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TO ASSIGNMENT EDITORS AND NEWS DESKS: PICKET LINE AT ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OFFICES

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE LINDA JENNESS TO LEAD A PICKET LINE TO DEMAND RETRACTION OF "ANTI-SEMITISM" CHARGES LEVELED AGAINST THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY BY THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH

WILL DELIVER OPEN LETTER SIGNED BY NOAM CHOMSKY, MURRAY KEMPTON, DWIGHT MACDONALD, SOL YURICK, RABBI A. BRUCE GOLDMAN AND OTHERS

WHEN: Thursday, December 21 2PM -- 3PM

WHERE: Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith Headquarters, 315 Lexington Avenue (Lexington Ave. and 38th St.)

Linda Jenness, Socialist Workers Party 1972 presidential candidate, will head a delegation to deliver an open letter to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith on Thursday, December 21. The letter protests the charges of "anti-Semitism" which were leveled against the Socialist Workers Party and its 1972 presidential and vice-presidential candidates at the 59th annual meeting of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith November 20, and urges the retraction of these charges.

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Among the signers of the letter are Noam Chomsky, Professor of Linguistics at M.I.T.; authors Sol Yurick and Sidney Lens; literary critic, Dwight Macdonald; writer Murray Kempton; and Rabbi A. Bruce Goldman.

The letter states in part, "While we do not necessarily agree with the program and policies of the Socialist Workers Party we believe that their opposition to Zionism cannot in any way be equated with anti-Semitism. ... We expect your immediate retraction of these charges."

A protest demonstration and picket line outside the offices of the ADL has been scheduled to coincide with the delivery of the open letter. The news media is invited to accompany Linda Jenness to the offices and to a news briefing held outside the offices of the ADL at 2PM, Thursday December 21 at 315 Lexington Avenue.

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(TEXT OF THE OPEN LETTER AND LIST OF SIGNERS IS ATTACHED)

## AN OPEN LETTER TO THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

At the 59th annual meeting of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith November 20, charges of "anti-Semitism" were leveled against the Socialist Workers Party and its 1972 presidential candidates.

We urge you to retract these serious charges.

While we do not necessarily agree with the program and policies of the Socialist Workers Party we believe that their opposition to Zionism cannot in any way be equated with anti-Semitism.

We respect the right of the Socialist Workers Party and others to express their opinions about the situation in the Middle East without being unjustly attacked in this manner.

We expect your immediate retraction of these charges.

## SIGNED BY:

Harry Braverman, writer and publisher

Noam Chomsky, Professor of Linguistics, M.I.T.

Joseph Ben-David, Executive Director, Humanist Society of Greater
New York

Uri Davis, Vice-Chairman, Israeli League for Human and Civil Rights David Deitch, Boston journalist

Stanley Diamond, Professor of Anthropology, Graduate Faculty, New School for Social Research

Emmanuel Sarjoun Dror, Israeli student, City University of New York
Ruth Gage-Colby, United Nations Representative, Women's International
League for Peace and Freedom'

Rabbi A. Bruce Goldman, author

Ed Goodman, Station Manager, WBAI

Jerry Gordon, National Coordinator, National Peace Action Coalition Russell Johnson

Murray Kempton, writer

Mary Kochyiama, Asian-Americans for Action

Sidney Lens, author

Conrad Lynn, National Conference of Black Lawyers

Dwight Macdonald, literary critic

Paul Massas, President, Student Government, Brooklyn College
David McReynolds, staff, War Resisters League
Dr. Sidney Peck, professor
Dr. Paul N. Siegel, Professor of English, Long Island University
Allan Solomonow, Committee on New Alternatives in the Middle East
Jane Tam, member, District 1 Community School Board
Robert Van Lierop, Africa Information Service
Rowland Watts, President, Workers Defense League
Sol Yurick, novelist

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