

# the CORRESPONDER

**TOWARD THE  
10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
CONFERENCE & CONVENTION  
July 25 – 28, 2002, San Francisco, CA  
San Francisco State University  
Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism  
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## **GLOBAL CRISIS - CRITICAL DEBATE ACTION WILL FOLLOW CCDS NATIONAL CONFERENCE & CONVENTION July 25 – 28, San Francisco**

Two back-to-back San Francisco events, July 25-28, promise a real rush for those hopelessly addicted to the politics of peace, justice and equality.

These events will bring together broad sections of the left and the progressive movement to address the urgent crises of our time and to explore how we can build mass movements to overcome them. They will probe the state of the movement in the face of pervasive corporate globalization and the right-wing offensive which has followed the Sept. 11 terror attacks. "We must analyze more deeply in order to act more effectively," the organizers urge.

On Thursday, July 25, a *Symposium on Race and Racism* will feature presentations by Manning Marable, Angela Davis, Tim Wise, Elizabeth Martinez and others. Panels will feature exchanges on "How Capitalism Underdeveloped Black America," "Racism and its Impact on Nationalities in the USA," and "White Racism in the Present Era." There will also be workshops on overcoming racism, the prison/industrial complex, advancing the struggle for economic justice, the meaning of Durban, and the question of reparations. The event is sponsored by Committees of Correspondence Education Fund.

The following three days will showcase a series of discussions under the title, *Strategies for Peace, Equality and Justice in an Age of Globalization*. Each event is structured to permit extensive opportunities for interaction and participation.

Among the questions addressed will be:

⌘ **Economic Justice and Globalization.** Alternatives to the corporate domination of globalization today. Featured speakers: Linda Burnham, Mike Prokosch and a representative of Cuba.

⌘ **Electoral Reform and the Struggle for Democracy.** In the aftermath of the Florida presidential vote and Enron, how to protect the right to vote; electoral campaigns that are independent of corporations and major political parties. Featured speakers: John Nichols, Gus Newport, Medea Benjamin, Mildred Williamson.

⌘ **War, Peace and Democracy.** The Middle East and Afghanistan, and the movements in response. Increased

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### **Symposium July 25, 2002 Race - Concept and Practice The Ongoing Reality of Racism**

On July 25, 2002 – one day before the start of its 10th anniversary conference/convention -- the CofC Education Fund will convene an important symposium on race and racism. The symposium grew out of mounting concern over resurgent racism throughout the country and the world. There is an alarming growth of poverty and violence against the Global South. Police killings in the US continue, as in the case of Timothy Thomas in Cincinnati. Racial profiling, jailing and police brutality grow against African Americans and other oppressed nationalities. There is a deepening crisis -- borne by globalization and recession -- in employment, health care, housing, education and other areas affecting working people of color.

A major concern of the symposium is the need to make an accurate assessment of the status of race today. While race as a biological concept is false, it continues to be a social construction and agency of economic, geopolitical, cultural, judicial, and educational practice aimed at nurturing and reinforcing the material condition of special exploitation that has laid the cornerstone of capitalism.

The United States' economic and

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military supremacy was built on the primitive accumulation of capital through genocide against native peoples and through chattel slavery. Today, racism continues to be a central feature in attacks on the democratic rights of all. It continues to be a special category of subjugation and a systemic relationship from which capital derives super profits in a variety of ways, as well as a constellation of advantages gained through fostering division among working people.

Racism is the ideology and practice of white supremacy. It reinforces the relationships of oppression, embedded in race, and is the philosophical and ideological justification for a bloody history driven by a quest for super profits. The subjugation of African Americans has been the framework for racist assault on all oppressed nationalities. Racism is woven into the history of the United States and remains the principal obstacle to progress for all.

The symposium organizers believe that the construction of race as a fundamental aspect of capitalism needs to be restudied and reaffirmed – especially for a new generation of progressives, many of whom are committed to building an antiracist movement but who do not as yet recognize that racism is rooted in the present economic and social system. Thus, while important work is done in combating prejudicial and supremacist ideas, the vital intersections of race and class are often ignored and the potential for building broad antiracist alliances is yet to be realized.

