

MINUTES OF THE 14th NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF THE YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

St. Louis, Missouri, December 28, 1974 - January 1, 1975

CONVENED SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1974 at 1:15 p.m.

Convened by Pulley

Proposal by Pulley: That Moorhead chair the session.

Moved

Carried

I. ORGANIZATION OF THE CONVENTION

Following proposals by Welch for the National Committee:

1. That in cases of procedural disputes there be one speaker for the motion and one against the motion with time limit of two minutes each.

Moved

Carried

2. To adopt the following agenda:

- a. Organization of the Convention
- b. International Report
- c. Political Report
- d. Election Campaign Report
- e. Fight Against Racism in Boston Report
- f. Chicano Struggle Report
- g. Organization Report
- h. Reports on the Internationalist Tendency Split
- i. Constitution Commission Report
- j. Credentials Commission Report
- k. Press Report
- l. Election of the National Committee

Moved

Carried

3. That there be the following special presentations:

- a. Expansion of the Socialist Movement, led by Welch
- b. Puerto Rican Struggle, led by Perez
- c. Panel: International Defense Campaigns, led by Coren
- d. Panel: Women's Liberation, led by Gersh

Moved

Carried

4. That the following workshops, fractions and panels take place:
- a. Defense of Iranian Political Prisoners, led by Miah
 - b. Defense of Soviet Political Prisoners, led by Clark
 - c. Defense of Latin American Political Prisoners, led by Lloyd
 - d. Recruiting to the YSA, led by Hildebrand
 - e. Organizing Strike Support, led by Finkel
 - f. What is Socialism, led by Friedman
 - g. Black Struggle, led by Dixon and Miah
 - h. Puerto Rican Struggle, led by Perez
 - i. Young Socialist Teams and Regional Work, led by Coren
 - j. Student Government, led by Clark
 - k. Finances, led by Gersh and Welch
 - l. The YSA's Fight for Democratic Rights, led by Wattenmaker
 - m. Chicano Struggle, led by Rodriguez and Perez
 - n. Women's Liberation, led by Gersh
 - o. Sales, led by Wattenmaker
 - p. Socialist Education, led by Hildebrand
 - q. Election Campaigns, led by Finkel
 - r. How the YSA is Organized, led by Friedman
 - s. International Panel, led by Lloyd

Moved

Carried

5. To approve the schedule as written (see attached).

Moved

Amendment by Graumann: That the Report on the Internationalist Tendency Split be scheduled after the Organization of the Convention and before the International Report.

Moved

Speaker Against: Miah

Defeated

Vote on original motion on schedule.

Carried

Proposal by Graumann: That a member of the Internationalist Tendency be accorded time under the Report on the Internationalist Tendency Split to appeal to the convention.

Moved

Speaker Against: Clark

Defeated

6. That the Presiding Committee consist of members of the outgoing National Executive Committee: Clark, Dixon, Finkel, Hildebrand, Miah, Mirelowitz, Perez, Pulley and Welch; and Coren, Gersh, Rodriguez and Wattenmaker.

Moved

Carried

7. That consultative delegates be outgoing members of the National Committee.

Moved

Carried

8. That fraternal delegates be at-large members elected as specified in the convention call (see attached).

Moved

Carried

9. That special guests be representatives of the Socialist Workers Party and organizations of our international co-thinkers.

Moved

Carried

10. That there be a Nominating Commission composed as follows:
1 delegate from the Eastern Pennsylvania Region, 1 from the Western Pennsylvania Region, 1 from the Mid-Atlantic Region, 2 from the Michigan-Indiana Region, 1 from the Ohio-Kentucky Region, 3 from the New York/ New Jersey/ Connecticut Region, 1 from the Texas-Oklahoma-Arkansas Region, 1 from the Rocky Mountain Region, 2 from the Northern California Region, 3 from the Southern California Region, 2 from the Illinois-Wisconsin Region, 1 from the Missouri-Kansas Region, 1 from the Oregon Region, 1 from the New England Region, 1 from the Upper Midwest Region, 1 from the Southeast Region and 1 from the Washington Region.

Moved

Carried

11. That the Nominating Commission be chaired by Bombaro and Ugolini, each with voice and no vote.

Moved

Carried

12. That there be two convention secretaries, Wald and Hieber.

Moved

Carried

13. That Linder chair a Constitution Commission of three people, the other two to be elected by the convention.

Moved

Carried

Nominations: **Rayson, McArthur**

Motion: To elect the two nominees.

Carried

14. That Brown chair a Credentials Commission of six people, the other five to be elected by the convention.

Moved

Carried

Nominations: Breen, Hayes, Dean, Hummer, Armstrong

Motion: To elect the five nominees.

Carried

15. That Hendrickson and Satinoff be the convention photographers.

Moved

Carried

16. That the following rules govern convention procedure:

- a. That the National Committee be elected in closed session by secret ballot.
- b. That all other sessions be open to YSA members, Socialist Workers Party members, international co-thinkers and guests.
- c. That the first four days be open to the media.
- d. That the alternate delegates seated in place of absent delegates have voice and vote.
- e. That consultative delegates have voice and consultative vote.
- f. That fraternal delegates have voice and fraternal vote.
- g. That discussion presentations be limited to seven minutes.
- h. That in each discussion period no one may speak twice before each person desiring the floor has had a chance to speak.
- i. That only those delegates seated at the opening of a particular session can vote during the session.
- j. That all voting will be done by voice vote unless a division of the house is called for; then the vote will be taken by a show of delegates' cards.

Moved

Carried

II. INTERNATIONAL REPORT

Reporter: Pulley

Announcement from the Presiding Committee concerning picketing of the convention by the American Nazi Party and the Ku Klux Klan.

Proposal by the Presiding Committee: That fraternal delegates be seated from Durham, New Hampshire and Mankato, Minnesota.

Moved

Carried

Announcements from the Presiding Committee.

Discussion on International Report: Nahen, B. Rayson

Request by Rayson for a 1 minute extension.

Granted

Further Discussion: Freiwirth

Request for a 30 second extension.

Granted

Further Discussion: Taber, Archer

Summary International Report: Pulley

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To approve the general line of the International Report.

Moved

Carried

Announcements from the Presiding Committee.

Proposal from the Presiding Committee: To recess for five minutes.

Moved

Carried

Recessed 3:45 p.m. - Reconvened 3:50 p.m.

Announcement from the Presiding Committee.

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To hear greetings from the Internationalist Communist Party of Greece and the Revolutionary Marxist Party of Sri Lanka.

Moved

Carried

Greetings read to the convention from the Internationalist Communist Party of Greece and the Revolutionary Marxist Party of Sri Lanka.

III. POLITICAL REPORT

Reporter: Miah

Discussion of Political Report: Hillson, Bivins

Request by Bivins for a 4 minute extension. Granted

Further Discussion: Beren, Welsh

Request by Welsh for a 1 minute extension. Granted

Further Discussion: Warren

Request for a 2 minute extension. Granted

Further Discussion: Loew, B. Harris

Request by B. Harris for a 3 minute extension. Granted

Further Discussion: Ford, R. Wright, Olmsted, Kegler

Announcements from the Presiding Committee. (error - see addendum)

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To seat a fraternal delegate from Anes, Iowa.

Moved

Carried

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To hear greetings from the Revolutionary Communist Youth of China and the Revolutionary Marxist Group of Austria.

Moved

Carried

Greetings read to the convention from the Revolutionary Communist Youth of China and the Revolutionary Marxist Group of Austria.

Recessed 9:00 p.m. - Reconvened 9:10 p.m.

Special Point: Presentation on Expansion of the Socialist Movement.

Recessed 10:30 p.m.

RECONVENED SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1974 at 9:40 a.m.

