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FIGHT RACISM -- ALLY WITH WORKERS!

**NAT'L CONVENTION
HARVARD, CAMBRIDGE
MARCH 30 - APRIL 2**

FIGHT RACISM COME TO THE SDS NATIONAL CONVENTION

YOU ARE INVITED! to the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) National Convention over Easter (from Thurs., March 30 to Sun., April 2) at Harvard in Cambridge, Mass. At this convention, hundreds will get together in small workshops and large plenary meetings to hash out the over-all thrust and day-to-day details of struggles on campuses all over, fights against racism and other forms of oppression.

Those who run this country continue the war, they oppress women more & more, they slash school budgets, give workers layoffs, worse conditions, terrible housing, higher prices and frozen wages. While things are getting worse for all of us, any kind of oppression you can name hurts black & other minority people the most. In order to justify this especially harsh treatment, and to keep people of different races from uniting and fighting to improve their conditions, the powers-that-be are encouraging in every way the spread of racist ideology. As we see it, they are trying to use the schools to develop, teach & legitimize racist ideas to provide a nation-wide base for a racist movement. Thus a whole crop of "respectable" and often famous racist "experts" are creeping out into daylight. From Jensen at Berkeley to Herrnstein at Harvard, they are pushing the idea that blacks and other minority groups are culturally or genetically inferior to whites. In fact, they argue that minority group people are (either for genetic or cultural reasons) basically a criminal group. They either imply or state, outright, that these "criminal" elements must be isolated, watched carefully, and repressed - for the safety of "society as a whole." They are given prestigious and high-paying jobs in the schools. (Herrnstein, for instance, is head of the Harvard Psych department.) They virtually wallow in government grants. More and more, their theories are made into law. (Thus some of Banfield's proposals are the basis of Nixon's notorious Family Assistance Plan.) And they are built-up continually by the press. Their ideas are spread far-and-wide in very slick texts and reprints of their articles. Their books (especially Banfield's The Unheavenly City) are taught in schools in every area, in order to give racism a new, scientific image, to justify the terrible, day-to-day oppression of black and latin people. This is tremendously dangerous. Whenever governments want to launch a racist movement, they start in the universities. If they can just win the fight for racism there, they can then point to the "educated people," the "neutral and scientific community of scholars" and claim to be acting on what "so many of our social scientists, people with no political axe to grind" have uncovered "in the pursuit of Truth."

--- So what if blacks live in slums? They like it, Banfield says.

--- Minorities are on the bottom because we live in a meritocracy, says Herrnstein.



TEMPLE UNIV. -- This picture shows part of a tremendous strike battle against the University racism last October. The strike was started by 300 campus workers, members of IBUE (International Brotherhood of University Employees), an independent union organized by the rank-and-file after they kicked out the union bureaucrats in Local 69. Led by minority students, thousands of students supported the strike for better wages, conditions and job upgrading. Temple spent many thousands of dollars trying to break the strike. Cops, a court injunction, scabs, and the University overlords were DEFEATED by the unity of the people against racism. The strike was victorious and the worker-student alliance at Temple still grows.

FLASH! Seattle Students Junk Racist Text

"Many planters provided for slaves as carefully as they did for members of their own families, and in turn won the love of their slaves." (The Rise of the American Nation, p. 310.)

This is a quote from a textbook formerly used at Seattle Community College and Central Community College and twelve other schools in the city. SCAR, a coalition of student groups including SDS, MECHA, the Mexican-American student group, and Student Afro-American Movement for Equality (SAAME), has already gotten the book thrown off campus at Central Community College and is organizing a fight against all other racist texts and mis-education at the school. The administration was forced to throw out the Rise when 40 students came to confront the racist department head who defended the book. This victory is just the beginning. We have set up committees to investigate racism in other texts and to fight for anti-racist demands in the upcoming teachers' strike.

--- Take these welfare kids away from their parents, cries Roger Freeman.

--- We've got to fight this racism in the schools where it's getting justified, where the theories are being spread, and stop it dead! That's what more and more students and faculty are saying. And SDS agrees.

