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CONSTITUTION OF THE WORKERS PARTY  
AND RULES AND BY-LAWS

The following are the amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws recommended by the National Committee.

The reporter recommends that delegates having any amendments or changes write them out and submit them so that we will not attempt to write amendments on the floor of the convention.

This procedure will also save a great deal of time.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE WORKERS PARTY

Article I        same  
Article II       same  
Article III      same  
Article IV

Section 1.       same  
Section 2.       same  
Section 3.       same  
Section 4.       same  
Section 5.       same  
Section 6.       same

(The following rule shall not be included in the text of the constitution but is to be enforced for the next year: "All new members who are industrial workers shall serve a probationary period of two months; all others shall serve a probationary period of not less than four months.")

Section 7.       same

Article V

Section 1.       same  
Section 2.       Strike out present section.

"Wherever more than two branches exist in the same locality as determined by the National Committee, the highest governing body shall be a delegated City Convention. The City Convention shall meet at least annually. It shall elect a City Committee which shall be the highest governing body between conventions. The City Committee shall elect a City Organizer and such other officers

as may be necessary to conduct the affairs of the organization. In between City Conventions decisions of the City Committee shall be binding upon all units and members until and unless reversed by a higher body. In localities where there are only two branches there shall be a local executive committee. The local executive committee shall be elected at a joint membership meeting of the two branches called as a convention for the purpose of electing a local executive committee and for the transaction of such other business as may come before such a joint meeting. A joint membership meeting for the election of a local executive committee and for the transaction of other business shall be held once each six months. In between joint membership meetings which have been called as local conventions, a local executive committee shall be the highest governing body in the locality. Its decisions shall be binding upon all units and members until and unless reversed by a higher body."

Section 3        Strike out present section.

#### Article VI

Section 1.        same

Section 2.        Add at end of sentence: "except where the National Committee thinks it necessary to call a referendum."

Section 3.        same

Section 4.        Strike out "periodically" (last word) and add: "at least twice a year."

Section 5.        same

Section 6.        In that section where it says "local executive committee" change to read "local or City executive committee."

Section 7.        Strike out sentence 4, five lines down.

#### Article VII

Section 1.        same

Section 2.        same

Section 3.        same

Section 4.        same

Section 5.        same

#### Article VIII

Section 1.        same

Section 2.        same

Section 3.        Strike out last sentence in this section.

Section 4.        same

Section 5.        same

Section 6.        same

Article IX

Section 1. Change "four months" to "six months".  
Change last two words "six months" to "one year".  
Where it said "local committee" change to "local executive committee and city executive committee".

Section 2. same

Article X

Section 1. same

Section 2. same

Section 3. Strike out last sentence. Insert: "A bulletin shall be issued during the Convention discussion period under the direction and supervision of the National Committee."

Section 4. Add a third paragraph: "The election of delegates to the National Convention shall take place on a Branch basis."

Add a fourth paragraph: "Under no conditions shall persons who have been stricken from the rolls of the Party under Article VII, Section 4 be counted in the basis of representation."

Section 5. Following the word "Constitution" add "or Rules and By-Laws".

Section 6. Change "six months" to "one year."

Add a new Section to Article X:

"Section 7. Members of the National Committee and Alternates to the National Committee shall be seated at National Conventions of the Party as Fraternal delegates with voice and no vote."

Recommend that the incoming National Committee be empowered to provide statutory provisions in the constitution for Party-Youth relation once the Youth Organization of the Party ceases to be provisional.

RULES AND BY-LAWS

- I. same
- II. same
- III. same
- IV. Same
- V. same
- VI. same
- VII. same
- VIII. same
- IX. same
- X. same

XI. same

XII. same

XIII. same

XIV. Add "Representation at the National Convention shall be as follows:

1. Each branch organized before the Convention Call shall be entitled to one delegate for every seven members or major fraction thereof.

2. Where a branch is entitled to one delegate the majority gets the delegate.

3. The number of members voting shall be considered the total number of members who have cast any counted vote during the meeting on any resolution or motion presented for the convention. Majorities and minorities shall be established on the basis of votes cast and counted for any resolutions or motions submitted on the night of voting by any member of the branch.

4. Where a branch is entitled to two delegates and a minority receives 40% of the total votes cast and counted, such a minority shall be entitled to one delegate and the majority to one delegate.

5. Where a branch is entitled to three delegates and a minority receives 33 1/3% of the total votes cast and counted such a minority shall be entitled to one delegate and the majority to two delegates.

6. Where a Branch is entitled to four delegates and a minority receives 25% of the votes cast and counted such a minority shall be entitled to one delegate or a minority receives 40% of the votes cast and counted shall be entitled to two delegates.

7. Where a branch is entitled to five delegates and a minority receives 20% of the votes cast and counted such a minority shall be entitled to one delegate or a minority receives 40% of the votes cast and counted such a minority shall be entitled to two delegates.

8. Where a Branch is entitled to an odd number of delegates (1,3 or 5) and each motion or resolution receives 50% of the votes cast and counted the delegates shall be divided in half (one delegate, each receives 1/2 vote; three delegates, each receives 1 1/2 votes five delegates, each receives 2 1/2 votes)

9. A Convention Tax of one dollar shall be paid no later than the night of voting in order for a member to be in good standing. This is in addition to the constitutional requirements in Article VII, Section 4 and Article X, Section 4.

10. Delegates and Alternates shall be named by the members voting for the respective resolutions or motions providing they have the required proportion of the total votes cast and counted and shall be formally notified by the branch as a whole.

11. Members on probation at the time of the Convention Call and those who have joined since the issuance of the call shall not be counted in determining the number of delegates to which a branch is entitled.

12. If between the time of the call and the night of voting a member on probation has been installed as a regular member he shall have the right to vote on resolutions and on delegates without being counted, however, in the total membership which forms the basis for representation to the convention.

13. Voting shall take place no later than 7 days before the date of the convention nor earlier than 30 days before the date of the convention.

14. Unchartered branches shall be represented at the convention by fraternal delegates with voice and consultative vote.

15. Branches may elect one or more alternates.

16. Voting for delegates by mail is to be allowed only in case a member is prevented from attending the election meeting of the branch by virtue of his occupation, severe illness or transfer to another locality. Mail votes must be in possession of the branch secretary not later than the actual time of voting in the branch.

17. All members of the Party must receive previous notification of the date, time and place of branch elections of delegates to the National Convention.