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FOR I.S. AND RED TIDE MEMBERS ONLY.....BRING THIS WITH YOU TO CONVENTION.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS ON PRE-CONVENTION DISCUSSION.

Members will receive with this National Report another edition of the convention bulletin containing four documents in response to the NC documents on Democratic Centralism and the "Turn". The publication of these documents has been delayed for totally unavoidable technical reasons in three of the four cases. The two documents from LA were delivered to the Natsec (in LA) by the deadline on June first. By the time they had been taken back to Detroit it was too late to get them into the bulletin which went out with WP #122. The fantastic cost of a previous Air Mail Special Delivery mailing coupled with the high loss ratio and delays of more than a week made it impossible to get these documents to the branches before the publication of the new edition of WP. The MF document was delayed due to difficulties with the original stencils and the CF document was received late on stencils which developed a habit of disintegrating on a Gestetner machine. Despite the delay, for which we apologise, it is important that all branches find the time for a serious discussion of these documents in order that the convention discussions have the maximum effect in clarifying our position.

There is still a considerable amount of background material that we are attempting to put out (discussion articles, fraction perspectives, etc) despite the fantastically limited administrative resources we have in the national office. Some of this will only get to comrades on the first day of the convention. This material is being produced so that the membership has the maximum possible information on all aspects of the organisation, even those that are not being directly discussed, because that is the only way to guarantee that this convention fulfills the promise of being the best one we have ever held. Please note there will be a fully comprehensive Natsecs report for the convention and that accounts for its absence in this report.

Finally, it has become clear from the reports of the branches that much of the pre-convention discussion is being left quite late. This is unfortunate, but possibly unavoidable given the high level of external work (especially the PO campaign) that our branches are doing at the moment. Despite this the future development of the organisation demands that time is found for the discussions and that no major document is ignored.

GLENN WOLFE.

EC Minutes June 5, 1975

present: JT, DF, JW, KM, MD, GW (JG, GS excused) MP present for minute-taking.

ITEM:
Convention arrangements report.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. Assessment of Unemployment Campaign. Pres. by JT. JT to prepare pres. in 3 wks.
Brief preliminary disc., full disc. in 3 weeks.
MOTION (KM)- The major ideas and points of our unemp. camp. have been integrated into the work and programs of the caucuses we work in. Our projection is that the depression is not over. There will be further lay-offs in Steel and other industries and it is likely there will be another wave of lay-offs following the current call-backs, in auto this summer. Therefore, the caucuses should continue to push unemployment as a major issue. While we should not attempt to set-up or fight for any new unemployment ctees (except in exceptional cases) as separate organizations we will continue to agitate around lay-offs. In particular, we will not reraise the idea of unemployed committees where we have raised it and lost. PASSES-ALL FOR.
2. P.O. Campaign. Report by JT. The campaign is going very well and enthusiasm is high. Pamphlet to go out to branches in 1 week. MOTION(GW)- Cal W. to prepare two sets of speakers notes for forums, one on P.O. and one that takes in our econ. persp. and next bargaining round, rev. party, etc. ALL FOR. Forums will be planned from the centre. CW to implemt.
3. CWA PERSPECTIVE. Pres. by KM. Vote on perspective: ALL FOR. Document to go out in Industrial Bulletin (will be out by the convention)
4. Report by GW on his trip.
5. Local 6- MOTION(GW)-Instruct Chicago to carry ~~ME~~ on as now just minimal defense. Vote- 3-3-0
MOTION(JW)Instruct comrades to continue probing means of creating a counter or neutralizing force in the community. JW to talk to TD. In particular, main emphasis to be put on a inter-UAW effort aimed at Local 6, and/or CAP and/or regional office including trying to get UAW people to be released on lost time on this. PASSES 3-1-2
6. Liberian Contacts. Report by JW. We will discuss U.S. and international persp. with them. EC sub-ctte of JG and DF be set up. ALL FOR. Sub-ctte to propose a discussion grp w/ them and equiv. of cadre trning.
7. Report on L'ville forum by JW. MOTION (JW) EE and JW to be sub-ctte to maintain relations w/UBW. PASSES. MOTION- That GW set up mtg. w/ UBW while h's in NY. PASSES. GW to implement.

adjourned.