SDS, the militant, nation-wide student organization, is an important part of the fight against oppression and racism. It's an organization of ALL students - black, white, latin, American Indian, and students from other countries too. It's dedicated to fighting all the ways the schools are used against the people - like this new campaign of "expert" racism. We want to unite students with working people and professionals, and with other militant groups too.

The press loves to boast that the student movement is dead. It's alive and fighting back! SDS is in the forefront. A real weakness in the student movement has been lack of organization. Building SDS more, spreading it further and strengthening its ties with other fighting groups can help improve the struggle. At this time, there are struggles against racism and other abuses going on all over - as you can see by looking at this issue of New Left Notes. We want to move the fight forward. That's why this SDS NATIONAL CONVENTION is so important. It means a NATION-WIDE organization to help lead these struggles.

At the convention there will be resolutions around the war, oppression of women, fighting the budget cuts in the schools and - what many feel is key - stopping the racist offensive. We

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HERRNSTEIN PURSUED BY GHOSTS!!

"Harvard psychology professor Richard Herrnstein is remarkably sanguine about the administration's failure to halt the harassment he has undergone on campus since last fall. From Sept. to mid-Dec., when school shut down, members of the Students for a Democratic Society and a related group called University Action / Group / stationed themselves outside the classroom where he teaches a course in introductory psychology... 'I'd watch several hundred students file into the lecture hall. But when I'd begin the lecture, I'd see little but heads bent over the handbills they had just been given,' he explained." (Boston Herald Traveler, 1/30/72.)

That's how Gordon Hall, a well-known amateur FBI & CIA agent, and the Harvard administration's man-in-the-press began a recent front page attack on SDS. Hall keeps writing that SDS is dead. The Herald and the Chicago Sun-Times and other papers keep printing these front page stories by him, repeating this. Now he's saying we're all over the place, persecuting this poor professor. Well, they can't have it both ways. (If Herrnstein really thinks he's being bothered by ghosts, he ought to see a good psychologist! Maybe he just has a guilty conscience?)

Harvard-Radcliffe SDS launched a fight against psychology dep't chairman Herrnstein this fall.

In a Sept. 1971 Atlantic Monthly article, Herrnstein linked conditions like unemployment and lousy pay to inferior biological make-up.

"The [evidence in the article] points to a future in which social classes not only continue but become ever more solidly built on inborn differences. As the wealth and complexity of human society grow, there will be precipitated out of the mass of humanity a low capacity intellectual and otherwise residue that may be unable to master the common occupations... The troubles... have already caught the attention of alert social scientists like Edward Banfield, whose book, The Unheavenly City, describes the increasingly chronic lower class / sic! / in America's central cities." (Atlantic Monthly, Sept., 1971.)

Although Herrnstein tries to overwhelm readers of his Atlantic article with verbiage, his racism comes out clearly in this quote. "Chronic lower class" is Banfield's racist phrase for black working people. Herrnstein is talking about the genetic "inferiority" of black and other minority people - his "low capacity residue."

We've been fighting Herrnstein inside & outside the classroom. After one class where we raised a lot of questions, Herrnstein & his

co-professor Brown tried to prevent further discussion. Brown said he'd only accept "questions of clarification of the lecture" from that point on. Herrnstein told one black student "you haven't got the intellectual equipment to deal with this material." An anti-racist section-leader was informed she wasn't qualified to teach in his course.

Harvard has gone to bat for Herrnstein. Government professor Wilson (an important administration supporter and warm admirer of Edward Banfield) and Harvard "trouble-shooter" A. Cox circulated a petition calling SDS "brutish" & "uncivilized. (What an incredible system of values! Herrnstein's filth aims at justifying the oppression of millions of people. We attack that filth, those lies by writing and speaking against him - if anything, our actions have been far too timid, far, far too mild given the effects of his "theories" - and we are the animals?) Cox & Wilson got about 102 faculty members to sign their petition, in part by telling horror stories about Herrnstein getting midnight hate-calls. Even Herrnstein admits that's not true. They accused us of stifling debate, but the people who organized the petition (and Herrnstein) have refused to debate publicly.

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NATIONAL ON CAMPUS ACTION...

