YCLers march in an anti-racist demonstration.

Recreation and culture, a big part of the YCL.

Henry Winston with (from left) Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Fidel Castro and wife, Fern.

A Communist membership drive?

Yes. From September 1989 until April 1990 the Young Communist League will be holding an enrollment campaign. During this period we are opening our doors to all who are interested in joining and learning more about us. We will be holding meetings, making special presentations, speaking on radio and TV to inform people about our organization.

This special recruitment period is being held in honor of Henry Winston, the late National Chairman of the Communist Party. Its purpose is to build a larger and stronger Communist Party and Young Communist League and to make special efforts to build among African American, Latino, and Asian people and youth.

What is the Young Communist League?

The Young Communist League is a national youth and student organization of young workers, university and high school students, and unemployed. We are organized on campuses and in communities across the country. We are building a political and cultural movement of young people whose aim is a socialist USA.

We are unique:

We are the fastest growing youth and student organization on the left.

We are the only multi-racial youth and student organization on the left.

We are the only organization to enjoy the benefit of the guidance of the Communist Party USA. This is the Party of Henry Winston, Gus Hall, W.E.B. Du Bois, Angela Davis, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Theodore Dreiser and countless other sons and daughters of American working people.

We are the only youth and student organization with a scientific understanding of the source of racism, sexism, and the exploitative character of U.S. capitalism. Marxism-Leninism helps us understand that the origins of oppression and discrimination are to be found in capitalism's insatiable drive for super-profits at the expense of all else. By eliminating capitalism the basis is laid to eliminate all forms of discrimination and racism.

Why should you join the YCL?

Because we are an organization of initiative and have broken new ground in the effort to improve the living and social conditions of young Americans.

We were the first organization to elect a well-known Communist to the position of co-President of the student body at a large public university, the University of Massachusetts/Amherst. The YCL has also elected other public Communists to student governments in several universities around the country.

We were the first national youth and student organization to issue a student program and a youth and student bill of rights offering comprehensive, realistic solutions to today's problems.

We helped break new ground in the fight against racism and racist violence by taking the initiative and struggling for Black-white, multi-racial youth and student unity on several college campuses including University of Massachusetts/Amherst, the University of Arizona/Tempe, Brown University, the University of Seattle and Wesleyan College.

We helped break new ground in the battle to end tuition increases and budget cuts by participating in the CUNY-SUNY student strike.

And, as the initiating organization of the U.S. Festival movement we helped break new ground in organizing the broadest ever United States delegation to the 13th World Festival of Youth and Students.

We are the only national youth and student organization in the U.S. that has relationships with youth and their organizations building socialism in the USSR, China, Angola, Cuba and scores of other countries.

We don't say we have all of the answers but we do have a scientific tool that helps us find solutions.

When at the height of the Cold War Henry Winston was released from prison, blinded by the neglect of his jailers, he declared, "They robbed me of my sight, but not my vision." Today the Cold War is over and inspired and encouraged by Winnie's memory and legacy, we are turning his vision into a living reality.

We want you to be a part of this vision of a new world in the making. Socialism is the future of humankind. Capitalism which is founded on universal selfishness cannot promote universal good and is doomed. Socialism which is founded on universal participation and removes greed as the basis of human affairs is the only future possible. The YCL is your organization and socialism is your future. By joining you can help make the socialist future in our lifetime. Marx once remarked that our choice is either socialism or barbarism. The choice is yours.