



WYOMUN IV

Big Brother is Watching You: Assembly of the Ingsoc Inner Party



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Dear Delegates,

My name is Grace Hitt, and I am very excited to serve as one of your crisis directors for Big Brother is Watching You: Assembly of the Ingsoc Inner Party! I came up with this committee after reading George Orwell's *1984* over spring break last year and pondering the possibility of a Model UN committee that used Newspeak, but I never thought that it would actually become a reality. I hope that you enjoy the experience of the committee as much as I've enjoyed designing it.

This is my second year participating in WYOMUN, but I've been participating in Model UN since sixth grade (I'm a junior now). Other than Model UN, I am involved in many other activities. I love playing trumpet, and this year I am section leader and have a solo in our field show. Outside of school band, I play in the CSYO Concert Orchestra and the CCM Preparatory Department Brass Choir. Besides trumpet, which admittedly takes up a lot of the time I'm not doing schoolwork, I help run *Icarus* (Wyoming High School's literary magazine) and compete as part of Wyoming's academic team.

As you can probably guess from the fact that I'm part of this committee, I also love to read! My favorite author is Agatha Christie, and some of my favorite books are *And Then There Were None*, *Murder on the Orient Express*, and the *Illuminae Files* series. I welcome any and all book recommendations!

The rest of the committee staff and I have been working diligently to create an informative background guide from *1984*, and we are so thrilled to share this committee with you! I encourage you all to participate actively, and I can't wait to find out in what direction you'll take Oceania. See you November 4th!

Sincerely,

Grace Hitt

Crisis Director

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Dear Delegates:

My name is Radu Pavel, Jr., and I'm going to serve as one of your chairs for Big Brother is Watching You: Assembly of the Ingsoc Inner Party! When Grace brought up the idea for this committee, I was instantly sold on it. George Orwell's *1984* really made me think for a long time after I read it. It was one of the few books that I've read that really stuck with me for a while. It has been a full year since I first read it, and reading it again in preparation for this committee opened my eyes to many more aspects of the society I had not thought of before. I hope you enjoyed reading it as much as I did!

This is my first time participating in WYOMUN, but hopefully won't be my last, and I've been participating in Model UN since 6th grade. The idea of public speaking and debate is what drew me to Model UN (as there is no debate club at Wyoming), and I'm also involved in mock trial for much the same reasons. In my own time, what little of it there is, I have been learning to play the piano for many years, and it's something I really enjoy.

Crafting this committee has taken the better part of 5 months, and everyone on our staff has had a blast writing it. I can't wait to see what you, as delegates, come up with, and I wish you all the best of luck.

Sincerely,

Radu Pavel, Jr

Committee Chair

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Concerning *1984*

George Orwell's dystopian novel *1984* outlines a fascinating society that was significantly influenced by events at the time. *1984* was published in 1949, after the world had witnessed the horrors of Adolf Hitler's dictatorship of Germany and Josef Stalin's dictatorship of the Soviet Union. Orwell worked for the British Broadcasting Company during World War II, so he knew more than the average person at the time would have about leaders such as these, and his concern about the dangers of totalitarianism is evident in his writing. Orwell himself described *1984* as "a show-up of the perversions to which a centralized economy is liable and which have already been recognized in Communism and Fascism" (Burt 378).

This committee takes place within the society of Oceania outlined in *1984*. Because Winston Smith, the protagonist of *1984*, is a member of the Outer Party, many aspects of the society remain a mystery or have multiple potential interpretations. We have tried to include as much as possible about our interpretation of the novel, but we recognize that there may be lingering questions. If at any point prior to the conference, you wish to clarify something from the background guide or the novel, feel free to contact us at gmhitt07@cinci.rr.com. That said, it is still possible to learn much about the world of *1984* by reading the book, and we strongly recommend that each delegate do so to prepare.

