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"I'm just a feminist who happens to be a socialist," wrote Socialist Workers Party (SWP) candidate for President, Linus Jemenes. With this and similar anti-socialist emotional appeals, operate SWP tried to hold together the fracturing Women's National Abortion Action Coalition at WONAAC's national convention on the weekend of July 25 in Hunter College in New York.

The decline of WONAAC over the last year has been characterized by small and dwindling turnouts for pro-abortion demonstrations, continuing irrelevance by non-SWP liberals and anarchists, and the demonstrative resignation among SWP members that, at WONAAC meetings as in the anti-war movement, they will soon be talking only to themselves.

For instance, the opening convention speeches and pre-conference issues of the WONAAC newsletter noted bitterly that when the New York state legislature recently tried to repeal New York's liberal abortion law, the Catholic Church hierarchy and some demagogue legislators mobilized thousands upon thousands of marchers, while the pro-abortion forces led by WONAAC could turn out only 1,000. As an added humiliation away from WONAAC's point of view, the liberal law, which has helped to guard the health and safety of hundreds of women, was saved only by the veto of Governor Rockefeller, who is a capitalist and, worse, a man.

These and similar setbacks have shorn WONAAC from an attendance of 150 at its first national convention a year ago, to less than 500, despite an all-out mobilization of SWP members, at the Hunter College gathering last weekend. Even by its own standards of opportunities (recruiting on any basis possible), the SWP must now realize that WONAAC is played out.

Perhaps the SWP is therefore ready to allow the "separate women's movement" nonsense, and instead demand women's solidarity in the defense of the whole working class. Not by a long shot. In fact, all proposals by members of the National Caucus of Labor Committees, that WONAAC begin to organize support for, strikes in common with welfare recipients and trade unionists, were ignored. The conference blindly voted instead to continue the isolated battle for "women's needs," despite the proven hopelessness of that strategy.

SWF co-chairman Debby Austin unconsciously but accurately summed up the SWF's resolution for more separatist demonstrations and meetings which the conference finally passed: "If you don't think that women are going to want to get out there (in the streets),... then you're searching for a convincing patch line"... well, I'll be out there if no one else will!"

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Surely Abzug should join the socialist element; but if the SWP limits WONAAC to refusal of the SWP claim to be socialist.

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Labor-Demo Alliance Folds - Meany Goes Down With Ship

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