EC Minutes, June 13, 1975

present: all here.

ITEM:

IMPLEMENTATION: JG &

1. NC Slate. Pres. by JG. MOTION: NC slate to be as present plus GW, Joe N, Eric (LA), Fred (L'ville); ~~XXX~~ minus DM (NY), BR, SF. There be a short alternate list to attend all NC mtgs; and NC members. HK, SK, BR, JL, Mark L. (BH)

DF to write motiva-
to be sent out w/N.R.

2. EC Slate. Pres. by JG. MOTION- slate to be: JW, KM, GS, MD, JG, GW. MP to be candidate member of EC; full membership to be raised at next NC mtg. in three months. In this period MP is subject to voluntary EC discipline and has all the rights except for voting. PASSES.

3. Cleveland and UPS paper. Report by GW.

GW to go to Cleve.
2 days per week.

4. Carl F. document. MOTION (JG) EC write a political reply to document. PASSES

JG to write reply.

5. P.O. Campaign. Report by JT.

6. CWA Fraction. Report on national fraction meeting by KM.

meeting adjourned.

MOTION ON SLATES FOR NATIONAL COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
---- submitted for July 3 NC meeting by the EC

I. NC SLATE. We propose that the NC slate be:

JG	JT	Mike S.
GW	Mike P.	Joe N. (NY)
JW	Enid E.	Eric H. (LA)
KM	Wendy W.	Fred H. (Louisville)
MD MD	Cal W.	Ken S.
GS	Barbara W.	Kevin B.
DF	Joe F.	Red Tide representative

We also propose the following list of alternates, which will be numbered. Alternates will attend NC meetings, be full members of NC committees, and take a full part in the NC written discussions, though without voice or vote (unless seated) at the plenum. Alternates will be seated by number, not by individual choice as in the past.

Alternates: Harold K. (Louisville), Steve K. (Cleveland), Bill R. (Seattle), John L. (Bay Area), Mark L. (Detroit). (Numbered in the order listed).

MOTIVATION. This proposed slate for the NC reflects the following changes from the outgoing slate: the addition of EH, JN, FH, GW. The deletion of DM, BH, SF, BR.

The political role of the NC in the past year has been mixed at best. In reality it was not the NC which initiated and led the turn toward agitation. The initiative on the turn came from the EC, from some NC members and in fact from a number of rank and file members including some of our newest comrades. The NC as a committee has spent its time to a large extent discussing amendments, qualifications and moderations of the turn. In effect, for much of this year the NC has been convincing itself of the turn, not the organization.

Therefore there would be a good motivation for a far more complete change in composition of the NC. For two reasons however our slate represents only a limited change. What will now be key is the successful carrying of the turn in practice by NC members in industrial work and the branches. It is in ϕ their results that NC members will be judged for future re-election.

First, despite its lateness the NC did in the end come to agreement with the perspective proposed by the EC. The national leadership and cadres of the organization are convinced of its correctness. We are confident that this new slate embodies a decisive working majority for implementing and deepening that perspective - there has, in fact, been a significant development of the NC in the most recent period. Secondly, the decisive process of the emergence of a new national leadership - built around a sizeable cadre of comrades who are not only in industry, but are actually leaders in the class - has really only begun.

The ultimate success of the turn to agitation depends precisely on building such a cadre - comrades who build successful caucuses, become working class leaders, play the key role in recruiting the large number of industrial militants who must be brought into IS to make our program real. That is what is needed to qualitatively change and strengthen the NC but it has not yet developed as a national leadership. We cannot state with certainty who those leaders will be, and many will come from those who have only just joined or haven't been recruited yet.

We do believe that this slate has the potential of providing more leadership to industrial work than the previous NC, although the number of workers in industry ~~has~~ has not increased.

The slate reflects the development of a women's leadership in the IS, including ~~the~~

on the EC, a leadership on which we must build for the future. There is a strong Women's Commission and IS women's leaders in industry. However, there are no new women nominated for this slate. This reflects the years when IS recruited few women comrades and stagnated on the actual industrialization of women into our industrial priorities. It was in the past year through the decisive political initiative of the Women's Commission and the EC that we achieved the political pre-requisites for overcoming this: the determination that it is our women comrades in industrial priorities who will be leaders both of the working women's movement and of the rank and file movement where it is most powerful. We anticipate that the emergence of a new national leadership will bring those women, many of whom have recently joined or only recently industrialized, to the fore in IS.

