The principal problems addressed by the following suggested Constitutional amendment are (1) removing anachronistic sections and making the Constitution conform to existing reality, (2) creating provisions for the registration of regional and local offices, and (3) reducing the size of the National Convention to a functional level.

Amendment 1: Repeal Sections 1 and 11. Reasons: These articles specify our affiliation with the League for Industrial Democracy which was disbanded on Oct. 4, 1965.

Amendment 2: Rangoing the orphan clause, Section 3, Article V to read: "Chapters shall elect delegates on the basis of one delegate for every five members, each delegate to have five votes at the Convention, in order to be seated as a delegate with five votes written notice of the delegate's election must be received by the National Office prior to the Convention." Reason: This one-man-one-vote system was the cause of the whole mess that was changed at the 1963 Convention because at that time SVD was very small and one chapter (U. of Mich.) had one third of all the Convention votes. This situation obviously no longer applies.

Amendment 3: Rangoing the last sentence of Section 2, Article VI, to read: "The NC shall also be responsible for fiscal and staff policy, appointment of the National Secretary and Assistant National Secretaries, structure and appointment of a National Administrative Committee, and making appointments for the complete National Convention." Reason: The old wording included such things as drafting an annual report, and other official duties which were assigned to the NNC.

Amendment 4: Rangoing the second sentence of Section XXVII, Article X, to read: "Chairmen of the regional conventions shall be 40% of the voting members of whose election the National Convention shall have been notified." Reason: The NC has always been difficult to apply because of uncertainty over what number to take 40% of.

Amendment 5: Delete the last sentence of Section 4, Article VIII, Reason: In June, 1964, a convention was held in which elected officials were replaced by members of the National Constitution Committee. Their authority, however, was never clearly stated, and only a fraction of those elected have been attended at the next regular NC meeting. Any points of conflict shall be finally resolved by the National Council.

Amendment 6: Rangoing the following new Article XXVII, Section A, to read: Section A: The following new Article XXVII shall be adopted into the Constitution:

1. All the chapters and/or members in a given geographical area may consult and confer as a Region. Each Region shall submit its constitutional and organizational provisions to the National Convention for the purpose of preparing the next regular NC meeting. All disputes over regional boundaries shall be brought to the National Council.

2. Regions of SDS shall hold at least one membership Convention each year and may adopt a Regional Constitution with the approval of the National Convention for providing for representative organization of all chapters and of large membership Convention.

Section 3. While fundamentally responsible to their regional constituency, Regions shall be allowed to operate within the general terms of policy set by the National Convention and the National Council. Any points of conflict shall be finally resolved by the National Council.

Amendment 7: Rangoing Section 2, Article IV, to read: "Section 2. A chapter may be chartered by the National Convention. The region in which it is organized, or by the National Council in areas which have no organized Region. The chapter shall submit a membership list, a constitution or statement of principles, and nominal list of officers and representatives. Chapters may be provisionally recognized by the President or appropriate official pending the next regular NC meeting of the N.C. or Regional Council respectively. Delegations of Regional Councils on the chartering of new chapters is carried out by the Regional business office."

Amendment 8: Section 1, Article VI, shall be replaced by the following two new sections:

Section 1 shall be the same as the previous Section 1 except for the first part of the first sentence which shall read: The National Convention shall be composed of one representative of each recognized regional representative. (2) The membership of each recognized Region shall elect one representative to the National Convention for each 100 or fraction of 100 members in the Region, up to a maximum of four representatives. The Regional representatives are expected to operate with the broad approbation and approval of the Regional Convention, provided that each of the four shall be designated. Greg Calvert delegated to at-

Amendment 9: In Article V, Section 1, which lists who shall be members of the National Council, add a new subsection: "Any member of SDS chosen at the close of each annual convention by lot from Regional representatives who have never before had representation on the National Council, or by the creation of a functioning body of 50 to 100 elected representatives who, representing whole regions, will be present at every National Convention."

AND MORE

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The proposal is based on the custom of Athens after it became a radical democracy in the 4th century B.C., and upon the belief that at least some sort of representation on the assumption that "everyone is quali-

The Athenians chose all but one of their officials, and they also provided that election was pseudo-democratic, since it rewarded those most articulate and well-connected, etc., and therefore ultimately some sort of oligarchy. To elect four of the N.C. in this fashion would be a useful experiment in discovering whether in fact everyone is qualified, and if we find it we would surely be the principal. (To do more at one blow might be dangerous.)

