

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 26, 1972

No. 10

NEC Present: Fowlkes, Miah, Miller, Rowand, Rose, Vernier,  
Vidal, Welch

NC Present: Finkel, Ugolini, Whicker

NC Alt. Present: Perez

Guests: Charpentier, Freiwirth, Lemon

Convened: 9:22 a.m.

Chairwoman: Vidal

Agenda: 1. YSA Convention Report  
2. Convention Building Report  
3. National Office Report  
4. Financial Report  
5. Young Socialist Report  
6. John Z. Appeal

1. YSA Convention Report

a. Reporters - Rose

Motion: To have the following reporters at the YSA  
convention:

1. International Report - Vidal
2. Political Report - Rose
3. Antiwar Report - Ugolini
4. Women's Liberation Report - Welch
5. Black Struggle Report - Miah
6. Chicano Struggle Report - Perez
7. Organization Report - Mirelowitz

Motion Carried

b. Nominating Commission - Vidal

Motion: To propose the following composition for the  
Nominating Commission: (proposal attached)

Discussion

Motion Carried

2. Convention Building Report - Fowlkes

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion

Motion Carried

3. National Office Report

a. National Office Staff - Rose

Motion: That Charpentier from Boston be assigned to work in the National Office.

Motion Carried

b. Membership - Miller

Motion: To accept the following applications for membership at-large:

1. Danel C. in Urbana, Ill.
2. Sam H. in Louisville, Ky.
3. Dave D. in Louisville, Ky.
4. John S. in Louisville, Ky.
5. Charles D. in Albuquerque, N.M.
6. Pete H. in Newark, Del.
7. Delvin H. in Athens, O.
8. Matt M. in Carbondale, Ill.
9. Lon S. in Carbondale, Ill.
10. Tom B. in Carbondale, Ill.
11. Cheryl K. in New Haven, Conn.
12. Susan B. in Storrs, Conn.
13. Steve K. in Hammond, In.
14. Cindy M. in Nashville, Tenn.

Motion Carried

Motion: To readmit the following people into the YSA as members at-large:

1. Leonard W. in Carbondale, Ill.
2. Mark H. in Carbondale, Ill.
3. Larry R. in Carbondale, Ill.
4. Bill P. in Fairport, N.Y.

Motion Carried

Motion: To readmit Frank M. into the YSA in the Long Island local.

Motion Carried

Motion: To transfer Jerry P. from the Boston local to at-large status in Kingston, R.I.

Motion Carried

Motion: To transfer the following comrades from at-large areas to locals:

1. Carmen K. from Pittsburgh, Pa., to Cambridge
2. Ken K. from Pittsburgh, Pa., to Cambridge
3. Vivian A. from Albuquerque, N.M. to Boston

Motion Carried

Motion: To charter locals of the YSA in the following areas:

1. Worcester, Mass.
2. Amherst, Mass.
3. New Haven, Conn.
4. Nashville, Tenn.
5. Champaign-Urbana, Ill.
6. Carbondale, Ill.

Motion Carried

4. Financial Report - Lemon

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion

Motion Carried

5. Young Socialist Report - Finkel

Report on the contents of the December Young Socialist

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion

Motion Carried

6. John Z. Appeal

Motion: To adopt the draft NEC statement on John Z.'s appeal (statement attached).

Discussion

Motion Carried

Motion: To publish John Z.'s appeal, the NEC statement on John Z.'s appeal, the August 6 NEC statement on the case of John Z., and other documents on the case of John Z. in the pre-convention discussion bulletin.

Motion Carried

Adjourned: 11:47 a.m.

**DRAFT INTRODUCTION TO BULLETIN ON EXPULSION OF JOHN Z.  
(NEC STATEMENT ON JOHN Z.'S APPEAL)**

John Z. was expelled from the YSA on August 7, 1972, by the National Executive Committee, having been found guilty of disloyalty to the YSA, based on his membership in the Workers League. John Z. has appealed his expulsion to the National Convention.

In his letter of August 20, 1972, appealing the decision of the NEC, John Z. claims that "the charges brought against me by the NEC are total fabrications" and that he was expelled from the YSA for "struggling for Trotskyist politics as an oppositionist."

The charges brought against John Z. and his subsequent expulsion were based on substantial evidence submitted prior to and during the course of the trial, conducted on June 10, 1972, by the National Executive Committee, which conclusively proved that John Z. was a member of the Workers League. The 1965 YSA convention adopted a motion that: "Membership in, support to, or collaboration with the Spartacist group or the American Committee for the Fourth International group /Now the Workers League/ is incompatible with membership in the YSA."

John Z. was not expelled on the basis of his political disagreements, which as a member of the YSA he was free to raise during the discussion period preceding last year's YSA convention. He did so in the resolution "Toward a Mass Working Class Youth Movement: A Resolution on Perspectives," and would have been free to do so again for the upcoming convention. He is not, however, free to function in the YSA as an agent of the Workers League.

John Z. was expelled for belonging to an opponent organization whose aim is to destroy the YSA, a position John Z. agrees with, as he stated at the trial conducted by the NEC.

In his letter of appeal John Z. further confirms his political agreement with the sectarian Socialist Labor League of Gerry Healy in Great Britain and its U.S. satellite, the Workers League, making even clearer his contempt for the YSA. In a frantic tirade against the Trotskyist movement, he charges that the YSA, the SWP, and the Fourth International are in a state of "crisis," have "abandoned dialectical materialism," and uphold "revisionist theories."

In his appeal, John Z. fails to differentiate himself in any way from the Workers League and he does not deny his membership in the Workers League. He does not present

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any evidence contradicting the evidence presented at the trial. He does not offer any evidence that the trial was conducted in an unfair or undemocratic manner. He does not present any evidence that he, as a member of the YSA, was denied the right to express his political views and attempt to win support for them during the appropriate time for discussion.

The NEC recommends that the convention uphold the action of the NEC in expelling John Z. and will ask the pre-convention plenum of the National Committee to present a motion to the convention that the NEC's decision be upheld.

PROPOSAL FOR COMPOSITION OF NOMINATING COMMISSION

<u>AREA. and Locals</u>	<u># Delegates</u>	<u>AREA and Locals</u>	<u># Delegates</u>
<u>NEW ENGLAND</u>	3	<u>SOUTHEAST</u>	1
Boston		Atlanta	
Cambridge		Nashville	
Providence		Tallahassee	
Worcester			
Amherst		<u>MICHIGAN</u>	1
<u>NEW YORK</u>	3	Detroit	
Brooklyn		Mt. Pleasant	
Lower Manhattan		<u>PENNSYLVANIA</u>	1
Upper West Side		Philadelphia	
Long Island		<u>MARYLAND/VIRGINIA</u>	1
Binghamton		Washington, D.C.	
Hartford		College Park	
<u>MIDWEST</u>	3	<u>OREGON</u>	1
Chicago		Portland	
Kansas City		<u>WASHINGTON</u>	1
Bloomington		Seattle	
St. Louis		<u>ROCKY MOUNTAIN</u>	1
Madison		Denver	
<u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</u>	2	Boulder	
Los Angeles		<u>UPPER MIDWEST</u>	1
San Diego		Twin Cities	
Phoenix			
<u>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</u>	2		
Oakland/Berkeley			
San Francisco			
<u>OHIO</u>	2		
Cleveland			
Edinboro		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>25</u>
Columbus			
Cincinnati			
Bowling Green			
<u>TEXAS/OKLA./LA.</u>	2		
Austin			
Houston			
San Antonio			
Lubbock			