The Committee

It is 1984, and the world is dominated by three superpowers: Eastasia, ruled by Obliteration of the Self; Eurasia, ruled by Neo-Bolshevism; and Oceania, ruled by English Socialism, or Ingsoc. Oceania has maintained its superiority for years - indeed, the Outer Party continues to believe that all is well within the state. However, in reality, it faces a myriad of problems, all of which are undoubtedly within the power of the Inner Party to solve, but none of which are resolvable without cooperation. At WYOMUN IV, delegates will represent members of the Ingsoc Inner Party while seeking to address issues such as the economy, the perpetual war, and social unrest within Oceania. This committee opens with, essentially, the world on the edge of a precipice. Oceania and Eastasia are in the midst of a standoff in Southeast Asia, the number of Oceanian citizens who are slipping through the



cracks of indoctrination is growing, and Oceania's economy is crumbling as production of war goods is ramped up at the cost of basic necessities. It is up to the delegates to decide how best to deal with each of these problems.

Party Ideology

"A world of steel and concrete, of monstrous machines and terrifying weapons - a nation of warriors and fanatics, marching forward in perfect unity, all thinking the same thoughts and shouting the same slogans, perpetually working, fighting, triumphing, persecuting - three hundred million people all with the same face" (Orwell 74). This ideal is the world that Ingsoc seeks to create, and that the Inner Party plays an instrumental role in developing each and every day. It is crucial for Inner Party members to have a clear understanding of Party goals and ideals in order to preserve the integrity of the Party while seeking to maintain order in Oceania.

The ideal Party member is constantly energetic and furthering the interests of the Party - there is no spare time. He or she not only obeys Big Brother, but also loves him (Orwell 282). True Party members have an unwavering belief in the infallibility of Ingsoc; the reality of the Party is always right. They are masters of doublethink, the ability to accept two opinions that contradict or cancel out, a true victory over the mind. For example, while it might be said one week that chocolate rations are to be reduced to twenty grams, the ideal Party member will accept without question that chocolate rations have, in fact, been raised to twenty grams if the Party announces it to be so.

Doublethink enables the Party to have absolute control over every aspect of Oceanians' lives. The Party channels the people's emotions through patriotic activities such as the Two Minutes' Hate, controls the information that the population possesses, and rewrites history when necessary. It is important for Inner Party members to realize that the Party does all of these things for their own sake. "Nothing exists except an endless present in which the Party is always right" (Orwell 155).

Ingsoc works tirelessly to achieve a future in which "there will be no loyalty, except loyalty to the Party" (Orwell 267). It is the job of the Inner Party to live out this ideal and work towards the glorious future that has always been its goal.

History

Before the party, the world was desolate. Capitalism ruled London, and they all wore top-hats (which is why they are banned today). Everything was worse, in every way possible



before the party. Everyone was a slave to the capitalists, and they were all pigs. The world was miserable until the old Party leaders revolted and did away with the capitalist regime. The old leaders brought about a new era of fortune, but sadly all of them lost sight of their goal except Big Brother.

One by one they had to be arrested for crimes against the state. After a fair and public trial, they were each executed. The last three traitors were vaporized like the last, but they were a special

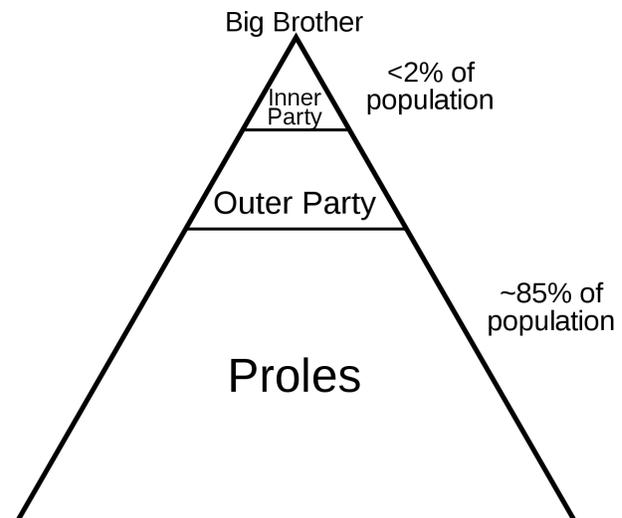
case and thus were broken before. Jones, Aaronson, and Rutherford all committed crimes against the state. After much interrogation, they confessed to their crimes, but were allowed freedom considering their great service to the party. They, however, decided to waste their freedom by continued betrayal of the party, and thus had to be executed. This is the long-term history of Oceania, there is however history in the short term as well.

