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**SUBJECT : DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS OF  
AMERICA/REMAND**



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### ALL WILL HEAD NEW SOCIALIST UNIT

Michael Harrington, the author, was elected chairman of the new Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee that was formed at a weekend conference in the McAlpin Hotel.

The four vice chairmen are:

- Deborah Meier, coordinator of the Open Corridor program in District 2 school district in Manhattan.
- Julius Bernstein, former chairman of the Boston Housing Authority.
- Victor Reutner, former international affairs director of the United Auto Workers.
- Ralph Halstein, president emeritus of the Amalgamated Meatcutters.

The members of the national board are:

- W. Burghardt Turner, member of the

- County Human Rights Commission
- David Selden, president of the American Federation of Teachers.
- Irving Howe, author.
- Patricia Sexton, professor of sociology at New York University.
- Ruth Jordan, labor journalist.
- Elizabeth McPike, assistant director for political action of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.
- Jack Clark, national coordinator of the Socialist committee.
- Carl Shier, international representative of the United Auto Workers.
- Bosdan Denitch, professor of sociology at Queens College.
- Ronnie Ratner, student at New York University.
- Norman Birnbaum, professor of sociology at Amherst College.
- Steven Kelman, graduate student at Harvard.
- Virginia Held, professor of philosophy at City College.
- Jack Robbins, member of the Westchester County Board of Education.

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# SOCIALIST UNITY IS FOUNDED HERE

## Michael Harrington Says Group Starts With 500

By PETER KIHSS

David Lewis, leader of the New Democratic party, which governs three of Canada's 10 provinces and holds the balance of power in Parliament, came here yesterday to endorse a new American Socialist effort led by the author Michael Harrington.

In a news conference at the McAlpin Hotel with Mr. Lewis, Mr. Harrington said the founding convention of his Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee today and tomorrow was also getting greetings from the French and Swedish Socialist parties and expected a message from the British labor party.

Mr. Harrington said his group was starting with 500 dues-paying members (initially at \$7 a year, proposed for \$20), including 200 formerly in the old Socialist party as well as others such as David Selden, president of the American Federation of Teachers, and Patrick E. Gorman, international secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen.

Separately, the Social Democrats, U.S.A., successor to the old party, said its co-chairman, Bayard Rustin, had written to Mr. Lewis urging the Canadian leader "not to lend your prestigious name or presence" to the new group.

### Blow to Unity Charged

Mr. Rustin said the Harrington effort would "destroy democratic socialist unity in the United States," and Mr. Harrington's "continuous ill-advised public attacks on George Meany," president of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, would isolate "his group from the general labor movement here."

Mr. Lewis said he had been induced to speak to a pre-convention session at New York University's Loeb Student Center last night because the older group "distressed me very on its attitude in support of the war in Vietnam, which seemed to me a touchstone on the socialist approach."

For the Social Democrats, Joan Suall, their national secretary, said "our attitude was for a negotiated settlement of the war—the difference was that we were not for a unilateral pullout."

Mr. Lewis said that if the Harrington group "does become a voice in the United States, I think we would consider seeing their admission to the Socialist International, not to be the exclusion of the other group." He said one or two other countries had two separate parties in the world socialist federation.

Mr. Harrington said he would ask the new group, which is designed to be "a center for communication and education," to "support Israel's struggle for existence, including, if necessary, American resupply of its forces" particularly in case of Soviet reinforcement of Arab forces in the current war.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK

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SUBJECT: FOUNDING CONVENTION OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST  
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, NEW YORK CITY,  
10/12-13, 73  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 10/16 and 17/73, [redacted]

[redacted] whose identity is well known to the Bureau, furnished the following information concerning the Founding Convention of the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee which was held at the Loeb Student Center, New York University, NYC, on 10/12/73, and at the McAlpin Hotel, 34th Street and Broadway, NYC, on 10/13/73.

About 200 persons attended the 10/12/73 session and about 400 persons attended the 10/13/73 session. The main speakers were MICHAEL HARRINGTON, author of the book, "The Other America" and former chairman of the Socialist Party and DAVID LEWIS, a parliamentary leader of the Canadian New Democratic Party. Chairman was VICTOR REUTHER, former labor leader. The stated goal of the convention is the re-establishment of a socialist presence in American life. The address of the organization is 125 West 77th Street, NYC.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NY (100-179259)

DATE: 11/30/73

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: FOUNDRING CONVENTION OF DEMOCRATIC  
SOCIALIST ORGANIZING COMMITTEE,  
NEW YORK, 10/12-13/73  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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On 11/6/73, [redacted]

[redacted] who should  
be characterized as having furnished reliable information  
in the past furnished to SA [redacted] by mail the  
following documents relating to captioned organization.

