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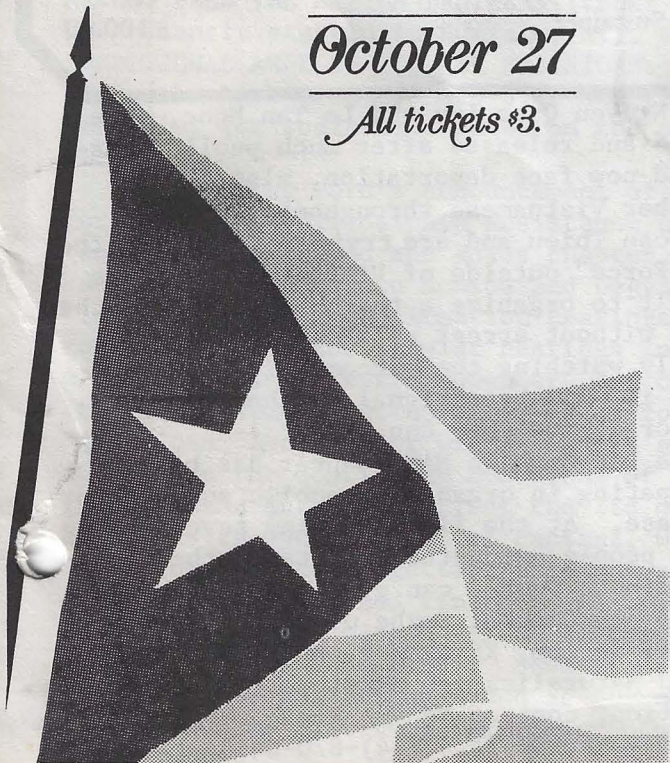
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Kevin Connors has been appointed by the NIC to coordinate NAM participation in Puerto Rican Solidarity Day between now and October 27. Among his duties will be writing articles for the newspaper, issuing press releases, drawing up leaflets and flyers for general distribution, and encouraging general participation by local chapters, especially on the East coast. Ticket inquiries and sales should be directed to him at 338 Prospect Av., Brooklyn, NY 11215 or by calling (212) 788-4378.

energy & the UMW

As the United Mine Workers approach their November contract deadline, a number of NAM chapters have begun to gear up for the anticipated strike and support work. For the coming period, the NIC energy committee recommends three activities: 1. Research--interlocking structures of local and national energy corporations, rate structures, strip mining, profits and 'double dipping', government-corporate collusion; 2. Coalitions--talk to local progressive and labor organizations about mutual support actions, rallies, forums, alliances; 3. Local targets--target local utilities, coal companies, major energy corporations for attack during strike, tying local conditions to the national situation.

Chapters and individuals interested in developing support activities who want to offer or ask for help should contact a member of the NIC energy committee: Frank Ackerman (14 Irving St., Somerville, MA 02144), Anne Farrar (1798 Grove #6, San Francisco, CA 94117) and Len Stanley (116 Justice St., Chapel Hill, NC 27514).

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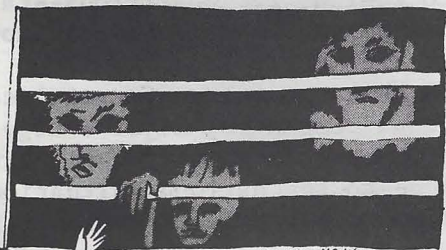
On Sept. 7 and 13 the N.O. was broken into. The first time nothing was taken and little was disturbed. The second time drawers were ransacked, files opened, and the checks received during the week (Sept. 9-13) were stolen. Also, inexplicably, changes in mailing addresses for the previous month were taken. People who sent in checks that arrived last week should stop them and send another; people who have recently moved should notify the office to insure a continued place on the mailing list (or if you know someone who recently moved). In [redacted] tighten up its bank [redacted] however, cannot be made totally secure.

NATIVE AMERICAN NATION

On October 12 (Columbus Day!) representatives of the International Treaty Commission which represents 97 tribes will go before the UN to demand that native American Indians be recognized as an independent nation on this continent. Demonstrations are being planned, and AIM has asked that NAM chapters hold press conferences on that day. All chapters will be receiving press packets from the Minneapolis NAM chapter.