The history of our part itself is non-existent. There is no party history because the party makes its history. Assisted by the records department, anything that needs to be written into history will be done so smoothly and flawlessly without any trace of what it was before. This is a very convenient way of helping maintain good spirits and high morale. The party has only ever increased rations due to this phenomenon and will only ever continue to do so.

Society

Within Oceania, the proles make up the basis of society. As the poorest and largest class, they represent people within society who are easily influenced and under-educated. They believe everything the government tells them, yet simultaneously do not care and have no feelings towards anything. Because they are so uneducated, proles do not have telescreens in their homes, nor are they closely monitored by Big Brother. If proles become too intelligent, they are taken by the Thought Police, and memories of them are erased from society. They are kept under control through propaganda and false, always changing information. They are not loyal to the Party, Oceania, or any other enemy party, but rather to their fellow proles. Some own shops, mostly pubs, which leads them to be the largest economic influencers but, again, the economy

is determined by Big Brother and the Party. Despite constant and random bombings in their neighborhoods, proles are also completely unaware of the world around them. They do not have separate identities, and they are blissfully ignorant of any oppression or thought control. Paradoxically, they are perhaps the only truly happy ones in society, despite the fact that they live in a state of constant oppression. They spend their entire lives around the lottery, their only false hope of riches. They theoretically could rebel, since they are the only free people, but the proles are not clued in to the world enough to know to rebel, so that never happens, and the proles continue living poor and aimlessly. There is no social mobility within the proles.



Above the proles in the social hierarchy of Oceania is the Outer Party, which carries out the wishes of the Inner Party. The Inner Party - the brain of Oceania - is above the Outer Party and controls the government, keeping the people in order through propaganda and manipulation, thus controlling the entire population. However, Oceania is not centralized and has no real capital or governing body in the traditional sense of the word. At the head of the Party is Big Brother, an unseen god-like creature. Everyone in Oceania must not only be loyal to but fully love Big Brother; their lives and the stability of Oceania depend on it. If the people fail to believe in Big Brother and Ingsoc, Oceania as we know it will crumble.

A citizen's societal status is determined by an examination taken at age sixteen; thus societal positions are unbiased and not based on heredity, and there is social mobility, albeit rare, for all Party members. The actions of daily life are limited as everyone is watched by the Thought Police and Police Patrol (see How the Party Keeps Control). Children can join organizations such as the Spies to learn loyalty to Big Brother and other Party ideals (including encouraged controlled violence). Through these organizations, they become, in essence, miniature Thought Police. Therefore, parents often fear their children turning them in for Thought Crime. Marriages are assigned, and the only purpose of marriage is to bear children for the party.

The common languages are English and Newspeak. There is little to no communication between different parts and classes of Oceania, and absolutely no contact with foreigners. There is no religion, as a Party member's only loyalty should be towards Big Brother.

Life is generally bleak for citizens of Oceania. Between hate demonstrations and Inner-Party organized rallies, people can enjoy mundane tasks. Since the Inner Party keeps rations small, many people can barely get by and cities, such as London, are dirty and poor.

Essentially, all emotions have either been wiped out or the Party uses them for their convenience, such as during the Two Minutes' Hate or Hate Week.

Economy of Oceania

Oceania's economy is highly centralized, reminiscent of those of the totalitarian regimes of ages past. Its currency is the dollar, and it operates on a cycle of Three-Year Plans with established quotas for each good; Oceania is currently on the Tenth Three-Year Plan. The Inner Party members have access to the best quality goods, while for many products, Outer Party members must make do with the lesser quality "Victory" products. A strict system of rationing ensures that no Party member receives more than their share.

