

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES, Number 1, September 4, 1969

Present: Barnes, Breitman, Dobbs, Halstead, Hansen, Novack, Ring, Shaw, Sheppard, Bolduc.

Visitors: Camejo, Horowitz, Kerry.

Chairman: Breitman

AGENDA:

1. Administrative Committee
2. Matters Referred to Political Committee by the Post-Convention Plenum
3. Discussions with Boston Leadership
4. Antiwar

1. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Barnes reported.

Motion: That the Administrative Committee be comrades Dobbs, Shaw, and Barnes.

Carried.

2. MATTERS REFERRED TO POLITICAL COMMITTEE BY THE POST-CONVENTION PLENUM

Barnes reported the Administrative Committee proposals:

1. That the question of the constitution commission be referred to the Administrative Committee.

2. That the organization of the post-convention literary discussion on the Political Resolution be referred for the time being to the Administrative Committee.

3. On the editing and publication of the convention resolutions and reports, that the following general plan be followed:

a. To edit and publish in an information bulletin: the Organization Report, edited versions of the Publications Panel, the Militant Panel, the Election Campaigns Meeting, and a summary of the summer schools; the World Movement Report; the Report on the Transitional Program for Black Liberation and a summary of the Third World fraction meeting; the Youth Report; summaries of the Trade Union Panel and the Women's Liberation Panel.

b. That we also edit and publish, either in the magazine, in pamphlet form, or in an information bulletin: the China Report; the Political Resolution; the Transitional Program for Black Liberation; the Antiwar Resolution.

c. To publish in the paper the Antiwar Report.

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

### 3. DISCUSSIONS WITH BOSTON LEADERSHIP

Kerry reported.

Motion: In consultation between the Administrative Committee and the leadership of the Boston branch, namely, the branch organizer, Steve Chase, and the National Committee member, Larry Trainor, it was agreed to try and promote accelerated party expansion activity in the New England area by assigning reinforcements to the Boston branch and to begin relieving Comrade Peter Camejo of his present assignments for immediate assignment to the Boston branch; further, that a representative of the Political Committee be designated to present the proposal to a membership meeting of the Boston branch at the earliest time.

Carried.

Motion: To designate Kerry as the Political Committee representative in this matter.

Carried.

### 4. ANTIWAR

Horowitz reported.

Written report to follow.

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

MINUTES OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE PLENUM

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Convened: 5:15 p.m.

Chairman: Weinstein

Roll Call: Regular:

Alvin, B. Barnes, J. Barnes,  
Breitman, Joel Britton, Camejo,  
Chertov, Coover, DeBerry, Dobbs,  
Garza, Halstead, A. Hansen,  
J. Hansen, Himmel, Horowitz,  
L. Jones, F. Lovell, Novack, Ring,  
Sharon, Shaw, Sheppard, Tussey,  
Waters, Weinstein, Weissman.

Alternates:

Henderson, C. Scheer, Bolduc,  
Boutelle, Jenness, Morrison, S. Lovel  
Styron, Benson, Leonard, Kirsch,  
Wulp, Scott, Vernon, Thomas, Hill,  
Evans, Porter, Roberts.

Advisory:

Harer, Trainor

Control Commission:

Aubrey, Ferguson

1. MATTERS REFERRED BY THE CONVENTION

Barnes reported.

Motion: That the editing of convention resolutions, the implementation of the convention recommendation to organize a constitution commission, and the implementation of the convention decision on a post-convention literary discussion on the points raised in the Political Resolution be referred to the Political Committee.

Carried.

2. POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Dobbs reported.

Motion by Dobbs: That the Political Committee be composed of eleven members. That these be J. Barnes, Breitman, DeBerry, Dobbs, Halstead, J. Hansen, Novack, Ring, Shaw, Sheppard, and a representative chosen by the youth.

Carried.

3. NATIONAL OFFICERS

Motion by Shaw: To re-elect as national officers Cannon, National Chairman; Dobbs, National Secretary; Barnes, Organization Secretary.

Carried.

Plenum adjourned: 5:40 p.m.