planning to carry a number of particularly attractive features in the issue that we will sell. These include:

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a major article on why the labor movement needs to take the lead in the fight against nuclear power; an interview with Mike Olszanski, a leader of the environmental committee of Local 1010 of the United Steelworkers of America in Gary, Indiana; coverage of the government's continuing cover-up of the dangers from nuclear fallout in Utah; news of antinuclear protests in Rocky Flats, Colorado; Grants, New Mexico; and Cementon, New York; and more.

To maximize the impact our sales can have, the national offices of the SWP and YSA are proposing that branches and chapters in the following cities mobilize their entire membership for the May 6 actions:

Amherst, Boston, Albany, New York City, Newark, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Morgantown, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and Raleigh.

Of course, comrades from other branches and chapters in the midwest and southeast will also be participating in the protest through the local antinuclear coalitions they work in.

Branches will want to organize sales on the buses to Washington, D.C., out of their own bundles. Sales at the demonstration itself, however, will be organized out of a national bundle.

When comrades arrive at the assembly point in Washington, D.C., they should go to the Militant dispatch truck. This will be parked on 15th Street, just south of E Street (see the enclosed map).

There they will be given packets of papers. Comrades can replenish their supply of papers from this truck throughout the day. After the march steps off, the truck will move to a location two blocks north of the Capitol rally site on First Street at Louisiana (also marked on the enclosed map).

Comrades should turn in the money for papers sold at the demonstration at this truck before they leave. Branches will receive full credit towards their circulation drive goals for the papers they sell in Washington, D.C. These figures should be gathered by branch circulation directors and called in as usual with the other results from sales of issue eighteen no later than 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15.

Pathfinder Press will have tables with a large selection of our literature at both the assembly and the rally sites.

#### Special subscription teams

Another aspect of our participation in May 6 will be a big push to sell a special subscription offer to the Militant. The offer, which will be good only until June 1, will be \$3 for four months of the Militant. A special team of top sub salespeople will be assigned to make this offer at the demonstration.

This offer will also be good during the national target sales week that completes this spring's circulation drive. All branches

will want to think through how they can use this special offer. We hope it will be a good way to make sure that our coworkers and others we sell to, especially at plant gates, read the Militant all summer long--even when regular sales may be reduced as the result of preconvention discussion, Oberlin, and vacation schedules.

Banners

We want everyone to know that the SWP and YSA have been active builders of this demonstration and that we support the demand for an end to nuclear power and weapons. For that reason, branches and chapters are encouraged to carry banners on the march.

Harvey McArthur and Andrea Baron will be organizing our participation in May 6. They can be reached at the Militant Circulation Office, (212) 929-3486.

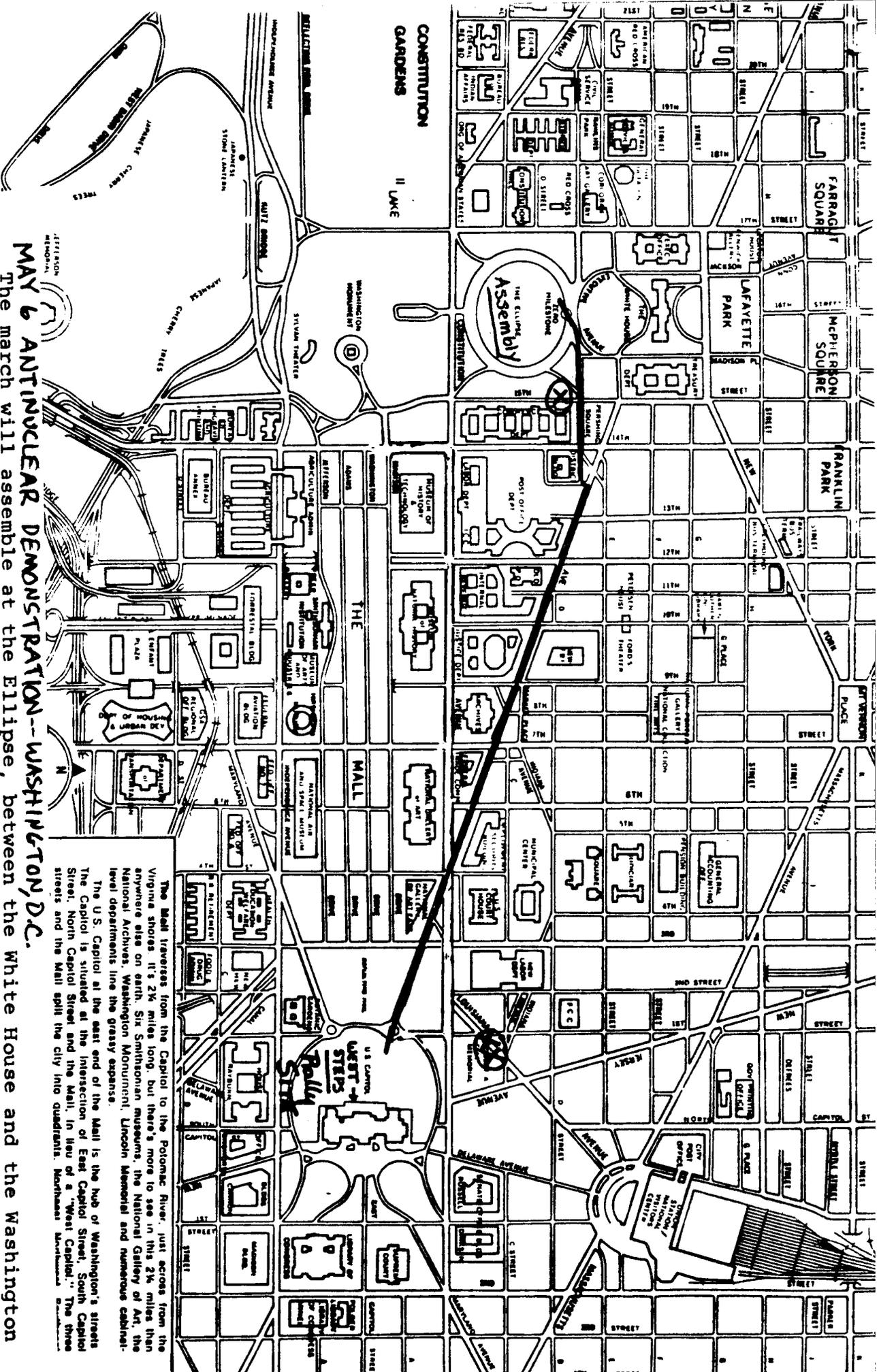
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**MAY 6 ANTI-NUCLEAR DEMONSTRATION--WASHINGTON, D.C.**

The march will assemble at the Ellipse, between the White House and the Washington Monument, starting at 10:00 AM.

The Militant dispatch truck will be parked on 15th Street, just south of E Street. This location is marked on the map with an X.

The march will go down Pennsylvania Avenue to the rally site at the Capitol.

After the march begins, the Militant truck will be parked two blocks north of the Capitol on First Street at Louisiana. This location is marked on the map with an X.

The Mall traverses from the Capitol to the Potomac River, just across from the Virginia Shores. It's 2 1/2 miles long, but there's more to see in this 2 1/2 miles than anywhere else on earth. Six Smithsonian museums, the National Gallery of Art, the National Archives, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial and numerous cabinet-level departments line the grassy expanse.

The U.S. Capitol at the east end of the Mall is the hub of Washington's streets. The Capitol is situated at the intersection of East Capitol Street, South Capitol Street, North Capitol Street and the Mall, in lieu of a "West Capitol." The three streets and the Mall split the city into quadrants. Northeast: Northeast