

Counter Convention

Saturday, July 18, 10 am - 6 pm

**Norman Thomas High School
33 Street & Park Avenue, NYC**

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YOUTH CONGRESS • WEST SIDE RAP GROUP**

From July 13 to 16, New York City will be besieged by politicians attending the Democratic Party Convention in Madison Square Garden. These mayors, governors, senators and representatives will blame the Republican Party for the economic and social crises facing poor and working people. But in reality they are just as responsible. Whether it's Bush, Clinton or Perot, it all adds up to the status quo — the corporations and bankers are really in charge. The people need a new and truly representative body to fight racism and war, to fight for the rights of women and lesbians and gays, and for social and economic justice.

The Peoples Assembly: A New Alternative

On March 28, over 400 activists from 36 cities and 21 states met in Baltimore. They included leaders from the Greyhound strike, Boston youth groups, Buffalo United for Choice, the Billion Dollar Housing Coalition of Jersey City, the 1993 Lesbian, Gay and Bi March on Washington, People United Against Duke and Racism from New Orleans, the Atlanta Welfare Rights Organization, anti-eviction activists from Detroit, organizers against police brutality from New York, trade unionists from San Francisco and national leaders of the International War Crimes Tribunal and the International Peace for Cuba Appeal.

The result of this meeting was a call for a massive People's Assembly to take place in the spring of 1993. This Assembly will be made up of thousands of people representing every race and nationality, from every state and region and area of struggle, as well as representatives from people's movements in other countries. This Assembly will be so massive and so broad that it will have the authority to call truly decisive actions that change the balance of power in this country. The bankers and business leaders and Pentagon generals have their White House and Congress. We must build our PEOPLES ASSEMBLY.

For information on protests at both the Democratic Convention in New York and the Republican Convention in Houston, call the MPA at: (212) 777-1246.

Some of the Initiators of a Movement for a Peoples Assembly

A Job Is a Right Campaign
Rev. Eugene Adams, Minister Emeritus,
Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford, MA
John Anderson, anti-racist activist, Houston
Bill Bateman, comm. organizer, Providence, RI
Rose Beck, VP Local 1172 UAW, Laporte, IN
Dan Bentivogli, Bd Chair, West. NY Council on
Occupational Safety and Health
John Black, Pres. Emeritus, District 1199 PA
David Boothe and Terry Brown, Producers of
"The Struggle Continues," Channel 31, Richmond, VA
Ione Briggs, Women Speakout for Peace and
Justice, Cleveland
Jim Brooks, Dir., Boston Office for Persons with
Disabilities
Chicago Coalition for the Homeless
Val Colangelo, Chief Steward, CWA Local 1168,
Buffalo, NY
Dave Cormier, Local 189 CWA, Kokomo, IN
Bill Covington, UE, Buffalo, NY
Gordon Curry, Inner City Community Services,
Seattle
Joe Damal, Campaign for Better Healthcare,
Chi
Barbara Davidson, Pres., AFGE Local 476
Anita Diaz, Puerto Rican Woman's Committee,
Mass.
David Duncan, Dir., Community Labor Coalition,
Binghamton, NY
Emergency Comm. to Stop the U.S. War in the
Middle East, SF
Christine Geovanis, Pres., Center for Int'l Performance and Exhibition, Chicago
Mike Gimbel, Local 375, DC 37, AFSCME, Del.,
AFL-CIO Central Labor Council, NYC
Peter Goselin, Delegate, District 1199, SEIU,
Hartford, CT
Steve Hatch, Pres., Newspaper Guild, Cleveland
Leslie Hayward Henriquez, Toledo, Ohio,
Rainbow Coalition
George Herbek, Homeless activist, Cleveland
Beverly Hiestand, Chief Steward, CWA Local
1168 Buffalo, NY
Azania Howse, G.I. resister, Oakland, CA
John Jones, All Peoples Congress, Jersey City, NJ
Grace Jones, TransAfrica, Cleveland
Susann Kelly, Past President, Virginia National
Education Assoc.
Willie King, Pres., Alabama Rural
Members Assoc.
Morris Kight, Convenor, Gay and Lesbian Peace
Concerns, L.A.
Gloria La Riva, All-Peoples Congress, SF
Bill LaBelle, Shop Steward, Chair Ed. Comm., Local 1725 IAM, Charlotte, NC
Ernestine Moss, Pres., Dubuque, Iowa, Chap.
NAACP
Ken Lerch, VP, NALC Branch 3825, Wash., D.C.
Susan Lesser, Lead Steward, AFSCME
Local 2250, MD
Rene David Luna, Access Living, Chicago
Joanie Marquardt, AIDS activist, SF
Dale Martin, Financial Sec., Local 1787, United
Paperworkers Int'l Union, Lockhaven, PA
Ray Martinez, Social Services Union Executive
Board, Philadelphia
Maryland Coalition Against the Budget Cuts
Gail McGovern, activist, Mid-Hudson Valley
Reg., NY
Harold Mendlowitz, Pres., Local 1202 ATU,
Greyhound strikers