Further Discussion on Political Report: McArthur, Breen

Request by Breen for a 1 minute extension. Granted

Request by Breen for further extension of 15 seconds. Granted

Further Discussion: Severs, Shangold, Fox, Listopad, J. Soares

Request by J. Soares for a 2 minute extension. Granted

Summary on Political Report: Miah

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To approve the general line of the National Executive Committee draft political resolution and of the Political Report.

Moved

Carried

Announcements from the Presiding Committee.

Proposal from Presiding Committee: That L. Jayko chair the next session.

Moved

Carried

IV. ELECTION CAMPAIGN REPORT

Reporter: Finkel

Announcements from the Presiding Committee.

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To hear greetings from the Revolutionary Workers League of Belgium and Matzpan-Marxist of Israel.

Moved

Carried

Greetings read to the convention from the Revolutionary Workers League of Belgium and Matzpan-Marxist of Israel.

Discussion on Election Campaign Report: Knoll, Clayton, Warrick, D. Ellis, Beren, Nebbia, Singer, Bocknan, Hillson, Armstrong

Request by Armstrong for a 1 minute extension. Granted

Further Discussion: Chase, Warren

Announcements from the Presiding Committee.

Recessed 1:00 p.m. - Reconvened 2:20 p.m.

Further Discussion: Potash, B. Rayson, Hieber

Request by Hieber for a 30 second extension. Granted

Further Discussion: R. Mitts, Rosenstock

Announcements from the Presiding Committee.

Further Discussion: Rashkind, Linder, Halverson, Holsinger

Summary Election Campaign Report: Finkel

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To approve the general line of the Election Campaign Report.

Moved

Carried

Announcements from the Presiding Committee.

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To recess for 5 minutes.

Moved

Carried

Recessed 3:35 p.m. - Reconvened 3:40 p.m.

Panel: International Defense Campaigns

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To hear greetings from the Young Socialists/Ligue des Jeunes Socialistes of Canada.

Moved

Carried

Greetings delivered to the convention by Peggy Wallace for the YS/LJS of Canada.

Special Announcement: Presentation on Intercontinental Press

Announcements from the Presiding Committee.

Recessed 4:50 p.m.

Workshops I: 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

RECONVENED MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1974 at 9:30 a.m.

Proposal by Presiding Committee: That R. Berman chair the session.

Moved

Carried

Announcements from the Presiding Committee.

V. FIGHT AGAINST RACISM IN BOSTON REPORT

Reporter: Dixon

Announcements from the Presiding Committee.

Discussion on Fight Against Racism in Boston Report: Mirelowitz

Request by Mirelowitz for a 3 minute extension. Granted

Further Discussion: Nahen, Wixson, Ponoman, Miliner, McCutcheon, Linder

Request by Linder for a 1 minute extension. Granted

Announcement from the Presiding Committee.

Further Discussion: Hill, Stuart, Austin, Manuel.

Request by Manuel for a 1 minute extension. Granted

Further Discussion: Warren, Pettit

Request by Pettit for a 30 second extension. Granted

Further Discussion: L. Garza

Request for a 1 minute extension. Granted

Further Discussion: Van Epp

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To send the following telegram to Comrade C. Lampkin:

Dear Cecil,

We are sorry that you can't be with us at this convention, but know that you are with us in spirit.

We wish you a speedy recovery.

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Moved

Carried

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To hear greetings from the Revolutionary Marxist Group of Canada.

Moved

Carried

Greetings delivered to the convention by Martin Phillips for the Revolutionary Marxist Group of Canada.

Announcements from the Presiding Committee.

Recessed 1:00 p.m. - Reconvened 2:15 p.m.

Further Discussion: Hillson

Request for a 1 minute extension. Granted

Further Discussion: Lord, Lieberman

Summary Fight Against Racism in Boston Report: Dixon

Request by Dixon for a 6 minute extension. Granted

Request by Dixon for a further 30 second extension. Granted

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To approve the general line of the report on the fight against racism in Boston.

Moved

Carried

Announcements from the Presiding Committee..

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To hear greetings from the Socialist Youth Alliance of Australia and the Socialist Workers League of Australia.

Moved

Carried

Greetings from the Socialist Youth Alliance of Australia read to the convention by Peter Green of the Socialist Workers League of Australia.

Greetings delivered to the convention by Peter Green for the Socialist Workers League of Australia.

Special Presentation: The Puerto Rican Struggle, by Perez

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To hear greetings from the Young Communist League of Puerto Rico.

Moved

Carried

Greetings delivered to the convention by Miguel Balbin for the Young Communist League of Puerto Rico.

Recessed 3:30 p.m.

Workshops II: 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Reconvened 7:05 p.m.

Proposal by Presiding Committee: That Bivins chair this session.

Moved

Carried

Special Point: The Case of J.B. Johnson, by Mary Watkins

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To send the following message to J.B. Johnson:

To J.B. Johnson
Penitentiary
Jefferson City, Missouri

Brother Johnson,

The 1,000 delegates and observers gathered here in St. Louis at the 14th National Young Socialist Alliance Convention send you our warmest greetings and wishes for your early release.

We received the news of the December 17 Supreme Court ruling ordering a new trial in your case with great happiness. We join with you and your mother in believing that this ruling is a great victory for you and the countless other victims of racist injustice.

We note, however, that Attorney General Danforth has appealed that ruling and that the courts have denied your petition for bond. We condemn these unjust actions. Believing firmly in your innocence, we demand that Danforth drop his appeal and swiftly proceed with preparations for a new trial which should firmly establish your innocence. We also demand that you be released immediately on bond.

Your five year fight for justice has inspired thousands and shed light on the racist system of injustice and repression in America. Pledging to redouble our efforts on your behalf we demand:

FREE J.B. JOHNSON!

FREE ALL VICTIMS OF RACIST INJUSTICE!

Moved

Carried

VI. CHICANO STRUGGLE REPORT

Reporter: Rodriguez

Discussion on Chicano Struggle Report: Harris, Chapa, Knoll, Barrera, Holsinger, Roper, Mauer, Gonzales, Della-Guistina, Shields

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To extend the discussion to 10:15 p.m.

Moved

Carried

Further Discussion: Allen, Farber, L. Garza

Summary Chicano Struggle Report: Rodriguez

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To approve the general line of the Chicano Struggle Report.

Moved

Carried

Recessed 10:10 p.m.

RECONVENED TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1974 at 9:45 a.m.

Proposal by Presiding Committee: That S. Nebbia chair this session.

Moved

Carried

VII. ORGANIZATION REPORT

Reporter: Hildebrand

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To hear international greetings from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.

Moved

Carried

Discussion on the Organization Report: Bockman, Beren

Request by Beren for a 30 second extension. Granted

Further Discussion: Stephens, B. Rayson, Hillson, Hodgekinson, S. Thomas

Request by S. Thomas for a 1 minute extension. Granted

Further Discussion: L. Jayko, Listopad

Request by Listopad for a 1 minute extension. Granted

Further Discussion: Clayton

Request for a 2 minute extension. Granted

Further Discussion: Prince

Request for a 1 minute extension. Granted

Further Discussion: S. Johnston

Request for a 1 minute extension.

Granted

Further Discussion: Brdar, McArthur

Greetings delivered to the convention by Shoko Mitsujo for the Japan Revolutionary Communist League.

Greetings read to the convention from the Young Socialists of New Zealand.

Greetings read to the convention from the Sattar League of Iran.

Announcements from the Presiding Committee.

Recessed 1:00 p.m. - Reconvened 2:10 p.m.

Further Discussion: Bailus

Request for a 30 second extension.

Granted

Further Discussion: Knoll, Harris, Moorhead

Request by Moorhead for a 30 second extension.

Granted

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To hear greetings from the Juventud Socialista de Argentina after the vote on the Organization Report.

Moved

Carried

Summary Organization Report: Hildebrand

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To approve the general line of the Organization Report.

