

NATIONAL COMMITTEE PLENUM  
YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 28, 1974

Present: Full: Alewitz, Brdar, Clark, Dixon, Dork,  
Finkel, Freiwirth, Friedman, Gersh,  
Graumann, Hildebrand, Johnston,  
Lovgren, Lemon, Lieberman, Manuel,  
Miah, Mirelowitz, Petrin, Potash,  
Rodriguez, Singer, Ugolini, Wil-  
liams, Winsten

Alternate: Scharett, Brown, Murphy, Moorhead,  
Rosenstock, Miliner, Hillson, Bar-  
rera, Wattenmaker, Bombaro, Ariza,  
Scherr, Rashkind, Nebbia

Convened at 11:05 a.m.

Motion by Miah: That Williams chair the plenum.

Carried

Agenda: 1. Organization of the Convention  
2. Internationalist Tendency Split

I. Organization of the Convention

Motions from the National Executive Committee presented by  
Mirelowitz:

1. 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

Discussion: Graumann, Miah, Graumann

Amendment by Graumann: To place report on the Internationalist  
Tendency Split first on the agenda.

Vote on Graumann amendment:

for amendment: 1  
 against: 24  
 abstentions: 0

DefeatedMotion: To adopt agenda as originally proposed.Vote:

for motion: 24  
 against: 1  
 abstentions: 0

Carried

## 2. 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

Carried

## 3. 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
- 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 Campaign, led by Finkel
- r. ~~How the YSA is Organized~~, led by Friedman
- s. International Panel, led by Lloyd

Carried

4. To approve the schedule as written.

Carried

5. 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 Wattennaker.

Carried

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

Carried

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

Carried

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

Carried

9. 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.

Carried

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

Carried

11. That there be two convention secretaries.

Carried

12. That there be a Constitution Commission of three people.

Carried

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

Carried

14. That Hendrickson and Satinoff be the convention photographers.

Discussion: Miliner, Mirelowitz

Carried

15. 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 will 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. 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.

Carried

## II. Internationalist Tendency Split

Motion by Clark: That the National Committee propose the following motion to the convention: 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."

Discussion: Graumann, Clark

Amendment by Graumann: That the Internationalist Tendency be allowed to attend the convention and to speak during the discussion of the Internationalist Tendency Split Report.

Discussion: Winsten, Finkel

Vote on Graumann amendment:

for amendment:	1
against:	24
abstentions:	0

Defeated

Vote on original motion:

for motion:	24
against:	1
abstentions:	0

Carried

Adjourned at 11:25 a.m.