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To ALL YSAers

Dear Comrades,

February 21st will be the fourth anniversary of the assassination of Malcolm X. The Socialist Workers Party and the Young Socialist Alliance have been the strongest supporters of Malcolm X both during his life and since his death. It is traditional for YSA locals to organize Malcolm X memorial meetings on or around the 21st of February in which the ideas and importance of Malcolm X are commemorated.

Building Malcolm X memorial meetings is an opportunity for the YSA to make clear its position on the struggle of the Afro-American nation. These meetings can be built in cooperation with local Afro-American student organizations, Black Panther Parties, and similar groups. On some campuses, it will be possible to build broad coalition meetings around the memorial.

Locals could consider playing one side of the tape "Wit and Wisdom of Malcolm X", which includes a series of excerpts from various speeches given by Malcolm X. These can be ordered from the YSA NO no later than February 1. The cost is \$3.00 per tape. (This is the only tape we are handling on this basis.)

Another idea is having a memorial meeting around a specific theme such as "Malcolm X and the Fight for Black Control of the Black Community" or "Malcolm X and Afro-American History." Speakers could be invited who have special interest in either of these areas, i.e., people involved in the struggle for community control of the school or for black studies in colleges and high schools.

A 22-minute film called "Malcolm X, Struggle for Freedom" can be rented from the Cinema 16 Library, 80 University Place, New York, NY 10003. This is part of Grove Press. Their number is (212)989-6400. The film rents for \$22.50, plus \$.40 for insurance and possibly postage costs. Grove Press has only eight copies of the film - so it should be ordered as soon as possible.

Comrades should begin thinking about the possibilities in their area now, so that the maximum organization and preparation can be given to this event.

Comradely,

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