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TO ALL COMRADES

Dear Comrades,

Enclosed is the call for the Twelfth National Convention of the YSA, issued by the Plenum of the National Committee of the YSA that was held at Oberlin, Ohio, on August 13. This call should be read to all YSA members at the next local meeting.

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Andy Rose
National Chairman

CALL FOR THE TWELFTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF THE YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

The National Committee hereby calls the Twelfth National Convention of the Young Socialist Alliance to convene in Cleveland on Thursday, November 23, 1972, and to continue through four days (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 24, 25, and 26, 1972).

The following is the initial proposed agenda for the convention:

Political Report
Organization Report
Election of the National Committee

The National Executive Committee will recommend additions to the agenda.

Pre-Convention Discussion

Written discussion will be opened with the publication of the first bulletin. The pre-convention discussion bulletin is open to all YSA members on the subjects listed in the agenda or others which they may wish to present for the consideration of the YSA. All material submitted to the pre-convention discussion bulletin must be received in the National Office no later than November 13, 1972.

Local membership meetings shall be arranged for oral discussion of the various points on the agenda and may also be arranged for discussion of any of the articles submitted to the pre-convention discussion bulletin.

Convention Assessments

A convention assessment of \$7.00 shall be levied to help cover the expenses of the convention, the payment of which is obligatory for every member. Payment of the convention assessment entitles each member to receive the pre-convention discussion bulletin free of further charge.

Basis of Representation

1. Representation from the locals shall be as follows: one delegate for the first nine members and one additional delegate for each additional nine members or major fraction thereof (five or more constituting a major fraction).

2. Each local having five or more members is entitled to a voting delegate.

3. Delegates are to be elected by the locals in accordance with the actual number of members in good standing who have been admitted to the YSA prior to November 13, 1972, and who have paid their convention assessment. "Good standing," according to our Constitution (Article III, Section 5), is defined as follows: "Any member more than one month in arrears in dues ceases to be a member in good standing. Only members in good standing may vote or hold office in the YSA. Any member more than three months in arrears may be dropped after notification."

4. Locals organized after November 13, 1972, are entitled to send consultative delegates to the convention.

5. Members admitted to the YSA after November 13, 1972, are entitled to a voice in the local discussion, but no vote on resolutions or in the selection of delegates.

6. Members must be present and voting in person at the meeting where the election of delegates takes place. The only exception is for members whose absence is for a substantial reason such as being sick or working, and who send an unambiguous written statement of their positions or delegate choices.

7. Members transferred from one local to another after November 13, 1972, must vote in the local from which they transferred.

Proportional Representation

Where there is a division on national policy within a local unit, election of delegates in the local is to be on the basis of proportional representation. Delegates shall be elected on the basis of a vote on a resolution or statement made in writing and submitted to the local unit for a vote. Abstentions in no case count as votes.

The following table shows the modified proportional system to be followed if a division occurs:

Number of qualified members in unit	Total number of delegates the unit is entitled to	Minimum number of those voting for a minority to get:		
		1 del.	2 del.	3 del.
5-13	1	-*	-	-
14-22	2	1/3**	-	-
23-31	3	1/4	-*	-

32-40	4	1/5	2/5	-
41-49	5	1/6	1/3	-*
50-58	6	1/7	2/7	3/7
(9n-4) to (9n+4)	n	1/n+1	2/n+1	3/n+1

* In the special case of a unit entitled to an odd number of delegates and where the division in unit voting is exactly equal, 2 delegates with $\frac{1}{2}$ vote each will be elected.

** For example, in a unit of 14 qualified members, $\frac{1}{3}$ of 14 equals $4\frac{2}{3}$ members; therefore a minimum of 5 (not 4) would get a delegate. If the unit had 21 qualified members, then $\frac{1}{3}$ of 21 equals 7 members, so 7 voting minority members would be the minimum to get a delegate. The same consideration holds true for figuring all other fractions in the above table.

In the event that a unit undergoes a more than two-way division, that unit will elect delegates on a directly proportional basis, i.e., in a unit entitled to n delegates, at least $\frac{1}{n}$ fraction of votes must be cast for a position for that position to get a delegate.

After a division has been established, those voting each way will select in caucus their own delegations and report them to the unit as a whole for acknowledgement. Where no division has taken place the election of delegates will proceed normally by the unit as a whole.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE
 YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

August 13, 1972