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Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Representatives from over a dozen unions in Ithaca and Cortland recently met to explore ways in which they might work together to promote the mutual concerns of labor in the region. While many suggestions were made to advance the cause of area unions, some of which are described below, the meeting focused on two topics. First, much of the evening's discussion centered on the need to establish a joint body of Ithaca/Cortland labor unions. The second major focus was labor's involvement in the upcoming 1984 elections. A consensus was reached to give more serious consideration to the idea of forming a labor council and that this body might initially undertake a project of political action and education for 1984.

As mentioned above, other concerns were brought up and should be considered for future action. Among these were suggestions for a library or resource center which could serve, for example, as a clearinghouse on labor legislation or legal referrals; establishing a labor newsletter; planning educational programs for school children as well as programs for our members; and support for each other during negotiations, strikes, or when under attack by union busters.

It was clear from our initial meeting that now is an especially critical time for labor unions to act in a united fashion. Therefore, to further work out the proposals for a labor council and political action, a meeting for all Ithaca/Cortland unions was called for Tuesday, March 8 at 6:15 p.m. in the North Room of the Statler Inn on the Cornell campus. The ILR school will provide dinner for the meeting. Please let Cathy Todd know by no later than March 6 if you or a representative of your union will be able to attend or not. Cathy can be reached at 256-4423.

For all those present at our last meeting, we look forward to seeing you or a delegate from your local on March 8. If you have any further questions concerning the meeting, don't hesitate to call me at 256-4405 (days) or 277-1285 (evenings).

In solidarity,

Jay Hoffman
Jay Hoffman, ILR Extension
On behalf of area unions

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Enclosures

P.S. Enclosed are by-laws developed by local unionists which you may want to read and consider for future action.