In terms of the specific changes. We propose the addition of GW, JN, EH and FH. These comrades have made outstanding contributions to building IS this year. GW's role is known by everyone as the main initiator of the turn and its leading advocate. EH, after playing a pivotal role as NY organizer, became LA organizer and the main political leader of that branch. He was decisive in overcoming the fractured character of the branch, the hostilities and the fragmentation of its work. FH is both a national leader of the IS and well-known in his region. His regional travelling and national speaking for the IS are major assets to building the organization and have contributed to the success of several branches, conferences and the April 26 Coalition. He is leading the IS into the black liberation movement and the recruitment of black workers, both through his internal and external role. JN has the experience and knowledge of leading working class struggles as a militant in industry, which have the potential to qualitatively strengthen the NC. We believe it is vital that JN bring this experience onto the NC and that he become a leader of the IS nationally.

We are also proposing four deletions from the previous NC. BR, while playing an important role as a leader in the Seattle branch and carrying the policies of the NC into the branch, has not played a major political role on the NC itself. We feel that he should be an alternate, attend all NC meetings, participate in its committees and written discussions, bring the NC line into the branch, contribute to the development of this national line and play a greater role in the future.

The other three deletions are DM, BH and SF. All three are recognized national leaders. However, our opposition to their remaining on the NC at this time is for the political role they have played in the efforts of the last year to turn the IS into a working class, Bolshevik organization. These comrades have not exercised leadership in the turn to agitation in branches, industrial fractions or within the leadership. They have spoken for the tendency inside the organization to hold back this turn, or to carry it only half-way without drawing the necessary organizational conclusions - without which the turn toward agitation would be worse than a failure. Yet they proposed no decisive alternative direction for the organization. As a result they have not the initiative we believe is required of NC members.

This has also been expressed in the discussions on the role of leadership and democratic centralism. We do not believe it is politically correct for these comrades to be on this slate, because we believe the NC must be consistent and thorough in carrying through the turn which we believe this Convention will adopt. We believe that all these comrades have the proven ability to be national leaders, that they will continue to play important and even national roles ~~if off~~ if off the NC, and that some or all may be on future NCs. To keep them on the NC now and to keep essentially the old NC, would maintain the slow-moving, hesitant pace of the last NC when we should be audaciously implementing the turn and rapidly taking advantage of the excellent opportunities for growth.

The last of alternates is five comrades who are active in industry, who will add to the work of the ~~various~~ NC through its committees and written discussions. We believe that they have the potential to exercise leadership as industrial militants in our priority unions and as national leaders in the IS, that will be the basis for advancing them to NC slates in the future. Our intention is that increasingly NC slates will be based around the real lead that IS members provide in industry, in leading and recruiting workers. That is what our national leadership must ~~build~~ build for in the coming year.

II. EC SLATE. We propose the following slate for the EC; GW, JG, KM, MD, GS, JW.

We also propose that Mike P. be designated as a candidate member of the EC. We propose that he attend all EC meetings and participate fully in its work, that he have all rights and responsibilities of a member of the EC except for voting, and that he be subject to the same voluntary discipline as ~~the rest of~~ we propose for the EC as a whole. Further, the addition of MP to the EC as a full member will be discussed by the first full NC meeting (approx. three months after the Convention).

MOTIVATION. The proposed slate for the EC represents the following changes: addition of MP as candidate member, and deletion of JT and DF.

In the past year ~~the~~ this EC has been successful in its most important tasks of leading the organization. Politically, it was the EC that gave impetus to the turn to agitation and democratic centralism and has convinced the organization of it. We have built and led the organization through one of the greatest changes a revolutionary group goes through, without a debilitating faction fight. We did so because we have created an authoritative central leadership which works together as a collaborative, disciplined team, in place of the old system of individual leading stars with geographical bases and cliques that laid the basis for faction fights. Having achieved this, we have followed through by providing leadership in branches and building the fractions, leading the IS into trade union and other external work, and creating a division of labor at the center that includes a competent staff which is becoming professionalized in its work. These accomplishments are in fact reflected at every level of IS, from the success of Workers Power to developing greater political cohesion in the branches.

