

SOCIALIST SOCIETY CALLED FOR

Panthers Outline 'Utopia' at Meeting

PHILADELPHIA (AP)— A demand for creation of an oppression-free socialist society was the central theme as the Black Panther party wound up the main event of its Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention.

The capitalist system, U.S. activities in other nations, the present treatment of women and various minority groups including homosexuals all came in for attack yesterday as spokesmen for 15 workshops presented their ideas for bettering society.

ABOUT 6,000 people, most young and about 35 per cent white, shot clenched fists into the air and shouted "right on" and "power to the people" as each demand was read inside the Temple University gymnasium that served as a convention hall.

Most demonstrated a concern that "the people" must directly control everything ranging from what they do with their own bodies to education, police, court justice and the actions of the military.

One workshop demanded that national minorities be guaranteed the right to integrate, amalgamate, federate.

amalgamate, congregate, secede, or do whatever they wish, provided that no group oppresses any other group.

OTHER demands included: —Guaranteed representation for all ethnic groups in whatever government structure is formed in proportion to their numbers at the local level.

—Free housing, health care, education, and day care centers for children all paid for by the government.

—The right, and the duty, for everyone to bear arms, perhaps in the form of a justice-dispensing "people's militia" that would include women.

—People judged only by their peers.

—Free abortion, sterilization, and contraceptive devices for men and women.

—DRASTIC CHANGES in the present family structure, with more emphasis on communal living and men sharing house work equally with women.

—Both education and art to serve "the people," and assist in teaching revolutionary ideas.

A workshop on the distribution of political power produced a demand that present political boundaries be abolished and replaced by an undetermined number of autonomous, continuously evolving, self-governing communities from which political power would flow upward.

All special privileges would be forbidden, there would be no compulsory servitude or domination of one group by another and people would police and defend themselves.

THE DELEGATE who delivered that report said his group saw a gradual evolution from that point to a truly stateless society.

The purpose of the three-day convention was to lay the groundwork for the drafting of a new constitution.

The actual drafting of a document for presentation to a future meeting will be done by a committee of delegates from several black organizations that participated in the session.

Police remained out of sight for the most part, and there were almost no incidents. By

early today, police said they had made no convention-connected arrests.