

MINUTES OF PC NO. 2, February 18, 1966

Present: Kerry, Shaw, DeBerry, Dobbs, Barnes, Hansen, Warde.

Chairman: Barnes

AGENDA:

1. Matters referred by Plenum
 - a. Circulation of Kirk document
 - b. Milwaukee Letter on Youth
 - c. Dick Gregory Campaign
2. Youth Convention
3. International
4. Peace Candidates
5. Cuba
6. Organization of PC
7. Watts Pamphlet
8. Anti-War Report

1. MATTERS REFERRED BY PLENUM

a. Circulation of Kirk document:

Proposal by Shaw to write to Frank Powers and Dave Dreiser as first step in carrying out decision of Plenum. Will call their attention to reports of their involvement in circulation of Kirk document and ask if reports are correct and, if so, were documents circulated elsewhere than reported.

Discussion: Dobbs, Kerry, Hansen, Barnes.

Proposal accepted

b. Milwaukee Letter on Youth:

Dobbs proposes that Organization Secretary write to Milwaukee EC pointing out that Milwaukee action in organizing youth group is direct violation of PC directive of August 23, 1963. Further that we ask J. Britton of Chicago to visit Milwaukee to clarify the situation and instruct the Milwaukee branch leadership to cooperate fully with him.

Discussion: Hansen, Shaw, Barnes, Kerry.

Proposal accepted

c. Dick Gregory Campaign:

Shaw reported that the National Office has little information on Gregory's proposed Mayoralty campaign.

Discussion: DeBerry, Kerry.

Motion: To ask Chicago comrades for full informational report on the proposed campaign, before further discussion of Kirk's proposal to mobilize the party behind it.

Carried

2. YOUTH CONVENTION

Barnes reported that Youth had invited representative of party to attend convention as fraternal observer.

Motion: To assign Shaw as Party representative to the youth convention.

Carried

3. INTERNATIONAL

Report by Hansen.

Discussion: Warde, Kerry, Barnes

4. PEACE CANDIDATES

Warde: We will need a continuing discussion on "Peace Candidates" developments around the country and information from comrades in areas where such developments are taking place.

Discussion: Barnes, Dobbs, Hansen, Shaw, Kerry.

Motion: To send branches the report by Ray Follette on Chicago conference of Committee for Independent Political Action and ask comrades to send in reports from all areas where such developments are taking place.

Carried

5. CUBA

General discussion of story to appear in next issue of paper.

Discussion: Warde, Barnes, Shaw, Hansen, Kerry.

6. ORGANIZATION OF PC

Proposals by Shaw:

- a. To set up administrative subcommittee of Kerry, Dobbs and Shaw to handle routine administrative matters that require some consultation.
- b. That the PC meet each Thursday at 10 A.M.
- c. That N.O. secretary serve as secretary for PC meetings.

General Discussion

Proposals accepted

7. WATTS PAMPHLET

Shaw: Correspondence from Della Rossa on proposed pamphlet on Watts uprising with suggestion N.O. undertake publication. Halstead received draft of pamphlet. Earlier correspondence in October with L.A. organizer was to effect that N.O. could not put out such a pamphlet in addition to one already printed, but had no objection if branch felt it necessary for local work to publish a supplementary pamphlet locally.

Discussion: DeBerry, Dobbs, Hansen, Kerry.

Motion: To refer L.A. branch to previous decision which is reinforced by slow sale of pamphlet now in stock and limited financial resources.

Carried

8. ANTI-WAR REPORT

General Discussion

MEETING ADJOURNED.