Since the last Convention two comrades have been added to the EC. One is GW, who has been the leading advocate of the turn and made the single greatest contribution to carrying it out. His role as traveller, then National Secretary and on the EC has enabled the EC to grow politically by a great deal in a short time - not only because of his own role but because every member of the EC has developed through working with him. As National Secretary he has not been only an outstanding

individual leader, but proven eminently able to work with a committee that acts as a disciplined team. We have also added GS, who played the major role in shaping WP into a working class, agitational combat organizer - before the turn was even proposed - and which is that part of the IS which is most successful. GS has also played an outstanding role in shaping and carrying the national line in the organization.

Given this success, the changes we are proposing are in the context of an EC which all EC comrades feel has proven itself as a collaborative ~~mix~~ leadership body, which we are proud of and which we believe has won the political authority needed to carry through the tremendous tasks facing the IS. These changes will further strengthen the EC to lead in carrying out the perspective, and improve the division of labor and functioning of the central political leadership as a whole.

There is no question that both DF and JT are part of the central political leadership of the IS. There is also no question that both are expected to continue to be active as part of that central leadership. However, we are proposing that they not continue ~~in~~ the EC at this time.

While JT and DF have contributed to the general work of the EC, particularly in the critical work of establishing a genuine national leadership, in the last several months they have not had clearly defined political roles of the Committee and therefore have had little political initiative within the organization. Apart from major responsibilities on the paper, DF has not had responsibilities in major areas of work and has not found a specific role to play for a number of months. Apart from campaigns which are of generally short duration, JT has not had the outlets for his main talents as a leader, which lie both in theory and in mass work. Therefore, while both JT and DF must have important responsibilities within the leadership it is better that they not be on the EC under circumstances which do not help improve either their functioning or that of the EC.

Our perspective is that JT will be given the assignment of building and leading an industrial branch, given his abilities as a leader in mass work. We are discussing where this would be best implemented. DF will have the major responsibility in some areas of theory, education and international work for which a clear program will be worked out in the immediate future.

We also propose that MP become a candidate for EC membership. The basis for this is that his very important political, organizational and mass movement talents will strengthen the leadership. Secondly, bringing MP onto the EC would be a step forward in overcoming and finally dissolving the legacy of functioning from the federalist period of the IS: the tendency for individual leaders with their own political bases inside the organization, defined not on political program but on geographical or personal political loyalties. The fact that MP has not been part of the central political leadership for several years has in fact been an obstacle to completing the transformation of the IS.

However, during the past year, despite his other accomplishments which include work with the Red Tide and the LA branch, MP's role as a national leader has been less than satisfactory. On the NC and in the organization, he was not a leader in carrying the change that is now almost all agreed to. His amendments, or contributions to NC discussion, usually had the political logic of making it less consistent, less thorough, to hold it back and to make it less than adequate to our needs. On the issue of democratic centralism MP's amendments have been the focal point for the opposition inside the IS to the centralizing and tightening

of the organization. They are often supported by those who are against the whole direction to Leninist norms, even though that was not the intention of the maker,

We believe, for our part, that with the completion of the discussion on the turn to agitation and democratic centralism in the organization, differences over amendments to it should be left to the past. We feel that MP does not wish to continue past differences or to represent a continuing struggle for them in the EC, but rather to join the EC in order to build the EC and its policies in the organization. We are not ~~xxxxx~~ for MP going on the EC because of his disagreements, or of representing disagreements. Just the reverse. We do not believe that his disagreements by themselves ~~do~~ deserve representation. We are for MP being an EC candidate precisely because we believe that he has been won to agreement with the fundamental positions and direction of the EC. It is the future that concerns us, not the past.

However, with that being said it is also true that MP has not demonstrated the degree of active leadership needed in the new period of building industrial branches and the industrial work of the organization. While his talents are undisputed it must still be proven with results that they can be applied to these tasks. FOR MP to become a member of the EC this must be shown, as it has already with the rest of the EC. He must also demonstrate political leadership on the basis of the same voluntary political discipline which we propose apply to the EC and we believe will be adopted by the Convention. We believe the best way of carrying this out is that MP function with the EC for a three-month period following the Convention during which he will have the responsibilities of a member of the EC. At the conclusion of this period it will be decided by the NC whether to add him to the EC as a full member.

