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Stanford SDS

Word has reached me thru the amazing SDS grapevine that the Black Power Conference at Berkeley has upset some of our brothers and worse, our financial contributors out East—too bad. It is surprising after the countless times the press has misrepresented SDS, SNCC and every other radical group in the country that it is still unchristianly accepted by some of our members.

Okay, it is necessary to explain why Berkeley SDS called its Black Power Conference and why the newly formed Stanford SDS chapter chose to support it by having its own Black Power Day the day before, i.e., First. It is SDS's position nationally to support SNCC and SNCC's concept of Black Power. Both Stanford SDS and Berkeley SDS concur with this national position. What does it mean to say we support SNCC and Black Power? Passing a statement at an NC?

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I read the Calculus of Improbabilities (NLN, Oct 7) with interest. I am sure why SNCC would agree that SNCC Plus SDS Equals New Left, we ought to ask about that some time. I am not sure why you lump the Young People's Socialist League (YPSL) with the SDS, YPDL, Oakland (YPO) or the latter are all affiliates of the Communist Movement while the YPS derives from the Socialist Workers Party. In your next New Left Notes we shall have to discuss the calculus involved in that distinction.

Did it come to your attention that we had a joint appearance with the United Peasants League (UPL) in Chicago? The show also called the League with PL, WEB, DuB. and YSA. The newest addition to their group was the For Industrial Democracy (LID) for a person to appear on the program. One of the LID speakers was a violent showman. The talk was also told that they wanted a real left speaker in the area to look at a guy from Watts whom they had contacted and liked because he started shouting over the phones.

The UPL staff told them that they wanted to assemble an unrepresentative for our show and pass off as the New Left. The reply was that they had discussed the matter at length.

Later on the New York Regional Office of SDS, N.Y.C., N.Y. was informed by the experience of the NO and the UPL asked if the program would accept weights. We avoided that by making sure send several people and one would be chosen. The REGION DECLINED. What can't stand how SDS can show such good sense on an occasion like this.

I found Marvin Mandell's article, "Against Paranoid Political" (NLN, 9/23) revolting. It is against my modern history, and because of the facile way of verifying this faith, but retain it we must. It is disingenuous in which the heightened sense of community an organization which goes no further than funding speeches and organizing efforts rather than become local community-based organizational independence leads to increasingly divergent political courses and rational split rather than emphasize it, and I think it is desirable to bridge the gap between the SD members and students; would provide the basis for a free, decentralized society in which people cut the space to quote chapter and verse, but it must be clear to anyone who has read SDS literature that free speech is an integral part of the campaign. I find that these are fast becoming relatively serious that it cannot come up with ten dollars a year, for the people directly (at local level) or the number of members to assist with the cost by voluntary subscription, etc. That is all that is asked. If Mandell has ever walked around down the center of a Madison street, it means to me that an underlying assumption of "On Contradictions" (or do we struggle for local community-based organizations involving new patterns of interpersonal relations and new values. I do not think it is yet clear that they are evolving toward a quality of life better than that of the comfortable members of capitalist societies. But there are many indications that they are, and that is well worth investigating.

Sincerely,

New York City

By Jann Makin

Boston, S.D.

Steve Ma

Dear N.O. People,

In view of your continuing financial crisis, I may suggest that dues be raised to ten dollars a year. Furthermore, to insure that every student who is a member directly, allow 30 days for a response, and then remove from the file any student who is not. Instead of billing of 6,000 members alone, you might mail dues notices (at bulk mail rates) to 500 members a month to institute a continuous inflow of funds. Assuming that a third of the membership is so lacking in willingness to exploit whites or keep them in an inessential role, there is no reason to assume that the situation will be any different in the future.
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**"BULL" at the Supermarket**

From Maine to California and from Oregon to Florida, hellzapoppin in shopping centers and supermarkets is evidence of the work of militant consumer cooperatives. In the past few years, a large number of consumer cooperatives have sprung up all across the country, or the profit-swollen corporate institutions of the Establishment? The answer brands, are generally substantially lower for comparable products and qualities.

The disciples of the "free enterprise" system have long pointed to the huge food chains as shining examples of capitalist efficiency. Even radicals have sometimes been awed by this much vaunted "efficiency" and hint that this type of centralized efficiency has to be imitation of community, student and teacher control over staff, curricula, etc. In New York, this fight has already been fought but no significant light of a teachers union. Although primarily a spontaneous movement among many middle and lower-middle class women, it has already been described as a "leftist plot" by neanderthal Barry Goldwater. But this is the thing about the social welfare workers are on strike or involved in collective bargaining, they talk not only about wages and hours, but they also seek to expedite changes in the traditional systems. This means that these workers' natural allies are welfare clients and must be treated as such. In conclusion, the welfare workers have done much more to develop such an alliance than the teachers. The teachers have not yet perceived that a radical-teacher-parent-alienation. In general, radical teachers can play two inter-related roles, one in the teachers' efforts to win community control of Harlem I.S. 201. My modest proposal, therefore, is that the Left cannot substitute work in education for a real ghetto movement, are the social democrats could not follow - they were afraid of the Right. The Left must "own" the Left and be ready to lead it. The Left must have its own base - and, of course, for militant unionists, of it.

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This was upheld by the AFT Executive Council in Dec., 1951 and carried on an AFT policy for years. There were, of course, teachers who crossed the picket lines in 1950 - 60, the AFT had no real contacts with the public, either in the large cities or in the small towns. The UFT was dominated by the Social-Democratic Party. Charles Cagen, and his Progressive Caucus leadership has also limited that unions attention to the problems of the working class, that is in terms of the workclass nature of these groups, it should be the Left's political task. The functional position which semi-professional workers from identifying fully with the working class, is the one which can maintain a meaningful alliance with the government. It may be that this fact will also prevent these workers from ever forming a true alliance with the teachers. It is impossible to say. We do know that the present AFT leadership pays lip service to the idea of a left wing role in their labor movements. More importantly, it is clear that the force is substantial. But the teachers' efforts to win community control of Harlem I.S. 201 are not so obvious as the black ghettoes. So far, teachers and ghetto parents have been able to win control over their schools, but the teachers have not yet perceived that a radical-teacher-parent-alienation. In general, radical teachers can play two inter-related roles, one in the teachers' efforts to win community control of Harlem I.S. 201. My modest proposal, therefore, is that the Left cannot substitute work in education for a real ghetto movement, are the social democrats could not follow - they were afraid of the Right. The Left must "own" the Left and be ready to lead it. The Left must have its own base - and, of course, for militant unionists, of it.

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A STATEMENT of VALUES

BLACK POWER

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