... IOWA CITY

U. of Iowa SDS is planning a big hello for racist "scholar" Richard Herrnstein when he comes to spread his theories. Iowa SDS is calling for everyone in the midwest who opposes Herrnstein to come to Iowa City to greet him and to attend a conference to discuss fighting racism on campus. **FIGHT RACISM!** Come to the U. of Iowa in Iowa City, Friday, Feb. 24, 4:30 p.m. Telephone (319) 337-2687 for more information.

... HAWAII

200 students joined SDS in confronting Marine recruiters at Leeward College, and also picketed the Marines when they landed at the U. of Hawaii.

Supported by SDS and off-duty teamsters, striking workers at Pearl City Tavern in Honolulu won the right to unionize from a management frightened by worker-student unity.

SDS is planning a real Hawaiian welcome for Nixon when he visits on February 16, hopefully a welcome he'll never forget.

... PITTSBURGH

U. of Pitt. English teacher Laurence Lee doubles as the writer of reactionary editorials in the Sunday Pittsburgh Press. After the Attica rebellion, he accused the prisoners of "depravity" and called Rockefeller's order to murder the rebels his "painful duty." He also attacked SDS's picket line in support of the rebellion. Recently he wrote that black students lower the academic standards of Pitt and to the degree that "they have even minimal capabilities" they should be educated at community colleges. SDS is fighting these racist slanders and is exposing him as unfit to teach anywhere.

... DETROIT

The trustees at Wayne State U. have just announced a 17% tuition hike and layoffs of 200 faculty and 130 cafeteria workers. The school, which, by the way, has more black students than any other large university, also teaches Edward Banfield's book, The Unheavenly City. This book encourages and justifies attacks on black, latin, and all working people, like the tuition hikes and the layoffs. SDS is going to expose these attacks and initiate a petition campaign to condemn Banfield's book.



BALTIMORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE students confront school's president in fight against a racist tracking system. This system funnels students into courses according to "job potential" & "intelligence." 200 in picture won partial victory - but the fight continues.

... PRINCETON

On January 15, about 150 students and faculty (including U.A.G.) blocked the entrances to a meeting in Nassau Hall, where the Trustees were going to ratify a ROTC contract with the army and Air Force. Deans, Trustees, and campus police battled to remove the demonstrators. They cleared the halls and the meeting took place, but the demonstration gained much student support, and the fight against ROTC continues. See next issue for more news!

... HARTFORD

Two thousand students demonstrated in Hartford, Conn. against a proposed state university tuition raise. The organizers of the rally tried to squelch the anger of the demonstrators by channeling it into "safe" means of dissent, such as petitioning and letter writing. But, after speeches by SDS and others urging sharp mass action as the way to roll back the hikes, 1000 marched on the state capitol chanting "Unite, strike, smash the tuition hike." & 300 stormed the state house.

... NORTHWESTERN U. - CHICAGO

300 black students shouted down a representative of the racist South African Government, and kicked her off campus.

... NEW YORK CITY

Nelson Rockefeller (Attica mass murderer) is proposing to merge N. Y. City's free university system with the state system. This would mean a tuition hike of \$800 or \$1200 in the city colleges, and also a hike in state college tuition. This would force many black and latin students to leave school. To kick off a campaign against this racist plan, 60 students (including SDS) picketed Rocky's office in Manhattan, demanding NO MERGER!

... ST. LOUIS

In December, students of U. of Missouri in St. Louis confronted administration and faculty, protesting the racist treatment of the only two black students in a debate class. Example: the professor never listened to debates in which the black students were involved.

The Committee to End the War, including members of SDS, demanded an end to the harassment, and has also begun a campaign against admissions practices designed to set a quota on black students.

... SAN DIEGO

A biology text (Human Biology: Contemporary Readings) used at San Diego City College compares the immigration of Puerto Ricans to New York and of Jamaicans to London, to the spread of cancer in the human body "where groups of cells... migrate to another part of the body and start trouble there." (Contemporary Readings, "The World's Population Problem," Sir Julian Huxley (!) **SMASH RACISM!!**)

The Rohr Industry aerospace workers have been on strike since Nov. 28, against 1) the phony program of giving workers "raises" and then reclassifying them into lower-paid jobs, and 2) a racist wage differential between Mexican workers in Mexicali and black workers in Watts. When Rohr execs sent police to break the strike, strikers, their wives and children, and students organized by SDS fought them. This kind of unity is a tremendous step towards winning the strike.

