

To all Labor Coalition Members:

The other side of this page is a summary of our Plant Closing Legislation - now titled Advance Notice Legislation. In April we jumped the final hurdle before Common Council. We are looking for passage by July. Please acquaint yourself and your Local with this important matter.

Voted on and passed at the April meeting was a Resolution on South Africa: "The Tompkins-Cortland Labor Coalition, recognizing the injustices suffered by the workers in South Africa who are systematically exploited by private interests and subjected to the evil of government-enforced apartheid, supports all groups and individuals who, through acts of conscience, work actively to protest American business and government complicity in South African apartheid. Through this Resolution we call for total divestment from South Africa of all U.S. multi-national corporations in concert with identical demands made by the South African Labor Movement as represented by the Council of Unions of South Africa and the Federation of South African Trade Unions."

Approved at the April meeting was a suggestion that the Coalition meet six times a year instead of the current twelve. These six meetings would be in addition to the Labor Day Rally, the Christmas Party, and the annual meeting with the government representatives. The Steering Committee would continue to meet once a month and emergency meetings could be called at any time. A final vote on this motion will take place at the next meeting. Proposed meetings will be: February, March, April, May, June, Labor Day Rally in September, October meeting with elected officials, November, and the Christmas Party in December.

Nominations received for Steering Committee members at the April meeting were: Oze Richardson, Sue Pentecost-Wall, Tom Joyce, Skye Milliman, Jim Morrissette, Nancy VanOrman, Jim Nichols, Carl Feuer, Charles French, Tom Keane, Cal Bailey, Etta Gray, and Bernie Van Orman. Nominations will also be opened prior to elections at the next meeting.

Finally, the Coalition voted to endorse the 12th World Festival of Youth and Students to be held this summer in Moscow, USSR.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 7:00 P.M., PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS HALL, 701 WEST STATE STREET, ITHACA. STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING: TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 6 P.M.