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To All YSAers

Dear Comrades,

Enclosed is the call for the Tenth National Convention of the YSA. It should be read to all YSA members at the next local meeting. Reports on plans and preparations for the upcoming convention will be appearing soon in The Young Socialist Organizer.

Comradely,



Susan LaMont
National Chairwoman

CALL FOR THE TENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE
YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

The National Committee hereby calls the Tenth National Convention of the Young Socialist Alliance to convene in New York on Monday, December 28, and to continue through four days (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 29, 30, 31, 1970).

The following is the proposed agenda for the convention:

International Report
Political Report
Antiwar Report
Black Struggle Report
Chicano Struggle Report
Women's Liberation Report
Organizational Report
Election of the National Committee

Pre-Convention Discussion

Written discussion will be opened with the publication of the first bulletin. The pre-convention discussion bulletin is open for all YSA members on the subjects listed in the agenda or others which they may wish to present for the consideration of the YSA.

Local membership meetings shall be arranged for oral discussion of the various points on the agenda and may also be arranged for discussion of any of the articles submitted to the pre-convention discussion bulletin.

Convention Assessments

A convention assessment of \$3.00 shall be levied to help cover the expenses of the convention, the payment of which is obligatory for every member.

Basis of Representation

1. Representation from the locals shall be as follows: one delegate for the first nine members and one additional delegate for each additional nine members or major fraction thereof (5 or more constituting a major fraction).
2. Each local having 5 or more members is entitled to a voting delegate.
3. Delegates are to be elected by the locals in accordance with the actual number of members in good standing who have been admitted to the YSA prior to December 14, 1970, and who have paid their convention assessment. "Good standing", according to our constitution, is defined as follows: Article III, Section 5, "Any member more than one month in arrears in dues ceases to be a member in good standing. Only members in good standing may vote or hold office in the YSA. Any member more than three months in arrears may be dropped after notification."

4. Locals organized after December 14, 1970, are entitled to send consultative delegates to the convention.

5. Members admitted to the YSA after December 14, 1970, are entitled to a voice in the local discussion, but no vote on resolutions or in the selection of delegates.

6. Members must be present and voting in person at the meeting where the election of delegates takes place. The only exception is for members whose absence is for a substantial reason such as being sick or working, and who send an unambiguous written statement of their positions or delegate choices.

7. Members transferred from one local to another after December 14, 1970, must vote in the local from which they transferred.

Proportional Representation

Where there is a division on national policy within a local unit, election of delegates in the local is to be on the basis of proportional representation. Delegates shall be elected on the basis of a vote on a resolution or statement made in writing and submitted to the local unit for a vote. Abstentions in no case count as votes.

The following table shows the modified proportional system to be followed if division occurs:

<u>Number of qualified members in unit</u>	<u>Total number of delegates the unit is entitled to</u>	<u>Minimum number of those voting for a minority to get</u>		
		<u>1 del.</u>	<u>2 del.</u>	<u>3 del.</u>
5-13	1	-*	-	-
14-22	2	1/3**	-	-
23-31	3	1/4	-*	-
32-40	4	1/5	2/5	-
41-49	5	1/6	1/3	-*
50-58	6	1/7	2/7	3/7
(9n-4) to (9n+4)	n	1/n + 1	2/n + 1	3/n+1

(* in the special case of a unit entitled to an odd number of delegates and where the division in unit voting is exactly equal, 2 delegates with 1/2 vote each will be elected.)

(** for example, in a unit of 14 qualified members, 14 times 1/3 equals 4 2/3 members; therefore a minimum of 5 (not 4) would get a delegate. If the unit had 21 qualified members, then 21 times 1/3 equals 7 members, so 7 voting minority members would be the minimum to get a delegate. The same consideration holds true for figuring all other fractions in the above table.)

In the event a unit undergoes a more than two-way division, that unit will elect delegates on a directly proportional basis, i.e., in a unit entitled to n delegates, at least $1/n$ fraction of qualified members must have voted for a position for that position to get a delegate.

After a division has been established, those voting each way will select in caucus their own delegations and report them to the unit as a whole for acknowledgement. Where no division has taken place the election of delegates will proceed normally by the unit as a whole.

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