

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES, Number 18, November 27, 1970

Present: Breitman, Dobbs, A. Hansen, Horowitz, LaMont, F. Lovell,
Novack, Ring, Sheppard.

Visitors: Bolduc, Jones, Seigle.

Chairman: Horowitz.

AGENDA: 1. Antiwar Report
2. Militant Sub Drive Report

1. ANTIWAR REPORT

Jones reported.

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

2. MILITANT SUB DRIVE REPORT

Sheppard reported.

Meeting adjourned.

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TO ALL ORGANIZERS, ANTIWAR DIRECTORS AND AT-LARGERS

Dear Comrades,

The resumption of the bombing of North Vietnam, the commando raid near Hanoi, and the recent bellicose statements of Secretary of Defense Laird indicate the Nixon administration's commitment to win a military victory in Vietnam, a fact that some in the antiwar movement wrongly began to question during the election period. We look forward to the mammoth antiwar sentiment in the United States to be reflected in mass actions again in the future. The Nixon administration is sitting on a political "timebomb" which will result in another outburst of mass antiwar activity, the timing of which will depend on the escalation and other factors.

In the light of this new escalation now occurring the National Peace Action Coalition (NPAC) has termed its upcoming convention, (December 4-6) an Emergency National Convention of the antiwar movement. It is urging emergency efforts in the days preceding the convention to insure the broadest spectrum of participants in the convention's deliberations.

The NPAC convention begins Friday, December 4 at 5:00 PM with a Steering Committee meeting at the Packinghouse Center, 4859 S. Wabash, Chicago. Friday evening at 7:00 or 7:30 PM a keynote address rally will be held. This rally will have somewhat of a teach-in character with the following speakers confirmed: Harold Gibbons (International Vice-President of the Teamsters), Pat Gorman (Sec.-Treasurer of the Meatpackers), Dick Gregory, A.A. Rayner (Chicago alderman), Rev. Charles Koen (Cairo, Ill.), Carol Lipman (West Coast SMC coordinator), Stanley Tolliver (Cleveland black attorney for Ahmed Evans and Kent State 25), representatives of the GENSUIKEN (Japan Congress Against A & H Bombs), a Kent State 25 defendant, and others.

The Saturday session begins at 10:00 AM at the Packinghouse Workers Center with an all-day plenary to consider action for the Spring. (NPAC coordinators draft resolution enclosed.) Workshops (by constituency) will be held at the University of Chicago, Saturday night, followed by a party later in the evening. Sunday's plenary at the Packinghouse Workers Center will deal with structure and implementation. A Student Mobilization Committee Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

The convention office will be at the McGiffert House, 5751 S. Woodlawn, Chicago, (312) 684-2936 or (312) 684-2980. All comrades should check in there for housing and registration until Saturday

morning when this process will be shifted to the Packinghouse Workers Center.

There will be a fraction meeting for all NPAC steering committee members at 3:30 PM, Friday, December 4, at the Cloister Club, Ida Noyes Hall, University of Chicago, 59th St. and Woodlawn. A general fraction meeting for all comrades will occur at 5:00 PM at the same place. (As at the last conference we can expect that there will be some sort of floor debate at the Friday keynote session. All comrades should make an effort to attend the Friday fraction and convention session.)

A general fraction meeting will occur at 8:00 AM on Saturday morning at the Cloister Club. All comrades must attend this meeting.

Prior to the conference each area should make the following assignments: 1). Choose one person to serve on the fraction steering committee. 2). Choose one person (larger areas choose more people accordingly) to serve as a defense guard captain. Notify Lew Jones (at the Chicago SWP office, 180 N. Wacker, 312-641-0147) of these assignments by Thursday, December 3. Comrades with these assignments should report to the Cloister Club by 4 PM on Friday, December 4.

See you in Chicago.

Comradely,

Lew Jones (jw)
Lew Jones
for the National Antiwar
Steering Committee