Post Office Campaign Perspectives

NOTE: This should be read and discussed by the branch fractions involved in the Post Office work.

Our perspective as we went into the campaign was to make contacts and to build rank and file opposition groupings with them, and to recruit them. This remains our perspective.

So far we have had some important successes, most significantly in our newspaper sales. The following is a breakdown of the results achieved so far: Seattle-53 cc of first issue, 35 cc so far of second; St. Louis-191 of first, 120 of second; L.A. 79, 65; Portland, 40; Chicago-58; Louisville-40, 90; Bay Area-90; New York-190; Cleveland-79; Philadelphia-70, 85; New Paltz-20; Bloomington-?; Detroit-85; Pittsburg-75, 90. As a result, I sent out approximately double the number of pamphlets as papers. 2500 cc of this first agitational pamphlet by the IS have been printed and distributed. All indications are that this is an insufficient number and that more will be needed. The first sale in Detroit at the first shift netted a sale of 73 pamphlets. Branches should be expecting to go out and sell the pamphlet every other week, in between paper sales.

The sales of papers is, of course, only the first step. Next the meeting of contacts is necessary. This has proceeded fairly satisfactorily in a number of branches. Contacts have been made; in a number of cases we have run into oppositionists who have gotten into office -- usually in small locals, and who appear to be interested in working with us.

I have no formulas for how to make contacts. Most of them have been made by meeting people who stop and talk to sellers and leafletters; some have been made by having friends who have friends, etc. Sometimes going to a nearby bar has been useful. If branches have tried something that works, please drop me a note about it so I can pass it on to other branches.

The next step after making the contacts is to ~~kekkek~~ solidify ~~kek~~ them as a group and start giving some direction to their activities within the Post Office, and to recruit them. In this respect the pamphlet and WP should be quite useful.

The pamphlet should be used as an organizing tool. Branches should make sure that all their contacts read the pamphlet and that we discuss it with them. What would be ideal would be a meeting with a number of contacts to discuss the pamphlet. In that way a political direction can be pointed, and there appears a ready-made group to implement it. Thus, such a meeting could be the ~~kek~~ means to cohere a group which could then be turned to agitational intervention. Where a meeting is called together for other purposes, such as to begin such intervention, comrades should make certain that the people coming to the meeting have already read the pamphlet and have been talked to about it. In that way the meeting will be likely to be much more focused than otherwise. If branches have contacts whom they think it would really help to have a postal worker get in touch with them (long-distance) let me know. It can be arranged. But don't use it frivolously.

In terms of what contacts should be asked to do, much of that is layed out in the ~~book~~ pamphlet and in the current issue of V.P. But there is more. It appears that we stumbled into something bigger than we expected when we began this campaign. There is a real opposition movement, at least in the NALC, and possibly in the APWU, as well. The opposition is of the Miller variety. It is led by Vincent Sombrotto, the president of the New York City local, the local which led the wildcat strike in 1970. Following the strike, a rank and file movement ousted the leadership of the local and Sombrotto's team went in instead. Sombrotto, from what I can tell, was a r&f mailman and it was a r&f movement that he represented. Once in office Sombrotto has continued in opposition in organized form. ~~He did~~ Shortly after his slate ~~came~~ came into office Rademacher tried to put the local into trusteeship; he was prevented from doing so by court action. In 1971 they organized a national meeting which came out with a program to democratize the union. In late 1971 the local was put into trusteeship; a real battle followed, and the ranks were once again victorious -- the trusteeship was dissolved. In 1973 they led a fight to reject the contract, and fully 1/3 of the returns were against it. When Sombrotto ran against Rademacher, he got close to 40% of the vote. It is fairly clear that we want to be a part of this movement, acting as its left-wing. Like Miller's victory, if Sombrotto wins it will increase the militancy of the ranks and open things up for us.

