DuBois Clubs focus effort on workers

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CHICAGO, Feb. 3—The W.E.B.
DuBois Clubs of America held a
conference in Chicago at the
weekend of over 75 young workers that discussed the need for
concentration on industrial work-

The conference set a new direction for DuBois Clubs — a working class direction. It launched a new national effort to establish young workers' chapters.

Adopted was a 12-point program on which it will seek to build a Marxist core of youth in the industrial unions.

Among the platform demands are issues like a 30-hour week, union democracy, equality for all minorities and women, organizing the unorganized, ending the Vietnam war and the draft, and broader positions of political independence for labor and international working class solidarity.

From all areas

Delegates came from all over the country and included participants from steel, auto, transport, and warehouse unions, in addition to others.

The conference called for a campaign to align local unions behind a campaign to organize

the unorganized and give support to groups such as the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee. A similar program has been called for by the Alliance for Labor.

Such a campaign would coincide with efforts to make Dr. Martin Luther King's and Malcolm X's birthdays national paid workingclass holidays. Special recognition would be given to Dr. King's efforts to aid the Memphis sanitation workers, in the course of which he was killed.

Young workers' problems

The conference was mainly devoted to the discussion of concrete problems of young workers, especially racism, and the role that a Marxist youth organization can fill in the shops.

Jarvis Tyner, national DuBois Clubs chairman, opened the conference and discussed the need for such a black and white youth organization among young industrial workers. The discussion that followed included an address by a midwest trade union leader on the need for young Marxists to be 'experts' on the problems of their industry to give leadership on day-to-day problems in the shops.