

Young Socialists Plan to Aid Panthers

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MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 31—

Leaders of the Young Socialist Alliance announced today they would begin the new year with an "all out" campaign to defend the Black Panther Party.

This was part of a 1970 strategy fashioned at a four-day closed-door convention that ended yesterday at the University of Minnesota.

The 1970 program of the Trotskyist-Marxist organization also calls for strengthened relations with foreign Trotskyites as part of an international demand for immediate end of the Vietnam war. It also calls for continued coop-

eration with the anti-war Student Mobilization Committee.

Other planks in the platform back the Women's Liberation Movement, and a stepped-up campus recruitment campaign in competition with the Students for a Democratic Society.

Larry Seigle of Philadelphia, the re-elected national chairman, said he agreed with the call by SDS's Weatherman faction for a union of radicals to "overthrow the racist American power structure," but he added the Young Socialist Alliance doubted that the most effective way was "pitched battles with police in the streets."

YSA also plans a new bi-weekly newspaper for members and a monthly magazine

for a general audience to "meet the thirst for socialist ideas and answers." YSA hopes for 100,000 circulation.

Recruiters will be organized, especially for the South, where YSA has made major breakthroughs, according to Nelson Blackstock of Atlanta, the re-elected national organizer.

Susan LaMont of New York, who succeeded Carol Lipman of Washington, D.C., as national secretary, said there would be women's liberation teach-ins and that YSA would join in January a mass woman's liberation demonstration in New York against "barbaric" abortion laws.

Seigle said Trotskyites from Australia, New Zealand,

France and Denmark will tour American campuses in January and February.

YSA, which claims to have up to 10,000 members, has 4,000 on 250 campuses, Seigle said. He said it had members in 90 high schools.