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0. NATSEC REPORT. A Portland branch of the I.S. has been organized. The NAC, in recognizing and welcoming the new branch, has proposed that they elect fraternal delegates to the convention (i.e. voice without vote) in view of the fact that the June 1 deadline for convention representation has passed. At the first convention session, the NAC will recommend to the convention that the rule be waived and that the Portland delegates be seated with full voting rights.

#### 1. AMENDMENTS TO CONVENTION DOCUMENTS.

Bradley Amendments to "State of the Unions".

MOTION: To accept the second half of amendment #1 as an addition (i.e. the paragraph on productivity bargaining etc. in retail food industry, and amendment #3 on the CP. (There were some reservations expressed about some of the formulations on the CP and there may be further small amendments to this). PASSED 5-0.

MOTION: To reject the remainder of the amendments. PASSED 5-0.

DF and ML to draft political motivation for rejection for next week. The following substitute amendment was introduced by KM:

On p. 9. between first and second paragraphs, insert:

The social nature of the bureaucracy dictates that its response to the crisis will be uneven. Political tendencies will develop; different individuals and groups will fluctuate from right to left; differences will appear within Internationals as well as between them. Nevertheless, we can see certain overall directions developing in the bureaucracy. All of these, it must be remembered, occur within a class collaborationist, essentially pro-capitalist, framework. While various bureaucrats are more or less consistent or inconsistent class collaborationists, none are even inconsistent class struggle unionists. ACCEPTED ALL FOR.

Miller amendments to Stewart document. Discussion.

Amendment #1 FAILED ~~4-0-1 (MD)~~ 0-4-1 (MD abst.)

Amendment #2 FAILED 1-4 (MD for).

A discussion document opposing Miller's amendments and critique of the PAE is in preparation by KM.

2. NC SLATE. Preliminary discussion without definite conclusions, to be continued.

3. "SOCIAL CONTRACT". Presentation by KM and brief discussion on new anti-labor strategies being developed, based on recent articles in business press, etc.

0. NATSEC REPORT. The Portland branch of the IS is now officially chartered. Report on AFT fraction. MOTION: For full NAC discussion next week on the AFT Convention and differences inside the fraction next week. Written motions will be brought in by KM and JG on convention strategy as the basis for tactical orientations. The NY fraction steering committee to be informed that this discussion will be taking place. PASSED.

Report by JW on Cleveland branch reorganization. The NAC accepts JW's report, with appreciation/.

1. MAOISM CAMPAIGN. Report by JG on progress made, ~~4~~ groups contacted, literature produced and climate of opinion inside the organization in the first six weeks of the campaign initiated by the NC. We have done good work in following up contacts with groups, producing literature etc. but have not yet succeeded in the strategic goal of establishing working relations with industrialized radicals in our industrial work.

Progress report on preparation of class struggle journals approved by the NC will be presented prior to the Convention.

## 2. CONVENTION.

Bradley Amendments. Draft reply by DF and MD to Bradley amendments PASSED ALL FOR. Finances. Long discussion. See report by MD.

~~xx~~ Agenda: Proposed substitute agenda was submitted by CW and BW, which cuts sessions on imperialism and Stalinism to 2 hours and adds session on class struggle unionism.

MOTION: To accept substitute agenda as basis for amendment. PASSED 3-1 (DF against).

AMENDMENT: To extend Stalinism and imperialism discussions to 3 hours. Extension of Imperialism discussion PASSED 3-0-1 (JW abstain); extension of Stalinism discussion PASSED 2-1-1 (JW against, MD abstain).

AMENDMENT(JW): One session on labor will be based on Moody document "State of the Unions". The second session will be a discussion of IS labor perspectives, based on class struggle unionism document and last year's labor perspectives as our established position. On this no votes will be taken unless specific amendments are offered. In each case presentations will be major speeches on our perspective, as opposed to formal presentations limited to the documents. FAILED 1-2-1 (JW for; DF abstain).

3. LA MOTION. Attached with NAC reply.

MOTION OF THE LOS ANGELES BRANCH - Passed by a vote of 11-0 (August 4, 1974)

The NAC motion of July 10, 1974 in response to an earlier motion of the LA branch concerning NAC functioning is totally inadequate and inadmissible (see IS National Report July 1-12, Vol. II § #10).

We are in agreement that a full discussion of this matter should be postponed until after the Convention, at which time we will state our full case against the undemocratic nature and bad politics of recommendation #2 of "State of the Organization" submitted by the NAC to the June NC. However, in the meantime neither the NAC or NC can act just as it pleases in this matter. The second paragraph of Article XI. Membership Rights of the IS Constitution clearly states "There shall be no secret balloting on any committee of the IS. All votes shall be recorded and minutes of meetings except those in executive session shall be made available to all members who request them. All meetings of the NC and NAC are open to all members except when the bodies vote by 2/3 to go into executive session". This is clearly incompatible with the NAC assertion that NAC members have the right not to have their votes recorded. Furthermore Article XII. Amendments of the IS constitution clearly states that "This Constitution may be amended by a membership referendum as described above, or by Convention..." This means that a change such as the one proposed by the NAC would have to be approved by the 1975 Convention or by a membership referendum,  $\frac{1}{2}$  particularly when this is a controversial question in the organization and where the division of opinion in the NAC and the NC may not at all correspond to with the wishes of the IS as a whole.

