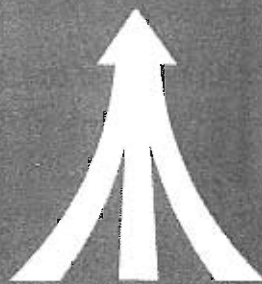


Perspectives for Democracy and Socialism in the '90s



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July 17-19, 1992**

CONFERENCE CALL

As we approach the 21st century, working-class, democratic, left and socialist activists stand at a crossroads. The choices and actions socialists and others on the left make have the potential to influence the course of the 1992 elections and to help shape the social and political movements in our country for decades to come. The times require us to tackle anew both the theory and strategy for social change. We urgently need to discuss, probe and debate the grave challenges facing humankind and to plan and to act together to assure a better future for working people and our communities.

Such developments as the rise of the ultra-right and racism in developed capitalist countries, the growing strength of transnational corporations, the crisis of socialism and the ending of the cold war require that we reexamine the reality we confront, reconsider questions of strategy, alliances, organization and goals.

No clearly marked trail lies before us. We must be willing to blaze new paths to guarantee a better and more just social system.

The discussion should be open and probing. Let us exchange views in an atmosphere which will advance mutual understanding and cooperation.

While the working class in our country is becoming larger and more diversified, it has been under ferocious assault by the forces of capitalist reaction. The changed situation caused by the development of transnational corporations and the globalization of the economy challenges the trade union movement. Poverty, inequality, unemployment and homelessness are growing. The proportion of workers who are organized has been shrinking. Our country can only be turned onto the path of progress by working people organizing themselves, becoming more united and influential, and by their organizations leading in the struggle for democracy and economic and social rights.

The special oppression of African Americans – under slavery and since – in the history of U.S. capitalism has placed the African American people's freedom movement at the center of the struggle for social progress for all. In our increasingly multiracial, multinational, multicultural society, we urgently need to discuss how to accelerate the people's movements for full empowerment, democracy and equality for African Americans, Mexican Americans/Chicanos, Puerto Ricans, Caribbean Americans, Asian and Pacific Island peoples, Native American Indians, people of Middle Eastern origin. The struggles against racism, discrimination and anti-Semitism require new levels of united action.

Women's equality is one of the fundamental democratic questions of the age. The unique role played by women in the struggle for quality education, health care, equal pay, the welfare of children – in every area – is critically important. Sexism, stereotyping and the attack on women's reproductive rights are on the cutting edge of the ultra-right's agenda. But securing an equal position for women in the workplace, home and community and in political life is intrinsic to any viable vision of a just society.

The challenges before us are many. We must explore how to:

- **Abolish nuclear weapons**, dismantle the military-industrial complex, eliminate war and military interventions as instruments of

our country's foreign policy and demilitarize and convert our economy to peaceful production.

- **Unite the many components of our working people** and win democratic advances that empower working people in all spheres of life.

- **Strengthen the left's contribution** to organizing the unorganized, developing labor solidarity and uniting, building and democratizing the trade union movement.

- **Investigate the current stage of capitalism**, including the globalization of economic life and the scientific revolution, and their implications for people's movements.

- **Build coalitions** with the power to confront the control of transnational corporations over our economy and political life, to guarantee workers' right to organize and to secure decent housing, health care, education and employment as fundamental human rights.

- **Defend democratic institutions** and civil liberties; rebuff the ultra-right assault against civil and human rights; secure the rights of people without regard to race, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion or disability; defend the rights of immigrants, with and without documents.

- **Secure the future of the planet** from the ecological destruction threatened by blind pursuit of profit and search for patterns of economic development that are in harmony with nature.

- **Strengthen cooperation**, coalition, partnership and mutual respect among all left and democratic forces.

- **Develop a movement with the internationalist consciousness** to oppose imperialism and defend the right of every nation to peace, sovereignty, an equitable place in the world economy and the freedom to choose its own social system.

- **Work on a new concept of socialism**, drawing lessons from the experience of the past 75 years, rooted in and built on the American people's traditions of revolutionary and democratic struggle and the realities of today's world. Socialism is not a utopia for which a blueprint exists, but must grow out of the most urgent needs of the people of our country themselves, and be shaped and modified according to their will and needs.

