

NENP?
BLACK COUNCIL?

WE, AS BLACK PEOPLE, BELIEVE THAT A UNITED STATES SYSTEM THAT IS COMMITTED TO THE PRACTICE OF GENOCIDE, SOCIAL DEGRADATION, THE DENIAL OF POLITICAL AND CULTURAL SELF DETERMINATION OF BLACK PEOPLE, CANNOT REFORM ITSELF: THERE MUST BE REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE. REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE DOES NOT MEAN SYSTEMATIC EXCLUSION OF BLACKS FROM THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS AS WAS DONE HERE IN THIS CONVENTION. THIS EXCLUSION RAISES SERIOUS DOUBTS THAT WHITE PEOPLE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE. THEREFORE, RESPONDING TO OUR REVOLUTIONARY CONSCIOUSNESS, WE DEMAND THAT THIS CONFERENCE:

- 0 1. RESPOND TO THE IMPORTANCE OF BLACK PARTICIPATION BY REGROUPING ALL COMMITTEES, GIVING FIFTY PERCENT REPRESENTATION TO BLACK PEOPLE.
- + 2. MAKE THE CONFERENCE SLOGAN NOT PEACE AND FREEDOM, BUT FREEDOM AND PEACE.
- + 3. SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF SELF DETERMINATION FOR BLACK PEOPLE.
- 0 4. GIVE TOTAL AND UNQUESTIONABLE SUPPORT TO ALL NATIONAL PEOPLE'S LIBERATION WARS IN AFRICA, ASIA, AND LATIN AMERICA, PARTICULARLY VIET NAM, MOZAMBIQUE, ANGOLA, SOUTH AFRICA AND VENEZUELA.
- 5. CONDEMN THE IMPERIALISTIC ZIONIST WAR; THIS CONDEMNATION DOES NOT IMPLY ANTI-SEMITISM.
- + 6. CONDEMN THE FURTHER DISENFRANCHISEMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF HARLEM AND DEMAND THE IMMEDIATE RESEATING OF ADAM C. POWELL, THE DULY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HARLEM. POWELL MUST IMMEDIATELY BE RESTORED TO HIS FORMER CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE.

+ 7. ASSIST INDIGENOUS LOCAL FREEDOM AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS IN VOTER REGISTRATION, POLITICAL EDUCATION, AND THE ELECTION OF BLACK CANDIDATES WHOM BLACK PEOPLE SELECT.

+ 8. GIVE SUPPORT TO BLACK CONTROL OF THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN BLACK COMMUNITIES.

o 9. CALL UPON ALL "SO CALLED" FREEDOM LOVING WHITE PEOPLE WHO WISH TO STRIKE A BLOW FOR HUMANITY TO UNSHACKLE THEIR MINDS FROM OLD CONCEPTUAL STRUCTURES AND DEAL ANEW WITH THE 20th CENTURY FACTS OF BLACK LIBERATION EFFORTS.

? 10. MAKE IMMEDIATE REPARATION FOR THE HISTORIC, PHYSICAL, SEXUAL, MENTAL AND ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION OF BLACK PEOPLE.

+ 11. WE STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT WHITE CIVILIZING COMMITTEES BE ESTABLISHED IMMEDIATELY IN ALL WHITE COMMUNITIES TO CIVILIZE AND HUMANIZE THE SAVAGE AND BEAST-LIKE CHARACTER THAT RUNS RAMPANT THROUGHOUT AMERICA, AS EXEMPLIFIED BY GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELLS AND LYNDON BAINES JOHNSONS.

- 12. GO ON RECORD AS SUPPORTING ALL RESOLUTIONS ISSUING FROM THE RECENT NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BLACK POWER IN NEWARK, NEW JERSEY.

? 13. SUPPORT THE CONYERS BILL TO REBUILD DETROIT BLACK COMMUNITIES DESTROYED BY GESTAPO POLICE TACTICS AND ARMY OCCUPATION.

ENDORSEMENT OF THE BLACK CAUCUS PROPOSAL

1) We believe that the black community in America constitutes the leading force for revolutionary social change in the United States. The actions of black men have at least fifty percent of the impetus which has led to this convention. On these grounds we enthusiastically endorse the demand for fifty percent representation to black people in this convention.

2) We do not disagree with the substance of any of the thirteen points made in the black caucus proposal.

3) We think a preferable procedure would have been to first redress the balance of power in this convention - that is, to implement the first point in the black caucus proposal - and then to debate with this new composition the substantive points made in this proposal along with other resolutions. This procedure would have placed less strain on the formation of a radical coalition. For example, although we do not disagree with the substance of point number five, the inclusion of this point in its present form and context places severe additional burdens on organizing in white communities.

