CTWO Update

In four short years the Center for Third World Organizing has evolved into an institution in which Black, Asian, Native American, Latino, and White activists are formulating proactive strategies and tactics to challenge the conservative initiatives of the 80's.

In achieving this goal the Center has initiated four programmatic thrusts:

I. TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

CTWO's week-long Organizer Training Sessions provide the rising generation of Third World activists with a cross-cultural curriculum which includes the technical know-how and proven strategies required to construct winning local campaigns and permanent self-sustaining organizations. Together with CTWO's Occasional Papers Series, these sessions provide a unique third world perspective on the critical concerns of people of color.

II. OUTREACH

CTWO's Speakers Bureau and Evening Seminar Series projects and disseminates a Third World analysis and perspective to many non-minority groups. Our intern program exposes students from disciplines such as community studies, urban affairs, sociology, and ethnic studies, to the day-to-day running of a community organization, while our placement program has allowed students and members of the religious community to work with progressive community organizations.

III. PUBLICATIONS

No matter how accessible CTWO becomes, many people can't attend our training sessions. Our publications therefore project our work to a much broader audience. THIRD FORCE is sent to 3500 activists, organizers, university and church progressives throughout the U.S., and the CTWO organizing manual has sold over 700 copies. Publication projects for 1984 include:

- GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES: AN INFORMATION AND ACTION GUIDE, provides an analysis of U.S. military and economic intervention in the Third World, as well as models of successful direct action.
- THE NATIONAL LOW-INCOME RIGHTS MANUAL elaborates the civil and economic rights of the poor as well as individual eligibility for government entitlement programs.
- THE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT GUIDE delineates proven strategies for obtaining non-financial resources for low-income, low-budget groups.

IV. INTERNATIONAL WORK

In its domestic work, CTWO has been instrumental in politically raising the issue of U.S. military intervention in a number of disarmament peace groups, has initiated liaisons with Third World progressives through the World Council of Churches and the United Nations, and has co-sponsored educational exchanges in Nicaragua and Mexico.

Announcement

CTWO is proud to announce the hiring of Lupe Guajardo, SNJM. She will serve as Training Coordinator, working out of Portland, Oregon.

Lupe has been a social change activist since 1971. She has worked with Vista in the Southwest, the Citizen's Action League in California, and Oregon Fair Share. Since 1979, she has worked as a national trainer and consultant for Ms. Foundation, Campaign for Human Development, Technical Assistance for Community Service, Community Resource Center, The Midwest Academy, Citizen Action organizations, and NISGUA (Network in Solidarity for the People of Guatemala).

Lupe currently serves on the board of The Youth Project and A Territory Resource and is on the advisory board of the National Organization of Nine to Five/Working Women. She is also a past board member of The Campaign for Human Development.

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Upcoming Events

May 3-4 **Ecumenical Training**, Washington, D.C.

May 26-27 **Fundraising/Resource Development Training**, Portland, Oregon.

June 2 **Research and Action**, the first in a series of training sessions for students who want to become involved in community organizing.
University of California at Berkeley campus.

June 26-30 **Advanced Organizer Training**, Oakland, California.

July 3-Aug.3 **Mexico Brigade**. Month-long experience in organizing efforts along the California/Mexico border.

August 12-17 **Economics and Organizing**, session on economic issues and organizing in third world communities conducted jointly by CTWO and The Center for Popular Economics. The session will be held in New York.

CTWO is conducting on-site sessions in Portland, St. Louis, and Lubbock, Texas. For further information, contact CTWO, 4228 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland, California, 94609, or call (415) 654-9601.