Through discussion and common action we can contribute to the development of the democratic, left and socialist movements in our country. We believe it is out of a free and probing debate that the potential inherent in a Marxist critique of contemporary capitalism can most fully and effectively be developed.

The Conference will evaluate the experience of the first six months of the Committees of Correspondence. It will consider questions of the Committees' future, including organization and principles, and act on strategy, alliances, structure and program to assure their continuation and development.

We invite all people affiliated to the Committees of Correspondence and others interested in these goals to a national conference in the San Francisco Bay area, July 17-19. **Let us come together, exchange ideas, and strengthen the movements for peace, justice, jobs and equality.**

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The Committees of Correspondence invite you to participate in a conference that offers exceptional opportunities to dialogue with other progressive, working-class and socialist activists, engage in exchanges about the most important questions of our turbulent times, and map out strategies and plans that meet the challenges of this moment.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JULY 17

Morning:

An exchange of experiences with the Committees of Correspondence from around the country

Afternoon:

Get-together for labor and workplace activists to confer on the role of the left in the labor movement

Evening:

Event devoted to international solidarity, with a panel of speakers from around the world

SATURDAY, JULY 18

Welcome and opening remarks.

Plenary sessions on 'Perspectives for Democracy and Socialism' and '1992 and Beyond: the Role of the Left.' Speakers include:

Carl Bloice, journalist, Committees of Correspondence

Leslie Cagan, Cuba Information Project

José La Luz, trade unionist, chair DSA Latino Commission

Manning Marable, political writer, historian

Elizabeth Martinez, activist, author

Jack O'Dell, Rainbow Coalition

Mark Solomon, historian, Committees of Correspondence

Lunchtime caucuses, morning and afternoon workshops (see adjacent box)

Evening: Social event

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Plenary sessions on the future of the Committees of Correspondence. Consideration of statement of purpose/principles, name, structure, and projections for 1993.

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

- 1 **What is the impact of the scientific-technological revolution and the globalization of capital and labor?**
- 2 **How Can the Left Help Develop a Revitalized, Democratic, Class-Conscious Labor movement?**
- 3 **What Should be the Left's Role in Organizing the Unorganized?** Can labor's current decline be arrested?
- 4 **Standing Together and Showing Support.** How to respond to racism, sexism and anti-immigrant prejudice?
- 5 **What is an Effective Strategy in the Era of Permanent Replacements?** Strikes, in-shop actions, community alliances and international solidarity.
- 6 **What Lies Behind and Beyond L.A?** What strategy for African-American liberation? What is its place in the struggle for democracy and social advance?
- 7 **The Latino/Caribbean Peoples' Struggle for Equality and Justice.** What are the perspectives in the Chicano/Mexicano, Puerto Rican and Caribbean communities?
- 8 **The Asian-Pacific Community Within the Working Class and the Nation.** What is its relationship to the movement for freedom and democracy?
- 9 **Multiculturalism – the Unity and Diversity of Peoples.** Bringing home the reality of a nation of many cultural heritages.
- 10 **How Can We Build a Multi-Racial, Multinational Left?** A critical question for the survival and effectiveness of the left.
- 11 **Five Hundred Years of Resistance.** The quincentennial: racist distortions
- 14 **Confronting the 'New World Order.'** Multinational corporations, anti-imperialism and the struggle for peace, disarmament and non-intervention.
- 15 **The Women's Movement: a Critical Factor in Economic, Political and Social Life .** What should be the theoretical and practical response of the left?
- 16 **The Left, Ecology and the Environmental Movement.** Labor & community concerns, confronting environmental racism and forging unity in struggle.
- 17 **Toward a Socialist United States?** Reshaping the vision and charting a path. Is it possible? On what basis?
- 18 **How Should the Left Confront Homophobia?** Fighting for lesbian and gay rights. Overcoming the past & moving ahead.
- 19 **Getting it Together: How Should Broad Left Unity Be Built?** Speaking freely of differences and defining the basis for united action.
- 20 **The Challenge to Our Health.** What next in the struggle for national health care? The fight against AIDS and infant mortality and for medical care for all.
- 21 **The Role of the New Youth Movement on the Left.** The voices and instruments for struggle of young people devastated by economic crisis.
- 22 **Homelessness, Joblessness, Poverty & the Enduring Economic Crisis.** The role of the left in shaping strategy and building an effective fightback.
- 23 **What is the Meaning of the Crisis of Socialism in the World Today?** Implications of recent events in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe for the left

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11 **Five Hundred Years of Resistance.** The quincentennial: racist distortions and myths.

