

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES, No. 54, August 10, 1967

Present: Barnes, Halstead, Kerry, Shaw, Sheppard, Jones.

Chairman: Sheppard.

AGENDA:

1. Antiwar Report.
2. National Conference for New Politics.
3. International.
4. Membership.
5. Presidential Ticket.

1. ANTIWAR REPORT

Barnes reported new developments in West Coast Peace torch project. Direct and open actions of CP to exclude our people and independents from project.

Discussion: Kerry, Barnes, Halstead.

2. CONFERENCE FOR NEW POLITICS

Barnes reported: The national Conference for New Politics will be held August 29-September 4 in Chicago. The Worker indicates CP is mobilizing for it.

Former SDS'ers seem to be in the actual leadership, although the sponsors and steering committee indicate a broad spectrum of organizations are participating, with the right wing predominating. There are divisions among those participating on what the perspective of the conference should be. It may be possible for the SWP, both nationally and by branches, to have delegates with speaking rights.

Our intervention should include: 1. Mobilization of Midwest and East Coast branches to attend, 2. Having some delegates from antiwar committees and from the party and having Paul and Fred attend as our Presidential ticket, 3. Pushing our election campaign with posters, buttons, literature.

Discussion: Kerry, Halstead, Shaw, Barnes.

General agreement.

3. INTERNATIONAL

Shaw reported planned visit by co-thinker.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Shaw reported: Detroit branch recommends that Bob F. be readmitted to party and requests PC approval.

Motion: To concur with recommendation of Detroit.

Carried.

5. PRESIDENTIAL TICKET

Shaw reported results of National Committee poll: 26 votes were cast for the PC recommendation -- Halstead for President, Boutelle for Vice President; 2 full members have not yet responded. 20 consultative votes for the PC recommendation, 1 consultative vote for a different nomination, and 2 consultative votes not yet received.

Halstead and Boutelle are therefore nominated as the Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates subject to ratification by the forthcoming national convention.

Motion: To approve report.

Discussion: Halstead.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.