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[redacted] is attached for 62-11243.

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Re Denver airtel to Bureau, 12/10/73, and Butte  
letter to New York, 3/26/74.

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On 4/30/74, [redacted] was telephonically  
contacted at her current residence, [redacted]  
[redacted] who wished to remain  
anonymous. This "friend," who presently [redacted]  
[redacted] advised [redacted]  
[redacted] was  
advised telephonically by her "friend" that the FBI wished  
to contact her, she agreed to be interviewed at a neutral  
[redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed at the above location and  
immediately stated she was a political activist and a member  
of the "Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee," led by

- 2 - Denver (RM)
- 2 - Butte (Info) (RM)
- 2 - Chicago (176-1386) (Info) (RM)
- ① - New York (100-179259) (DSOC)
- 1 - New York (100-118883) [redacted]
- 1 - New York (176-86) [redacted]
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[redacted] which was non-violent, did not offer candidates for election, but worked to convert the Democratic Party to more socialist orientated ideas regarding governing the people of the U.S. Further, [redacted] stated she did not wish to be questioned regarding the above organization.

[redacted] was advised this interview concerned the facts surrounding [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] stated she had no idea when or where she

[redacted]

[redacted] advised she has never been contacted by any law enforcement agency or business firm regarding the possibility [redacted]

[redacted] stated she does not know of anyone else who [redacted]

[redacted] was shown photographs of all the Weatherman fugitives and advised she only recognized [redacted]

[redacted] She stated she never met [redacted]

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[redacted] stated she would contact the FBI if she received any information regarding [redacted] being used fraudulently.

The following description was obtained from observation and interview:

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Alias

Sex

Race

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Height

Weight

Hair

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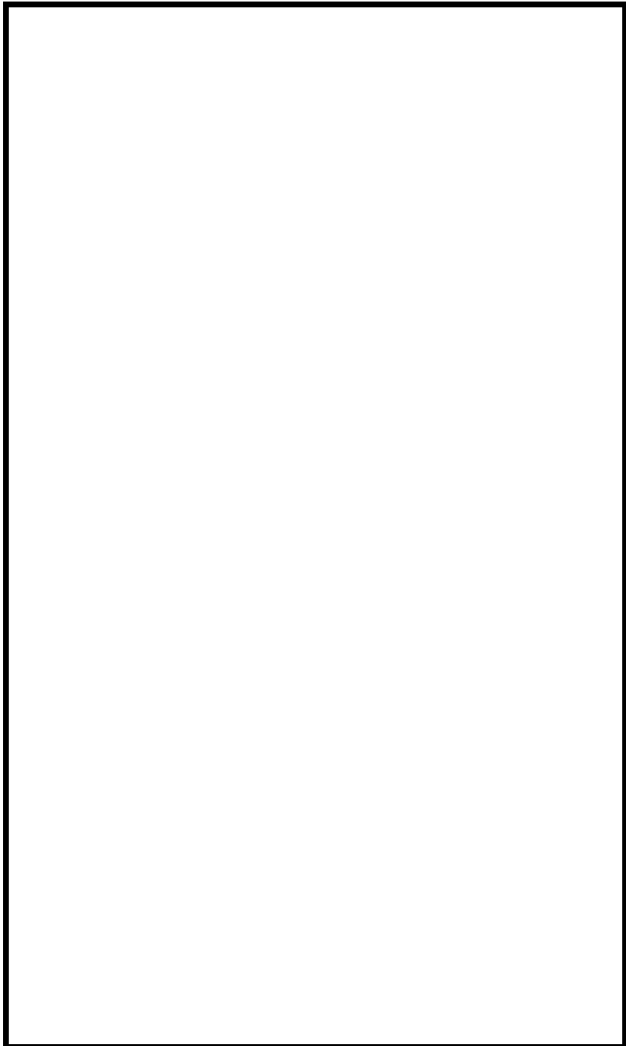
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Social Security Number

