

MINUTES OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE PLENUM

November 18, 19, 20, 1966

Friday, November 18, Morning Session

Convened: 10:05 a.m.

Chairman: Leonard.

Roll Call: Answering Present:

Regular: J. Barnes, DeBerry, Dobbs, J. Hansen, Kerry, Shaw, Sheppard, Novack, Ring, B. Chester, Torres, Reed, B. Hansen, Simon, Weinstein, Breitman, Coover, Himmel, Johnson.
(Arrived after roll call: Halstead, Lavan, Vernon, A. Hansen, Trainer, F. Lovell.)

Alternates: Leonard, Kirsch, Camejo, Edwards, Scheer, Graham, B. Barnes, Spangler, Porter, Spilman, Joel Britton, Horowitz.
(Arrived after roll call: Feingold, S. Lovell, Henderson.)

Advisory: None
(Arrived after roll call: Mayhew)

Youth Representative: Jones.

Observers Attending: Aubrey, Basley, Bolduc, Jon Britton, Carroll, A. Chester, Daniels, C. Jenness, D. Jenness, K. Kerry, Reinthaler, Roberts, Rossa, Scholl, Sell, Singler, Waters.

1. Organization of Plenum

Shaw reported. Proposals of Political Cpmmittee considered as a whole:

- 1) That in case of procedural disputes, discussion be limited to two speakers, one for and one against, and that each speaker be limited to two minutes.
- 2) That general discussion be limited to ten minutes per speaker and that no one speak twice until all who wish to do so have spoken.

- 3) That the Presiding Committee consist of the Administrative Committee (Dobbs, Kerry, Shaw, J. Barnes).
- 4) To designate as plenum secretaries Aubrey and Daniels.
- 5) To invite as observers: Control Commission members; co-thinkers; heads of national departments (press, literature, finances); members of the youth NEC; branch organizers.

Motion: To adopt the Political Committee recommendations as a whole.

Carried.

Motion: To adopt the following agenda:

1. World Movement
2. Political Report
3. Branch Political Reports
4. Organization Report
5. Party Convention

Carried.

Motion: To approve the Plenum schedule. (See attached)

Carried.

2. World Movement

Report by J. Hansen.

Supplementary report by M.A. Waters.

Discussion: Novack, Ring, Camejo, Torres, B. Chester, Edwards, Lavan.

Recess

Friday, November 18, Afternoon Session

Convened: 2:35 p.m.

Summary-World Movement

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

3. Political Report

Report by F. Dobbs.

Communication: Telegram from Ferguson to plenum read.

Session adjourned: 5:40 p.m.

Saturday, November 19, Morning Session

Convened: 10:10 a.m.

Chairman: Spilman.

Discussion on Political Report: Edwards, DeBerry, Halstead, Ring, Camejo, Lavan, Himmel, Reed, Simon, Torres, S. Lovell, J. Barnes, T. Kerry, Leonard, Ring.

Summary - Political Report.

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

Announcement by J. Hansen: A cable from London indicates co-thinker in London physically attacked and beaten at the instigation of the SLL while selling literature.

Motion by Presiding Committee: That the National Committee empower the Political Committee to send a protest to the SLL and other groups identified with it, and issue a public statement protesting the attack in the name of the National Committee of the Party.

Carried.

Recess

Saturday, November 19, Afternoon Session

Convened: 2:40 p.m.

4. Branch Political Reports:

Jones (Youth N.O.), J. Barnes (New York), Johnson (Twin Cities), Camejo (East Bay), Trainor (Boston), Rossa (Los Angeles), Himmel (San Francisco), Reinthaler (Cleveland), Spangler (Philadelphia), Sell (Detroit), Jon Britton (Seattle), Joel Britton (Chicago).

Session adjourned: 6:20 p.m.

Sunday, November 20, Morning Session

Convened: 10:15 a.m.

Chairman: Kirsch.

4. Organization Report

Report by E. Shaw.

Discussion: Weinstein, Torres, Singler, Reinthaler, Leonard, Himmel, Joel Britton, DeBerry, K. Kerry, Simon, Porter, Camejo, T. Kerry.

Summary - Organization Report.

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

5. Party Convention

Dobbs motivated recommendation of the Political Committee.

Motion of the Political Committee: To hold another plenum around May, 1967 and to schedule a party convention for the fall of that year; the exact dates of both the plenum and party convention to be decided by the Political Committee.

Carried.

Plenum adjourned: 1:45 p.m.

PLENUM SCHEDULE

November 18-20, 1966

Friday, November 18

10:00 A.M.	Organization of Plenum
10:30	World Movement -- J. Hansen
11:30	Supplementary Report -- M.A. Waters
12:00 Noon	Discussion
1:00 P.M.	Recess
2:30	Continue Discussion
3:30	Summary, World Movement
4:00	Political Report -- F. Dobbs
5:30	Adjourn Session

Saturday, November 19

10:00 A.M.	Discussion
12:30	Summary, Political Report
1:00	Recess
2:30	Branch Political Reports
6:00	Adjourn Session

Sunday, November 20

10:00 A.M.	Organization Report -- E. Shaw
11:00	Discussion
1:00	Summary, Organization Report
1:30	Party Convention
2:00	Adjourn Plenum