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CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 28—Midland Hotel, 172 W. Adams St., Chicago

- 3:00 PM Report and Discussion on THE NEW INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RADICALIZATION
- 8:30 PM PANEL DISCUSSION WITH ACTIVE DUTY ANTIWAR AND SOCIALIST GIs

Friday, November 29—Illinois Room, Chicago Circle Center, University of Illinois-Circle Campus, Chicago

- 10:00 AM Report and Discussion on THE '68 CAMPAIGN AND BEYOND . . . SOCIALIST YOUTH POLITICS IN AMERICA
- 3:15 PM Report and Discussion ON THE REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE OF BLACK AMERICA FOR SELF-DETERMINATION
- 8:30 PM CAN THE AMERICAN WORKERS MAKE A SOCIALIST REVOLUTION? A MARXIST ANSWER TO NEW LEFT CRITICS, a talk by GEORGE NOVACK
FILM ON THE MAY-JUNE UPSURGE IN FRANCE

Saturday, November 30—Illinois Room, Chicago Circle Center, University of Illinois-Circle Campus, Chicago

- 10:00 AM Continuation of Discussion On the Revolutionary Struggle of Black America for Self-Determination
- 10:30 AM Report and Discussion on YOUNG SOCIALISTS AND THE FIGHT AGAINST THE VIETNAM WAR
- 4:00 PM PANEL DISCUSSION WITH TARIQ ALI, LEADER OF THE MASS BRITISH ANTIWAR DEMONSTRATIONS, A FORMER LEADER OF THE BANNED JCR (REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST YOUTH) OF FRANCE, AND LEADERS OF THE GERMAN SDS (SOCIALIST STUDENT FEDERATION), THE MEXICAN STUDENT STRIKES, AND THE YOUNG SOCIALISTS-LIGUE DES JEUNES SOCIALISTES OF CANADA
- 9:30 PM PARTY WITH ROCK BAND, LIGHT SHOW (Midland Hotel)

Sunday, December 1—Illinois Room, Chicago Circle Center, University of Illinois-Circle Campus, Chicago

- 10:30 AM ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT and Discussion
- 5:00 PM Adjournment

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... I plan to attend the Convention. Please send me details on housing, transportation, delegate status, etc.

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Report on the Southern California Regional Conference of SDS
October 18-20, 1968 by Dave Frankel

The Friday night session of the Southern California Regional Conference of SDS had between 60 and 70 people present, not including several comrades. The conference opened with a floor fight, led by Progressive Labor Party (PL), against the **agenda** proposed by the regional SDS office. The substitute agenda proposed by PL (there were about 12), emphasized discussion on the student-labor action project (SLAP-read worker-student alliance). They alienated a fair number of the people there, many of whom were new. The fight was resolved by the addition of any workshops that people wanted during the time set aside for them in the original agenda. Thus, PL failed in its attempt to make that the focal point of the conference.

This was followed by reports from 15 chapters that were represented at the conference, including one from their high school division, which has two chapters. Almost all of the chapters were participating in election week actions called by the SDS National Council. Also, there was a great deal of emphasis on student power and university reform issues. Many chapters seemed to be carrying on some form of co-operative work with the Black Student Unions on their campuses. There was no mention of October 26, despite the fact that a number of chapters were engaged in building it, to one degree or another. All contact with the Student Mobilization Committee and the October 21-27 actions that these SDS chapters have had, have been trailblazing for them and the SMC table, which got an excellent response. Finally, there were at least three chapters that were newly organized, and it is clear that SDS is still experiencing considerable growth in this area.

Following the chapter reports, Carol Lippman was allowed to make a statement on the bombing of our headquarters. A resolution of solidarity had been unanimously passed at an earlier point, and Carol's remarks were very well received.

Of the remainder of the conference, we were particularly interested in the international panel which was scheduled and in the workshop on G.I. organizing.

The workshop contained no G.I.'s and one veteran. There were 14 people attending, two of them comrades, out of a total of 65 at the conference on Sunday. (Saturday was the high point, with over 100 in attendance). The discussion centered around the campus actions scheduled for the week of the elections. Ken Cloke, of the National Lawyers Guild, led the workshop, strongly pushing the "G.I. Week" called by the National Mobilization Committee. The attitude of the people attending this panel was, on the whole very good. There were about 6 guys who said that their intention, when drafted, was

to enter the army in order to organize. The emphasis was on such techniques as G.I. coffee houses and leafletting, and how we could use them in the L.A. area.

The international panel also gave Cloke a chance to speak. He had been in Japan and reported on the Zengakuren. Surprisingly, he was critical of the C.P. - oriented faction, although he didn't go into much detail. His talk emphasized the importance of internationalism in terms similar to those which we would use. He stressed the need for internationally, co-ordinated actions and the exchange of cadres between countries for informational and educational purposes. Finally, he said that although SDS was not organized or prepared for it, it had to take the lead in developing and co-ordinating a world movement.

The next speaker, whose name we didn't get, had been in Europe during the summer. He mentioned the anticipated European actions in 1969 around the renewal of the NATO treaty and the request of members of German SDS for support actions here. He also told of a meeting at the World Youth Festival in Sofia with 100 Vietnamese - 50 from the North and 50 from the South. According to him, the American delegation with which they met numbered about 70, including about 15 DuBoisers and 7 or 8 SDS types, the remainder being indeterminate "peaceniks". I would guess that he underestimated the number of Stalinists in the delegation. He claimed that the Vietnamese asked the SDSers for a separate meeting with a group of their own size (8), and this was done. The topics of discussion, he said, were the presidential elections, in which the Vietnamese hoped for a candidate favoring peace to win; the Chicago demonstration (this hadn't taken place yet), about which the Vietnamese were very excited; and the general state of the movement here. These were the areas about which the Vietnamese asked questions. The pressure which our movement has exerted in this area was very clear, not only in Cloke's presentation, but also in the new SDS introductory brochure which tries to identify SDS with the world youth radicalization.

The people attending the conference all considered themselves anti-capitalist and anti-imperialist, but beyond this, their political level was very low. The war in Vietnam and the antiwar movement were virtually ignored. We maintained both a YSA table and a SMC table throughout the conference. The YSA sold \$5.00 worth of literature, including 2 discussion bulletins on the International Youth Radicalization, and 5 Militant subs. The attitude of the SDSers was very friendly, and in marked contrast to the hostile reception we received at their regional conference last June. Most of our intervention was on a personal level, in discussions and sales. We took an active part only in the workshop on G.I. organizing.

There was no discussion of our campaign in the workshops and plenary devoted to electoral action. Also, the up-against-the-wall-mother-fuckers played no organizational or significant role in the conference.

Finally, while there I spoke with Sue Eanet (Klonsky). She expressed the opinion (for what it's worth), that PL was generally being defeated in the factional struggle within SDS.