There are plenty of things wrong with Sombrotto: he helped squelch a strike in 1971. The following from a report from Steve Hart of the membership meeting reported on in WP indicates some of the problem: "when a motion was made to 'not just talk about a national rank and file but to set up a structure to get the job (of a good contract) done', Sombrotto hemmed and hawed until the large group grew restless with the debate. The motion was thus effectively killed without doing any damage to his reputation. Sombrotto also wriggled out of an iron-clad commitment to strike when a union member pointed out they should be striking right now because their present contract was worse than what local officials saw as 'minimally acceptable' for ratification. Asked if this meant they'd all be ready to strike now, Sombrotto refused to commit himself. 'That can't happen. Let's push for a good contract and see what we get before worrying about the strike!' was all he'd say." Of course we need much more information on Sombrotto. This is a tentative attitude, subject to revision as we learn more.

Sombrotto is publishing a newsletter which he sends out to local presidents and to individual carriers whom he has on a mailing list. We should put our contacts in touch with him. They should attempt to get on the mailing list no matter what union they are in. Have them write to Carriers' Flash, New York Letter Carriers Organization Committee, Branch 36, NALC, 255 West 43rd St., NYC 10036. Our aim in the long run is going to be to build that movement, to extend it to the APWU if it isn't there already (Biller, who heads the NY APWU local is also sponsoring the demo. in Washington. We are trying to check him out)

Contracts should be encouraged to write letters to WP and to Postal Action, at the address given in WP. Letters to WP will almost assuredly be

printed, and letters to PA will be answered. You should urge your contacts to carry out the program indicated in WP. If we could report in the next issue of WP that demonstrations and/or local meetings had been held in even 3 or 4 cities it would be a tremendous boost to us and to the r&f movement.

I need: descriptions of our contacts. How many we have; what is their political character; what we expect from them. NO BULLSHITTING. I need also up-to-date tabulations on sales of WP and the pamphlets. I continue to need material for WP: postal points, interviews or quotes, names and union, including local number, etc. Please get all of it into me

You need a pamphlet called "Delivering the Dream" by Thomas Germano. It is obtainable for \$200 from the Letter Carrier to Elect Vincent R. Sombrotto National President, 360 West 28th St., New York 10001. Every branch should get at least one copy of this pamphlet, which is Sombrotto's account of the struggle inside the NALC from 1969 to 1974.

Jack Trautman

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CONVENTION INFORMATION CONVENTION INFORMATION CONVENTION INFORMATION

THERE WILL BE A RECEPTION DESK OPEN FOR PEOPLE ARRIVING FROM OUT OF TOWN IN THE OFFICE FROM 9 A.M. TO 10 P.M. THURSDAY, JULY 3, AND FROM 8:30 TO 10:30 A.M. FRIDAY, JULY 4. ALL INFORMATION ABOUT WHERE YOU WILL BE HOUSED WILL BE CENTRALIZED AT THE RECEPTION CENTER. IF YOU ARRIVE DURING THE CONVENTION, COME DIRECTLY TO THE CONVENTION SITE (SEE MAP AND DIRECTIONS IN THIS ISSUE OF THE NATIONAL REPORT). THE RECEPTION DESK WILL ALSO OPERATE AT THE CONVENTION SITE DURING THE DINNER BREAK (4:30-6:00) ON FRIDAY.

AS MENTIONED IN THE LAST NATIONAL REPORT, WE WILL NOT BE PICKING PEOPLE UP AT THE AIRPORT. INSTEAD, YOU CAN TAKE THE BUS FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE BUS STATION DOWNTOWN, AND THEN TAKE A CITY BUS UP WOODWARD TO THE OFFICE OR TO THE CONVENTION SITE (THE BUS STATION IS A BLOCK EAST OF WOODWARD). IF YOU ARRIVE AT THE DOWNTOWN BUS STATION AFTER 9 P.M., WE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PICK YOU UP IF YOU REQUEST.

RIDES COORDINATOR - RICK E. (313) 862-2892 PLEASE CALL AT REASONABLE
HOUSING COORDINATOR - MIKE B. 837-2734 HOURS - BETWEEN 8 AM AND
CHILDCARE - KIT & LISA L. 892-0109 MIDNIGHT.

MIKE WILL BE ASSIGNING THE HOUSING - NO HAGGLING! EITHER CONTACT HIM DIRECTLY OR GET YOUR ASSIGNMENT FROM THE RECEPTION CENTER WHEN YOU ARRIVE. IT WOULD BE BEST, HOWEVER, TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GET TO DETROIT WHERE YOU WILL BE STAYING AND HOW YOU'RE GOING TO GET THERE, SO AS NOT TO MAKE UNNECESSARY TRIPS TO THE OFFICE.