(This page is based partly on a pamphlet put out by BU SDS.)

In recent months a number of theories on the "lower classes," in terms of Blacks, workers, the unemployed, and the poor, have attracted a great deal of attention. These theories have relied heavily on one another for support, and come at a very critical time, almost a crisis period, for the oppressed of America.

The theory of Arthur Jensen of Berkeley states that there is an I.Q. inferiority in Blacks, linked to a certain genetic trait. Shockley, an expert in transistors but unqualified in genetics, claims that the more "Black genes" (?) a person has, the less generally endowed he is, and the more white genes he has, the better off he is. Richard Herrnstein at Harvard, formerly employed by the federal government to teach pigeons to track down human targets in Vietnam, has also made a contribution to the theoretical attack. He said in his article in the Sept., 1971 Atlantic Monthly that unemployment itself may run in the genes. He claims there is a natural "residue" increasing in the population, made up of people totally unable to handle modern work skills. In other words, if you're a bank president, it's likely your children will be rich, and your parents probably were too. If you're unemployed, then your parents probably were and it's even more probable that your children will be. He attributes this to biological inheritance, not to class structure.

The data on I.Q. & social-class difference show that we have been living with an inherited stratification of our society for some time. (Herrnstein, Atlantic Monthly, Sept., 1971.)

The practical application of such theories can be seen in the work of Edward Banfield, formerly a professor at Harvard, now at U. of Penn. He's the former head of the Presidential Task Force on Urban Affairs and the Presidential Task Force on Model Cities under Nixon. He's now on the Advisory Commission on Inter-Governmental Relations. His work has had an obvious influence on Nixon administration programs. Banfield presents his view of "lower class" people in an unbelievably racist book, full of elitist attitudes and slander against working class people, especially blacks. If you think you're reading wrong when you read Banfield, you're not.

However, much of the violence in the ghetto is probably more an expression of mental illness than of class culture... Moreover, the nature of lower-class /sic/ culture is such that much behavior that in another class would be considered bizarre seems routine. In the chapters that follow, the term "normal" will be used to refer to that class culture that is not lower-class. The implication that lower-class culture is pathological seems fully warranted both because of the relatively high incidence of mental illness in the lower class and also because human nature seems loath to accept a style of life that is so radically present-oriented. (Unheavenly, p. 54.)

Unheavenly portrays the poorest working class people as a selfish, incapable lot. It claims people choose to stay in slum housing in ghettos because that's where the excitement is. There are fights, prostitution, and trouble runs rampant. And then, too, this sort of attractive fun is reinforced by the relative freedom to "beat one's children and lie drunk in the gutter." (p. 62) There is no mention of the social system that lets slumlords - who are often nothing more than fronts for banks, churches, or universities - suck exorbitant rents for rat and roach infested fire-trap "housing." No mention of the gruesome working conditions, with accident rates like a battle-field - and that's even

BANFIELD'S THEORIES: A PACK OF RACIST LIES

true on many so-called high-paying jobs. (Poor working people take "no interest in the work" (p. 53) on the job Banfield is sad to say. Right. That reminds us of the newspaper reports that, for some mysterious reason, morale is low among working-class U.S. troops in Vietnam. There must be a whole lot of low-quality genes floating around.) No mention of the rotten food at high prices - and the food gets worse, the prices hike higher the poorer (and blacker) the neighborhood. No mention of the miserable - often deadly - "medical care" available (sometimes) for working people, especially the poorest blacks. No mention of the constant attacks on dignity, the ridiculous stereotypes of working people (again, especially blacks) in the media. No mention of the vicious police terror which is a daily fact of life - even Banfield, who is a social scientist, must watch the news. No mention of the fact that widespread crime in poor areas is not the result of some passion for violence; but, rather is carefully organized from the outside - often, in fact, by the police! (Even the Lindsay-organized police corruption hearings in N.Y. City documented this.) The police do absolutely nothing to stop the calculated spread of drugs, and often in fact are in on the take.