7 vietnamese students facing deportation

Seven Vietnamese students living in Los Angeles, Nguyen Huu An, Vu Ngoc Con, Bui Van Dao, Doan Thi Nam Hau, Nguyen Hoang, Cao Thi My Loc, Nguyen Dang Yen Truc, who have been studying in the U.S. on Agency for International Development scholarships are now facing deportation for their opposition to the repressive policies of the Thieu government. Their request for political asylum until full implementation of the peace agreement has been denied by the Immigration and Naturalization Service on the advice of the U.S. Department of State. If deported, these students face imprisonment, repression, torture and possibly death. Two other students in Los An-



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geles, Nguyen Quoc Luu and Le Tan Ngoc, were arrested and released after much public pressure and now face deportation, also.

Other Vietnamese throughout the world who oppose Thieu and are trying to organize the "Third Force" outside of Vietnam since it is difficult to organize a third Force inside the country without arrest or repression, are carefully watching the outcome of these hearings as it will be a signal to them of how public or active they can be.

The Los Angeles NAM chapter has been participating in organizing public support for their case. At the first hearing several hundred people demonstrated outside the Federal Building. People can give support by writing Attorney General Saxbe urging him to grant political asylum, Kissinger, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service. For further information, contact Nguyen Hoang, Box 3493, Fullerton, CA, 92634, (714)-870-0456.

Dollars and Sense

Dollars & Sense is a monthly bulletin of economic affairs that begins publication fall 1974. It will be written from a socialist perspective. The objective of the bulletin is to make current economic information and analysis available to a large audience. They want to provide material to people who are working for progressive social change and for greater control over their lives. The editor for 1974-5 is Frank Ackerman.

For more information, a sample issue, or to subscribe (\$5/yr), write to Dollars & Sense c/o Hundred Flowers Bookstore, 186 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA 02139.

OIL IN THE STREETS,

a Model **T** in the Suites

Ford visited Pittsburgh September 9, the day after his pardon of our former president, and was greeted by over 500 angry protesters. NAM comrades who went said the demo was spontaneous and very diverse in constituency. A few days later in Dayton, NAM and Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization held a demonstration which was well received as it wound its way through crowds of office workers and shoppers in the downtown area. Their demands were - NO AMNESTY FOR NIXON, FREE THE ATTICA BROTHERS (their trial has recently started in Buffalo, NY), and UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY FOR WAR RESISTORS. Happily, the honeymoon appears over and it will be easier for socialists to be on the offensive.

Soon after Ford's announcement of Rocky for VEEP, the Philadelphia Resistance chapter (and later the Bread and Roses chapter in Washington) swung into action and began calling for People's Confirmation Hearings to correspond with the regular hearings in Congress probably in early November, and culminating in a demonstration which calls for unconditional amnesty for war resisters and focuses on the continuing questions of Watergate and the attempt to clamp the lid on it. Rocky, as the very symbol of capital, will allow for publically getting into the nature of corporate power and finance. As well, they want to have people ask to testify in the Congressional hearings. Several meetings with other organizations (such as the National Lawyers Guild, Institute for Policy Studies,

Rank and File

NAM members from Chicago, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh attended a meeting in Chicago on August 18th called by rank and file steel-worker groups. These groups are organizing in the mills as well as outside group support to oppose the union leadership (USWA). The issues are the ENA (no strike agreement), consent decree, and the general undemocratic procedures of the union. Rank and file groups have elected about 50 representatives to the USWA's national convention in Atlantic City and are planning several floor fights. They have invited many groups (NAM among them) to demonstrate on September 21 in their support outside the convention. Pittsburgh NAM will be coordinating rides from the Pittsburgh area and planning a visible NAM presence. People interested in going can write Pittsburgh NAM, P.O. Box 8224, Pgh., PA 15217 or call (412)-363-0885 between 12 and 5 PM.