* YOU MUST REQUEST THAT THE BUS STOP AT THE BUS STATION DOWNTOWN.

TIMETABLE FOR I.S. CONVENTION.

Please take serious note that the convention starts at 10-30 am on FRIDAY 4TH JULY and runs for three days. There is now a new site for the convention, details of which are contained in this report and comrades should ignore all previous and now incorrect information on the site. All sessions and meetings that take place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be at the convention hall, the Thursday meetings will be in the office and the near vicinity of the office.

THURSDAY.

IBT Fraction Meeting, 2pm to 7 pm.
UAW Fraction Meeting, 2 pm to 7 pm.
National Committee Meeting, 8 pm to 10 pm.

FRIDAY.

National Secretary's Report Session, 10-30 am to 12-30 pm.
Red Tide Womens Caucus, during lunch break.
Economic and Political Perspectives Session, 2 pm to 4-30 pm.
Workers Combat Organisation Session, 6 pm to 9 pm.

SATURDAY.

Red Tide Meeting, IBT (extre), USW and CWA Fraction Meetings, 9-30 am to 11 am.
Democratic Centralism Session, (FC Doc.), 11-30 am to 1 pm. (11 am.)
Democratic Centralism Session, (Counter docs. & Amendments), 2 pm to 4 pm.
Womens Caucus Meeting, 5 pm to 7-30 pm.
Convention Party (Site to be announced), 9 pm to 1 pm.

SUNDAY.

Black Movement Session, 10 am to 12-30 pm.
Constitution Amendments & EC Elections Session, 1-30 pm to 3-30 pm.
Meeting of New EC, 4-00 pm to 6-00pm.

The Convention Steering Committee will be Glenn W, Joel G, Marilyn D, Gay S and Joe F. Harry P will be in charge of all convention arrangement.

National Executive Committee, 6/17/75.

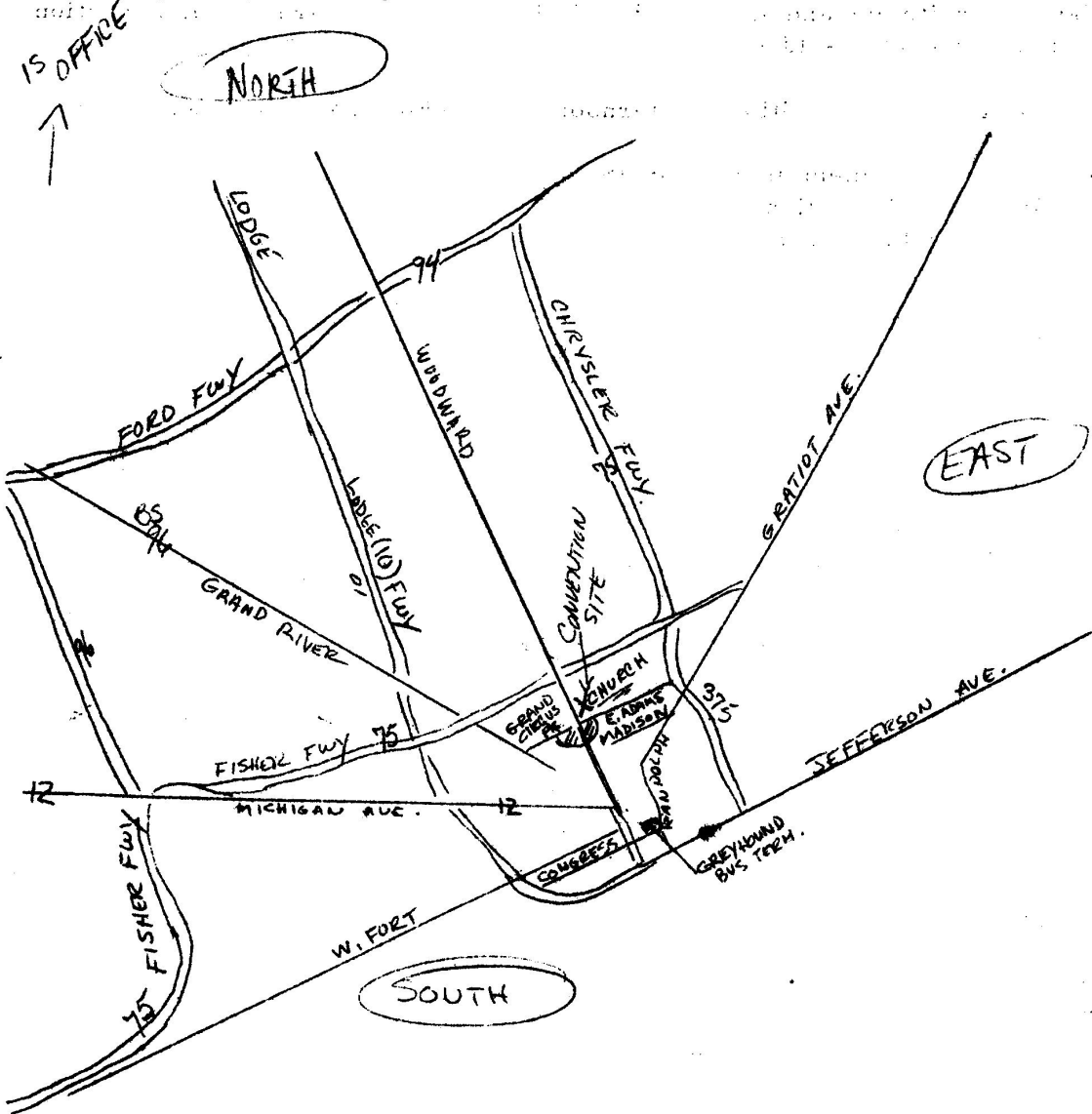
IMPORTANTIMPORTANT**CHANGE IN CONVENTION SITE:**