12 **Where to From Here?** What next in the struggle for democracy in the United States?

13 **What Should Be the Place of Electoral Activity on the Left's agenda?** What would be an effective strategy for this year, the 90s and beyond?

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23 **What is the Meaning of the Crisis of Socialism in the World Today?** Implications of recent events in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe for the left in the West.

24 **Culture and the Battle of Ideas.** What is the role of artists and the arts in advancing a progressive agenda?

25 **The Growing Social Crisis - Urban and Rural.** The problem of crime, delinquency and drugs? How to halt the destruction of communities?

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Check	First	Last	City	ST	Nationality	G	Biography
	Bill	Gallegos	Los Angeles	CA	Chicano	M	Writer, educational reform & community activist
	Marshall	Garcia	New York	NY	Cuban American	M	Exec vice president, Local 1199
	Gina	Garro	Attleboro	MA	white	F	Youth worker, youth caucus nominee
	John	Gibson	Los Angeles	CA	white	M	trade unionist
	Sidney	Gluck	NY	NY	white	M	Economist
	Yvonne	Golden	San Francisco	CA	African American	F	Former high school principal, peace & justice activist
	Marian	Gordon	Los Angeles	CA	white	F	political activist
	Dan	Halper	Mill Valley	CA	white	M	
	Pat	Harris	New York	NY	African American	F	1199 Vice President
	Karega	Hart	Oakland	CA	African American		Trade unionist active in anti-police brutality movement
	June	Hemmingson	Albany	OR	white	F	Oregon CoC organizer and activist
	Mary	Kosidis	Mill Valley	CA	white	F	CoC Calif conference coordinator
	Maurice	Jackson	Washington	DC	African American	M	Grad student, D.C. Advisory Neighborhood Commission
	Geoffrey	Jacques	NY	NY	African American	M	Associate editor, 1199 News, co-chair, US Peace Council
	Barbara	Jessie	Minneapolis	MN	white	F	Student, Minn Peace & Justice Coalition
	Linda	Kailin	Minneapolis	MN	white	F	AFSCME rank & filer, Minn CoC
	Betty	Kano	San Francisco	CA	Japanese American	F	Artist, Japanese American community activist
	Michael	Kaufman	Los Angeles	CA	white	M	Activist in progressive secular Jewish org. & Rainbow co
	Keith	Kessler	College Park	MD	white	M	
	Arthur	Kinoy	Montclair	NJ	white	M	Co-Chair, NCIPA, attorney
	Jim	Knutson	Minneapolis	MN	white	M	Candidate, Minneapolis school board
	April	Knutson	Minneapolis	MN	white	F	Cuba solidarity, women's activist, Minn CoC
	David	Kranz	Irvington	NJ	white	M	1199 rank and file activist
	Jose	La Luz	New York	NY	Puerto Rican	M	Chair, DSA Latino Comm, ACTWU Ed Director
	Socorro	Laguerra	New York	NY	Puerto Rican	F	1199 rank and file activist
	Carol	Lambiase	New Haven	CT	white	F	UE Intd Rep, CoC labor network activist
	Knut	Larsen	Corvallis	OR	white	M	Professor, CoC activist
	Jim	Lauderdale	Los Angeles	CA	white	M	Carpenter, member of Solidarity
	Barbara	Lee	Sacramento	CA		F	California State Assemblymember
	Elana	Levy	Syracuse	NY	white	F	New Jewish Agenda activist
	Erin	Libson	Philadelphia	PA	white	M	UE shop steward
	William	Mandel	Berkeley	CA	white	M	Author & radio commentator
	Manning	Marable	Boulder	CO	African American	M	Professor, author, columnist and speaker.
	Ray	Markey	New York	NY	white	M	President, AFSCME Local 1930
	Doris	Marquit	Minneapolis	MN	white	F	Women's studies teacher, WILPF activist.