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Dear Friends,

We, in the New York Prairie Fire Organizing Committee, are writing to let you know about a very exciting event as well as strategy. The PFOC which initiated the call for a national Hard Times Conference has been joined on the Conference Board by 18 other individuals and individuals representing organizations (the list is still growing) who represent the struggle against these hard times from coast to coast. In 10 cities Hard Times Conference Committees have been set up. These committees are helping to build the struggle against hard times in their local communities, by uniting all those who can be united behind the demands on the Call, by developing demands that speak more directly to the particular struggles they are waging, and by organizing all people in struggle to come to Chicago in January. The conference will enable us all to share our work. It will also enable us to develop a strong set of national demands, growing out of the demands on the Call, and a national campaign of action. Our problems are national but our responses have thus far been fragmented and local. We need to unite nationally with a national strategy to get these hard times off our backs. Joined together with a national program that speaks to our common problems and is focused against our common enemy will enable us to win .

For more information on how to set up Hard Times Conf. committees, for speakers to come to your group to discuss sponsorship, or to just rap about the conference and what some of our expectations are, write or call the nearest HTC committee:

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Keep your eyes and ears open for any build-up events for the HTC happening in your area. If there are none now ---maybe you can make some happen

In Struggle,  
for the PFOC NY