Charlene Mitchell will outline the scope and objectives of the forum. The status of race today and the conjunctions of race and capitalism will be explored by Manning Marable who will update his classic work "How Capitalism Underdeveloped Black America." Tim Wise will discuss "Racism in the Present Era" and Elizabeth Martinez will speak on "Racism and Its Impact on Nationalities in the USA." Herbert Aptheker will lead workshops of the whole on defining and overcoming racism. Ken Riley, leader of the "Charleston Five," will speak on "Advancing the Fight for Economic Justice." Gina Dent, Fran Beal, and Miriam Ching Louie will discuss issues including the prison industrial complex and the meaning of Durban. Mark Solomon will make some closing remarks. Ample time will be devoted for extended

audience participation which the organizers hope will reflect the breadth and diversity of a regenerated progressive, left, and socialist movement.

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militarism, the attack on civil liberties, the role of the United Nations and other international bodies. Featured speakers: Elaine Hagopian, Leslie Cagan, Rhonda Ramiro, Angela Davis.

**⌘HIP HOP Culture.** Hip Hop as part of the culture of the young generation and what it is all about. Featured speakers: Mael Apollon, Faye Moore, Jess Acostia.

**⌘Beyond Capitalism.** An exploratory approach to perspectives for a new society. Featured speakers: representative of the Party of Democratic Socialism of Germany, Angela Davis, Charlene Mitchell, Barry Cohen.

On Friday, there will be workshops on economic justice and globalization, with groups discussing trade unions, immigrant rights, education, health care, and the living wage movement.

In addition to these plenary meetings, conference participants will meet international guests from the PDS of Germany and several other countries such as Cuba, Brazil, and South Africa.

The "Strategies" conference is sponsored by the Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism (CCDS). CCDS was founded ten years ago in Berkeley, California, by over 1,300 long time activists from a wide range of progressive campaigns and political experiences committed to building a new multi-racial, non-sectarian, multi-issue, pluralist, democratic and socialist organization.

On Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, convention participants will address "CCDS and the Road Ahead." CCDS will continue to map its strategy for participating in the mass movements to construct a humane, socialist, and democratic society.

Plan to be there.

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**Conference / Convention Registration**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention CCDS**  
**Seven Hills Conference Center, San Francisco State University**

Conference Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_ 4 days \$50, or  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 per day  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ (unemployed & students)  
 State \_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ 4 days \$20, or  
 \$5 per day - No one refused for lack of \$\$

Dorm rooms, breakfast included. \$28.50/day double occupancy  
 Housing reservation deadline: \$50.50/day single occupancy  
 June 14, 2002

Please register \_\_\_ people for \_\_\_ days conference and \_\_\_ days (circle one) single / double housing. Check payable to CCDS enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Circle Conf. Days      7/25      7/26      7/27      7/28  
 Circle housing days      7/25      7/26      7/27      7/28

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**CofC Education Fund Symposium**  
***The Concept and Practice of Race and the Ongoing Reality of Racism***  
*Thursday July 25*

8:00 Morning	<b>Registration Opens</b> <b>Welcome; Presentation of Scope and Objectives..... Charlene Mitchell</b>
	<i>Plenary Panel</i>
	<b>How Capitalism Underdeveloped Black America .....Manning Marable</b>
	<b>Racism and Its Impact on Nationalities in the USA.....Elizabeth Martinez</b>
	<b>White Racism in the Present Era.....Tim Wise</b>
	<b>Race, Racism and Immigration.....Miriam Ching Louie</b>
12:00 Afternoon	<b>Lunch</b> <i>Workshops of the Whole-Presentations followed by discussion on each</i>
	<b>Racism: What it Was, What it Is, and How It Can be Overcome.....Herbert Aptheker</b>
	<b>Racism and the Prison Industrial Complex.....Gina Dent</b>
	<b>Advancing the Fight for Economic Justice.....Ken Riley</b>
	<b>The Meaning of Durban – Where Do We Go From Here?.....Fran Beal</b>
5:00	<b>Closing Remarks.....Mark Solomon</b>
6:00	<b>Reception.....Hosted by the Kendra Alexander Foundation</b>

**CCDS CONFERENCE & CONVENTION**  
***Strategies for Peace, Equality and Justice in an Age of Globalization***  
*Friday, July 26*