Other products, such as shoelaces or razor blades, are only available in shops on the free market. Party members are not supposed to shop on the free market, but the Inner Party tends to turn a blind eye as long as they are not purchasing anything too concerning.

To all appearances, Oceania's economy is booming. The Ministry of Plenty reported a twenty percent increase in the standard of living over the past year, leading to spontaneous demonstrations of gratitude in the streets. All the data "show[s] more of everything except disease, crime, and insanity" (Orwell 59). However, in comparison to prior ages, standard of living has decreased significantly. Part of this decline, of course, is the necessity of devoting copious amounts of materials to the war effort. "Goldstein's" book advances the idea that "a general state of scarcity increases the importance of small privileges and thus magnifies the distinction between one group and



another” (Orwell 191). Of course, this philosophy is nonsense, but it is helpful for the people to believe that goods are scarce by the Party’s choice and that they always have been.

The reality is far less appealing. Fortunately, frugality has always been an important value of Oceania, and the people believe whatever they are told, so the majority of the population has not noticed the change. Nonetheless, Oceania faces severe shortages, exacerbated by recent population growth. All rations are being reduced as an emergency measure. Misuse of resources perpetuated for hundreds of years during the capitalist centuries, and it is now more vital than ever that Oceania win the war with Eastasia in order to support its people. However, the production of more war goods would place even more of a drain on Oceania’s resources.

War

War is an essential part of living in Oceania, hence it has become part of one of our key slogans: “War is Peace.” Oceania is currently at war with Eastasia, they have always been at war and will forever be enemies, thus Eurasia has always been the ally. Some people will argue that Oceania is and has been at war with Eurasia, but this is just the dangerous and false influence of Goldstein. These traitors to the party shall be captured by the Thought Police.

Theoretically, the countries have no need to be at war. The only thing they gain is the labor or workers in the disputed quadrant of land, and the workers have no loyalty to any country, as they are rarely aware of being in the hands of different governments. Furthermore, the only thing slave labor is used for is the production of war goods. With the current technology, there is no hope of completely conquering Eastasia, and so in that regard there are no land gains either. All three superstates are economically independent and self-sufficient, so there has historically been no competition for resources. But, all this is changing rapidly as the economy fails. It is now extremely crucial that Oceania gain control of more of the labor and resources in the disputed quadrant, which is a “rough quadrilateral with its corners at Tangier, Brazzaville, Darwin, and Hong Kong” (Orwell 187). We must develop more technology and strategies to defeat Eastasia and expand Oceania’s territory.

The proles do not seem to care about the war effort, besides expressing disdain for Eastasia during appropriate government regulated times; it does not affect their mindset in daily life. Proles are only shown war films, most likely to make them energetic about the concept of war enough to not rebel, and a majority of goods and labor efforts are put towards weapons advancement. Currently, the atomic bomb is the strongest weapon in existence; we know that Eastasia has rocket bombs, because they have used them to kill proles. Oceania fights back with helicopters, self-propelled projectiles, submarines, tanks, torpedoes, as well as guns and hand grenades, but all science is dedicated to researching new weaponry. Oceania only has large scale battles if they are surprise attacks. Oceania also has the key Floating Fortress, a base from which we are able to attack and fight Eastasia.

“War is Peace.” This doublethink phrase means that as long as Oceania is at war, peace and stability will reign in society. If there is no war, there is no excuse for a failing economy. Without a poor economy, proles could become wealthy and start to move up in societal ranks, an extraordinarily dangerous prospect for the Party because then they would become more educated. If the proles were educated, they could challenge the traditional order and start a revolution. Thus, war with foreign powers leads to peace within Oceania.

