

DEFEND THE REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH MOVEMENT!

The Revolutionary Youth Movement, which was founded on October 20th in New York City, has been organizing ghetto youth to fight the government. The extent to which the government feels threatened can be judged by the degree of ruthless desperation they employ in trying to stop RYM. The CIA wants to turn the cliques into police-controlled gangs to use in turning the ghettos into slave-labor concentration camps. The ghetto is the government's turf, the fascist state's plantation for unemployed slaves, a battleground between counter-insurgency organizing and revolutionary class-wide organizing. Only RYM-NU-WRO dares organize the ghetto youth. The youth, in turn, must organize not only the ghetto but the entire workingclass, from the welfare mother to the militant trade unionist. The government wants to scare youth away from RYM the same way they tried to destroy NU-WRO by framing and harrasing welfare organizers around the time of the March 31st Convention. Unwittingly, like stupid pigs, they are pointing to RYM as the only revolutionary alternative for ghetto youth whom they intend to re-cycle out of existence.

Since October 9th, when plainclothes and uniformed police invaded the Lower East-side organizing center of the Revolutionary Youth Movement, arresting organizers Carlos Conde and Pedro "Indio" Roman, brutalizing everyone present at the point of a gun and wrecking the office, a government-directed plot to destroy the Revolutionary Youth Movement has unfolded in a series of attacks upon youth organizers. Twenty minutes after the initial assault, the police returned to the storefront to seize A. Salisbury and Richard Brown on framed-up charges. On November 29th, a RYM forum in Bedford-Stuyvesant was broken up by an armed squad of Barakaites led by counter-insurgency agent Sonny Carson, who is organizing ghetto youth gangs for the government. Organizers on their way to the same meeting were pointed out to the police by Carson supporters and arrested. On December 1st, RYM members were caught in a state-wide police net while passing through a small New Jersey town, illegally arrested and searched at gun point, and held on on \$5,000 bail. Then, on December 5, an organizer from Bed-Sty was busted on phoney charges and when RYM member I. Scott appeared in court in the comrade's defense, he was busted too. There have been other forms of harrassment such as close-surveillance by the police. In addition to the above-mentioned incidents in New York City, RYM organizers have been framed-up in North Carolina, Buffalo, and Hartford.

We must show the government that when we are attacked, or even harrassed, we will fight back. We will organize a political defense; we will fight on both their terms and our terms; we will agitate and propagandize and organize a united defense front. The North American Un-Employed and Welfare Rights Organization and the Revolutionary Youth Movement are already proving that the workingclass can and will out-organize the counter-insurgency apparatus of the capitalist police-state. We can turn any attacks against us into a political campaign around the defense of the RYM 2 (Conde and Roman) and others.

Therefore, Class War supports the defence of the RYM 2 etc. and resolves to publicize the case of the framed RYM organizers and to pressure every left political tendency and would-be workingclass organizer to join the support for the RYM 2.

Bail for the RYM 2 alone totalled \$9,000. With these new assaults upon our organizers, our legal defense efforts require MONEY. All who can absolutely must contribute to:

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