Morning	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks from the CCDS National Coordinating Committee</b> <b>Plenary Panel and Discussion on Economic Justice and Globalization.</b> <b>Manning Marable, with Linda Burnham, Mike Prokosch, Representative of Cuba</b> Alternatives to corporate domination of globalization today
1:00 Afternoon	<b>Lunch</b> <b>Workshops on Trade Unions, Immigration Rights, Education, Health Care, Living Wage, and Peace, Disarmament and the Military Budget. Panelists include:</b> Ken Riley, David Bacon, , Marilyn Albert, Renee Saucedo, Angela Sambrano, Cathy Tactaquin, Marty Price, Patrice Sewell, Joan Cohen, Claire Carsman, Jim Campbell, Peter Orris, Thelma Correll, Edith Pollach, Amaha Kassa, Harry Targ, Steve Williams, Karen Talbott, Mort Frank, David Cohen, and others TBA.
4:30	<b>Plenary Panel and Discussion on Electoral Reform and the Struggle for Democracy.</b> <b>John Nichols, Gus Newport, Medea Benjamin, Mildred Williamson</b> The protection of the right to vote, ballot access, electoral campaigns that are independent of corporations and major political parties.
7:00	<b>Dinner - <u>A Celebration of the Cuban Revolution</u></b>

	<i>Saturday, July 27</i>
Morning	<b>International Breakfast Forum with International Guests from the Party of Democratic Socialism in Germany; Cuba; South African Communist Party*; PT of Brazil*; Palestine*; Israel*</b> <b>Plenary Panel and Discussion on War, Peace and Democracy</b> <b>Elaine Hagopian, Leslie Cagan, Rhonda Ramiro, Angela Davis</b> September 11 and Bush’s “war on terrorism.” Response to increased militarism, Ashcroft’s attack on civil liberties, the role of the United Nations and other international bodies.
1:00 Afternoon	<b>Lunch</b> <b>Plenary on HIP HOP Culture</b> <b>Mael Apollon, Faye Moore, Jess Acostia</b> Hip Hop as part of the culture of the young generation and what it is all about.
4:00	<b>CCDS Credential and Election Committee Report, Voting Procedures</b>
4:30 – 6:30	<b>Election by ballot vote.</b>
4:30	<b>Plenary on the CCDS organization and the Road Ahead.....Opening Remarks by Mark Solomon</b>
6:30	<b>Dinner</b>
7:30	<b>Evening Cultural Program - Presentation of “Courage Award”</b>

### Procedure for Changing CCDS Bylaws

Changes to the CCDS Bylaws must be distributed to the membership in order to be to be voted upon at the Convention. The National Coordinating Committee decided the Corresponder would be the best vehicle for soliciting and publishing such changes.

The Bylaws were initially adopted at the Chicago Founding Convention in July 1994. They were amended at the Second National Convention in New York City, July 1996. There were no changes to the Bylaws at the Third National Convention in Raleigh, July 1999.

Members can review the current Bylaws of the CCDS on the CCDS web page at <http://www.cofc.org/htm/bylaws.htm>, or by calling or writing the National Office. Members wishing to submit proposed changes should send them to the National Office by June 26, 2002.

### Nominating CCDS Leadership

Members are encouraged to nominate leadership of the CCDS, the National Co-Chairs, and members of the National Coordinating Committee. Any member in good standing from any area of the country is eligible to serve in these capacities. To be nominated, a member must be endorsed by at least 5 members in good standing. All nominees must be CDS members by July 1, 2002.

A form is provided below to assist this process. Members may use it to nominate members they think can best represent and provide leadership to the CCDS. (Nomination forms should be returned to the National Office by July 1, 2002.)

The CCDS is committed to building a leadership body that reflects the racial, national, gender and age composition of the people of our country.

The NCC strongly urges that members accepting nominations agree to make a commitment to attend the meetings of the NCC, which are held in various parts of the country semi-annually.

**Nomination form**  
***National Co-Chair or National Coordinating Committee Member***  
Please return this form to CCDS, 116 W. 111<sup>th</sup> St., New York NY 10026

Nominee for [  National Co-Chair [  National Coordinating Committee

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**The following members of the CCDS endorse the above nominee for the above office:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

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*Sunday, July 28*

- Morning      **The CCDS and the Road Ahead (continued)**  
**Plenary Panel - Beyond Capitalism.**  
**Party of Democratic Socialism of Germany, Angela Davis, Charlene Mitchell, Barry Cohen**  
An exploratory approach to perspectives for the future.
- Noon          **CCDS business, Resolutions**  
**Adjourn**

\*unconfirmed