

YOUTH ACTION NEWS

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YAU ACQUIRES OFFICE

It is our great pleasure to announce that the Youth Action Union has a new office. Our spacious facility is located at 1104 N. Mariposa at the corner of Santa Monica over a laundromat, and includes a restroom, kitchen, a potentially disgruntled inhabitant, and a mouse by the name of McCavity.

We call upon anybody who has any of our office equipment (from the days of the Great Dipersal) to either bring it by, or to contact Toby to let her know from where it can be retrieved.

FRAUD AT THE POLLS

In what amounted to a no contest election, Toby Bye was elected Chairman of the YAU on June 2 at the General Meeting. Toby is replacing Mary, who was unable to complete his term of office due to prior commitments.

The elevation of Toby to the vacated position left open the post of organizational secretary, into which Al Zak was dragged, kicking and screaming, by a masterful rail-roading job. Regina was then elected to the office of treasurer.

Although only a month has elapsed, the new officers have shown great promise, and we feel confident that they will do their jobs well.

Since this was a special election, there will be another one in September, as scheduled. YAU elections are customarily biennial.

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ATHEIST IN FOXHOLE

The editorial staff of the Youth Action News wishes to apologise for the tardiness of this issue. Due to circumstances beyond control, Your Editor had to give up two newsletter weeks to the Military. Our time was spent chasing lizards and other varmints across the desert with a tank, and although our military proficiency was markedly improved, not to mention acquiring a gorgeous tan, the newsletter was, in consequence, delayed.

We hope that the informative, incisive, and high-class contents of this issue will more than off-

DuBOIS CLUBS LAUNCHED

The Phoenix is a legendary bird which is repeatedly destroyed by fire, yet is reborn, and emerges whole from the ashes.

There is a Phoenix liberated in the land. Out of the debris of the old left, reduced by the cold war, McCarthyism, the nuclear threat of annihilation, and "the silent generation", there is a new voice of the militant youth in the United States, rising "from the ashes"—The W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America.

In an historic convention held in San Francisco last month, delegates from all parts of the United States formed a new socialist youth group, intended to deal with the new problems in a new way. The convention was not without its problems, even heartbreak, but on the other hand, moments of inspiration. The result was a nationwide organization of youth seeking answers to the great problems of our time—peace, jobs, and freedom, and willing to work for their solution.

As difficult as the creation of the DuBois Clubs of America had been, the hard part is coming. It is one thing to declare the existence of a group, and quite another to translate it into a viable instrumentality for meaningful action. Our paramount problem is organization.

Here in the Southwest region, headway is being made in that area. There are, in the Los Angeles sector, 1½ DuBois Clubs now in existence (the YAU will not formally affiliate with the DCoA until the regional conference in August), and there are two more forming. The Planning Committee is already thinking in terms of specific issues and actions.

The future of the DuBois Clubs cannot be foreseen, at this time. At worst, it may be premature, subject to disinterest on the left and harrassment on the right. At best, it may serve to form the nucleus of a mass organization of those youth beginning to understand that the only solution to the ills of society is in the transformation of the society itself.

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