Build the YCL — Build our Future!

One of the most important events in the YCL are our schools. The national school is a special chance for YCLers to further their study of Marxism-Leninism and how it applies to the United States, the current world and national situation, and the strategy and tactics of building the YCL and the youth and student movement.

An understanding of Marxism-Leninism is a necessary tool for YCLers. Often we are so active we forget the importance of study. It is important to study and discuss the basics of our science and ideology. The ruling class is going on the offensive with their ideology of class collaboration, racism, union-busting, anti-communism, etc. We have to go on the offensive with our ideology of class struggle, unity, equality, etc. and a militancy that comes with the understanding that **capitalism holds no future for young people**.

This is a time of new possibilities and new potential for struggle for the YCL and the youth and student movement generally. The decline in anti-Communism, the defeat of the ultra right in the presidential elections offers new opportunities for victories, at the same time there is the danger of the new right wing coalition of Republicans and right wing democrats and the pressure on the Clinton administration to move to the right. The need for unity, in particular left unity, and building the YCL is higher than ever.

This is also a time when young people are facing a deep crisis — a crisis of unemployment, of lack of education, of racism, of homelessness, of hunger, in short of capitalism. So, we need to be sharp not only ideologically, but organizationally as well, to be able to fight this crisis. This is what the YCL national school does. It makes us better fighters for our future. Through collective discussion we can explore how better to fight for the unity of our generation and our class.

Of course, the chance to meet and get to know YCLers from around the country is one of the most rewarding experiences of our schools and recreation and cultural activities will be a part of the program. The school runs seven days and includes the summer National Council meeting. The NC meeting gives students first-hand experience in YCL policy-making.

Housing is provided. Registration is $25, which covers breakfast, lunch and materials for the classes. Another $100 for out of pocket expenses like subway transportation and dinner should be expected. **Please inform the YCL national office if finances are a problem. See application on back.**

Sample Curriculum

Friday
Registration and orientation

Saturday - Sunday
Summer National Council meeting

Monday
The political moment
What is capitalism?

Tuesday
The working class today
The fight against racism

Wednesday
The national question
Women's equality

Thursday
Marx, Engels, Lenin
Socialism

Friday
Youth and the YCL
The role of the Party

Saturday
What is anti-communism?
The role of mass culture

Sunday
Public speaking
Communist organizing

Graduation