Moved

Carried

Greetings delivered to the convention by Marta Lopez for the Juventud Socialista de Argentina.

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To send the following message to the Juventud Socialista and the Partido Socialista de los Trabajadores of Argentina:

Dear Comrades,

The 14th National Convention of the Young Socialist Alliance extends its total and active solidarity to you in your continuing fight against right-wing terror in Argentina.

The American Trotskyists have closely followed your work in the class struggle in Argentina. We have watched you stand

up to repeated right-wing attacks, and we have watched with great sadness as seven of our Argentine comrades were murdered over the past year.

We have decided here to redouble our efforts in this country to expose the criminal attacks of the AAA and other right-wing thugs by supporting the campaign of the U.S. Committee for Justice to Latin American Political Prisoners (USLA).

We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Comrade Juan Carlos Coral and have pledged to help USLA build a nationwide tour for him that will get out the real truth about what is happening in Argentina today under the Peronist regime.

Stop the Right-wing Terror!

In solidarity,
14th YSA National Convention

Moved

Carried

Announcements from the Presiding Committee.

Panel: Women's Liberation

Recessed 4:00 p.m.

Workshops III: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

RECONVENED WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1975 at 9:45 a.m.

Proposal by Presiding Committee: That Scherr chair this session.

Moved

Carried

Proposal by the Presiding Committee: To amend the agenda as follows:

- 9:45 - 10:45 Report by the NEC on the Internationalist Tendency Split
- 10:45 - 11:00 Report by the Democratic-Centralist Tendency on the Internationalist Tendency Split
- 11:00 - 11:15 Report on the Internationalist Tendency Split by a supporter of the IEC Majority Tendency
- 11:15 - 1:00 Discussion on Reports on Internationalist Tendency Split
Greetings from the SWP after the vote on the reports

Moved

Carried

VIII. REPORTS ON THE INTERNATIONALIST TENDENCY SPLIT FROM THE YSA

Reporter for the NEC: Clark

Announcements from the Presiding Committee.

Reporter for the Democratic-Centralist Tendency: K. Hill

Report for IEC Majority Tendency Supporters: Graumann

Discussion on reports on the Internationalist Tendency Split:
J. Soares, Mirelowitz

Request by Mirelowitz for a 3 minute extension. Granted

Further Discussion: Knöll, Leibman

Request by Leibman for a 5 minute extension. Granted

Further Discussion: G. Fox

Request for a 1½ minute extension. Granted

Further Discussion: Archer

Request for a 30 second extension. Granted

Further Discussion: B. Rayson

Request for a 30 second extension. Granted

Further Discussion: Millen, Breen, Bak, Nahen, Hayes, Wixson,
McArthur

Announcements from the Presiding Committee.

Recessed 1:00 - Reconvened 2:10 p.m.

Proposal by Presiding Committee: That the convention allot 5 minutes summary time for the Democratic-Centralist Tendency and 5 minutes summary time for the supporter of the IEC Majority Tendency; and that the motions of the DCT and the IEC MT supporter be voted on by the convention even though these delegates are not full delegates or seated alternate delegates.

Moved

Carried

Summary Reports on IT Split: Graumann

Request by Graumann for a 2 minute extension. Granted

Summary Reports on IT Split: K. Hill

Summary Reports on IT Split: Clark

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To approve the general line of the report by Clark for the NEC and to adopt the following motion:

The 14th Young Socialist National Convention commends and upholds the July 5 National Committee decision "acknowledging the split of the Internationalist Tendency from the YSA, and informing members of the Internationalist Tendency that this status places them outside the constitutional provisions for membership in the YSA."

Moved

Motion by K. Hill: The national convention rejects the July 4, 1974 NEC expulsion of the Internationalist Tendency, which was accomplished without the provisions of accused YSA members as stated in Article X of the YSA constitution. This article states that accused members shall be furnished with written charges, shall have the right to a trial, and the right to appeal the trial decision.

2) The National Convention calls for the immediate readmission of all IT members expelled by the YSA NEC on July 4, 1974

3) The National Convention recommends that IT members suspected of indiscipline or disloyalty be afforded their right to establish their innocence. This can best be accomplished by following the mandated procedure contained in Article X of the YSA constitution.

4) The National Convention rejects the assertion that any YSA member or group of members possesses privileges or rights not possessed by the YSA membership as a whole. In particular, the convention rejects the claim that tendencies or factions have the right to publicly present or advocate positions which are at variance with the stated positions of the YSA.

5) The National Convention reaffirms that the YSA is entitled to organize its internal discussion and to determine the forms and limits of such discussion. In particular, the National Convention reaffirms the Leninist position that a tendency or faction can circulate its own internal discussion bulletin only on the condition that it receives the prior approval of the YSA and that its bulletin is made available to the appropriate leadership bodies of the YSA.

6) The National Convention reaffirms the Leninist position that tendency or faction finances, while permitted, must be subordinate to the financial needs of the YSA as a whole.

Motion by Graumann:

1) The action taken by the National Executive Committee (confirmed by the National Committee) in expelling the supporters of the Internationalist Tendency from the YSA without prior notification of charges, a formal hearing, opportunity for defense, or provision for appeal is a violation of the YSA constitution.

2) Therefore, the YSA National Convention rescinds the expulsion of the supporters of the Internationalist Tendency and authorizes the full and immediate reintegration at every level of all IT supporters who have appealed for such reintegration.

Vote on Reports on the Internationalist Tendency Split:

Delegates

for DCT motion:	0
for Graumann motion:	0
for NEC motion:	99
abstentions:	0

Consultative Delegates

for DCT motion:	0
for Graumann motion:	1
for NEC motion:	48
abstentions:	0

Fraternal Delegates

for DCT motion:	1
for Graumann motion:	0
for NEC motion:	5
abstentions:	0

Democratic Centralist Tendency motion defeated.

Graumann motion defeated.

Proposal by the National Executive Committee carried.

Announcements from the Presiding Committee.

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To hear greetings from the Liga Comunista of Spain.

Moved

Carried

Greetings read to the convention from the Liga Comunista of Spain.

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To hear greetings from the Socialist Workers Party.

Moved

Carried

Greetings delivered to the convention by Barry Sheppard for the Socialist Workers Party.

Announcements from the Presiding Committee.

IX. CONSTITUTION COMMISSION REPORT

Reporter: Linder

Proposal by Linder for Constitution Commission: To change the sentence in Article II of the YSA Constitution which reads, " Socialism will mean that for the first time in history, man will control his own creation -- society -- rather than be controlled by it" to "Socialism will mean that for the first time in history, humanity will control its own creation -- society -- rather than be controlled by it."

Moved

Carried

Proposal by Linder for Constitution Commission: To remove the quotation marks from the first paragraph of Article II and to eliminate the second paragraph of Article II, which reads: "From the 'Where We Stand' Declaration of the YSA adopted at the 1963 Convention."

Moved

Carried

X. CREDENTIALS REPORT

Reporter: Brown

Proposal by Brown: To approve the report (see attached).

Moved

Carried

XI. PRESS REPORT

Reporter: Williams

Announcements from the Presiding Committee.

Special Point: Report on Progress of the Expansion Fund

Reporter: Welch

Singing of the Internationale

Recessed 3:50 p.m. - Reconvened 4:05 p.m.

Proposal by Presiding Committee: That Quinn chair the next session.

