The great Negro peoples Freedom Movement has ushered in a new era for this country. It has put an end to the years of apathy and fear wrought by McCarthyism. It has given new life to the American traditions of democracy and progress.

Young people have been in the forefront of this development. Millions of them have taken an active part in the Civil Rights Revolution. Tens of thousands have suffered beatings and gone to jail as a result. The enthusiasm generated by this struggle has spread to other areas as well. It has left its imprint on every major movement for social reform and progress in this country. It has created a new level of determination and militancy among young people.

These developments, we feel, have also created an urgent need for a new socialist youth organization.

Young people active in the civil rights movement are already beginning to ask what kind of economic and political changes will be necessary before minority citizens can enjoy real freedom in this country. Those engaged in the movements for peace and disarmament are asking whether our present social system can survive without the arms race and the super profits from our colonial investments. The half of the unemployed in our nation who are under 25 are asking whether there is any answer to automation and whether our present economy can ever provide for full employment.

We believe that a young peoples organization which takes an active part in the mass movements and which is socialist oriented could make a major contribution in helping to find answers to these questions.

We would hope that this organization could serve as a center for all the political, social, cultural, and educational interests of young people. It should attempt to serve all sections of the youth, young farmers and workers as well as high school and college students. It should aim at developing a program which is capable of unifying all the diverse elements of left youth while attracting those new people who are just coming to a deeper understanding of social forces.

Although final decisions will have to be made by the delegates to the founding convention, we feel that this organization, while leaving wide room for disagreement, should recognize that;

this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence and disarmament,

these solutions will only be reached through the united efforts of all the democratic elements of our society and particularly through the unity of Negro and white Americans,

it is the working people of our country through their labor movement, whatever its present difficulties may be, who will provide the decisive force in solving our pressing social and economic needs,

the greatest danger American democracy faces today is the domination of politics by the great monopolies and the growing alliance of the Dixiecrat Ultra-right forces, and

the most effective tool these forces have had in their fight against social progress has been the devisive weapon of anti-communism.

Above all else, this organization must recognize that young people today demand action. They will no longer be satisfied with mere phrases and slogans.

We invite all young Americans who support these principles to join us in Chicago in June to participate in the founding convention of a new action-oriented socialist youth organization.