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The SDS National Convention, to be held in Clearlake, Iowa, will begin at the afternoon of August 27 and last through the evening of September 1. The 27th will be primarily for a day to arrive, meet each other, and get situated. The afternoon will be left open for informal discussion in workshops on any relevant topic. The evening will be a public dance, party, or whatever. The convention planning committee has concluded that it would be best to avoid beginning with a major agenda debate in plenary so, at this point, the morning of the 28th as occupied with work-

shops on any relevant topic. These workshops would discuss what should come out of the convention and what would be the best way to accomplish it. The work-

shops will elect delegates to a steering committee, select a site for the next convention, and work out daily schedules of events. As the format of the convention itself will have little bearing on the content of most of the workshops, the steering committee's primary job will be to ensure that the amount of time spent in plenary debate on specific policy resolutions, on the election of officers and delineation of their duties, and on constitutional amendments. The steering committee will also convene new workshops linking different plenary resolutions to specific group of resolutions deriving from previously held work-

shops.

Workshops on specific topics will be held throughout the convention, serving both as educational bodies and as expressions of various groups and mi-

nites. Hopefully workshops can be struc-

tured around topics previously discussed in workshops. We would like to have most of the documents. We will try to work closely with the AFF in setting up workshops and finding people to run them. We need to know what topics people want to have discussed in workshops (again HINT!!)

People should submit a short note explaining the need for such a workshop. Also people should try to include work or position papers on the topic. Needless to say, the sooner, the better; we can 'em, the sooner we can 'em into NLN and/or the convention will discuss, and, as y'all know, the only real news is when one is that's is on.

The importance of this convention cannot be overstressed. If SDS is to become a cohe-
vise national movement, the membership must create a real political dialogue among themselves. People around the country face the same kind of problems, and we should be able to experiment with a variety of different solutions. Many people are developing analy-

ses of American domestic and international real politics, these people should begin to systematically exchange experiences and ideas. While we all realize the need to build locally, things learned in Buffalo may well be valuable to those of us who overthrow the San Diego oligarchy. Second, we're few in number and susceptible to manipulation by efforts at political and economic centralization, some New York or Topaka or Seattle, isolated and we need the intellectual and spiritual encouragement of knowing that, yes Virginia, there is a movement.

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**Who Are Our Fraternal Organizations?**

**NORTHERN STUDENT MOVEMENT**

"NSM believes that the basic issue in this present crisis is not a cast problem, as we have increasingly treated it to deal with the slums and their sick families and we have let it licked, but a caste problem. Only a Negro political power base can change the situation, in its judgement. It recognises the need for a white movement to parallel the black one - to stay in touch with it, interpret it to the white community, in every way to be an ally..."

Robert W. Spike

*Former Director, Commission on Religion and Race, National Council of Churches.*

"The Northern Student Movement (NSM) is an educational and social action organization of students and alumni of urban black communities of the North. The NSM has organized community projects which have mobilized black people in the ghettos of the North against the tradition of bad food, unfair housing, despair, inferior education. Since its creation in 1966, over 40,000 volunteers and staff have participated in various NSM programs..."

Harford, Conn., the NSM affiliate "NECAP created a neighborhood preschool in the North End ghettos which demonstrates the reality of the children..."

*In Boston, Mass., the NSM affiliate "IBCO" originated successfully for the institution of the surplus food program..."

*Las Vegas, Nev., the NSM affiliate "ACME" has been one of the major forces on Detroit's Eastside and has...*

*Connecticut University, which...*

*We will be able to develop a strategy to deal with the black movement. Thus we have programs going on in a number of places...*

