NYCLAW Organizing Conference—Saturday, October 19, 2002

Agenda

Note: To maximize participation, presenters will each speak for up to 7 minutes; where time permits, discussion will follow.

9:00 Registration and breakfast (provided)

9:45 Session 1—Past Year and Challenges Ahead

NYCLAW Co-Conveners:

Welcome. Brenda Stokely, Pres., AFSCME DC 1707 & L. 215

NYCLAW Past & Future. Michael Letwin, Pres., ALAA/UAW L. 2325*

War at Home. Ray Laforest, Staff Rep., AFSCME DC 1707 War Abroad. Larry Adams, Fmr. Pres., NPMHU L. 300*

10:15 Session 2—Workers Under Attack at Home

Overview. Kim Moody, Labor Journalist; NWU/UAW L.1981*; Labor Notes Policy Cttee.*

West Coast Dockers. Michael Eisenscher, Dir. of Org. Dev., U. Coun., AFT (Berkeley)*; Coordinator, Bay Area Labor Cttee. for Peace & Justice

NYC Postal. Dennis O'Neil, Leg. Dir., NY Metro Area Postal U., APWU*

NYC Transit. Marty Goodman, Exec. Bd., TWU L.100*

Immigrant Workers. Bhairavi Desai, Staff Org., NY Taxi Workers Alliance

11:00 Session 3—Working Class Resistance–Vietnam War

GIs & Vets. Ben Chitty, PSC-CUNY/AFT L.2334*; USN 1965-1969; Vietnam 1966-1967, 1968; Vietnam Veterans Against the War—Clarence Fitch Chapter

11:15 Break

11:30 Session 4—Working Class Resistance–Today

Ground Zero. Meg Bartlett, EMT-D, emergency medical worker on 9/11; Ground Zero. for Peace

AFSCME. Ray Laforest (see Session 1, above) & Gary Goff, V.P., AFSCME L.2627, DC 37*

AFT. Barbara Bowen, Pres., Professional Staff Congress-CUNY/AFT L.2334

SEIU L.1199. Marilyn Albert, RN; 1199ers for Peace & Justice

TWU. Marty Goodman (see Session 2, above)

Detainees. Gary Goff, V.P., AFSCME L.2627, DC 37*; Justice for Detainees

ALAA/UAW L.2325. Michael Letwin (see Session 1, above)

Upstate NY. Jon Flanders, Pres., IAM L.1145*; Capital District Labor for Peace and Justice (Albany)

California. Michael Eisenscher, Dir. of Org. Dev., U. Coun., AFT (Berkeley)*; Coord., Labor Cttee. for Peace & Justice (Bay Area)

DC. Lynne Turner, ICEM North America*; Labor for Peace & Justice (DC)

Midwest. Marsha Niemeijer, Labor Notes*; Labor Committee for Peace & Justice (Detroit)

G.I.s. Todd Ensign, Dir., Citizen Soldier

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1:15 Session 5—International Labor Solidarity (lunch provided)

Keynote. Barbara Bowen, Pres., Professional Staff Congress-CUNY/AFT L.2334

Iraq. Saad Fayoumi, NYCLAW

ISM in Palestine. Marty Goodman (see Session 4, above).

Palestinian Trade Unionist U.S. Tour. Michael Eisenscher (see Session 4, above)

ISM in Philippines. Amanda Vender, Secy., Newspaper Guild of NY/TNG/CWA*; Network in Solidarity with

the People of the Philippines (NISPOP)

2:15 Session 6—Small Discussion Groups (Moderated)

Brenda Stokely.

4:30 Session 7—Discussion Group Report-Backs

Brenda Stokely.

5:45 Session 8—Concluding Remarks

Brenda Stokely & Michael Letwin

6:00 Reception

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- South Bay Labor for Peace & Justice
- Toronto Trade Unionists Against the War
- •Transit Workers Against the War (NYC)
- Troy Area Labor Council
- Vietnam Veterans Against the War--Clarence Fitch Chapter

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