

CREENTIALS REPORT

1971 Convention

I. Total attending convention:	<u>1971</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1967</u>
	1107	660	367
Women:	461	245	128
Men:	646	415	239

Total number of delegations: 20

Number of new branches since 1969: 5

II. Delegations

Total number of all delegates:	<u>228</u>
Women:	108
Men:	180

Full Delegates:

Age:	<u>17-25</u>	<u>26-35</u>	<u>36-50</u>	<u>over 50</u>	
	44	62	5	1	44 62 5 <hr/> 113
Youngest:	19				
Oldest:	67				
Number of years in SWP:	<u>1 year</u>	<u>2-5</u>	<u>6-10</u>	<u>11 or over</u>	
	4	67	35	7	
Number of full delegates:	<u>113</u>				
Women:	42				
Men:	71				

Alternate Delegates:

Age:	<u>17-25</u>	<u>26-35</u>	<u>36-50</u>	<u>over 50</u>	
	53	36	6	1	3 36 6 <hr/> 99
Number of years in SWP:	<u>1 year</u>	<u>2-5</u>	<u>6-10</u>	<u>11 or over</u>	
	11	65	14	7	
Number of alternate delegates:	<u>99</u>				
Women:	44				
Men:	55				

Consultative Delegates:

Age:	<u>17-25</u>	<u>26-35</u>	<u>36-50</u>	<u>over 50</u>	
	16	23	17	20	20 7 23 26 <hr/> 76

Number of years in SWP:	<u>1 year</u>	<u>2-5</u>	<u>6-10</u>	<u>11 or over</u>
	1	16	20	39

Number of consultative delegates: 76

Women: 22

Men: 54

### III. Visitors

Number of visitors: 819

Women: 352

Men: 467

Age:	<u>19 &amp; under</u>	<u>20-24</u>	<u>25-30</u>	<u>31-40</u>	<u>over 40</u>
	143	389	188	51	47

Political affiliation: SWP: 428

YSA: 440

guests from abroad: 19

Attended previous convention: Yes: 223

No: 596

### IV. Selected Characteristics of Delegates and Guests:

Geographical distribution:	<u>Guests</u>	<u>Delegates</u>
East:	329	128
Midwest:	217	48
Southwest:	89	13
South:	68	9
West:	92	78

#### Trade Union Affiliation:

Total number of unions represented: 36

total number of people in unions: 157

Unions with significant representation: AFT-21; IBT-15; ITU-11; UAW-9; UTU-7; AFSCME-6; SSEU-5

Participation in other mass organizations:	<u>1971</u>	<u>1969</u>
Total:	718	231
Antiwar:	505	212
Women's Liberation:	181	0

#### Occupation -- guests only

students-256; office workers-82; teachers-51; drivers-21; printers-16; case workers-12

People on full time for various movements: YSA or SWP-119; antiwar organizations-37; women's liberation organizations-8

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT  
1969 Convention

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1967</u>
A. Total attending convention:	560	367
Men	415	239
Women	245	128
Age Range (Youngest and Oldest)	14, 68	14, 79
B. Delegations:		

There were 15 delegations as opposed to 13 in 1967; since the 1967 convention Newark was dropped, and Atlanta, Austin, and Portland were added. The total number of fraternal, regular, and alternate delegates was 185.

1. Selected characteristics of delegations, 1969 and 1967

a. Fraternal Delegates

(At this convention the youth NEC were given fraternal delegate status, together with the Austin branch which was formed after the convention call. For purposes of comparison with previous years, these two categories are not included in the table below. The youth NEC had 10 fraternal delegates, and the Austin branch had 2.)

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1967</u>
Number (excluding NEC and Austin)	50 <sup>62</sup>	48
Men	40	36
Women	10	12
Age		
Average	45	44.5
Range (Youngest, Oldest)	27, 68	23, 76
Number of Years in Movement		
Average	22	21
Range (Least, Greatest)	5, 37	4, 39

b. Regular Delegates	<u>1969</u>	<u>1967</u>
Number	71	55
Men	44	40
Women	27	15

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1967</u>
Age		
Average	27	30
Range (Youngest, Oldest)	18, 52	20, 62
Number of Years in Movement		
Average	6.2	7.3
Range (Least, Greatest)	1, 25	1.25, 37

c. Alternate Delegates

Number	52	39
Men	35	23
Women	17	16
Age		
Average	25	29.4
Range (Youngest, Oldest)	19, 52	20, 57
Number of Years in Movement		
Average	4.1	7.3
Range (Shortest, Longest)	1, 23	1, 30

C. Visitors

1. Number	475	225
Men	290	138
Women	185	87

2. Political Affiliation (note: this category is not completely accurate, since many YSAers and SWPers who are members of both organizations neglected to state their membership in the YSA)

a. SWP only	164
b. YSA only	156
c. SWP-YSA	66
d. Guests from abroad	41

3. Selected Characteristics of Visitors, 1969 and 1967

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1967</u>
Age		
Average	27	27
Range (Youngest, Oldest)	14, 62	14, 60

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1967</u>
Trade Union Affiliation	92	56
Participation in Mass Organizations	231	135

Out of the 231 participating in mass organizations in 1969, 212 were involved in antiwar groups.

Attended Previous Convention

No	306
Yes	166

Occupation: While there were many different occupations listed by the visitors, the most significant representation was from students (150), teachers (28), and programmers (10).

D. Geographical Distribution of Visitors and the Convention as a Whole;

	Visitors	Entire Convention (visitors, delegates)
1. Eastern States	215	295
2. Midwest States	133	178
3. Western States	43	94
4. Southern States	32	41
5. Foreign	41	41

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August 4, 1973

National Committee  
Socialist Workers Party

Comrades:

In view of the absurdly high proportionment for delegates 15 for 1 the International Majority Supporters Caucus while receiving at least 85 votes has only three delegates. This factional setting of the 15 for 1 cannot be changed. It can only be denounced.

On behalf of our caucus I ask that we be allowed to select three more full delegates and three alternates to bring into balance our voting strength with our delegate strength. Three additional delegates would give us six delegates which based on the 15 for 1 ratio would be accurate.

Our votes are as follows:	Boston	3	
N.Y.	5	Houston	23
Phila.	5	Portland	1
Wash. D.C.	4	San Francisco	4
Chicago	19	Oakland-Berkeley	13
Detroit	1	Los Angeles	9
			<u>85</u> Eighty Five.

We feel that our rights & abilities to put forth our political positions demand our receiving these three delegates.

If these are denied us we are put in the position of having to use non delegates to make some of our presentations-you leave us no choice. We hope that you will grant us our additional delegates but if not then you are aware that we need non delegates to present some of our major reports.

2. We request equal time under the World Situation Report in order to make a presentation. The documents of our caucus obviously contain a different perspectives on the World Situation: For instance

1 The SWP's outlook on the Detente stands in opposition to the perspective found in The Building of Revolutionary Parties in Capitalist Europe.

2 The leaderships view of the character of nationalism & the World Wide Youth Radicalization are contrary to the outlook of the documents "In Defense of Leninsim: In Defense of the Fourth International" & "The Building of a Revolutionary Party in Capitalist America."

Based on these differences our caucus requests the right to make a presentation to the convention on The World Situation. Our reporter should receive equal time to the reporter for the Party Majority.

Comradely,

s/Bill Massey I.T.  
for International Majority  
Supporters Caucus