The convention will be held at the Central Methodist Church, 23 East Adams St. Phone: (9655422), on the northeast corner of Woodward and Adams. Woodward is Detroit's main drag, the church is downtown. Plenty of good service down Woodward (I.S. office, convention site, and motel are all off Woodward. DIRECTIONS TO THE CONVENTION SITE FROM THE FREEWAYS: heading south on Chrysler Freeway (I-75) Take the Madison exit. Go west on Madison to Grand Circus Park, then right, 25-50 ft. to Adams. Go left (west) on Adams to Woodward one block.

GOING SOUTH ON THE LODGE FWY (ROUTE 10): Take the Bagley exit. Take Bagley St. east to Grand Circus Park. You will see the church ahead of you. Go all the way round the Park to the right till you hit Adams; go left (west) one block to Woodward.

GOING EAST ON THE FISHER FREEWAY (I-75): Take the Woodward exit (you actually come out on John R. St.) Take John R south to Adams. Go right (west) one block to Woodward.

The church parking lot is immediately behind the church school building (not the sanctuary) and will hold 30 cars. It is $\frac{1}{2}$ blk. east of Woodward on Elizabeth street. (Elizabeth is one block north of Adams and is one-way east). The adjacent public parking lot charges \$1/day except for Sat. afternoon and Sunday. There should be plenty of on-street parking on Sunday.



Summer School Agenda

The following agenda is tentative, subject to negotiation. There may be changes in the scheduling. In general afternoon classes are optional. There are two cases where they are not. The section of the summer school which members are expected to attend is published immediately below. Following it are the other sessions.

Monday: Capitalism and racism (JT); History of nationalism, Garvey to the sixties (JJ)

Tuesday: The Great Debate (Washington, Garvey, Randolph, Dubois) (FH); Blacks and the Democratic Party (SF)

Wednesday: IS Black Perspectives (SB); Blacks and the trade unions, early history (JT); Blacks and the trade unions, 1940-1970 (IKM)

Thursday: Blacks and the trade unions today (KM); The black movement of the sixties (ML)

Friday: The debate in the black movement today (KS); Black Women (BW); Blacks and the CP (BW)

Saturday: Recruitment and Integration of black members (FH-WT); Direction and Action perspectives (JG)

The following are the additional afternoon talks which have been scheduled.

Tuesday: (NC)

Thursday: The movement in Britain (SJ)

Friday: Organizers' session

Saturday: Selling the paper