"The lower class individual lives in the slums and sees little or no reason to complain. He does not care how dirty and dilapidated his housing is... Features that make the slum repellant to others actually please him." (p. 62)

This is probably the most disgusting lie of all. If poor working people did luxuriate in the filth, they would be animals. The fact is the opposite. A poet said "all they ask is to stand upon the earth, and not lie beneath it." But in fact they ask for more. They ask to be rid of the gang of oppressors who they are faced with, at every turn, always finding some way to turn a neat profit out of the people's suffering. And who then turn things upside down, like this person Banfield, who sit in utter comfort based on the suffering of others (like Herrnstein, the man who gets rich off Vietnam war research), who then dare say "they're happy in their lot."

Working people do more than ASK. They ACT! The massive black working class rebellions of the '60's and '70's give the lie to Banfield's wish of working class passivity. Massive fights against welfare cuts in Chicago and all over give the lie. Countless GI rebellions give the lie. The veterans movement give the lie. Almost weekly G.E. walkouts in Lynn, Mass., the militant ARCO strikers in Pennsylvania, the heroic telephone strikers in N.Y. and their brothers in Puerto Rico - who are taking the most militant actions AGAINST these conditions, the fighting working people (slum-dwellers too!) in Ireland -- all these smash Banfield's filthy wish. Go tell your story, Mr. Banfield. Tell it to the peasants in Vietnam, perhaps. They love their conditions too. See what they say, how they answer.

Banfield has concrete proposals for carrying out his social outlook in a practical way. His suggestion of selling the children of the poor to wealthy people and then sterilizing these poor people to prevent possible profiteering is, he feels, unrealistic. There would be too many "problems" he feels. But he's in favor of forcing unemployed kids to join the army or a labor force. He advocates what amounts to a total news blackout on instances of working people fighting back, especially in ghetto rebellions. He's for abolishing the minimum wage, and for using any tactics necessary to convince everyone that poor working people are responsible for their rotten conditions.

"... depending upon the degree of their incompetence, encourage the poor (or require) them to reside in an institution or semi-institution (for example a closely supervised public housing project). (p. 246)

Banfield's ideas are already becoming law. Nixon's Family Assistance Plan would force people on welfare to work for far less than minimum wage - in jobs vacated by layoffs. In New York this is already being done - by liberal Mayor Lindsay. New York City is also trying out a plan to withhold a part of people's welfare checks unless they toe the line 100% - including spying on each other. The labor department is studying the feasibility of abolishing the minimum wage law. Roger Freeman from Stanford (see box), who is apparently a spokesman for Reagan of California, wants to move further, faster. They are all very cocky, but then, the British vulture-class has always been fairly cocky about the plunder of Ireland. And Hitler talked about his regime lasting a long time, too.

A BANFIELD SUPPORTER OFFERS SOME FINAL SOLUTIONS ...

Roger Freeman, a former Nixon aide who is presently a senior staff member at the Hoover Institute for War, Revolution and Peace, testified recently before the Senate Finance Committee. He argued that they should "Consider taking children away from some mothers on welfare and raising them in a well-run government institution." He called on them to think about offering a "cash bonus for parents on welfare who volunteer for sterilization." (Boston Globe, 1/28/72.) This is right out of Banfield, p. 248.

FLASH!!

As we were going to press we learned that members of New York area SDS seized the NY office of British Overseas Airlines Co. (BOAC) at 630 5th Avenue in NY. They held it against repeated onslaughts of cops, fighting them off. Finally they were overwhelmed by a brutal attack. Seven have been arrested. Other SDS'ers continued the picket line outside. Down with British government racism in Ireland & Rhodesia! Britain must get out of those countries NOW!

SDS NATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST RACISM



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write or call
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P.O. 423 Prudential Center
Boston, Mass. 02199

in Boston call 876-3923
outside Boston call _____

Part of a group of Boston-area SDS'ers who stormed the British consulate after the Londonderry massacre. Protest was against British government's racist murders in Rhodesia & Ireland. 2 were arrested in fight.

