

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND THE FRENCH STUDENTS

c/o Helena Hermes
148 W. 16 St.
New York, N.Y. 10011
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Dear Friends,

The first reports indicate that Jean Dubé's tour is very successful. In Detroit 140 people attended a meeting at Wayne State University, 27 people became sponsors and \$76 was collected. Several young lawyers attended a brunch meeting with Dubé. They are very interested in the committee and are working on getting the Detroit Lawyers Guild and maybe the National Lawyers Guild to become sponsors.

Next week we plan to print our first letterhead using the best of the sponsors from the tour. This should help you get others to sponsor the committee. As well as sponsorship from prominent individuals, we would like to get endorsement for the committee from organizations. It would also be good to get short statements of support from these individuals and organizations. A large national mailing will go out soon to a list of civil libertarians, lawyers, professors, and others who might be interested in the defense.

We're working on getting Jean-Paul Sartre to become honorary chairman of the committee. Unfortunately, he is hard to contact in the summer.

The committee has put out the following pieces of literature: a fact sheet on the case; a leaflet reprinting with translation an article from Le Monde which describes the committee set up by Sartre and other French intellectuals and outlines its demands, with an ad urging people to sponsor the American defense committee; and sponsor cards. You can use the attached form to order this literature. We're charging a small amount for the literature to help cover the cost of paper and postage.

The proceeds from the cartoon book L'Enragé and the Chienlit poster, both published by Berkeley students as a gesture of solidarity with the French students are being turned over to the defense committee. Large sales of these items will help the committee raise money. You should continue to order L'Enragé from Merit Publishers; the Chienlit poster can be ordered from the defense committee. The next run of the poster will indicate that it is being put out by the committee.

We have started working on a defense committee pamphlet which will be our major piece of literature. We plan to include the interview with Alain Krivine, excerpts from Jean Dubé's speech giving first-hand information on what has

happened since the repression began, and an introduction explaining what is the JCR and why people should defend the French students.

We are also trying to obtain a film of the May-June events. This would enable us to raise a significant amount of money for the committee. We should have more information about the film in the next week or two. In the meantime, you should start working on other fund-raising projects. The money you raise and donations from individuals should be sent to the defense committee in N.Y.

It is important that areas where Jean Dube did not speak start publicizing the repression, putting out mailings about the committee, and start getting sponsors. Time is short because the trials are scheduled to begin in early Sept.

One person in each area should be assigned to be in charge of the defense work. This assignment should be made right away so that I can send information directly to the person who is responsible for the defense work.

Unfortunately, there have been delays in obtaining a post office box for the committee. Until we get a box number, my home address will be the official committee address.

Sincerely,

Helena Hermes
Helena Hermes
Secretary

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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>ORDER</u>
fact sheet	\$2.00 per 100	_____
leaflet	.75 per 100	_____
sponsor cards	no charge	_____
Chienlit poster	.50 ea., .40 over 10	_____
L'Enrage*	.50 each	_____

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