How the Party Keeps Control

The stability of the party depends on its ability to use fear and manipulation to control the people. The telescreens are not just a window into people’s homes, they are a window into their minds. Facecrime, thoughtcrime, all can be identified by the telescreens, and doing so is essential to the continued prosperity of Oceania. The Thought Police are everywhere. If there is dissent, they will find it, and not just root it out. They will torture and break any rebels into submission and loyalty to the party. Thoughtcrime cannot be hidden. The torture takes place inside the Ministry of Love, where the Party’s most effective tool is housed. Room 101 is a fate worse than death, for it houses your greatest fear. If you fear bees, you will be surrounded by the biggest swarm imaginable and experience unimaginable pain. That is how the Thought Police can be so effective in breaking a rebel. Once cured, the Thought Criminals are finally free to accept Party values. They do not die as martyrs, they die as loyal Party members. That is the key - unswerving loyalty to the Party and Big Brother.

Loyalty however, is not enough. The party must hold complete and total control over its citizens and when it cannot control someone, it knows. As previously mentioned, thoughtcrime cannot be hidden. Thoughtcrime can be identified by the thought police in many ways, but the

most effective is via telescreens. A person may develop a nervous habit, or a tick or they may just get less sleep at night. This indicates stress, or that they are hiding something. Once a person is identified as possibly committing thoughtcrime, they are investigated more thoroughly. If they are determined a thought criminal, they will be closely monitored to identify the full nature of their crimes and to allow the thoughtpolice to find any other thoughtcriminals they may be working with. Once determined guilty they will be vaporized by the police patrol or thoughtpolice, broken, and made an unperson. Unpeople are wiped from Oceania completely, like a stain on a white shirt. History is rewritten as though they were never there. The thought police has never been wrong about a person before, and they never will be wrong.

Nothing can be done in secret. If a citizen commits thoughtcrime, they will be vaporized, and persuaded to align with Party ideals. The people know this, and that is where fear comes in. Their children are taught from a young age to spy on their family, and to inform officials of their parents' actions. Over time, the party's plan is to eliminate joy and love, all but on an artificial level. Love trumps reason and fear, but if you can prevent love altogether, it is no longer a problem. No one can be close to anyone else, and the only reason there even is a family anymore is for the good of the Party to multiply. Feeling love is equivalent to thoughtcrime.

Questions to Consider

Delegates should consider these questions during their research and when formulating ideas for solutions.

1. How can the Inner Party revive Oceania's failing economy without its citizens noticing? Is it better to produce more war goods now (and thus leave much of the population living in severe poverty) in order to obtain more resources at war's end, or should Ingsoc decrease the production of war goods to increase the living standard of the people?
2. Which is more important: perpetuating the war and retaining its benefits or achieving military victory and the resources and labor of the disputed quadrant? How can Ingsoc attain this outcome?
3. What is the best way for Ingsoc to suppress unrest in Oceania?

Important Members of the Ingsoc Inner Party

The following are descriptions of members of the Ingsoc Inner Party who may be represented by delegates in this committee. Terminology from several historical countries which are now part of Oceania has been retained.

Secretary of Records

The principal responsibility of the Records Department in the Ministry of Truth is to rectify news articles to reflect the actual order of events. It is an unfortunate fact of life that in Oceania, the Party communications are occasionally based on misinformation or misprints; fortunately, the Records Department solves that particular problem. Additionally, there are some historical texts that are valuable pieces of literature, but fail to meet the Party's ideological standards. It is the job of the Secretary of Records to locate errors such as these and communicate to the rest of the department what must be rectified. The Secretary of Records is the principal link to Oceania's past, as they also have access to the initial, erroneous Party communications at all times.

Secretary of Fiction

The Fiction Department of the Ministry of Truth controls all of the novels and fictional materials released to the public, excluding historical works. The Secretary of Fiction has ultimate say over the reading selections of the Party. Fiction is an important way to subtly promote Party ideals and the Ingsoc agenda, so the Secretary of Fiction plays a significant role in the circulation of Party ideology.