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IN LOS ANGELES

BAN RACISM NOT SDS



Boston U. students, faculty and workers won a fight against racist discrimination in housing. BU Prof. Okonjo was refused an apartment for being black. She & members of SDS called a picket line in front of the restaurant also owned by the landlord. And within 2 hours Dr. Okonjo had signed the lease!

.. LOS ANGELES

At UCLA, a group called Left Unity Coalition (LUC) which includes SDS, has started a struggle against a racist psychology text (see "advertisement" on page 4), demanding it not be used in a beginning psych course of 6,000 students (!) A recent L. A. SDS regional conference, attended by 50 people including members of the Radical Valley Collective (RVC), called a coalition demonstration to demand: 1) No racist texts (e.g., Elements of Psychology); 2) An end to political repression - "Ban Racism, Not SDS!" 3) Stop police harassment of students on campus; 4) More minority teachers; 5) Day care center.

... SACRAMENTO

Hundreds of members of the Pan-African Students Association shouted Shockley off the stage when he came to speak about his theory-- this racist says that black people should be sterilized because "they have lower IQ's than whites".

At Trade-Tech City College, SDS has been banned from campus for fighting racism. The first target in SDS' anti-racism campaign was a racist teacher who told a black student it was "impossible for him to learn in his class." The student's counselor did nothing, the department chairman told him to drop or get an F, and dean of students, Robings, suggested the student write his congressman (!) This student talked to people in SDS and a campaign was begun to expose this racist.

In a futile move to stop us, the administration moved on 2 students in SDS, Herb Pryor and Nan Beltram. They were suspended for 2 weeks for handing out leaflets exposing the teacher. There's so much racism at Trade-Tech it's not surprising the administration is so scared. The education is so rotten, most academic courses can't be transferred to 4-year schools. 16,000 students (67% minority) use a library that seats 180. The President, Brinkman, recently finished a thesis at UCLA. In it he noted that many black students are enrolled in academic rather than technical studies. This, he maintained, is an example of how "... individuals often seek idealistic and unrealistic goals in terms of their abilities." (p. 139.) And they fired a black teacher who put Black Power by Carmichael on his reading list.

The administration also got campus cops to take pictures and follow students friendly to SDS to their classes. They have intimidated teachers about sponsoring SDS and have blacked-out the suspensions from the school paper. But they have failed to keep students quiet. Pressure from students and faculty forced them to let the suspended students back for finals. They hand-picked a kangaroo court to "judge" the students, better known as "guilty until proven innocent" and refused open hearings.

We are fighting tooth-and-nail for SDS to be recognized at Trade-Tech and to continue the fight against racism. The fuse is burning and time is running out for the racist flunkies who run Trade-Tech.

WAYS TO FIGHT BANFIELD AT YOUR SCHOOL

All over the country, in Detroit, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, SDS and others are fighting the racism pushed in Edward Banfield's Unheavenly City. It's no accident Banfield is being used in many (if not most) colleges. The government wants to soften people up to accept widespread - and increasing - racist policies. Spreading the anti-racist movement and the fight to stop Banfield to every school where his book is used is a very serious question for the lives of millions. There's a lot of discussion in SDS about how to do this best. Here are some ideas: 1) Start petition campaigns condemning the book or demanding it be thrown off campus; 2) Write letters to school papers exposing it; 3) Put on guerilla skits in classes where it's used; 4) Confront the teacher & demand he or she not support this racism; 5) Write us. We can help by sending you info on schools near you where the right's already started and by mailing out lit against Banfield & his racist brothers & sisters. Write SDS CONVENTION COMMITTEE, P. O. Box 423, PRUDENTIAL CENTER, BOSTON, MASS 02199.



"Cut Nixon Not Welfare!" was all the rich people heard from 1500 in a coalition demonstration. How upsetting it must have been for them, stepping out of their shiny limosines to attend a \$500-a-plate fundraising bash for Nixon last month. So crude, such a disappointing beginning for what should have been such a charming evening. But the welfare mothers who provided militant leadership just don't eat so well as Nixon's leisured friends. And the waiters inside, who wore buttons that read "Cut Bosses, Not Welfare," didn't seem to sympathise either.

