

MINUTES OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE PLENUM

May 10, 11, 12, 1968

Friday, May 10, 1968

Convened: 10:00 a.m.

Chairman: Simon

Roll Call: Answering Present:

Regular:

J. Barnes, Camejo, DeBerry, Dobbs, B. Hansen, J. Hansen, Harer, Himmel, Johnson, L. Jones, Kerry, F. Lovell, Novack, Ring, Sharon, Shaw, Sheppard, Simon, Torres, Trainor, Vernon, Weinstein.

(Arrived after roll call: Halstead, Lavan, A. Hansen)

Alternates:

Spangler, Horowitz, Kirsch, Henderson, Britton, T. Leonard, B. Barnes, Scheer, S. Lovell, Sell, Montauk, Waters, Styron, Roberts, Jenness, Scott.

(Arrived after roll call: Boutelle, Porter, Graham)

Advisory:

Dunne, Mayhew, Reed.

1. ORGANIZATION OF PLENUM

Shaw reported Administrative Committee recommendations:

- 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 secretary comrade White.
- 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 recommendations on procedure.

Carried.

Motion: To approve the following agenda:

1. Organization of Plenum
2. International Report
3. Political Report
4. Report on Black Struggle
5. Trade Union Report
6. Youth Report
7. Organization Report
8. National Officers
9. Hedlund Letters

Carried.

Motion: To adopt the proposed schedule (see attached).

Carried.

2. INTERNATIONAL REPORT

Sharon reported.

Discussion: J. Hansen, Torres, Ring, Waters, Roberts, Novack.

Recess for lunch: 12:52 p.m.

Reconvened: 2:30 p.m.

Summary -- International Report

Motion: To approve the general line of the International Report.

Carried.

3. POLITICAL REPORT

J. Barnes reported.

Discussion: Harer, Halstead, Novack, Camejo, Weinstein.

Motion: To proceed with summary and Black Struggle Report prior to dinner.

Carried.

Summary -- Political Report

Motion: To adopt the general line of the Political Report.

Carried.

4. BLACK STRUGGLE REPORT

DeBerry reported.

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Session adjourned.

Saturday, May 11, 1968

Convened: 10:05 a.m.

Chairman: T. Leonard

Discussion: Roberts, Simon, Camejo, T. Leonard, Novack, Torres, Montauk, Weinstein, B. Hansen, Sheppard, B. Barnes, Britton, Harer, Boutelle.

Summary -- Black Struggle

Motion: To approve the general line of the report.

Carried.

Recess for lunch: 1:00 p.m.

Reconvened: 2:30 p.m.

5. TRADE UNION REPORT

Dobbs reported.

Discussion: Weinstein, DeBerry, Montauk, Simon, Halstead, Leonard, F. Lovell, Harer, Ring.

Summary -- Trade Union Report

Motion: To approve the general line of the report and the memorandum.

Carried.

6. YOUTH REPORT

Waters reported.

Discussion: Roberts, Styron, Camejo, Horowitz, Himmel, Sell, Britton, L. Jones, J. Barnes.

Session adjourned.

Sunday, May 12, 1968

Convened: 10:10 a.m.

Chairman: S. Lovell

Summary -- Youth Report

Motion: To accept the report.

Carried.

7. ORGANIZATION REPORT

Shaw reported.

Discussion: Jenness, Scott, Roberts, Scheer, Henderson, Novack,
Harer, B. Hansen, Camejo, Sell, L. Jones, Simon, Torres,
K. Kerry.

Summary -- Organization Report

Motion: To accept the report.

Carried.

8. NATIONAL OFFICERS

Dobbs reported.

Motion by Political Committee: To nominate comrade J.
Barnes as Organization Secretary.

Discussion: Ring, Novack.

No further nominations.

Carried; Barnes elected unanimously.

9. HEDLUND LETTERS

Dobbs reported.

Motion: To circulate the Hedlund-Dobbs correspondence
to the National Committee and to inform comrade Hedlund
that any views he wishes to submit for membership con-
sideration may be presented by him at the opening of
the party's next preconvention discussion.

Carried.

Plenum adjourned.

PLENUM SCHEDULE

May 10-12, 1968

Friday, May 10, 1968

10:00 A.M. Organization of Plenum
10:30 International Report (1 hr.)
11:30 Discussion (1½ hrs.)
1:00 P.M. Lunch
2:30 Summary, International Report (½ hr.)
3:00 Political Report (1 hr.)
4:00 Discussion (2½ hrs.)
6:30 Dinner
8:00 Summary, Political Report (½ hr.)
8:30 Report on Black Struggle (1 hr.)
9:30 Adjourn

Saturday, May 11, 1968

10:00 A.M. Discussion (2½ hrs.)
12:30 P.M. Summary, Black Struggle (½ hr.)
1:00 Lunch
2:30 Trade Union Report (½ hr.)
3:00 Discussion (1½ hrs.)
4:30 Summary, Trade Union Report (15 mins.)
4:45 Youth Report (1 hr.)
5:45 Discussion (1½ hrs.)
7:15 Adjourn

Sunday, May 12, 1968

10:00 A.M. Summary, Youth Report (½ hr.)
10:30 Organization Report (1 hr.)
11:30 Discussion (1 ¾ hrs.)
1:15 P.M. Summary, Organization Report (½ hr.)
1:45 National Officers
2:15 Hedlund Letters
2:30 Adjourn

PLENUM AGENDA

May 10-12, 1968

1. Organization of Plenum
- Dan* 2. International Report
- Gus* 3. Political Report
- GUS* 4. Report on Black Struggle
- Lynn* 5. Trade Union Report
- Dan* 6. Youth Report
- LYHH* 7. Organization Report
8. National Officers
9. Hedlund Letters