HAS THE SAME OLD IDEA

FORD SIGNING PROCLAMATION OF PARDON FOR EX-PRESIDENT NIXON

National Council for Unconditional Amnesty, the Attica Brothers, Clergy and Laity Concerned, and others) are being held to determine the feasibility, politics and interest in such a project. Interested people should contact Philadelphia Resistance, 1427 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA, 19102. (215)-LO-4-5840

sorry this ish is late...but...

we couldn't afford to put it out until now. The late summer is usually slow, with few contributions and no dues coming our way, but basic costs remain and remain the same (or more--better living through inflation): office supplies, rent and utilities, phone, printing, travel and salaries, postage and miscellaneous superfluties. Hence the late summer leurgly, while temporary, leaves us for the moment without sufficient funds to carry out our responsibilities--at least on time.

While the NIC has not yet adopted an operating budget for the year, last year's costs and a budget proposed by the office at least suggest the basic expense of maintaining a national office and organization. The following budget is monthly and is predicated on Minneapolis prices (the move to and stay in Chicago will probably add to this):

| To compare: | 1973-4 | 1974-5 |
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| Office supplies | \$ 160 | \$ 250 |
| Rent & utilities | 150 | 175 |
| Phone | 75 | 100 |
| Printing | 350 | 350 |
| Travel & salaries | 1075 | 1500 |
| Postage | 260 | 350 |
| Miscellaneous | 250 | 118 |
| | <u>\$2320</u> | <u>\$3333</u> |

Several suggestions for fundraising and dues collection have been proposed. The first is to build up monthly sustainers who commit a continuing sum to the organization (we have several now, including the Pittsburgh chapter, who gives \$50/month beyond dues). We are encouraging sustainers to pledge \$100/year; in return they will receive all NAM literature and personal greetings from the office every month.

Another is to organize national tours of NAM 'stars' that could raise local money as well. A third is to get a stellar committee of new NAM recruits to put ads in major publications (Ramparts, New York Review of Books...) explaining why they've joined NAM and encouraging everyone to do likewise.

The office is in the process of dividing chapters into three equal-sized groups that would pay dues every six months on a staggered schedule, so that we would be getting a consistent flow of dues every other month. In the meantime, any chapter that wants to pay their national dues now is heartily encouraged to do so (Middlesex proposed this, and sent in \$206 to demonstrate the valour of their words). Anyone with extra money lying around should send it posthaste to the N.O.; if you have any hotshot fundraising ideas, relay them to Frank Ackerman, chair of the NIC finance committee (at 14 Irving St., Somerville, MA 02144).

SEARCH FOR NATIONAL STAFF GOES ON...AND ON...

The search continues for new faces in the National Office. It seems that ads in Moving On are not sufficient--chapters (rather than individuals) must assess their capacity to 'lend' one of their more experienced, active members to the national organization for a substantial period of time, determine who is qualified and able (no local commitments that can't be temporarily severed), and 'encourage' (read 'pressure') the diffident candidate to apply.

In August the NIC authorized a feasibility study with the intention of moving the N. O. to Chicago by the end of November. It will not be feasible if there are no staff. In order to attract more qualified NAM members, the NIC must also begin to offer a living wage as well (at present it's \$300/month) or continue to draw staff largely from the city where the office is located. Finally, training of new staff was to begin in October, to allow for adequate preparation before any move; that starting date becomes less practical with each day--unless chapters act quickly.

Applicants should write to Richard Healey (5731 S. Blackstone, Chicago, IL 60637) and Mark Mericle (321 Neal Av., Dayton, OH 45405), responding to the following questions: 1. Skills--typing, layout, simple business procedures, bookkeeping, mimeographing; 2. Do you own a car or do you drive; 3. What movement office experience have you had; 4. Write a brief political history of yourself; 5. List three references. The chapter should send in corroborating testimony as well.