We are not narrow or pettifogging constitutionalists. We want to decide this question politically. But we also do not wish to be presented with an accomplished fact on the part of the NAC and/or NC before the membership has the right and the opportunity to fully discuss the matter. It was the NAC who unilaterally made these changes and consequently distracted the attention of the membership away from our ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ crucial political tasks. It is we who are against a proposed organizational "solution" to what is in fact a classic problem of political leadership.

Please publish this in the next National Report. Consider this a formal request.

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NAC STATEMENT

The NAC considers itself disciplined by decisions of the NC. Therefore we ~~do~~ intend to abide by the NC motion that the question of internal NAC functioning not be discussed inside the organization until it can be fully debated ~~the~~ following the Convention. However, a brief reply to the charges in the above motion is required.

We have once before noted that the exact content of this motion was presented to the NC and overwhelmingly defeated by a vote of 3-10-3. To make this clear enough so it doesn't have to be repeated in the future: the NC clearly defeated the contention that every NAC member is required to record an oppositional or majority vote on every question which may be voted at a NAC meeting. Since in the entire history of the IS the NAC members have never been required to record their votes if they didn't want to, this decision by the NC was both good sense and in keeping with all past practice. This same past practice - i.e. recording of divisions of motions at the discretion of NAC members, that is when individual members choose to record them - is what we will continue to follow until the debate on our proposal for democratic centralism is completed.

Now the IS Constitution does not say what any given person at a given moment may choose to interpret it as saying. The National Committee, the leading committee in this organization, clearly does not agree with ~~the~~ the above motion, as far as  $\frac{1}{2}$  what the Constitution says. Nor do we believe that is the issue here. To continue a debate of this character is a simple waste of time.



CONVENTION INFORMATION CONTINUED

3. Other important information:

- A. Child Care: There will be child care. We must know one week in advance how many children will use the service, and their ages.
- B. Transportation from the airport: The NO must be notified of airline, flight No. and time, 2 days in advance. If you do not notify the NO, you can expect to take the bus into Highland Park,
- C. If you are coming by car and have ~~xxx~~ sleeping bags, please bring them. You ~~x~~ or another comrade may need one to cushion your body while sleeping
- D. On arrival in Detroit, come first to the NO, if it is between 11:00 am and 7 pm Friday, August 23 for the Summer School, and Thursday August 29, Friday, August 30, Saturday, Sept 1 till 9:30 am. After 7pm or before 11am, call Joe Fine (Housing commissar) at 869-3137 or 862-2892 to find out where you will be staying.
- E.. Convention Registration Times:  
Thursday, August 29: 5:00-7:00  
Friday, August 30: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Saturday, August 31: 9:00-10:00 am
- F. Convention Resolutions: BRING YOUR RESOLUTIONS, ETC WITH YOU. THERE WILL BE OTHERS AVAILABLE, BUT YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THEM.
- List of Resolutions:
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| Decline of American Imperialism | MS |
| Bureaucratic Collectivism       | MP |
| State of the Unions             | KM |
| Working Women, CLUW             | WC |
| The Left                        | JG |
| National Secretary's Report     | MD |
- Bulletins Nos. 50 and 50.5 containing amendments by David Miller to MS, by Kevin Bradley to KM, by DF for the NAC to MP, and NAC discussion rebuttal to Bradley and Miller.
- General Perspectives Discussion Document, in National Report No. Vol II, No. 8

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT August 12, 1974

1. NAC: Our time has been spent almost totally on convention preparations. In addition, last week most of the NO and Detroit Branch were out of town, so the meeting last week took up primarily administrative questions that could not wait until people returned. The rest of our time has been spent primarily on the Maoism campaign, and reports from travelers around the midwest and east coast. JG gave a report assessing the Maoism campaign so far. We have met around 12 groups, in addition to individuals. These include groups in Boston, Albany NY, Washington DC, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Youngstown, Akron, Ann Arbor, Lansing. It is clear that our assessment of the potential here for us is correct. These people by and large ~~are~~ are very serious political people, many with several years experience in industry. They are very impressed with our industrial work, perspectives and strategy, and with Workers Power. The political questions which come up are those of China and Trotskyism. The NAC has been discussing what kind of lit is necessary to take on these questions and how they should be taken on to be most effective. Discussion on this will continue. We also felt that while on the traveling, discussing, and setting up of study groups, etc. we had been doing quite well, we had not done enough to actually involve these groups into activity with us, and that more will have to be done in this area.
2. NO. We have just received a new pamphlet from Pluto Press. The Politics of Lenin by Ginsberg for ~~60x~~ 60¢. It is excellent, very easy to read, and de-mystifies Lenin in a very good way. All branches should order it as it will be quite useful with friends who have questions about Leninism, etc.
3. Northwest: The Seattle Branch held a very successful Educational conference on the Rank and File Movement. 50 people came, including 12 from Vancouver, several from Eugene Oregon, and 10 from Portland.
4. Portland: We have a new branch in Portland of 6 members. They will be active in CLUW and the UFW, and some will be trying to get into priority industries..