(advertisement)

WARNING: This book is hazardous to the lives of all working people & students, especially blacks & latins.

ELEMENTS OF PSYCHOLOGY, Krech, Crutchfield and Livson, 1971.

This book is used at UCLA, LA City College, Berkeley and City College of San Diego. It states that class differences are due to "native, biological differences in capacities." (p. 118) Is it used on your campus too?

COME TO THE SDS CONVENTION

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want everyone to come. Everyone, whether they are in SDS or not, will play a role and make a contribution. There will be plenary sessions with the whole group. But we want to stress workshops to discuss, in detail, what needs to be done and how to do it. Anyone can draw up resolutions. As much as possible, workshops will be lead by people who've been involved in various struggles.

ANYONE, STUDENT OR NOT, WHO WANTS TO FIGHT OPPRESSION SHOULD COME! High school students and teachers, factory workers, college teachers, campus workers, medical workers and GIs and vets - aren't we all shafted by these attacks? Some groups and individuals who are not members of SDS are already endorsing the NATIONAL CONVENTION. Like GRITA, the latin students' group at Brandeis. A group in England who are fighting the infamous racist Eysenck (author of *The I.Q. Argument*) will send representatives. We hope there will be people from Canada, Puerto Rico, Finland, Japan, Germany, Mexico and other countries as well.

We hope we'll see you in Cambridge. For more information, see the clipping on page 6 - this page.

SMASH RACISM ALLY WITH WORKERS

...BUFFOLO

Prof. Halstead at U.B. expelled an SDS member from his Modern Imperialism class for speaking out against the racist way that imperialism exploits African and Asian people. Halstead expelled another SDS'er during the summer for the same "offense." SDS is organizing against Halstead's racist, pro-imperialist lectures and is circulating a petition to get the expelled student reinstated.



These phone workers took to - and took over - the streets in Manhattan a month ago, part of their militant, months-old strike against the giant AT & T octopus. Cops tried to stop them, but they rolled right over them. Scab phone company trucks, phone booths and other equipment was wrecked. Black, white and latin were all there. Is that because, as Banfield (Unheavenly City author) claims, they are happy with their lot? According to Banfield, the poorest workers are the most content. Certainly, Puerto Rican phone workers are even worse off than their New York brothers and sisters. But their strike is even more militant!

CLIP THIS BLANK and mail it to SDS, P.O. Box 423, Prudential Center, Boston, Mass. 02199 to get more info or to help with the SDS National Convention Against Racism.

I want to buy a ticket to the Convention. (\$5 for pre-registration.)

I will need help with transportation. Here are the details:

We'll need housing for _____ people.

Here's a donation of \$ _____. I understand that this will be used to get people to the Convention from the West Coast & from other countries.

Send me lit:

Poster # _____ Leaflets # _____
Stickers # _____ New Left Notes # _____

Please send me more info:

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ School or job _____

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The administration-sponsored attack has helped to strengthen the struggle. Several hundred students & faculty have signed petitions or written letters to the *Harvard Crimson*, supporting SDS or attacking Herrstein. Some faculty who'd signed the petition regretted it after they read Herrstein's article, and found that he did things like juggled words to make it seem that IQ was a real measure of intelligence - although it's well established that these tests are biased in a thousand ways against working class people, especially minority groups.

History of Science graduate students, as a body, wrote the *Crimson* a letter which began: "We condemn as dangerous and unscientific the racist, sexist and anti-working class theories of genetic inferiority propagated by R. Herrstein, W. Shockley and A. Jensen." The *Crimson* published a majority editorial which said in part: "...Herrstein has overlooked one side of an intellectual debate and based a potentially inflammatory argument on some highly disputable facts... The threat of Herrstein's ideas is more dangerous than the imagined threat of SDS & UAG to intellectual freedom." A minority editorial took a sharper stand: "Members of the faculty have defended Herrstein in the name of academic freedom. Unfortunately that is not the issue. The issue is political... Whether or not he consciously calculated the political effects, his article can and will be used to justify reactionary elitist social policy - a policy we find unconscionable and which we oppose."

This is a very serious fight. Students faculty, and campus workers at Harvard won't stop until we win.

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