DO YOU HATE GOING TO WORK? DOES YOUR JOB PAY TOO LITTLE? FINANCIAL REPORT

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE BREAK-IN AND SUBSEQUENT ACTIVITIES

Monday, following the break-in, about 40 NAM members and supporters gathered outside of the courthouse to picket and hold a press conference. The press conference was covered by one local TV station, and we then met with two aids from the mayor's office. We presented them with a list of questions concerning police investigation of political groups and that an investigation of possible involvement by government or government related groups. At this point we have talked to police detectives and are having our office scanned for electronic surveillance. We have no illusions, however, that this will lead to a thorough investigation by groups outside of the police, and we are considering further options. We suggest that other chapters tighten up security and report to us any evidence of possible harrassment. Last week in Dayton, OH, three NAM members were stopped and searched following a demonstration.

Also, it is unlikely that all of the uncashed checks will be replaced since we only know of the large checks that were missing, so if anyone could contribute money to make up for that lose, we would appreciate it.

The following is the text of the press release and backround sheet that was prepared for the Monday action:

WATERGATE CONTINUES IN MINNEAPOLIS

On Monday, September 16th at 11:00 AM, members and supporters of New American Movement will assemble at the Minneapolis Courthouse to read a public statement on the break-in at the New American Movement office and to demand that Mayor Al Hofstede conduct a public investigation and obtain and make publicly available all police, county sheriff, and FBI files on New American Movement to determine if any of the missing material is contained in those files.

Sometime during the evening of Friday, September 13th, the local and national offices of New American Movement in Minneapolis were broken into. Desks and files in the office were rifled. While \$40 in cash in an envelope was overlooked by the burglars, recent mailing list changes, some financial records and uncashed checks were taken. Other membership lists and records may have been examined.

We in the New American Movement do not know who broke into our office. But we have good reason to believe that the break-in was politically motivated. We are a nationwide socialist organization. We have played a leadership role in organizing opposition to the war in Vietnam, we helped to organize the movement for impeachment of Richard Nixon, including a local demonstration when Gerald Ford visited Minneapolis this summer as chief aplolgist for Richard Nixon, and we are organizing support for the Wounded Knee defendents. Locally, we led opposition to the corporate planner's domed stadium and are planning to bring Daniel Ellsberg, Jane Fonda and Holly Near to Minneapolis on October 4th to speak about the lessons of the war and Watergate. Thru our three years of existence, we have also experienced various instances of harrassment of financial supporters, disruption of mail and phone service, etc., that are detailed in an accompanying public statement.

New American Movement exists to create a majority movement for socialism in America. We believe that only a socialist society in which all working people control the wealth they produce can be fully and truly democratic. Our programs, plans, and political perspectives are completely open and public. We have nothing to hide.

But we cannot stand for harrassment and intimidation of our members and supporters or disruption of our open functioning. Nor should any citizen concerned with preserving the democratic rights of all people. Therefore, we are demanding that Mayor Hofstede conduct a special public investigation of the break in at our office; that he make available all files of local, county, and federal police on New American Movement. We are also sending a complete report to Congressman Don Fraser with a demand that he aid in determining the role, fi any, of any federal agencies in this "local Watergate."

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(Background Information on Political Harrassment of New American Movement)

Sometime on Friday night, September 13, the New American Movement office in Minneapolis was broken into and entered. Files were opened, desk drawers opened and the contents dumped on the floor. The police were called by two national staff members after they entered the ransacked office on Saturday morning. The police speculated that the break-in was a simple burglary, however, the evidence points to political rather than financial motivation.

A week earlier a similar break-in had occurred through the same entry, by smashing a basement window. At that time, petty cash was taken but financial records were left strewn on the floor and desks. The second break-in was obviously for something other than petty cash. If it was only for money, they could have stolen office equipment such as typewriters, blank checks, or forty dollars in cash which was left in an envelope in clear sight on a desk. None of these were stolen, however, what was taken is quite curious. Along with a small amount of cash, undeposited checks amounting to approximately \$250 which they could not cash, but also means we cannot cash them, were taken. They took an envelope containing changes and additions to the national mailing list, cancelled checks, receipts, and information on our bulk rate mail procedures.

