

Bayard Rustin Fund/Frontlash/A. Philip Randolph Institute Student Conference: In conjunction with the annual conference of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, September 19-22, 1991, the Fund co-sponsored a conference to introduce students to the labor movement. Eighteen students, most from historically Black colleges, attended sessions focussed on youth issues. They also were able to meet their adult counterparts at Randolph Institute sessions. Topics included racism in society and on campus, international affairs, the Randolph/Rustin legacy, and the recent tragedy involving workers at a poultry plant in North Carolina. Students were introduced to the Bayard Rustin Fellowship Program and were encouraged to apply.

BAYARD RUSTIN FUND/FRONTLASH INTERN PROGRAM

In cooperation with Frontlash, the youth arm of the AFL-CIO, the Fund Co-sponsored two summer internships for college students. The students were based at the A. Philip Randolph Educational Fund in Washington, D.C. and engaged in a variety of activities. They obtained experience both in organizational operations as well as special projects related to the organization's larger mission. The interns attended strategy sessions about the 1991 Civil Rights Bill organized by the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. They then met with members of Congress and telephoned APRI affiliates, urging members to contact their Congressional representatives regarding the legislation. Their writing skills were developed through proposal preparation and writing for APRI's South Africa Alert newsletter. Both interns were involved in organizing efforts for Solidarity Day '91.

VISITING SCHOLAR

The Fund sponsored a year-long visit by a Hungarian national to study the U.S. political process, particularly as it relates to ethnic minorities and trade unions. The scholar, Sandor Szilagyi arrived in the country last November and worked out of the offices of the League for Industrial Democracy in Washington, D.C. During his time, Mr. Szilagyi met with staff members from the AFL-CIO and the American Federation of Teachers, both of which are working extensively in Eastern Europe. He also conferred with the USIA and representatives of the German Marshall Fund. Accompanying a Freedom House delegation to El Salvador, Mr. Szilagyi observed elections there and, on his return, testified before the Foreign Relations Committee of the U.S. Congress. Citing the similarity of circumstances between Native Americans and gypsies in Hungary, Mr. Szilagyi began a study which included field research in the American Southwest. He is currently at work on a film documentary about his findings for Hungarian television. He hopes that his research will be useful in resolving ethnic tensions in his country. During his stay, Mr. Szilagyi also initiated a American-Hungarian Sister Cities committee encompassing eight Hungarian cities.