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TO ALL ORGANIZERS AND AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Dear Comrades,

In selling Militant and ISR subscriptions in campus dormitories and other public places, comrades have often been harassed by hostile campus administrators. Most universities have regulations against soliciting in dormitories, which they interpret to include selling political literature. However, there are legal precedents establishing that selling political literature and newspapers cannot be considered "soliciting."

As we carry out the renewal campaign we will probably encounter such harassment again, although to a lesser extent than during the fall sub drive. The YSA National Office is organizing a special defense file on cases involving our right to sell subs, Militants, etc., on campus, in dormitories, and in other public places. We request that all areas send in full reports on past and present cases for this file. We want to know about all cases where salespeople were kicked out of dorms or stopped from selling, even when these cases did not result in court cases. We would also like copies of all legal briefs and court decisions in those cases that were taken to court. All this information will aid us in future work, in particular laying the basis for taking on some of these restrictions so that they do not interfere with the mammoth fall '72 sub drive.

At the present time, we want to continue to avoid confrontations over the right to sell in dorms. That is, if salespeople are ordered to leave the dorms they should not risk arrest by refusing to do so. We suggest that if comrades are told that university regulations prohibit soliciting in the dorms, they should insist that they are canvassing for political candidates--Jenness and Pulley--and distributing campaign literature and taking donations. If campus administrators still insist on kicking us out of the dorms, comrades should try to get copies of the specific regulations to send to the N.O.

Comradely,

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