

There will be a National Convention Against Racism, tentatively at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., March 30 - April 1.

Racism has increased in the past two years. Among the vast majority of people there has been an increase of anti-racist feeling. But men like Jensen, Moynihan, Banfield, Shockley, and Herrnstein have made concerted attempts to reverse this trend. As the real economic oppression of black, Latin, Asian and American Indian workers has increased with rising unemployment, frozen wages, cutbacks in public services, these men have tried to place the blame for these conditions on the victims. Theories of the "environmental inferiority" of minority workers have been replaced by the even more pernicious theories of their "genetic inferiority".

Over the past months, thousands of people have come together to fight against these racist economic conditions and against the men who try to justify these conditions.

- * At Temple U. 300 members of the International Brotherhood of University Employees broke the wage freeze and won a pay hike of 30¢ an hour for men and 36¢ an hour for women. The IBUE members, mostly black, were supported in the strike by the mostly white workers in local 835. Hundreds of students joined the strikers on the picket line and helped battle the police and scabs who tried to break the strike.

- * 400 students led by the Pan African Student Union siezed the stage at Sacramento Community College Nov. 22 when Prof. William Shockley tried to lecture on the genetic inferiority of black people.

- * At Harvard, hundreds of black, white and latin students have joined a campaign against Prof. Herrnstein who says that the people who are most oppressed (minority workers) are responsible for their own oppression because they have low IQ's. In addition, the American Anthropological Association and the Northeastern Linguistics Association have condemned Herrnstein's racist theories at recent conventions. Herrnstein now says he may have to stop teaching undergraduates if this widespread opposition continues.

- * At Northwestern several hundred students jeered and shouted down the South African ambassador when he tried to justify the incredibly racist policies of his government.

- * At Fort Hood in Texas hundreds of GI's have joined to form the Fort Hood United Front and the People's Justice Committee to fight against the racist war against the people of Southeast Asia and the racist oppression of black and Latin GI's in the army.

We want the fight against racism to grow and we think this convention can help to advance these struggles. It will be an opportunity for people to get together and evaluate what we have been able to do by the time of the convention and make concrete plans to continue the campaign against racism. Further it will give us a chance to coordinate our activities nationally. We hope that people will come to the convention with specific suggestions for continuing

these struggles which can serve as the basis for discussion.

Any organization that would like to co-sponsor the convention should contact us immediately. We are setting up steering committees around the country to plan the convention. For more information, write:

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☒ I would like more information about the convention

☐ My organization would like to co-sponsor it.

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