Credit Bureau

Education

Employment

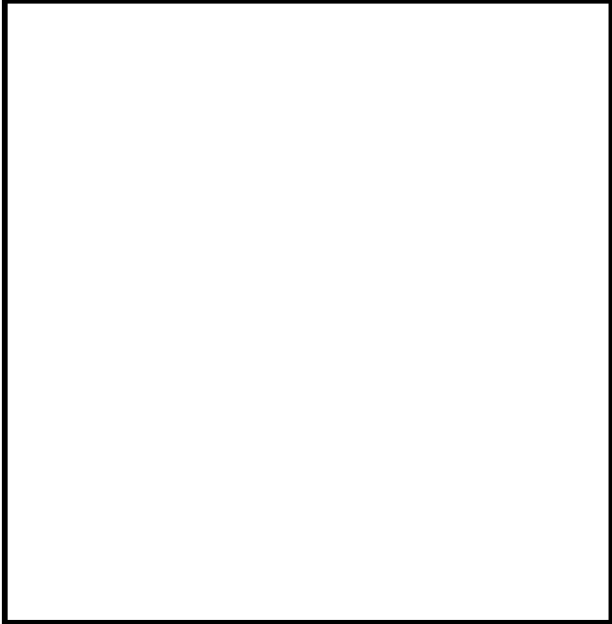


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Associates

Miscellaneous



- \* NY 100-179259 "DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST ORGANIZING COMMITTEE," dead file, indicates its goal is "re-establishment of socialist presence in American life." Address of this organization: 125 West 77th Street, NYC. This file reflects

[redacted]  
[redacted] is associated with the above group.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] White Plains, NY Resident Agency, regarding a call placed by [redacted] [redacted] NY. [redacted] is believed to be a Weatherman supporter and possibly has had contact with the subject.

The current Coles Directory of Householders for Westchester County, as well as the current telephone directory for Westchester, fail to contain any identifiable references to [redacted] NY.

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On 2/27/74, [redacted] Westchester Credit Bureau, White Plains, NY, advised her records revealed that one

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No derogatory or additional information was located in these records.

On 3/7/74, records of the Westchester County Board of Elections failed to contain any identifiable references to [redacted] These records are located at White Plains, NY.

Contact with the New York State PD, Hawthorne, NY, failed to locate any record for [redacted] on 3/14/74.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, ~~OMAHA~~ (100-NEW) (P)

DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST ORGANIZING  
COMMITTEE, aka  
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Enclosed for the Bureau and New York is one copy of an article which appeared in a Des Moines, Iowa, newspaper.

The enclosed newspaper article appeared in the "Des Moines Tribune" on 8/3/74. It refers to a branch of the captioned organization being established in Davenport, Iowa. From the contents of captioned article it appears that there are approximately 12 citizens of Iowa who are members and those persons are teachers, Government employees or students. The article indicates that the group was formed about a year ago in New York by one MICHAEL HARRINGTON.

Omaha files contain no identifiable information concerning the names of the persons in Iowa or the organization, except there is a reference indicating a

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Omaha is not aware of the characterization of this organization and does not know whether it is possibly a new legitimate political party or a front group of some socialist subversive organization.

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Request of the Bureau

Bureau is requested to advise Omaha if this is a legitimate political organization or if Omaha should initiate investigation of this group.

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Advise Omaha of   
and the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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Re Omaha letter to the Bureau, 9/12/74.

Enclosed for Omaha are one copy each of New York airtel  
to the Bureau, 10/19/74, entitled "FOUNDING CONVENTION OF DEMOCRATIC  
SOCIALIST ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, NEW YORK CITY, 10/12-13/74", the

[redacted]  
[redacted] and memorandum of SA [redacted]  
dated 11/30/73.

Enclosures contain pertinent information in the files  
of the New York Office concerning captioned organization. It also  
sets out some background information on [redacted]

[redacted] is the subject of a closed investigation of  
the New York Office, Bureau file 100-411915, New York file 100-118883.

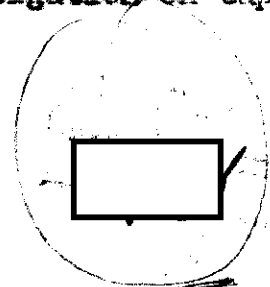
Confidential sources who have furnished reliable  
information in the past advised that [redacted]  
[redacted]

During 1972, [redacted]  
[redacted]

New York has conducted no investigation on captioned  
organization.

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2- Omaha (100- ) (Encls. 4) (RM)  
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