Recommendations by Natl.Comm. to the 1949 Convention

CONSTITUTION

Recommendation:

ARTICLE I - NAME:

Recommendation of N.C.: INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE:

The purpose of the League is set forth in its program as embodied in resolutions and declarations of national conventions: its purpose is to educate and organize the working class for independent political action leading to the establishment of a workers government which aims to abolish capitalism and to achieve socialism.

ARTICLE III - INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATION:

The League is affiliated with no other group or organization in the United States or elsewhere. It seeks to establish fraternal relations with groups and parties in other countries, and, if they stand on the same fundamental program as its own, to cooperate with them in the elaboration of a complete world program and the speediest possible reconstruction of a genuine socialist international. Action on any such step must be submitted to a national convention of the League.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE V - UNITS OF ORGANIZATION

ARTICLE VI - ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE VII - INITIATION FEES AND DUES)

To remain as formerly with exception that "League" is substituted for "Party" throughout.

ARTICLE VIII - DISCIPLINE

Entire Article is removed from Constitution and placed in By-Laws as number IX, except that the following new number 6 is added and present number 6 becomes number 7:

6 - A unit of the League higher than the Branch may review, approve or render new decisions on charges considered by a lower unit of the League. The higher body when it undertakes such a review of charges and decisions must notify, in writing, the lower body, the individual or individuals charged, and all others involved, of its intentions; and set a suitable time and place for a hearing. Evidences and statements may be presented to such a hearing in writing.

ARTICLE IX - QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTIONS

Becomes Article VIII.

ARTICLE X - NATIONAL CONVENTIONS - Becomes Article IX

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS - Becomes Article X

ARTICLE XII - PRESS - Becomes Article XI

Page 10 of present constitution: Section on Youth is changed to:

"The First National Convention of the Independent Socialist League of the United States, empowers the National Committee to make statutory provisions in the constitution for League-SYL relations once the Socialist Youth League ceases to be provisional.

All rules and By-Laws remain.

New Proposals: 1. (San Francisco Branch)

- A. Name "By a majority vote, the San Francisco Branch passed a resolution as going on record that the new name be 'Revolutionary Socialist League'".
- B. New By-Law "When decisions of higher bodies are communicated to lower bodies in the party the communication will be accompanied by a babulation of the vote by which the decision was adopted in the higher body. (Recommended Favorably)
- 2. (Philadelphia Branch)
 - A. "Replacement of the convention head tax on each member by an assessment on each branch." (Not recommended) (See By-Law 14, no. 9.)
 - B. "Amendment of the constitution to provide for rank-and-file trial committees in the branches instead of committees identical with executive committees." (Not recommended) (See present Article VIII Section 3.)
- 3. (Constitution Committee)

Recommends that, in the rules for the next convention - and to be issued with the Convention Call - the National Committee recommend rules on the following problems:

- A. MINCRITY REPOTERS: 1. On requirements for equal time; 2. On requirements for extra time but less than full time.
- B. NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTERS: 1 & 2 ns above; 3. More time for Majority National Committee reporters when there are extra Minority reports.

UNDERSCORING OF TEXT INDICATES CHANGES MADE. NOTE THAT IN ALL CASES THE WORD "LEAGUE" IS TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR "PARTY"