Moved

Carried

XII. ELECTION OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Reporter for Nominating Commission: Ugolini

Nominations by Nominating Commission read by Ugolini:

Full members of the National Committee:

Alewitz	Miah
Bailey	Mirelowitz
Brdar	Moorhead
Burflend	Oliver
Clark	Perez
Coren	Petrin
Dixon	Potash
Dork	Pulley
Finkel	Quinn
Freiwirth	Rodriguez
Friedman	Roland
Gersh	Scharett
Hildebrand	Ugolini
Johnston	Wattenmaker
Lemon	Welch
Lieberman	Williams
Leibman	Winsten
Manuel	

Alternate members of the National Committee (in ranked order):

1. Bombaro	17. Warren
2. Murphy	18. Farley
3. Linder	19. Loew
4. Rosenstock	20. B. Soares
5. Brown	21. Stuart
6. Bernan	22. Ariza
7. Hillson	23. Bivins
8. Eagan	24. Bride
9. Sorsa	25. Fox
10. R. Wright	26. P. Wright
11. Clayton	27. Vogel
12. Barrera	28. Ostrow
13. Nebbia	29. Vasquez
14. Scherr	30. Ellis
15. Miliner	31. Adachi
16. Tomasko	

Proposal by Ugolini for Nominating Commission: That there be 35 full and 31 alternate members of the National Committee.

Moved

Carried

Proposal by Ugolini for Nominating Commission: That bullet balloting not be allowed.

Moved

Carried

Proposal by Ugolini for Nominating Commission: To elect the alternate members by a two stage vote: first, by electing the 31 members, and second by ranking the list.

Moved

Carried

Floor opened for discussion and further nominations for full members of the National Committee.

No discussion or further nominations.

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To take a voice vote on full members of the National Committee, there being only 35 nominees in all.

Moved

Carried

Vote on full members of the National Committee:

Nominees elected unanimously

Floor opened for discussion and further nominations for alternate members of the National Committee.

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To take a voice vote on alternate members of the National Committee, there being only 31 nominees in all.

Moved

Carried

Vote on alternate members of the National Committee:

Nominees elected unanimously

Proposal by Presiding Committee: To vote by written ballot with a written list of ranked alternates, and that only ballots with 31 names be valid.

Moved

Carried

Proposal by Presiding Committee: That there be a tally committee composed of: Roland, Stevens, P.Wright, Gotesky, Archer, Austin, Libby, Pettit, Mailhot, Chase and White.

Moved

Carried

Vote on alternate members of National Committee:

Reporter for tally committee: Roland

The following is the result of the vote on the ranking of the alternate members of the National Committee:

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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Bombaro | 17. Warren |
| 2. Murphy | 18. Farley |
| 3. Linder | 19. Loew |
| 4. Rosenstock | 20. B. Soares |
| 5. Brown | 21. Stuart |
| 6. Berman | 22. Ariza |
| 7. Hillson | 23. Bivins |
| 8. Eagan | 24. Bride |
| 9. Sorsa | 25. Fox |
| 10. R. Wright | 26. P. Wright |
| 11. Clayton | 27. Vogel |
| 12. Barrera | 28. Ostrow |
| 13. Nebbia | 29. Vasquez |
| 14. Scherr | 30. Ellis |
| 15. Miliner | 31. Adachi |
| 16. Tomasko | |

CONVENTION ADJOURNED 5:30 p.m.

Addendum

Insert: Page 6

Recessed 6:30 p.m. - Reconvened 8:15 p.m.

Further **Discussion:** Pettit, Mailhot, Miliner, P. Wright, Scheer,
Maxton

Announcements from the Presiding Committee.

CREREDENTIALS REPORT - 14th NATIONAL YSA CONVENTION

Total registered: 1031
 Women: 421
 Men: 610

Areas represented: 39 states

Missouri	155	West Virginia	3
New York	144	Rhode Island	2
California	102	Iowa	2
Illinois	95	New Hampshire	3
Pennsylvania	61	Kansas	5
Ohio	51	Nebraska	1
Minnesota	49	Vermont	2
Michigan	47	Mississippi	1
Texas	47	Alabama	1
Massachusetts	41	Oklahoma	1
Georgia	32	Maryland	2
Colorado	30	Virginia	2
Washington, D.C.	29	South Dakota	1
Washington	19	New Mexico	2
Indiana	24	Alaska	1
Wisconsin	22	North Carolina	2
Oregon	16	New Jersey	3
Tennessee	9	Arizona	3
Kentucky	11	Connecticut	4
Utah	4		

Excluding members of the YSA and SWP, there were 143 people at the convention from the Missouri and St. Louis area. This includes suburbs of St. Louis that are in Illinois.

YSA members at the convention: 262
 SWP members at the convention: 169
 Dual members at the convention: 338
 Non YSA or SWP: 260

Length of time in the YSA:

1-6 months 115
 6 months - 1 yr. 52
 1-2 yrs. 100
 2-3 yrs. 105
 3-4 yrs. 100
 4-5 yrs. 76
 over 5 yrs. 50

Conventions attended:

1st: 221 (21%) 12: 4
 2: 128 13: 0
 3: 91 14: 3
 4: 123
 5: 64
 6: 44
 7: 18
 8: 11
 9: 12
 10: 2
 11: 2

Age of convention participants:

15 and under: 7
16-18 years: 74
19-21 years: 212
22-25 years: 413
26-30 years: 197
over 30: 99

youngest person registered: 12 yrs.
oldest person registered: 67 yrs.

Nationalities of convention participants:

Blacks: 68
Chicanos: 18
Puerto Ricans: 6
Asian Americans: 7
Cubans: 2
Native American: 3
Other Latino: 6
Arab: 1
Palestinian: 1
Indian: 2

Students attending the convention:

Jr. High school: 3
High school: 38 (from 12 different schools)
College: 401 (from 115 colleges and universities in
38 states)

Work full time: 331
Work part time: 200

Union members at the convention (from 46 different unions)

Teamsters:	18	AFSCME:	30
1199:	3	OPEIU:	7
Waitresses Union:	1	Operating Engineers:	1
ADT:	11	Electrical Workers:	2
CWA:	4	Retail Clerks:	4
HREBIU:	5	Boilermakers:	4
AFL-CIO:	3	Carpenters:	2
ITU:	5	SEIU:	4
IAM:	1	Pa. Nurses Assoc.:	1
UAW:	7	Analg. Transit Work.:	2
NEA:	7	Construction:	1
RWDSU:	1	UTU:	3
USWA:	1	UFW:	1
Meatcutters:	2	ILWU:	2
Postal Workers:	2	Allied Ind. Trades:	1
AFGE:	1	DWA:	2
Musicians Union:	1	Roofers:	1

Unions (con't)

Seafarers Union: 1	NBAOTU:	1
Int. Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades:		1
Firemen and Oilers:		2
Warehouse, Drivers and Helpers:		1
Educational Broadcasters:		1
Minn. Nurses Association:		1
Electrician and Space Tech.:		1
Labourers International:		1
United Federation of Teachers:		4
IWW:		2
Metal Polishers, Buffers and Plasterers and Allied Workers Trades:		1

Typists: 302

Translators: 161 (translating 17 languages)

Spanish: 46	Japanese:	2
French: 39	Dutch:	1
German: 26	Hindi:	2
Swedish: 1	Arabic:	3
Italian: 2	Danish:	1
Portuguese: 2	Slovene:	1
Polish: 2	Hebrew:	1
Ashanti-Hausa: 1	Serbo-Croatian:	2
Russian: 3		

How people heard about the convention:

Radio: 13	Television:	8
Media: 29	Newspaper:	17
<u>The Militant:</u> 18	<u>Young Socialist:</u>	1
Posters: 5	Mailings:	13
YSA: 102	Pamphlets:	1
Friends: 65	Daughter:	1
Around campus: 2	Many ways:	1
News reports during the convention:		6

Convention Delegates:

Delegate Ages:

Total: 259	under 15	1
Full Delegates: 106	16-18 yrs.	10
Alternate: 98	19-21 yrs.	164
Consultative: 48	25-30 yrs.	26
Fraternal: 7	over 30 yrs.	1

Male: 140
Female: 119

Members of SWP: 201
YSA only: 58

Where delegates are from:

California:	42	Texas:	13
New York:	47	Georgia:	10
Washington:	7	Missouri:	8
Pennsylvania:	17	North Carolina:	2
Ohio:	12	Michigan:	12
Washington, D.C.:	10	Colorado:	8
Massachusetts:	14	Illinois:	14
Indiana:	6	Minnesota:	11
Wisconsin:	6	Oregon:	8
Arizona:	2	Connecticut:	1
Tennessee:	2	Utah:	2
Kentucky:	2	New Jersey:	2
West Virginia:	1		

Nationalities of delegates:

Blacks:	18
Chicanos:	7
Puerto Ricans:	2
Cubans:	2
Asian Americans:	2

Delegates length of time in YSA:

1-6 months:	15
6 months-1 yr.:	12
1-2 yrs.:	33
2-3 yrs.:	52
3-4 yrs.:	55
4-5 yrs.:	54
5 yrs. and over:	37

Conventions attended by delegates:

1st:	27
2:	37
3:	35
4:	61
5:	39
6:	17
7:	3
8:	2
9:	3

Students:

High School:	3
College:	112 (from 61 campuses)
Student Govern- ment members:	5

Work full time:	74
Work part time:	60

Unions represented: 18

Messages Received

I. From the Revolutionary Marxist Party, Ceylon (Sri Lanka) Section of the Fourth International

The Revolutionary Marxist Party extends revolutionary greetings to the Fourteenth National Convention of the Young Socialist Alliance.

We recall with pleasure the short visit of the present National Chairman of the YSA to Ceylon in July, 1970. His speeches at the Colombo and Vidyodaya campuses and at a public meeting organized by our party in support of the historic struggle in Vietnam against the armed might of U.S. Imperialism and its allies were very well received. A few months after Comrade Pulley's visit, in April 1971, the revolutionary youth movement headed by the Janatha Vinukthi Peranuna was crushed by the mass imprisonment of over 18,000 youth and the mass killing of unnumbered thousands of others. Some of those killed and many of those who were imprisoned were in the audiences that Comrade Pulley addressed when he was here.

Since the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Vietnam, domestic issues like the Watergate scandal and the mounting inflation and unemployment in the United States have undoubtedly assumed great importance for the revolutionary youth in the YSA. Nevertheless, we appreciate the fact that the YSA continues to maintain an active interest in revolutionary movements and struggles taking place outside the United States, and especially in Latin America.

We look forward to continuing interest on the part of the YSA in the extremely difficult struggle that we are conducting in Ceylon for the rebuilding of the Left Movement, under the banner of revolutionary Marxism, following the betrayal of the traditional Left movement by the Lanka Sama Samaja Party, and the virtual liquidation of the new Left movement that emerged amongst the student and semi-proletarian rural youth in that situation, under the leadership of the Janatha Vinukthi Peranuna.

The advancement of the struggle for socialism in the United States is of vital importance to the very survival of revolutionary movements in countries like ours, having regard to the counter-revolutionary power and influence that is wielded by the ruling class in the United States against such movements, to undermine and crush them by all possible means.

Since the YSA and we march under the banner of the Fourth International, we trust that the divergences that now exist within the ranks of the International will not stand in the way of decisions being taken at the YSA National Convention that will contribute to the strengthening of the unity of the International and to closer collaboration between the YSA and ourselves in the struggle for the

Socialist revolution.

With warmest fraternal regards,

/s/ Bala Tanpoc
Secretary
Revolutionary Marxist Party

II. From the Internationalist Communist Party of Greece, Greek
Sympathizing Organization of the Fourth International

Dear Comrades,

We received your invitation for the Fourteenth National Convention of the Young Socialist Alliance which is going to be held in St. Louis from Dec. 28 to Jan. 1. We thank you very much, but neither our forces nor our economic situation permit us to send a representative, although it would be of great importance to us.

We greatly appreciate your struggle toward building the revolutionary party of the United States: the Fourth International and theoretical and ideological clearance of the revolutionary socialist movement.

The Internationalist Communist Party of Greece wishes the success of the Fourteenth National Convention of the YSA as a step towards our victory.

With our warmest revolutionary greetings.

Conradely,
Central Committee
Internationalist Communist Party
of Greece

III. From the Revolutionary Marxist Group, Austrian Section of the
Fourth International.

Dear Comrades,

The Austrian revolutionary Marxists send you fraternal greetings on the occasion of the YSA National Convention. Unfortunately, for financial reasons we are not in a position to send a representative to get an on-the-spot view of the work of your convention.

The United States of America is the strongest pillar in the world imperialist system; Austria is a small piece in the ruling class's mosaic, and thus stands at the other extreme. The conditions under which our two organizations work are extremely different. Nevertheless, as the crisis of the world capitalist system deepens, it becomes increasingly clear that the international organization of revolutionaries is the prerequisite for revolutionary politics in individual countries. This road may be long and difficult, but

it is the only road that leads to the goal. Thus we know that the work and progress of the American revolutionaries affects even us in the most far-removed corner of Europe.

Hence we send you our greetings as an expression of the unity in struggle we are working to attain and our common work in building the Fourth International!

Long live the American revolution!

Long live the world socialist revolution!

Political Bureau
Revolutionary Marxist Group

IV. From the Sattar League, Iranian Sympathizing Organization of the Fourth International

Comrades,

The 14th national convention of the Young Socialist Alliance takes place at a time when the YSA is engaged in a very important struggle to defend democratic rights in general, and particularly the rights of revolutionary socialists to exist and be heard without government harassment in the United States.

As you are aware, under the dictatorial regime of the shah of Iran, democratic rights are under attack. Civil liberties organizations have exposed the government's brutal, inhumane, and systematic use of torture. In the past two years alone over 200 militants have been executed in cold blood. Today the shah's jails are filled with more than 25,000 political prisoners. Recent government attacks on Iranian intellectuals have resulted in jailing many of our country's best writers and poets. In the face of the intensification of the class struggle, the workers demands are answered with bayonets and bullets -- made in the USA.

For some time now, in response to the shah's repression, Iranian students all over the world have been campaigning to mobilize international public opinion, and bring the truth about the situation of terror in Iran. The YSA can be proud of its consistent efforts to be an active part of this campaign to free the shah's political prisoners. In our opinion this is a concrete demonstration on the long-standing record of proletarian internationalism, and of the traditions of the Fourth International.

Iran is a multi-national country. Yet one culture and one language is allowed. Recognizing that the struggle of the oppressed nationalities is an integral part of the proletarian revolution, we salute the YSA for its campaign against the racists in Boston who deny Black people the right to an education. The solidarity movement which the YSA has committed itself to building will be an important example to all nationalities, who are fighting to gain the

right to control their lives. We, for our part, choose this occasion to declare our total support to that solidarity movement.

LONG LIVE THE YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE!

LONG LIVE THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL!

Political Committee
Sattar League

V. From the Revolutionary Workers League, Belgian Section of the Fourth International

Dear Comrades,

We wish the YSA a very good National Convention, the more that the issues discussed are of major importance in the development of the YSA and the whole world Trotskyist movement. We ask you to pass our best greetings to the delegates and the observers in our name and in the name of the Socialistische Jonge Wacht-Jeune Garde Socialiste. We can communicate to the comrades that our organization is developing very rapidly through a national Chile campaign with several public meetings, a national meeting and a national demonstration (at each 4,000 participants), through the building of a national workers conference in defense of the union rights and the right to strike, through a solidarity campaign with the dockers-trial, where dockers of the Antwerp port are judged on facts of their six weeks strike last year. Besides we are intervening regularly in the on-going strikes and in several unions where our influence is growing on a national scale. We hope that the convention can bring big steps forward in the construction of a revolutionary leadership in the USA, and this in the cadre of a strong and firmly united Fourth International.