Secretary of Research

The Research Department of the Ministry of Truth conducts investigations into and surveys of the Inner Party and Outer Party members with the goal of gaining insight regarding the composition of the Party as well as details about Party members' daily lives. The Secretary of Research is in charge of this department, and thus has the power to order such surveys and investigations into the Party at any time, as well as to act on the information received.

Secretary of Teleprogrammes

The Teleprogrammes Department of the Ministry of Truth is responsible for the constant information and programs on the telescreen. Because no Outer Party member is able to turn off

the telescreen, the Teleprogrammes Department has significant influence over the information received by the Outer Party. It also has, to a lesser extent, influence over the lower tiers of the Inner Party; though Inner Party members can turn off the telescreen, it is unwise for them to do so for extended lengths of time. The job of the Secretary of Teleprogrammes is to decide which information, received from other branches of the Ministries, is disseminated to the people. The Secretary of Teleprogrammes is also responsible for the majority of the propaganda films and posters, including the Two Minutes' Hate.

Secretary of the Proletariat

The Proletarian Department of the Ministry of Truth serves a similar purpose to the Departments of Records, Fiction, Research, and Communications, the exception being that it only deals with proletarian affairs, as the proles need everything repeated at a lower level. As such, the powers of the Secretary of the Proletariat are in essence the same as those of the Secretaries of the other Departments of the Ministry of Truth, but they deal only with the proles.

Minister of Love

The Ministry of Love (Miniluv) is responsible for maintaining law and order within Oceania. It has its own security team of black-uniformed guards, and the contents of its walls are unknown to all except a few select members of the Party. To be more blunt, the Ministry of Love houses prisoners, enemies of the Party, and deals with the healing through torture of these diseased Thought Criminals. The Minister of Love, therefore, is responsible for dealing with all political prisoners and enemies of the Party once they have been captured. He/she commands all of the interrogators and security forces, as well as retaining control of the various torture devices utilized to cure the prisoners, including Room 101, where prisoners must face their greatest fear.

Minister of Plenty

The Ministry of Plenty (Miniplenty) controls all economic affairs within Oceania (see Economy). It is responsible for ensuring quotas are met and the Three-Year Plans are achieved. Ration levels are set by the Ministry of Plenty, so the Ministry has direct control over the Party members' access to goods. It deems certain products contraband, such as razors. The Ministry of Plenty is also responsible for the lottery, which is the one event that the proles truly care

about. As leader of the Ministry of Plenty, the Minister of Plenty has extensive control over the economy and lifestyle of Oceania.

Minister of Peace

In keeping with the Party slogan, “War is Peace,” the Ministry of Peace deals with the ongoing war with Eastasia. The Minister of Peace must work closely with other war figures, such as the Commander-in-chief, to craft strategy and ensure Oceania’s victory. The Minister of Peace is the ultimate authority on Oceania’s strategy and all war affairs but does not directly control the troops. Nonetheless, the Minister of Peace is invaluable to preserving the well-being of Oceania and its citizens.

Principal Investigator of Weapons Research

The Weapons Research Division of the Ministry of Peace is responsible for ensuring that Oceania has the latest military technology to be used in defeating Eastasia. The Principal Investigator of Weapons Research organizes studies, conducts tests, and orders the production of such new weapons as they are developed. Weapons research is instrumental in the ongoing conflict and in the defense of Oceania.

Commander-in-chief

The Commander-in-chief has supreme control of the military of Oceania. They work very closely with the Minister of Peace to craft strategy for the ongoing war with Eastasia.

Commander-in-chief is not a ministry position: the Commander is a decorated general with years of military experience. A master of doublethink, as one must be in such a line of work.

Superintendent of Thought Police

The main responsibility of the Thought Police is to capture Thought Criminals. They operate at night, with no trials or reports, and have a vast network of informants. It was once said, and quite accurately so, that “no one who had once fallen into the hands of the Thought Police ever escaped in the end” (Orwell 76). They monitor the telescreens; they take attendance at community centers; they review all correspondence at all levels of society. The Thought Police are extraordinarily efficient, and their Superintendent is perhaps the most efficient of all. The Superintendent sees everything that goes on in Oceania; the true extent of the Thought Police’s reach is only known to them.