This case is not the first where NAM has suspected "dirty tricks";

*During the Christmas bombing of December 1972, a former member of the national staff called the Minneapolis office from her home in Washington, D.C. to request material for fundraising efforts during the Christmas season. The people she was going to contact were named over the phone and were subsequently visited by FBI agents who told them not to give money to NAM.

*The day after the Cox firing on October 28, 1973, a Sunday, a NAM member arrived at the NAM office to find two men with walkie-talkies snooping around the outside of the building. When confronted and asked their business, their reply was that they were checking all churches (the office is located in an old church building) to make sure Christmas trees were not blocking exits. That it was a Sunday and in October makes this story rather incredulous.

*More recently, a member of the national staff was offered back his previous job in Austin, Texas, which he decided to accept. After going to Austin last August for an interview, he was given the impression that he would be hired and could expect a formal letter of confirmation in a few days. He was not hired and learned that an anonymous call was made to his future employers informing them that he was a member of a socialist organization and was gay.

*NAM members were also suspicious of potential political harrassment due to an incident related to Dan Ellsberg and Jane Fonda's projected visit to Minneapolis on October 4th during the Week of Concern for Indochina. A few days after the date of their arrival was confirmed and only a handful of activists were aware of it, someone from the International Committee received a call from Henry Wolf, a local radio and TV personality, asking for an interview with Jane Fonda whom he had learned was coming from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, long time foes of the peace movement and MS. Fonda in particular.

In light of these events, we feel there is sufficient reason to believe that the recent break-ins at our office were part of a campaign of harrassment or at least were politically motivated by whoever is responsible for them. Therefore, an investigation is justified and necessary.

Watergate tactics did not begin or end with the removal of Richard Nixon. The '68-'69 FBI plans to repress Black and left movement, the Huston plan, as well as the current attempts to deport Vietnamese students living in this country who oppose the Thieu regime make this clear. It takes popular pressure and public scrutiny to protect ourselves from such harrassment.

If most Americans buy the line that the Watergate era is over, the administration will now have the room to step up repressive tactics without constant public scrutiny. But the defense of all our democratic rights requires a constant attitude of skepticism and scrutiny towards the government. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." -- Alexander Hamilton.

REGIONAL MEETS

The Northeast region has met September 14 in New York, and West Coast regional representatives will be meeting October 5 and 6. The West Coast regional conference has been postponed until the end of the year.

midwest

The first Midwest Regional Council met on August 3-4, 1974 in Minneapolis. The Regional Council consists of the Regional Interim Committee (RIC) who are: Steve Rosswurm (DeKalb), Bill Mohill (Haymarket), Connie Norton (Fox River Valley), and Barbara Machtinger/Sue Kroll (Minneapolis) and representatives from all other chapters in the Midwest Region. The chapters represented were Larry Slakey (Nicollet Ave.) and Dennis Engbarth (Red Cedar).

The meeting began with a "Get Acquainted" session that dealt with both political and personal aspects of each member of the Regional Council (RC). Following this, each of the six chapters present gave lengthy chapter reports. Many of the chapters were in a state of flux and re-evaluation, so reports centered on the forward direction of action, overlapping practice and strengths and weaknesses.

Other areas of discussion were: 1) the goals of the region, 2) functions of the RIC and RC, and 3) the Midwest Organizer's Conference. In the discussion of regional goals, a task force was set up to begin a study of the Midwest political economy. At present, the areas of research will be strip-mining, industry and agribusiness with the research being related to the present practice of NAM chapters and areas showing an interest in NAM. The research committee was set up and the functions are: define research areas, determine what research is presently going on (even though that research may not be tied immediately to local practice.).

In the discussion of the functions of the RC and the RIC, the RIC will have the following powers, duties and responsibilities: 1. Liaison with other left groups, 2. traveling and organizing new chapters, 3. implementing and coordinating national programs on the regional level, 4. investigating, proposing and coordinating regional programs, 5. facilitating chapter communications, 6. Strengthening weak chapters, 7. fundraising. Because the RIC is ultimately responsible to the region, it was decided that the RIC would be the chief policy making body after having full knowledge and support of chapter activities and needs.

