

MINUTES OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE PLENUM

August 28, 1969

Convened: 8:05 p.m.

Chairman: Joel Britton

Roll Call: Answering Present:

Regular: Alvin, J. Barnes, Camejo, Chertov,
DeBerry, Dobbs, Garza, Halstead,
A. Hansen, J. Hansen, Harer,
Himmel, L. Jones, Kerry, F. Lovell,
Novack, Ring, Shaw, Trainor,
Tussey, Vernon, Weinstein, Weissman.

Alternates: Joel Britton, B. Barnes, Scheer,
S. Lovell, Sell, Waters, Styron,
Roberts, Jenness, Scott, Graham.

Advisory: Reed

1. ORGANIZATION OF PLENUM

Barnes reported.

Motion: That the Presiding Committee for the plenum consist
of the Administrative Committee: Dobbs, Kerry, Shaw, Barnes.

Carried.

2. ORGANIZATION OF CONVENTION

Shaw reported Political Committee recommendations:

1. To adopt the following agenda:

1. Organization of Convention
2. China Report
3. World Movement Report
4. Political Report
5. Report on Transitional Program for Black Liberation
6. Antiwar Report
7. Youth Report
8. Organization Report
9. Election of National Committee

2. That the following time allotment be given to Political
Committee reporters:

1. China Report: 1½ hours plus ½-hour summary
2. World Movement Report: 1½ hours plus ½-hour summary

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3. Political Report: 1½ hours plus ½-hour summary
 4. Report on Transitional Program for Black Liberation: 1 hour plus ½-hour summary
 5. Antiwar Report: 1 hour 15 minutes plus ½-hour summary
 6. Youth Report: 1 hour plus ½-hour summary
 7. Organization Report: 1 hour plus ½-hour summary
3. That there be four panels:
 1. Trade Union, led by F. Lovell
 2. Publications, led by Weissman
 3. Women's Liberation, led by Waters
 4. Militant, led by Scott
 4. That the convention schedule a national fraction meeting of the members of the branch and local Third World and black-work fractions, led by Thomas.
 5. To approve the convention schedule (see attached).
 6. That Dawson, Lund and White serve as convention secretaries.
 7. That the Presiding Committee be composed of the Political Committee: Barnes, Breitman, DeBerry, Dobbs, Halstead, Hansen, Kerry, Novack, Ring, Shaw, Sheppard, Bolduc.
 8. To elect a Credentials Committee consisting of five delegates.
 9. To elect a Constitution Committee consisting of three delegates.
 10. To elect a Nominating Commission consisting of 22 delegates as follows: New York, 4; California, 4; Illinois, 2; Minnesota, 2; Massachusetts, 2; Michigan, 2; Ohio, 2; Pennsylvania, 1; Washington, 1; Georgia, 1; Oregon, 1.
 11. To seat as fraternal delegates the following: 1) National Committee members; 2) members of the National Control Commission; 3) heads of National Office departments; 4) members of the youth National Executive Committee; 5) special guests.
 12. That the convention be open to party members, youth members, and sympathizers vouched for by the branches.
 13. That the official convention photographers be Brian, Lucky, and Bruce.

14. That the following rules govern convention procedure:

1. In cases of procedural disputes, discussion shall be limited to two speakers, one for and one against, and that each speaker be limited to two minutes.
2. Discussion from the floor shall be limited to 10 minutes per speaker.
3. A speaker may have the floor only once in a given discussion until all those who wish the floor have had the opportunity to speak.
4. All voting, except for election of National Committee and National Control Commission, will be done by voice vote unless a division of the house is called for; then the vote will be taken by a show of delegates' cards. Election of National Committee and National Control Commission shall take place by secret ballot.
5. Only delegates shall have voice and vote. Fraternal delegates shall have voice and consultative vote.
6. Alternate delegates have voice and vote only when acting to replace a regularly-elected delegate.
7. In all other cases, Roberts Rules of Order shall apply.

Motion: To accept the proposals on the organization of the convention as a bloc.

Carried.

3. POST-CONVENTION POLITICAL RESOLUTION LITERARY DISCUSSION

Barnes reported.

Motion: That the National Committee plenum recommend that the incoming National Committee organize, in the period following the convention, a party literary discussion on the points developed in the Political Resolution.

Carried.

Plenum adjourned: 8:50 p.m.

Proposed Convention Schedule

Friday, August 29, 1969

10:00 A.M. Organization of Convention (½ hr.)
10:30 China Report (1½ hrs.)
12:00 Noon Discussion (1 hr.)
1:00 P.M. Lunch (1½ hrs.)
2:30 Continue Discussion (1 hr.)
3:30 Summary - China (½ hr.)
4:00 World Movement Report (1½ hrs.)
5:30 Discussion (1 hr.)
6:30 Summary - World Movement (½ hr.)
7:00 Adjourn

9:00-11:00 Trade Union Panel
Publications Panel

Saturday, August 30, 1969

10:00 A.M. Political Report (1½ hrs.)
11:30 Discussion (2 hrs.)
1:30 P.M. Lunch (1½ hrs.)
3:00 Summary (½ hr.)
3:30 Transitional Program for Black Liberation Report (1 hr.)
4:30 Discussion (2 hrs.)
6:30 Summary (½ hr.)
7:00 Adjourn

8:30-10:30 Third World Fraction
Women's Liberation Panel

Sunday, August 31, 1969

10:00 A.M. Antiwar Report (1 hr. 15 mins.)
11:15 Discussion (2 hrs.)
1:15 P.M. Lunch (1½ hrs.)
2:45 Summary (½ hr.)
3:15 Youth Report (1 hr.)
4:15 Discussion (1½ hrs.)
5:45 Summary (½ hr.)
6:15 Adjourn

6:30-8:30 Campaigns Meeting
8:30-10:30 Militant Panel

Monday, September 1, 1969

10:00 A.M. Organization Report (1 hr.)
11:00 Discussion (2 hrs.)
1:00 P.M. Summary (½ hr.)
1:30 Lunch (1 hr.)
2:30 Election of National Committee

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