Comradely,
/s/ Eric Corijn
Revolutionary Workers League

VI. From the League of Revolutionary Marxists, Swedish Section of the Fourth International

Comrades,

The deepening of the economical and political crises on a world-wide scale forces all revolutionaries to face the urgent task of international solidarity and unity in action. When the YSA now holds its National Convention in the heart of the imperialist system we -- the League of Revolutionary Marxists, Swedish section of the Fourth International -- are anxious to support the sharpening of your political weapons. The Trotskyist movement in the USA has a special responsibility and weight in the international class-struggle, and we know that this makes heavy international support neces-

sary. We therefore regret that we are not able to send a representative to the convention, but we give you in this way our revolutionary greetings. Let the convention be a step forward for the Trotskyist movement! Long live the Fourth International!

Political Bureau
League of Revolutionary Marxists

VII. From the Young Socialists of New Zealand

TO THE YSA:

The New Zealand Young Socialists sends its warmest revolutionary greetings to the 14th national conference of the Young Socialist Alliance meeting in St. Louis. We are confident that you will continue to map out a revolutionary program able to lead American youth in the struggle for a democratic and socialist United States. Likewise, we are confident that your activities in the months ahead will continue to provide an example for radicalizing youth around the world.

In New Zealand the Young Socialists is presently engaged in building its founding conference, to be held this coming April. Our founding conference will mark the culmination of two years' experience and growth by New Zealand's first Trotskyist youth organization. The example set by the YSA during your past fourteen years is one that we will be proud to try and follow in the years ahead.

Likewise, following the example set by your publication, the Young Socialist, the Trotskyist youth in New Zealand are soon to begin their own publication, a Young Socialist magazine. Through our magazine and our founding conference, we aim to reach out and win greater numbers of young people to our movement.

In 1936, an international conference of Trotskyist youth groups declared: The "elements of the proletarian youth movement basing themselves on the Fourth International will, without neglecting the special conditions of their respective countries and their work, find ways and means to exchange and share their experiences, to learn from each other, and to jointly march forward to new victories."

This task remains with us today.

The recent upheavals in Thailand, Greece, Portugal, Ethiopia and presently in Malaysia, show that the world-wide youth radicalization remains a major factor in international politics. The important role played by students and working youth in the many radical upsurges of the past year shows that the need to build revolutionary socialist youth organizations continues to be a pressing task for the world Trotskyist movement.

As our organization grows and is strengthened we hope to col-

laborate to an increasing extent, to help carry out this task, with our comrades in the YSA.

The Young Socialists wishes you every success for the coming year in your campaigns and activities to build the YSA and advance the cause of socialism.

Revolutionary Greetings,
/s/ Mike Tucker
National Secretary
Young Socialists

VIII. From Matzpan-Marxist, Israeli Section of the Fourth International

We are happy to send to your convention our fraternal and internationalist greetings and our wishes that it will be a very productive meeting....

The crisis of the Zionist state is becoming deeper and deeper. And the question of an anti-Zionist leadership is much more necessary than ever before. To that objective -- the building of a leadership of the socialist Arab revolution inside Israel -- we have today to give all our effort.

But the struggle against Zionism is also the duty of our American comrades. The total dependence of Israel on U.S. economic, political, and military support makes the task of fighting Zionism inside the United States a real priority.

Comrades of the YSA, you have fought Zionism in the past when it was very difficult, when you were totally isolated in that area. We are sure that you will continue now when the crisis of the Zionist state is becoming evident to many more American workers than in the past.

Long live the Young Socialist Alliance!

Long live the Fourth International!

IX. From the Socialist Youth Alliance of Australia

The Socialist Youth Alliance in Australia sends its warmest revolutionary greetings to the Fourteenth National Convention of the Young Socialist Alliance. We regret that we were not able to send a representative to deliver the greetings personally.

In Australia we have watched with interest the development and activity of the Young Socialist Alliance. Since our organization was founded four years ago we have been able to look to the example set by the YSA in aiming to provide revolutionary leadership for the struggles of youth in the United States, and find inspirati

and guidance for our work in this country. It is no overstatement to say that we have attempted to model ourselves in the traditions established by the Young Socialist Alliance.

In the common task we face of building Trotskyist youth organizations actively involved in and leading the struggles of young people against world imperialism, we have been able to share many experiences. The tours of Australia by comrades from the Trotskyist movement in the United States, and the visits of our comrades to your country, have been of great benefit to our movement here, emphasizing the bond of internationalism which exists between us even though we are on opposite sides of the globe. Our common work in defense of the Vietnamese revolution stands out as one practical illustration of this international collaboration.

We have followed keenly the work of the YSA in recent times, from the campaign to expose the real meaning of Watergate and the decadence of capitalist politics, to the campaign against the racist attacks on the Black community in Boston. We look forward with enthusiasm to the launching of the 1976 presidential election campaign by the U.S. Trotskyists and the posing of a working class opposition to the Republican and Democratic parties.

In Australia we face the situation where the Australian Labor Party is in government, claiming to represent the interests of the working class. Our aim has been to expose the rotten reformism of the ALP whose policies are directed against the interests of the working people and other oppressed sections of society, in favor of Australian capitalism. Our demand is that the ALP implement socialist policies on all fronts, in particular in regard to unemployment and inflation.

In the coming months the Socialist Youth Alliance intends to involve itself deeply in the campaign to repeal the abortion laws, making abortion a woman's right to choose, the fight against the oppression of Australian Blacks, international solidarity campaigns like the defense of Chilean political prisoners, and upcoming struggles on the campuses and in the schools.

The Socialist Youth Alliance sends you its best wishes for success in your conference.

FORWARD TO THE WORLD SOCIALIST REVOLUTION!

LONG LIVE THE YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE!

LONG LIVE THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL!

National Executive
Socialist Youth Alliance
Australia

X. From the Revolutionary Communist Youth of China

Dear Comrades,

Taking the chance of the holding of the Fourteenth National Convention of the Young Socialist Alliance, in which American young revolutionaries and others coming around the world will exchange their experience and will discuss the strategy of the youth movement at the center of imperialism, we want to announce the re-establishment of the Revolutionary Communist Youth.

A Preparatory Committee for reconstructing the Revolutionary Communist Youth (RCY) was formed in November 1974. There was a RCY founded in 1941. It was a Trotskyist youth organization fraternal with the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP), the Chinese section of the Fourth International. The RCY fused to the RCP in 1954. It has not ever been rebuilt until last November.

Because of years of deepening politico-economic crisis of capitalism, struggles of masses rise throughout the world. Broad layers of the young generation have already mobilized and plunged into various fields of struggles. So as in Hong Kong, the youth radicalization evolved at the beginning of the 1970s. Through their own struggles and experiences, many of the radicalizing young people began grasping the nature of capitalism, and thus the nature of colonialism and imperialism. At the same time, the militancy of these young people always comes into conflict with the conservative, reactionary and treacherous policies of the Maoists. Their challenge to Maoism and their hostility to the colonial rule lead many of these young militants to come near to revolutionary Marxism.

The mobilization and struggle of youth provides the revolutionary party with excellent opportunities to recruit new elements. Nevertheless, the weakness of the youth movement should not be neglected. Because of the lack of a mass revolutionary party, and because of the lack of a mass base of their struggles, many impatient young men are infected with sectarianism and ultraleftism, or even become dispirited and disappear from the political scene. Their intent to "politicize" the mass struggle leads them further away from the real struggles of the masses and has already led many struggles into defeat.

Ideological differentiations among the youth at the same time widen. Anarchists, social democrats, Maoists and revolutionary Marxists, all win new elements to their own camps.

Thus it is compulsorily necessary to build a centralized youth organization, guided by a revolutionary Marxist program, in order to direct effective interventions in the youth milieu, to lead the ideological struggles and finally to win the best young militants to revolutionary Marxism. To organize, educate and recruit young revolutionaries around the Trotskyist youth organization has become the central task of revolutionary Marxists here.