Other decisions made were: 1. RIC meetings will occur once a month and every other

meeting will be a RC meeting. At the RC meeting, each member will have one vote, 2. The RIC must have all four people present to render a major decision, 3. The RC will deal with any replacements needed for the RIC.

Other areas discussed were traveling (with 12 cities of areas designated as needing travellers), finances (to be discussed after chapters give input), inter-chapter communication (chapters should begin to do mailings to chapters and pre-chapters in the region), and participation in Chicago around Puerto Rican Solidarity Day of Oct. 27, similar participation around AIM activities.

Connie Norton

south

The first meeting of the NAM Southern Regional Interim Committee (SRIC) and Southern Regional Caucus was held August 3-4 in Atlanta. Attending were Doyle Niemann, member-at-large, Atlanta (SRIC); Paul Bermanzohn, Sanger NAM (SRIC); Lucy Wagner, C. P. Gilman NAM (SRIC); Lee Guion, C. P. Gilman NAM (SRIC); Mike Rush, Austin NAM (SRIC); Bob McMahan, member-at-large, Chapel Hill; Laura Kinzinger, member-at-large, Chapel Hill; Larry Bostian, member-at-large, Chapel Hill; Krista Brewer, Great Speckled Bird, Atlanta; and Don Miller, SCEF, Jackson, Miss.

Three areas were discussed: NAM-chapter building in the South; planning a Southern regional conference of socialist activists; and current Southern political issues and concerns.

The group first talked about chapter activities and particular problems. How best to deal with outreach and commitment was common to all. More generally, a major problem is low NAM visibility in the South. How do we balance the necessity for a stable core group in doing consistent political work, and the need constantly to reach out to new people, and to keep individual projects in political perspective?

Exacerbating the problem of localism and sectarian feeling is NAM's inconsistent record in dealing theoretically and practically with the national question. The wisdom of recruiting black people into NAM versus improving alliances with existing groups was debated, and it was felt that NAM's practice in the South would help clarify its overall political perspective on the national question.

A Southern regional conference for socialist activists was proposed. NIC-MPP is also planning one, so a statement that a joint conference is the correct strategy for building greater unity on the left will be sent them by the SRIC, urging as well that NIC-MPP use its influence and resources to develop the conference, specifically among third-world groups. However, the conference should be

seen as an opportunity for political exchange among major Southern left groups, not primarily as a base to build the Mass Party.

The list of conference co-convenors includes NAM, NIC-MPP, African Liberation Support Committee (ALSC), Black Panther Party, Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), and Southern Lawyer's Guild. The group acknowledged that without significant black support the conference would be a disaster, so the NIC-MPP will initiate contacts with ALSC and the Panthers, and the SRIC will follow up if responses are favorable.

Don Miller offered to serve as clearing agent for all conference-related communications, and Paul Bermanzohn and Sally Avery of

NIC NOTES

The first NIC meeting was held in Pittsburgh, August 24 and 25. It was decided that summary of resolutions passed would appear in Moving On unless it comes out more than two weeks after the meeting in which case it would be sent out earlier to chapters. More detailed notes and political summaries by the NIC will go into the Discussion Bulletin.

Saturday morning the NIC evaluated the convention with general agreement that there should be a political keynote address to open future conventions, political debate should define differences and points of unity, and there should be fewer plenaries and more small groups.