4) Despite these reservations we support the proposal made by the black caucus and urge that this convention adopt it.

Julien Gendell
Thomas Mayer
Michele Garskof
Bertram Garskof
Stuart Karabenick
Lucy Karabenick

Ann Arbor Citizens for New
Politics

BE IT RESOLVED that the resolutions sproposed to us be accepted as one document of this convention; second, that the following resolution be also accepted as one document of this convention.

Resolved, that the delegates of the New Politics Convention gathered in this room greet with deep respect and in full fraternity the resolutions passed by delegates of the New Politics Convention assembled in another room.

We have learned much from having studied in fraternal fashion the resolutions adopted by our brothers in the Movement.

We have learned much as well from having examined our ownplace in American society, in the light of those resolutions. We believe that from our different situation, with our different constituency, we can contribute to the American people a perspective that is useful along with that presented by our brothers.

1. The first task of whites who seek the liberation of American society is to force America to end its violence against non-whites - whether open violence, such as the American war in Vietnam, and police violence, in the ghetto, or institutionalized violence, such as the fact that the death rate for black babies is twice that of whites and that the death rate of children in parts of the third world economically controlled by the U.S. is many times that of American babies.

We believe that this institutionalized violence - in which our white-run social system kills non-whites casually, without noticing or consciously intending - is the basic reason that oppressed people in Vietnam or Colombia or Mozambique or Angola or Venezuela or Detroit or Newark turn to the use of open violence, black rebellions, and people's liberation wars. This institutionalized violence in the form of control by American wealth of much of the Middle East, is the reason that the people of Israel and the Arab people find themselves forced into open violence against each other, in the kind of gang fight that oppressed Black Americans were once forced to fight among themselves by their grinning white oppressors. This institutionalized violence is what removed moved the only Black Congressman who had achieved the heights of power from his office.

2. The second task of whites is to prevent the American government from responding to such wars and rebellions by using even bigger violence to crush them and instead to force the American government to respond by surrendering its power of the occupation army in favor of the self-determination of the people involved.

3. Within America, this requires that whites seek the construction of institutions that make it possible for Americans to govern themselves in their own neighborhoods - institutions for neighborhood control over - the schools, the police, urban renewal, etc.

4. It requires also that whites seek the redirection of huge parts of our national wealth from the subtle or outright murder of black and other colored peoples to the reconstruction of the poor and black communities in America. Thus, the American war in Vietnam must stop at once and all the resources spent there be placed at the service of the black and poor communities, to be spent as they wish.

5. All this requires that radical whites organize their white friends, families and neighbors, and whites who are not their friends and neighbors, to take these actions. We ourselves will take on this task, and we will help others to do so. We call upon white Americans to refuse to serve in any army that shoots down their black brothers and sisters in America, or their brown brothers and sisters in Vietnam. We call upon white Americans to remove from office every politician from Lyndon Johnson down - or up - who orders such ruthless murder done. We call upon white Americans to oppose and resist with their bodies and their money the use of American money to assist the governments of Southern Africa and to control Latin America, Africa, and Asia. We call upon white Americans to refuse to teach in any school which is not under the control of the neighborhood whose children learn there, to refuse to work in any Urban Renewal Project not approved by the neighborhood which it is changing, and so on. Until these men are removed from office, until self-determination is a fact, we call upon white Americans to resist the exercise of illegitimate authority.

6. To organize in the white community on this basis, whites will have to create their own analysis. This we have tried to do and will keep trying to do. We recognize fully that to organize in the black communities, black men have already begun to create their own analysis. We welcome the resolution of our black brothers as an expression of this necessity. Our two approaches are both valid in their own contexts.

7. There have been many mistakes in the planning and execution of this Convention. Some may have resulted from the simple process of having to learn under pressure; others perhaps from the remnants of the deep seated and unconscious racism that American society inculcates in all of us from our earliest years and that we must all seek to root out from our minds and souls.

We believe that our Movement for Freedom and Peace will be far advanced if all work in it is jointly done by blacks and whites, and to that end we now double in size every committee of this convention, the new seats to remain empty until filled by delegates chosen by our brothers who met in another room, if they so choose.

8. And finally, we will welcome as the decision of free men and brother the decision that our black brothers now make as to how they see best to carry on the radical Movement, whatever their decisions may be.

That in order to implement the perspectives the NCNP create two national co-ordinating committees, each of twelve members,

first, a co-ordinating committee for electoral organizing at a future time determined by said body;

second, a co-ordinating committee for local organizing.

The members of the two committees to be named by the two caucuses which supported the two perspectives now joined in the one perspective motion before us, the two committees sitting jointly to constitute the NCNP board, which shall distribute resources equitably between the two committees.

Then all will be confirmed by the whole convention, half the members of the two committees to be named by the Black Caucus.