Michigan Emergency Committee for a Moratorium
on Evictions and Utility Shutoffs
Harold Mitchell, Pres. AFSCME Local 100, Cleveland
Monmouth County Coalition for the Homeless
Carrie Morris, Community activist, Atlanta
Zayd Muhammed, Frontline Artist, Newark, NJ
Garry Murchison, Pres., USWA Local 8751, Boston
National Coalition to Stop U.S. Intervention in the
Middle East
National Union of the Homeless
Henri L. Nereaux, VP (ret), Masters, Mates, & NYC
Craig Newman, Chief Shop Steward, AFSCME
Local 1072, MD
Rudy Paston, Boston Area Network on Central
America
Michelle Payne, Student activist, Coordinator,
Black History Month, Baruch College, NYC
Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Union of the
Homeless
Sandy Pikerling, Local 14704 USWA, Midland, MI
Kevin PoChedley, Delegate, Chairperson, Buffalo
Teachers Fed.
Rich Richardson, Editor, Brooklyn Voice
Rafael Rios, LEL RMCON Community Clinic, Chicago
Angel Rodriguez, Sr. Fld. Rep. APEA, AFSCME Coun.
97, Phoenix
Wilfredo Rojas, DC47 AFSCME Hispanic Affairs
Committee, PA
Chris Silvers, Pres., Local 808, Teamsters, NYC
Brad Smith, First VP, Local 375, DC 37, AFSCME,
NYC
Tom Spence, Recording Sec., Power Div., Local 100
TWU, NYC
Vera Spruill, Pres., Redwood Village Tenants Council,
Buffalo, NY
Al Stergar, activist, Milwaukee
Johnnie Stevens, People United Against Duke and
Racism, New Orleans
Dottie Stevens, VP, Nat'l Welfare Rights Org.
Jim Stewart, First Church Shelter, MA
Al Strasburger, Shop Steward, CWA Local 1089, NJ
Students and Youth Against Racism (SAYAR),
Univ. of Pennsylvania, State College, PA
William Swain, AFSCME Council 92, Exec. Bd
member, MD
Howard Switzer, Mideast Peace Coalition,
Nashville, TN
Shishir Thadani, Emer. Comm. to Stop U.S.
Intervention, San Jose
Liz Toledo, Lesbian activist, Hartford, CT
Catherine Tompka, founder of The Daughters of
Mother Jones, WV
Sandra Torrence, ARISE for Social Justice,
Springfield, MA
United American Indians of New England
Themba Vilakazi, Exec. Dir., Fund for a Free
South Africa, MA
Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond
Chapter of Students and Youth Against Racism
Diane Wang, Chair, Human Relations Comm.,
OCAW Local 1-326, Rodeo, CA
Dave Welsh, Exec. VP, NALC Local 214, SF
Loretta Williams, Nat'l Inter-Religious Commission
Civil Rights
Franklyn Williams, Vice Principal, Public School
#28, Former Superintendent of Schools, Jersey
City
Ira Williams, VP, Local 371, DC37, AFSCME
Don Wilson, Minority Contractors and Trades
Coalition of NJ
Howard Zinn, Historian, author
Organizations listed for identification only