Three NIC committees were set up to facilitate organizational maintenance: 1) Finances (to handle expenditures, fundraising, prepare a budget, and set up mechanisms to collect dues) - Art Larsen, Frank Ackerman (Chairperson), Ann Farrar, Julia Reichert, Joel Blau, and Marilyn Katz; 2) Publication, Political Education, and Skills Building - Harry Boyte, John Judis, Judy MacLean, Roberta Lynch, PattyLee Parmalee, and Len Stanley; 3) Organization and Outreach (to deal with NO, expanded NIC meetings, conventions, chapter and regional growth, traveling, and speakers bureau) - Steve Carlip, Laura Burns, Richard Healey, Mark Mericle, John Welch, Saralee Hamilton, Michael Downing. Five political/program committees were set up as well: 1) Energy - Frank Ackerman, Ann Farrar, and Len Stanley; 2) Anti-imperialist/anti-racist - Michael Downing, PattyLee Parmalee, Joel Blau, and Saralee Hamilton; 3) Campus Organizing - Steve Carlip, Laura Burns, and Richard Healey; 4) Socialist/Feminism - Julia Reichert, Marilyn Katz, and Judy MacLean; 5) Workplace Organizing - Art Larsen, John Welch, Mark Mericle, Harry Boyte, and Roberta Lynch. Also, individual NIC members took responsibility for keeping informed and making reports on each of the following areas: the Left (the Office), Democrats (Anne Farrar and Laura Burns), Housing (Roberta Lynch), the Economy (Frank Ackerman), Socialist countries (Judy MacLean), other Developed Capitalist Countries (Patty Lee Parmalee), Education (Art Larsen), Culture (Mark Mericle and Julia Reichert), People's Party Liaison (Saralee Hamilton).

The NIC passed several resolutions concerning the national office. They reaffirmed the John Judis proposal of last year which reasserts the primary role of administrative work in the office. A subcommittee (Richard Healey and Mark Mericle) was established to help the office and NIC function better, and emergency committee (Harry Boyte and Roberta Lynch) was set up to handle any decisions that had to be made between NIC meetings. A feasibility study is being conducted by Richard Healey to move the office to Chicago sometime in the next three months, and in the meantime (until December) Scott Jackson and Linda Elston will work in the office. A group was mandated to detail qualifications and a job description to be used in recruiting and deciding upon new staff.

Other decisions:

1. Up to \$500 is allocated for the initial steps in planning a socialist-feminist conference this spring.
2. A \$150 bonus will be given to Henry Guinn and Linda Elston upon their leaving the office.
3. Regional liaisons are Harry Boyte and Len Stanley (South), Marilyn Katz (west),

Sanger NAM are the NAM contacts.

Each chapter will be asked to write a brief summary of its history and practice, and the SRIC will compile it into a regional NAM brochure. It will also include lists of potential group, individual and press contacts. In addition, a NAM analysis of the South (historical development, the national question, the political economy...) would enhance its presence in the region.

Don Miller encouraged NAM to join the SCEF Board. All other major left groups in the South belong, and SCEF has good resources and contacts. The SRIC agreed to send a contingent to the next Board meeting.

The next SRIC meeting will be Oct. 5-6 and include all conference co-convenors.

Mike Rush & Larry Bostian

Richard Healey (Midwest), Mark Mericle (Industrial Heartland), and Steve Carlip and Laura Burns (Northeast). They are responsible for writing regional reports before each NIC meeting.

4. An organizing manual will be developed by the Margaret Sanger chapter in consultation with Paul and Heather Booth (see article). A "What is NAM" pamphlet and a pamphlet containing the Party discussion were also authorized.

5. Energy is the major theme of the next Discussion Bulletin.

6. Kevin Connors, a member-at-large in New York, was hired part time to coordinate NAM's activity for the Puerto Rican Solidarity Day (see Article).

7. John Welch and Joel Blau will be non-voting liasons to the National Interim Committee for a Mass Party of the People.

8. The Philadelphia Resistance chapter was given the go ahead to investigate the possibility of People's Confirmation Hearings on Rockefeller and will present a fuller proposal to the NIC for final confirmation.

9. NAM will negotiate with the University of Kentucky administration for return of the tapes made at the '74 Convention before resorting to a law suit.

10. The next NIC meetings will be October 11-13 in Philadelphia, November 22-24, and the expanded NIC meeting will probably be in Chicago, January 4 and 5.

MIDWEST ACADEMY

The Midwest Academy, Chicago, is offering a two week training session from October 13-25, and has extended an invitation to NAM to send several representatives from different chapters at the special rate of two-for-one (two for \$500).

