

## ORGANIZATION OF THE PLENUM

Motion: To approve the following procedural recommendations:

1. That in cases of procedural disputes, discussion be limited to two speakers, one for and one against, and that each speaker be limited to two minutes.
2. That general discussion be limited to ten minutes per speaker and that no one speak twice until all who wish to speak have already done so.
3. That the Presiding Committee consist of Barnes, Garza, Horowitz, D. Jenness, Jones, Miah, Rodriguez, Sheppard, Stapleton, Waters.
4. To designate Bombaro, Eidsvik, and Rupp as secretaries.
5. To invite as observers: Control Commission members, heads of national departments, members of the youth NEC, local and branch organizers, and special guests.
6. To give voice to organizers and department heads who are not members of the National Committee during discussion of the Implementation of Party Turn Report.

Motion: To approve the following agenda:

1. Organization of Plenum
2. World Political Situation
3. Convention Perspectives
4. The Crisis of American Capitalism and the Struggle for Chicano Liberation
5. Draft Resolution on the Emerging Puerto Rican Struggle in the United States and Its Perspectives
6. Party Campaign Against Government Harassment
7. Implementation of the Party Turn Report
8. Youth Report
9. Party Growth and Financial Perspectives
10. World Movement Reports
11. Convention Call

BRANCH SALES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS---- SPRING 1976

Branch	Orig. Sales Goal	# of Wks* Reporting	Avg. Sales per Week	Subscr. Goal	Subscr. Sold
ATLANTA	300	11	219	225	225
BALTIMORE	125	11	97	90	94
BERKELEY	175	10	150	125	126
BOSTON	425	10	268	250	171
CHICAGO	500	11	391	300	53
CLEVELAND	175	11	178	175	151
DALLAS	25	7	29	25	32
DENVER	250	6	154	150	141
DETROIT	300	9	172	200	105
HOUSTON	325	8	364	300	304
LOS ANGELES	685	11	419	350	304
MILWAUKEE	225	10	196	150	154
MINNEAPOLIS	300	11	192	180	187
NEWARK	150	9	154	100	82
NEW ORLEANS	175	11	181	100	108
NEW YORK	790	9	653	500	395
OAKLAND	150	11	135	100	107
PHILADELPHIA	275	9	265	200	200
PITTSBURGH	250	11	137	180	146
PORTLAND	175	11	182	100	100
RICHMOND	50	9	42	30	30
ST. LOUIS	250	11	206	125	99
ST. PAUL	75	8	68	45	49
SAN ANTONIO	95	9	84	30	34
SAN DIEGO	200	9	196	150	125
SAN FRANCISCO	375	10	151	225	42
SAN JOSE	75	11	95	80	70
SEATTLE	300	9	165	175	149
WASHINGTON DC	255	8	178	220	178
TOTALS	7,450		5,818	4,880	3,971

\*Many branches did not report for some weeks due to petitioning, moving, etc.

STATISTICS ON PARTY GROWTH

(Compiled from Recruitment forms,  
not Membership Survey forms)

	<u>September- November 1975</u>	<u>January- March 1976</u>	<u>April- June 1976</u>
TOTAL NUMBER TAKEN INTO PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP*	112	206	169
Black	13 (12%)	38 (18%)	20 (12%)
Chicano	5 (4%)	6 (3%)	6 (4%)
Puerto Rican	0	6 (3%)	3 (2%)
Other oppressed nationalities	3 (3%)	2 (1%)	4 (2%)
Women	36 (32%)	84 (41%)	80 (47%)
Trade union members	27 (24%)	37 (18%)	27 (16%)
NOW members	**	**	9 (5%)
NAACP members	**	**	7 (4%)
These provisional members' first contact with the party was:			
Antiracist work	10 (9%)	**	11 (7%)
Women's liberation work	5 (4%)	**	18 (11%)
The election campaign	21 (19%)	**	39 (23%)
Other (includes our press, branch forums, former members, YS teams, etc.)	43 (38%)	**	74 (45%)
Number of provisional members who are members of the YSA	72 (64%)	98 (48%)	51 (30%)
TOTAL NUMBER OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERS IN THE PARTY	--	**	185 plus (As of July 1)
TOTAL NUMBER OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERS BROUGHT INTO REGULAR MEMBERSHIP	--	--	95

\* The category of provisional membership was established in mid-January, 1976, so all figures before this time refer to new party members, and after this time to provisional members.

\*\* No figures available.

STATISTICS ON PARTY GROWTH

	<u>Sept. 1 to Dec. 1 1975 (3 months)</u>	<u>Jan. 1 to March 1 1976 (2 months)</u>
Total number recruited to SWP	112	148*
Total number recruited who were not previously YSA members	40	72
Total number recruited from YSA to SWP	72	76
Percentage of recruits or provisional members who were not previously YSA members	36%	49%
Percentage of recruits or provisional members from the YSA	64%	51%
Composition of new and provisional members recruited to SWP:		
Black	13	30
Chicano	5	2
Puerto Rican	0	5
other oppressed nationalities	3	0
women	36	56
in trade unions	27	30
Composition of party as a whole, not including provisional members		
Black	64	74
Chicano	22	20
Puerto Rican	8	10
other oppressed nationalities	11	14
women	527	524
in trade unions	313	374
Percentage of SWP members in YSA	41%	25%

\*Most were taken in as provisional members, but a few of the 148 persons were taken in as members before the category of provisional membership was established in mid-January.

Note: Figures are not available for period between Dec. 1 and Jan. 1

Total party membership is about 1269, not including provisional members.

## PARTY COMPOSITION

(Note: These figures do not include provisional members.)

At the end of January, we had reported:

- 68 Black members
- 13 Chicano members
- 10 Puerto Rican members
- 16 other oppressed nationalities-members
- 453 women members
- 294 trade unionists
- 287 in YSA
- 54 NOW members
- 49 NAACP members, plus 2 in PUSH

At the end of February, we had reported:

- 74 Black members
- 20 Chicano members
- 10 Puerto Rican members
- 14 other oppressed nationalities-members.
- 523 women
- 374 trade unionists
- 82 NOW members
- 43 NAACP members
- 313 YSA members

So far we have recruited 1 NOW member and 2 NAACP members.

These figures are not completely accurate. In January we had difficulty getting reports from several branches, and some sent last-minute approximations. In addition, when there are divisions of branches or other transfers, there may be confusion about which branch should report the members.