POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING, No. 64, July 20, 1973

Present:

Barnes, Breitman, Britton, Camejo, A. Mansen, J. Hansen, Horowitz, Jenness, Jones, Lovell, Morrison, Pulley, Stone, Waters

Consultative: Dobbs, Kerry, Novack

Visitors:

Hermes, Scott, Seigle

Chair:

Barnes

AGENDA:

1. European Conference of Leninist-

Trotskyist Tendency

2. French Events 3. World Movement

4. Election of Convention Delegates

5. Convention Preparations

1. EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF LENINIST-TROTSKYIST TENDENCY

Waters reported.

Discussion

2. FRENCH EVENTS

Waters reported.

Discussion

3. WORLD MOVEMENT

Barnes reported.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

4. ELECTION OF CONVENTION DELEGATES

Barnes reported.

Discussion

Motion: To send the proposed letter to the branches

(see attached).

Carried.

5. CONVENTION PREPARATIONS

Jones reported.

Discussion

Motion: To schedule a preconvention plenum of the National

Committee at 8:00 PM, Saturday, August 4, in Ohio.

Carried.

Motion: To propose to the National Committee for recommendation to the convention that the branch organizing

committees from St. Louis and Pittsburgh be granted

one fraternal delegate each.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

14 Charles Lane New York, N.Y. 10014 July 21, 1973

TO SUPPORTERS OF THE LENINIST-TROTSKYIST TENDENCY AND THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE DRAFT POLITICAL RESOLUTION

Dear Comrades,

The resolutions before the party for convention decision define four counterposed political groupings. These are:

(1) the Revolutionary Internationalist Tendency (DB Vol.

31, No. 22);
(2)the Internationalist Tendency (DB Vol. 31, No. 9);
(3)the "West Coast" Tendency (DB Vol. 31, No. 11); and
(4)The Leninist-Trotskyist Tendency Declaration (IIDB Vol. X, No. 3) and Political Committee Draft Political Resolution (DB Vol. 31, No. 13).

The Leninist-Trotskyist Tendency Declaration and the Political Committee Draft Political Resolution should be voted as a single platform counterposed to the other three tendencies at the branch meetings where the vote is taken on resolutions and convention delegates are elected. It is suggested that a branch leader who is a supporter of these two resolutions introduce a single motion to approve the general line of The Leninist-Trotskyist Tendency Declaration and the Political Committee Draft Political Resolution, taken as a whole. Only those who vote for this motion will then meet in the majority caucus to elect their convention delegates.

Any of the other three tendencies who receive enough votes to be entitled to a delegate will hold a caucus meeting of the comrades who vote for their tendency to elect delegates.

The branch meeting should reconvene following the caucus meetings to validate the convention delegates as chosen in the caucuses.

Alternate delegates must be ordered and no more should be elected than the number of delegates.