

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES, Number 17, August 28, 1969

Present: Barnes, Breitman, Dobbs, Hansen, Kerry, Novack, Sheppard, Halstead, Ring, Shaw, Bolduc.

Chairman: Halstead

AGENDA: 1. Organization of Convention
2. Plenum Agenda
3. Political Committee

1. ORGANIZATION OF CONVENTION

Shaw reported Administrative Committee proposals on organization of convention:

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
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 approve the proposals on the organization of the convention as a bloc.

Carried.

2. PLENUM AGENDA

Barnes reported.

Motion: To approve the following agenda for the National Committee plenum:

1. Organization of Convention
2. Post-Convention Political Resolution Literary Discussion

Carried.

3. POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Kerry reported his proposal that he ask the convention for advisory membership on the National Committee.

Motion: To recommend to the post-convention plenum that the Political Committee be composed of 11 members: Barnes, Breitman, DeBerry, Dobbs, Halstead, Hansen, Novack, Ring, Shaw, Sheppard, and a representative chosen by the youth.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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

Adjourn