Amendment to the Draft Resolution on the Negro Struggle

The Draft Resolution on the Negro Struggle contains a major weakness. This weakness is the failure to give serious attention to the Freedom Now struggle in the South in general, and to the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee in particular.

This failure to give serious political attention to SNCC is a continuation of past YSA policy. Without any discussion and analysis of the South and SNCC, the Draft Resolution states, "Our size and composition make it imperative that our concentration for the present be on the Nothern ghettos, where we have YSA units. However, we should be alert for ways to extend our propaganda work into the Southern ghettos, for example, through the sale of the Militant. Our ability to do this is a tactical question dependent on our size, base, and openings.

The spirit of this amendment is to propose that serious attention be given to SNCC and the concrete proposal is that the convention approve a YSA probe of the South, a probe to be carried out as soon after the convention as practically possible. This probe is to consist of two comrades from large locals and one comrade from the NO to work in activity in the South, preferrably in Mississippi. On the basis of this probe, a discussion in the YSA should follow, a discussion which can serve as a basis for a political orientation towards SNCC.

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