Chief of Police Patrol

The Police Patrol is a much more concrete organization than the Thought Police. They are responsible for surveillance, often using helicopters to spy through windows or concealed microphones to pick up on conversations. The Chief of Police Patrol works closely with the Thought Police to transfer Thought Criminals, which do not fall under the jurisdiction of the Police Patrol. On the very rare occasion that a crime is actually committed, rather than a Thought Crime (typically occurring only in times of turmoil or corruption within the Thought Police), that criminal would fall under the authority of the Police Patrol.

President of Jr Anti Sex League

Easily identifiable by their scarlet sashes, the Junior Anti Sex League advocates celibacy for both sexes. Their goal is for all children to be gotten by artsem and brought up in public institutions. The President of the Jr Anti Sex League therefore commands a motivated group of young people who will work tirelessly to achieve their goal. Average members plaster posters on walls and organize demonstrations. The President, of course, coordinates these events, but also operates research groups and several trial public institutions to move towards the League's ultimate objective. This objective also serves the interests of the Party, as chastity seems to be directly related to political orthodoxy.

Director of Spies

The Spies are the first of two youth organizations designed to instruct children in the ways of the Party. It does much of the work in turning the family into "an extension of the Thought Police" by encouraging informants and discouraging family loyalty (Orwell 133). Spies are loyal to no one but the Party, which they adore, and they have a fervent hatred of foreigners and traitors. The children who participate in the Spies are given a variety of gadgets, such as ear trumpets, to help them ferret out any and all traitors to the Party. The Director of the Spies has enormous influence over the future of Oceania, as the young Spies are extremely impressionable. The Director also controls, by controlling the Spies, a wealth of information that is a significant portion of the Thought Police's sources.

President of Youth League

The Youth League is the second of the two youth organizations; once children graduate from the Spies, they become a member of the Youth League. The Youth League continues much of

the work of the Spies, with even more of an emphasis on public demonstration. For example, during trials, the Youth League surrounds the courthouse shouting, “Death to the traitors!” (Orwell 153). The President of the Youth League thus commands a fanatic force similar to the Spies and the Jr Anti Sex League.

Chairperson of Sports Committee

The Sports Committee organizes most community events, ranging from hikes to demonstrations. Therefore, the Chairperson of the Sports Committee has the ability to call upon the vast numbers of people who participate in the community events for almost any purpose.

Ambassador to Eastasia

In the olden days, ambassadors were sent to other countries for diplomacy’s sake. Since the revolution, the term has become antiquated, but it remains nonetheless for lack of a better description. None of the three superpowers care much for treaties or agreements, but they all wish to keep tabs on each other, hence the position of ambassador. The Ambassador to Eastasia has the more difficult job, as Oceania is and has always been at war with Eastasia. The Ambassador is unable to leave the country for fear of execution by the Eastasian authorities, but they use their mastery of espionage to communicate information that they learn about Eastasian society and plans to Oceania.

Ambassador to Eurasia

As Eurasia is Oceania’s ally, the Ambassador to Eurasia is able to move more freely and meet with Eurasian officials on a regular basis. However, Oceania does not fully trust Eurasia. The Ambassador’s background as a spy during the capitalist centuries often proves useful.

Governor of Airstrip One

Airstrip One is the third most populous of the provinces of Oceania, and it contains the vitally important city of London. The governor of Airstrip One is responsible for implementing policy in the province as well as managing the various workings of London itself.

Further Reading

Although this background guide is a great starting point for research, additional investigation is necessary for further understanding of the committee and the topics to be discussed. For this

committee, the best way delegates can prepare is reading *1984* and paying special attention to the details of Oceania's workings. It is important to look beyond this background guide to ensure a successful committee experience.

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