**STUDENT RELIGIOUS LIBERALS**

*STUDENT RELIGIOUS LIBERALS in a student-run organization, affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Association, which was founded in 1961 and now has chapters in 10 institutions throughout North America. It is the position of the SRL that all religious commitments and commitments can best be developed and explored through communication, dialogue, and sharing with other religious...*
The history of the failures of political movements shows that the scope or range of mass activity is limited and doesn't broaden. The history of the New Left is essentially one of change brought about in America by Theoretical Economists and Politics. These changes have been carried out by writing about various movements and mobilizing people around them. On a practical and intellectual plane we have been able to show that LIE THE PEOPLE DECIDE. But there is a spirit inherent in that slogan to which we have not yet given adequate expression. I cannot speak for painters, musicians, or critics in these two arts. But as a writer I see that the spirit of change is expressed in making each individual reach for his relation within the entire universe. This spirit is expressed in the art of change, and it is felt by the people who run an occupied country. They are as many as 40 or more American universities (at least in the initial stages of our work) have trended sharply toward Civil Affairs Trends. U.S. Army Civil Affairs School is located in Fort Gordon, Georgia. It was established by the region in which the players work. In this manner the operations of the press expansion should pay for the operation of the presses, and bring needed funds to the movement. The June-July-August Minority of One (P.O. Box 544, Passaic, N J 07055; p. 47) student sub) has an article on the Cuban junta's strategy against the guerrillas by Victor Mais, an article on the history of Cuba's conflict against the traditional social order. The article presents a coherent attack on the "new left" by Curtis Zahn, the main point of which seems to be that Carter doesn't understand Latin America; that Larry Lipton and Evergreen are our main spokespersons, very wary, and definitely not in the price.
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NEWS & NOTIONS

TOWARD ENDING THE WAR IN VIETNAM

Why strikes? The protests and teach-ins on the campuses of America's colleges and universities have grown abound and overwhelming in the past few months. One of the reasons the war in Vietnam must be ended. A national SDS convention has been called to provide a statement for peace. A strike will serve notice on campus military recruiters and on national's campuses are 'off limits' for their activities. That American institutions of learning must be the centers for the recruitment of cannon fodder, the development of nuclear warheads, and the training of pacification troops to be used on our neighbors. A nation of students, a nation of students, a nation of students, a nation of students...

Why should strikes be sound in high schools, junior colleges, and colleges and should call on their teachers and other workers to join in some form of anti-war action. Although much of the student movement has been around the college communities, the war has had a special effect on high school students, especially those in the north. Many of these young people leaves them with little alternative to military service after graduation and families recently visited to work in the area... It is important to make the strike a success in this area... Thirdly, the strike is sponsored by a committee of prominent individuals, with no official sponsorship by groups. The meeting would meet in early September to formalize and plan the strike... The student strike proposal of Bettina Aptheker raises a number of crucial questions for the nation. Did the SDS National Committee bring immediately to the attention of SDS members... First and foremost, the NAC was concerned with the way in which the call was proposed. The history of the anti-Vietnam protest movement has been marked by a long history of calls to action. It is important to sponsor individuals who have formed SDS committees for the purpose of directing the anti-war movement... It is also in direct opposition to the ideals and goals of SDS. The emphasis on appeals to personal sacrifice is a mistake. We must not see the decision-making from a broad and democratic base, is clearly in violation of the principles of SDS. The structure of the steering committees established after the last few years... It is also important to examine the role that the movement was... The NAC did not feel competent to deal directly with the organizing of the local... The NAC was concerned with the way that the proposal was put forward... The NAC, however, was concerned with the way in which the call was proposed... For the most part, we have not been reading much... The question of the convention... The SDS people feel that... NAC was concerned with the way in which the call was proposed... The proposal highlights the ambiguity of our own situation and necessities is extremely important to us and our position... the radical student movement in the north and the largest organizational expression of new left politics, particularly in relation to the anti-war movement... The call represents the thrust of SDS's new left politics, particularly in relation to the anti-war movement... We should issue our own call, either now or tentatively pending Convention action... We should forget the whole deal, or... We should advise a different event... So people should bring sleeping bags or... The convention will not only be the outgrowth of the things that we have talked about and that... We have not been reading much... The question of the convention... We have received few working papers, ex... We are scattered for the summer and, as far as I can tell, have been holding few meetings which discuss more than immediate problems... For the most part, we have not been reading... We don't feel that the question of the convention... Before the convention, maybe it would be good if people joined the protests that they encountered, hoping to point to where the movement is going. We have talked about those things. And WRITE US — let us know what you think is going on in other chapters and projects how you're thinking. See you all at Clear Lake.

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