Newsbriefs

Women Barred From Honduras... "From now on, permanently, it is prohibited to transport the nuns of the Jesuit religion or Maryknolls to the Republic of Honduras." This message written by President Roberto Suazo was received on December 5th in New Orleans by the state-owned Honduran airline Sahsa. The message was read to approximately 100 Catholic and Protestant women on their way to a five-day prayer vigil at two U.S. military bases in Honduras. When the women told airline representatives that there were no Maryknolls or Jesuits among them, Suazo Cordoba sent another message banning all women affiliated with the "Pilgrimage for Peace" from entering the country. On the same day, 50 other American women who also planned to participate in the prayer vigil arrived in Tegucigalpa, Honduras from Miami. They were met by 20 soldiers and advised that only Honduran citizens would be allowed to disembark. The women were returned to Miami. Three days later, all 150 churchwomen attended a news conference in Washington, D.C. at which they expressed concern for the "safety of all religious personnel in Honduras." They also criticized the United States for not intervening on their behalf and voiced suspicion that the Reagan Administration played a role in the Honduran decision to bar the women. The State Department denied these charges.
--*Sojourners*, February 1984.

On the Labor Front... Burger King has told its Miami employees that they may no longer speak to each other in Spanish while on the job...Edward Watkins, an American Federation of Government Employees official who is president of the union's Council of EEOC Locals, has told Congress that the Reagan Administration is grading EEOC employees on their ability to close cases rather than conduct thorough investigations of discrimination complaints. Consequently, Watkins said, justice is being denied to hundreds of minorities, women, the aged, and the disabled...Washington, D.C.--area unionists have founded the Labor Committee on Central America and the Caribbean to build labor support for self-determination for the nations there. The call for the first meeting was signed by 17 local union presidents and the meeting was attended by 80 people. The group opposes U.S. support to the governments of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, and opposed the invasion of Grenada and efforts to overthrow the government of Nicaragua.
--*Labor Notes*, November 22, 1983.

Prisons for Profit... What happens to the profits made by the country's largest private hospital management chain? At least some are going to finance the privatization of yet another public institution. This time, it's prisons. Jack Massey, ex-Kentucky Fried Chicken executive, and founder of Hospital Corporation of America, is putting up the capital behind Corrections Corporation of America. Corrections Corp. hopes to make a business out of privately owned and operated prisons. The company's first contract is with the federal Immigration Service, for a Houston prison to hold illegal aliens awaiting deportation. The minimum security facility will cost $4 million to build and will house 300 illegal aliens. INS will pay Corrections Corp. $23.50 per inmate per day. Tom Beasley, the head of Corrections Corp. feels he is "on the cutting edge of a new industry." He sees it as a rare opportunity to "get involved with something that is productive and profitable and humanistic." Time will tell whether the project has any of those qualities. Beasley will be able to keep labor costs down by paying his workers less than government employees would get. "I'll try anything," he says. "If it works and I make a profit, I'll stick with it.
--*Dollars & Sense*, February 1984. --*Latinamerica Press* 24, November 1983.

Cultural Boycott Picks Up Steam... The apartheid regime of South Africa has drastically intensified its efforts to woo U.S. entertainers and athletes to perform in South Africa in the hope of strengthening apartheid and giving it international legitimacy. Pretoria is offering as much as $2 million to artists to come and perform. While those who succumb to the huge sums of money busily justify their visits to South Africa by arguing the separation between culture and politics, the racist regime is shrewdly combining politics and culture as an additional weapon in its propaganda arsenal. Local U.S. groups (spearheaded by two community-based organizations, the Patrice Lumumba Coalition and the African Jazz Artist Society) have been successful in countering this cultural collaboration by organizing boycotts of artists who

appear in South Africa. These important efforts have generated increased activity around this issue. The lobby group, TransAfrica, has now launched a national campaign with the formation of Artists and Athletes Against Apartheid which is designed to inform the entertainment industry about the U.N.-sanctioned ban on tours of South Africa. The cultural boycott offers an excellent opportunity for raising the visibility of the apartheid issue and mobilizing large grassroots constituencies for political work. As Washington Office on Africa Executive Director Jean Sindab recently stated: "We must tell these entertainers who dance to Pretoria's tune that they will pay a higher price than the huge sums of money they receive from that racist regime."
--*Washington Notes on Africa*, Summer/Autumn 1983.