The fall session will focus on direct action organizing and leadership skills. Students will be trained in three main areas:

1. The principles of organization--how to assess the needs of constituents, how to devise a strategy, how to choose tactics, how to plan an action; 2. The political science of organization--the economic context, the roles of class, sex and race, the history of labor, social movements past and present; 3. The skills of organization--fundraising, press and media, holding meetings, researching the power structure, sources of data and information. Students will participate in meetings and actions of Chicago area community organizations occurring during the session.

Chapters are urged to select (and perhaps subsidize) a member who could profit by and share the wealth of skills and information taught by the Midwest Academy. Women are particularly encouraged to apply.

Applicants should respond to the questions that follow, and send them, along with name, address and chapter affiliation, to Harry Boyte, 45 Davie Circle, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

1. Describe present or recent organizational work; 2. How and in what organizational context do you plan to use the training; 3. List organizational activities in the last 5 years and describe briefly; 4. List other experiences relevant to organizing or leadership abilities (acting, selling, teaching, army, union...) and describe briefly; 5. What problems have limited your effectiveness which you would like to deal with in the training--

describe briefly; 6. What are the three most important problems facing you or your organization in its political work; 7. What do you want to learn most at the Academy; 8. Why are you an organizer and what do you want; 9. What are the most valuable experiences that you bring to the training and what could you teach other organizers; 10. Have you ever had organizational training before--where and what kind; 11. Is your organization paying your tuition or are you personally responsible; 12. List two people familiar with you and your organizational work, as references (name, address, position and relationship to you); 13. Comments or questions.

Manual Labor

The NIC is in the process of producing a general organizing manual. At present a rough draft of the section, "where NAM is going," has been written, and other proposed sections on NAM's history, chapter building (chairing meetings and drawing up agendas, fundraising, building a local base...), workplace organizing (union work, forming caucuses, strike support...), community campaigns (analyzing local conditions, building mass organizations and coalitions...), and increasing NAM visibility (media relations, writing press releases, new structures for new and different people...) will follow.

These sections are intended to be provocative and helpful essays, not official NAM positions. If anyone has ideas for other topics, wants to help with the writing, or has access to or information on resources (how to research, how to organize around...how to do anything), contact Harry Boyte, 45 Davie Circle, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

NAMLIT

nam databank

The following materials are available from the National Office.

Revolution and Democracy- a pamphlet written by Frank Ackerman and Harry Boyter 50¢ per copy; 30¢ @ for 10 or more.

The political Perspective of the New American Movement. 25¢ per copy; 10¢ @ for 10 or more copies.

General Brochure - \$2.00 per hundred

Discussion Bulletin #4, #7, & #8 - \$1.00 per copy.

ATTICA - a pamphlet prepared by the Amherst, Hocking Valley and Dayton chapters. 25¢ per copy; 10¢ for 10 or more.

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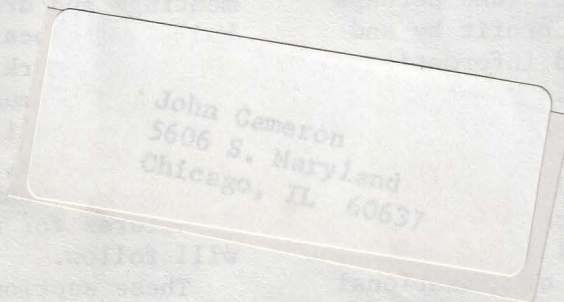
Well, brothers and sisters, we've decided to engage in a little bourgeois empiricism (er, statistical prestidigitation), and trap the essence of NAM within the narrow logic of computer machinations. The N.O. is presently compiling two questionnaires (for chapters and individuals) which will be ready for popular examination and regurgitation by Nov. 1, with queries--both multiple-guess and essay--of interest to the organization and various federal, state and local instrumentalities.

Among the areas interrogated will be class composition, education, movement backgrounds, programmatic activity, men's and women's caucuses, political education, chapter organization, outside involvement. If anyone has a favorite question or area s/he would like unearthed, send those cards and letters to the N.O. The deadline is Oct. 10, so that a rough draft will be ready by the NIC meeting.

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