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TO ALL ORGANIZERS AND N.C.MEMBERS:

Dear Comrades,

The second issue of New Politics News has on pages 18 and 19, application blanks for delegates and for convention housing.

As was reported in the first issue, there are three types of credentials granted -- full delegate status to new politics clubs, observer status to "movement" type organizations, and representative status to individuals interested in forming new politics clubs in their congressional districts. We qualify as the second type of delegate, observer delegates, who will have full voice but no vote. The requirements for delegates of any sort are so minimal that we have no difficulty qualifying, and have to take no responsibility for NCNP decisions.

The organizers of the NCNP conference are still estimating attendance at about 2,000, but the accuracy of this is very difficult to verify. It may well be smaller. We have no way of estimating the composition of the conference, but reports from around the country indicate that there will be significant numbers of antiwar activists and black militants present.

Thus it is important that we have as many comrades present as can make it.

The central purpose of our intervention will be to make known to everyone our 1968 presidential campaign. The campaign itself will be kicked off at a press conference in New York on Wednesday, August 30 prior to the opening of the NCNP convention. In Chicago we will have a fourth floor suite at the Palmer House that will serve as the campaign headquarters. We will have approximately 10 pieces of campaign literature available, including posters, stickers, buttons, and brochures. We will hold another press conference sometime during the NCNP convention to take advantage of the press that will be present.

In addition to the information in Doug's report and Lew's letter already sent out, there are a few final details.

1) Each branch of the SWP and local of the YSA should apply for observer delegate status for 2 or 3 people. The registration fee is optional and can be waived, so comrades should not send in money. Other comrades attending from each area should write in asking for observer status from their antiwar committees, trade union local, etc.

2) Every comrade attending should ask for free housing, and send a carbon of the letter to the Chicago SWP headquarters. Organizers should write the Chicago branch letting them know exactly how many comrades will be coming from each area, who they will be, and when they will arrive. The Chicago comrades will be arranging parallel housing in case NCNP free housing falls through, so it is important that they know how many to expect.

3) We will need comrades to man numerous literature tables during the conference -- campaign, Merit, YSA, Petrick, Student Mobilization, etc. We will also have the campaign headquarters at the Palmer House open all the time. Organizers should make a tentative division of comrades to cover these assignments.

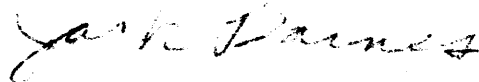
4) We will function with a combined national SWP-YSA fraction as we do at antiwar interventions. Each area should elect one comrade to represent them on the combined fraction steering committee. The Palmer House campaign suite will not be the fraction headquarters.

5) Our internal fraction headquarters will be at the Chicago branch, 302 S. Canal St., room 204, telephone 939-5044. The hall there is large enough to hold fraction meetings and is only a 15 minute walk from the Palmer House.

When comrades arrive in town they should go first to the Chicago branch to check on housing, fraction meeting times, and any other last minute details.

6) While only a few comrades have been asked to go for the pre-convention meetings of the NCNP on August 29-30, as many as possible should be there by Thursday morning, August 31. The first fraction meeting will take place on Thursday morning at the branch. For those comrades who arrive during the day on Thursday and Friday, there will probably be a fraction meeting on Saturday morning.

Comradely,



Jack Barnes
National Campaign Director

P.S. We will have a great deal of campaign literature, YS's, Militants, etc. to be distributed in Chicago for the comrades to take back to their local areas. All this literature will be distributed from the Chicago branch headquarters and someone should be assigned beforehand to pick it up.