The Revolutionary Communist Youth wants to express its warmest greetings to this convention. As you know very well the Trotskyist movement came into existence as the most consistent force defending and struggling for internationalism. We deeply believe that, without international collaboration, national groups could hardly be built or grow. Therefore, we very much regret that we can not send a representative to the convention, which, in the presence of its widely represented participants, is in fact a lively symbol of internationalism.

The Revolutionary Communist Youth, although we can not send a representative to the convention, also wants to pledge its wholehearted wishes to a successful discussion of the topics placed on your agenda.

Revolutionary Communist Youth
China

XI. From the Liga Comunista, Spanish Sympathizing Organization of the Fourth International

The companeros of the Liga Comunista, sympathizing organization of the Fourth International in Spain, sends revolutionary greetings to the 14th National Convention of the YSA.

We regret that we were not able to send somebody to your convention at this time, but our revolutionary tasks and opportunities are very great and the conditions very repressive.

We must work almost completely underground, talking to people individually, taking care that they are not agents of Franco's political police. Even though the conditions are repressive we are able to occupy an important place in the movement in Spain.

We know that we do not have enough strength or influence to lead the class struggle at this time, so we propose to the Communist Party and other left groups a united front, independent of the bourgeoisie to confront the attacks of Francoism.

On the contrary, the Communist Party proposes a kind of popular front which they say can secure some democratic rights, just like they said about Chile. We say that only the independent action of the working class and their allies can win and secure real democratic rights.

Our political work involves work in the factories, in the neighborhoods, universities and high schools -- where we are the main force. Right now there are strikes of bank workers where our tasks are very important. In the high schools and universities we worked to build solidarity with the last SEAT auto workers strike in Barcelona.

When the leaders of the SEAT strike were jailed, the workers again went out on strike and marched through the city. They were attacked by the police, but they went on anyway and eventually won the release of their leaders.

We presented our program of how to build a solidarity campaign to a mass meeting of students at the University of Barcelona and it was accepted. The university went on strike for four days. At this time, our recruitment has increased very much. The companeros don't have enough time to contact all the people who are asking for information about our group. Many students ask for our paper, Combate, which cannot be sold openly.

Like the rest of the capitalist world, Spain is in an economic crisis. Prices are rising, factories are being shut down, there is increasing unemployment. All these attacks are on the workers and oppressed classes.

At the same time the people are becoming more conscious and more willing to struggle against the attacks of the capitalist dictatorship. As the crisis of capitalism deepens and the consciousness of the people grows, Francoism, seeing its end, tries to stop what cannot be stopped, by increasing repression, breaking strikes, putting workers' organizers in jail, attacking demonstrations -- which can last for only 5 or 10 minutes -- torturing political prisoners, it tries to stop the fight for a better society, for the socialist revolution that we are fighting for -- all of us.

We know that a socialist society can only be built on a world scale. The fight for socialism must also be waged on a world scale, thus building the Fourth International and its national sections are our most important tasks.

The YSA, as an independent Trotskyist youth organization can serve as a model for us, because of its experience and the role that it plays in the United States and because of its high level of organization.

At the same time that your organization can serve as a model, you can help us in our struggle against Francoism by continuing your solidarity with the victims of repression, particularly the campaign for the freedom of the political prisoners. This is a concrete example of international solidarity, of internationalism, which is the foundation of our movement and which inspires us to believe that our struggle for world socialist revolution will be victorious.

LONG LIVE THE YSA!

LONG LIVE THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL!

Liga Comunista
Spain

XII. From Andre Cirkelis, Field Organizer, Local 888, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, San Francisco, Calif.

One of the key demands of our boycott against Coors beer is for an affirmative action program to overcome the years of systematic discrimination and exclusion of minorities from employment. We in Local 888, International Brotherhood of Teamsters have learned from bitter experience that workers with a light skin cannot begin to defend their class interests while workers with Black and Brown skin are permitted to suffer intensified exploitation and oppression.

For too many years the American trade union movement has been guilty of empty tokenism if not outright racist policy. Now the trade union movement cannot begin to defend itself in the upcoming great economic and social struggles without a decisive and profound turn toward the cause of the super exploited sections of the working class.

I am pleased to greet the Young Socialist Alliance in convention today in St. Louis as an organization along with the Socialist Workers Party that has been among the clearest and most consistent exponents of this principle of class solidarity. I want to particularly thank you for your support to our struggle for affirmative action against Coors' racist employment practices. Boycott Coors beer.

In solidarity,

Andre Cirkelis
Field Organizer
Local 888, IBT
San Francisco, California

14th YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE NATIONAL CONVENTIONCONVENTION SCHEDULE

<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
<u>SATURDAY</u>	
1:00 - 1:30	Organization of Convention
1:30 - 2:30	International Report
2:30 - 3:30	Discussion
3:30 - 3:45	Summary
3:45 - 4:45	Political Report
4:45 - 6:30	Discussion
6:30 - 8:00	Dinner
8:00 - 9:00	Discussion
9:00 - 10:00	Presentation of Expansion Fund
<u>SUNDAY</u>	
9:30 - 10:30	Discussion
10:30 - 10:45	Summary
10:45 - 11:45	Election Campaign Report
11:45 - 1:00	Discussion
1:00 - 2:00	Lunch
2:00 - 3:15	Discussion
3:15 - 3:30	Summary
3:30 - 4:30	Panel: International Defense Campaigns
4:30 - 6:30	Workshops I
6:30 - 8:00	Dinner
8:00 - 11:00	Socialist Workers Campaign Rally
<u>MONDAY</u>	
9:30 - 10:30	Fight Against Racism in Boston Report
10:30 - 1:00	Discussion
1:00 - 2:00	Lunch
2:00 - 2:30	Discussion
2:30 - 2:45	Summary
2:45 - 3:30	Puerto Rican Struggle Presentation
3:30 - 5:30	Workshops II
5:30 - 7:00	Dinner
7:00 - 8:00	Chicano Struggle Report
8:00 - 9:45	Discussion
9:45 - 10:00	Summary
<u>TUESDAY</u>	
9:30 - 10:30	Organization Report
10:30 - 1:00	Discussion
1:00 - 2:00	Lunch
2:00 - 2:30	Discussion
2:30 - 2:45	Summary
2:45 - 3:00	Greetings from the Socialist Workers Party
3:00 - 4:00	Panel: Women's Liberation
4:00 - 6:00	Workshops III
6:00 - 8:00	Dinner
8:00 - 1:00	New Year's Eve Party

WEDNESDAY

9:30 - 10:30	Report on Internationalist Tendency Split
10:30 - 1:00	Discussion
1:00 - 2:00	Lunch
2:00 - 2:15	Summary
2:15 - 2:30	Constitution Commission Report
2:30 - 2:45	Credentials and Press Reports
2:45 - 3:00	Report on Progress of the Expansion Fund
3:00	Singing of "The Internationale"
3:30 - 6:30	Election of the National Committee
6:30 - 7:00	National Committee Plenum

WORKSHOPS I

Defense of Iranian Political Prisoners
Defense of Soviet Political Prisoners
Defense of Latin American Political Prisoners
Recruiting to the YSA
Organizing Strike Support
What is Socialism? (Part I)
The YSA's Fight for Democratic Rights

WORKSHOPS II

Fight Against Racism in Boston
Puerto Rican Struggle
Regional Work and Young Socialist Teams
Student Government
Finances
Election Campaign
What is Socialism? (Part II)

WORKSHOPS III

International Panel
Chicano Struggle
Women's Liberation
Sales
Socialist Education
How the YSA is Organized
Black Struggle

PROPOSED

ORGANIZATION OF THE CONVENTION

Proposal: To adopt the following agenda:

1. Organization of the Convention
2. International Report
3. Political Report
4. Election Campaign Report
5. Fight Against Racism in Boston Report
6. Chicano Struggle Report
7. Organization Report
8. Report on the Internationalist Tendency Split
9. Constitution Commission Report
10. Credentials Report
11. Press Report
12. Election of the National Committee

Proposal: That there be the following special presentations:

1. Expansion of the Socialist Movement, led by Welch
2. Puerto Rican Struggle, led by Perez
3. Panel: International Defense Campaigns, led by Coren
4. Panel: Women's Liberation, led by Gersh

Proposal: That the following workshops, fractions and panels take place:

1. Defense of Iranian Political Prisoners, led by Miah
2. Defense of Soviet Political Prisoners, led by Clark
3. Defense of Latin American Political Prisoners, led by Lloyd
4. Recruiting to the YSA, led by Hildebrand
5. Organizing Strike Support, led by Finkel
6. What is Socialism, led by Friedman
7. Black Struggle, led by Dixon and Miah
8. Puerto Rican Struggle, led by Perez
9. Young Socialist Teams and Regional Work, led by Coren
10. Student Government, led by Clark
11. Finances, led by Gersh and Welch
12. The YSA's Fight for Democratic Rights, led by Wattenmaker
13. Chicano Struggle, led by Rodriguez and Perez
14. Women's Liberation, led by Gersh
15. Sales, led by Wattenmaker
16. Socialist Education, led by Hildebrand
17. Election Campaign, led by Finkel
18. How the YSA is Organized, led by Friedman
19. International Panel, led by Lloyd

Proposal: To approve the schedule as written.

Proposal: That the Presiding Committee consist of members of the outgoing National Executive Committee: Clark, Dixon, Finkel, Hildebrand, Miah, Mirelowitz, Perez, Pulley and Welch; and Coren, Gersh, Rodriguez and Wattenmaker.

Proposal: That consultative delegates be outgoing members of the National Committee.

Proposal: That fraternal delegates be at-large members elected as specified in the Convention Call.

Proposal: That special guests be representatives of the Socialist Workers Party and organizations of our international cothinkers.

Proposal: That there be a Nominating Commission composed as follows: 1 delegate from the Eastern Pennsylvania Region, 1 from the Western Pennsylvania Region, 1 from the Mid-Atlantic Region, 2 from the Michigan-Indiana Region, 1 from the Ohio-Kentucky Region, 3 from the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut Region, 1 from the Texas-Oklahoma-Louisiana-Arkansas Region, 1 from the Rocky Mountain Region, 2 from the Northern California Region, 3 from the Southern California Region, 2 from the Illinois-Wisconsin Region, 1 from the Missouri-Kansas Region, 1 from the Oregon Region, 1 from the New England Region, 1 from the Upper Midwest Region, 1 from the Southeast Region, and 1 from the Washington Region.

Proposal: That the Nominating Commission be chaired by Bombaro and Ugolini, each with voice and no vote.

Proposal: That there be two convention secretaries.

Proposal: That there be a Constitution Commission of three people.

Proposal: That Brown chair a Credentials Commission of six people, the other five to be elected by the convention.

Proposal: That Hendrickson and Satinoff be the convention photographers.

Proposal: That the following rules govern convention procedure:

1. In cases of procedural disputes, the discussion shall be limited to two speakers, one for and one against, and that each speaker be limited to two minutes.
2. That the National Committee be elected in closed session by secret ballot.
3. That all other sessions be open to YSA members, Socialist Workers Party members, international cothinkers and guests.

4. That the first four days be open to the media.
5. That the alternate delegates seated in place of absent delegates have voice and vote.
6. That consultative delegates have voice and consultative vote.
7. That fraternal delegates have voice and fraternal vote.
8. That discussion presentations be limited to seven minutes.
9. That in each discussion period no one may speak twice before each person desiring the floor has had a chance to speak.
10. That only those delegates seated at the opening of a particular session can vote during the session.
11. That all voting will be done by voice vote unless a division of the house is called for; then the vote will be taken by a show of delegates' cards.

14th YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE NATIONAL CONVENTION

PROPOSED CONVENTION SCHEDULE

<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
<u>SATURDAY</u>		
1:00-1:30	Organization of Convention	Gold
1:30-2:30	International Report	Gold
2:30-3:30	Discussion	Gold
3:30-3:45	Summary	Gold
3:45-4:45	Political Report	Gold
4:45-6:30	Discussion	Gold
6:30-8:00	Dinner	
8:00-9:00	Discussion	Gold
9:00-10:00	Presentation on Expansion of the Socialist Movement	Gold
<u>SUNDAY</u>		
9:30-10:30	Discussion	Gold
10:30-10:45	Summary	Gold
10:45-11:45	Election Campaign Report	Gold
11:45-1:00	Discussion	
1:00-2:00	Lunch	
2:00-3:15	Discussion	Gold
3:15-3:30	Summary	Gold
3:30-4:30	Panel: International Defense Campaigns	Gold
4:30-6:30	Workshops I	
6:30-8:00	Dinner	
8:00-11:00	Socialist Workers Campaign Rally	Gold
<u>MONDAY</u>		
9:30-10:30	Fight Against Racism in Boston Report	Gold
10:30-1:00	Discussion	Gold
1:00-2:00	Lunch	
2:00-2:30	Discussion	Gold
2:30-2:45	Summary	Gold
2:45-3:30	Puerto Rican Struggle Presentation	Gold
3:30-5:30	Workshops II	
5:30-7:00	Dinner	
7:00-8:00	Chicano Struggle Report	Gold
8:00-9:45	Discussion	Gold
9:45-10:00	Summary	
<u>TUESDAY</u>		
9:30-10:30	Organization Report	Gold
10:30-1:00	Discussion	Gold
1:00-2:00	Lunch	
2:00-2:30	Discussion	Gold
2:30-2:45	Summary	Gold
2:45-3:00	Greetings from the Socialist Workers Party	Gold
3:00-4:00	Panel: Women's Liberation	Gold
4:00-6:00	Workshops III	
6:00-8:00	Dinner	
8:00-1:00	New Year's Eve Party	Boulevard

WEDNESDAY

*9:30-10:30	Report on Internationalist Tendency	Gold
	Split	Gold
*10:30-1:00	Discussion	Gold
*1:00-2:00	Lunch	
*2:00-2:15	Summary	Gold
2:15-2:30	Constitution Commission Report	Gold
2:30-2:45	Credentials and Press Reports	Gold
2:45-3:00	Report on Expansion of Socialist Movement (Progress Report)	Gold
3:00	Singing of "The Internationale"	Gold
**3:30-6:30	Election of the National Committee	Gold
***6:30-7:00	National Committee Plenum	Gold

WORKSHOPS I

Defense of Iranian Political Prisoners	Crystal Room
Defense of Soviet Political Prisoners	Colonial Room
Defense of Latin American Political Prisoners	Mirror Room
Recruiting to the YSA	Ivory Room (I)
Organizing Strike Support	Ivory Room (II)
What is Socialism? (Part I)	Granada Room
The YSA's Fight for Democratic Rights	Cotillion Room

WORKSHOPS II

Fight Against Racism in Boston	Crystal Room
Puerto Rican Struggle	Ivory Room (I)
Regional Work and Young Socialist Teams	Ivory Room (II)
Student Government	Centennial Room
Finances	Colonial Room
Election Campaign	Mirror Room
What is Socialism? (Part II)	Granada Room

WORKSHOPS III

International Panel	Crystal Room
Chicano Struggle	Centennial Room
Women's Liberation	Ivory Room (I)
Sales	Mirror Room
Socialist Education	Colonial Room
How the YSA is Organized	Granada Room
Black Struggle	Ivory Room (II)

- * Not open to the press
- ** Open to delegates only
- *** Open to National Committee members only