

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES, No. 6, January 18, 1968

Present: Barnes, DeBerry, Dobbs, Hansen, Kerry, Novack, Jones, Shaw, Sheppard.

Chairman: DeBerry

AGENDA:

1. Plenum
2. Youth Convention
3. Antiwar Report

1. PLENUM

Dobbs reported for the Administrative Committee.

Motion: That a plenum of the National Committee be scheduled in New York City on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 10, 11 and 12.

Carried.

General agreement that further discussion of plenum agenda needed before making recommendations to NC.

2. YOUTH CONVENTION

Shaw reported invitation to assign official party observer to attend youth convention to be held in Detroit Feb. 10 weekend. Administrative Committee proposes that Dobbs be assigned.

Motion: To approve recommendation.

Carried.

3. ANTIWAR REPORT

Jones reported that several important steps have been taken to nail down the spring action. The National Mobilization Committee voted to carry out the action, despite opposition from the CP and some radical pacifists. The Parade Committee voted to recommend to the NMC that it be held on April 27. The CP went along with the proposal in the Parade Committee as did the pacifists.

Certain exclusionary moves are being taken against us in the antiwar coalition by (1) those who want to get into electoral politics and (2) those who want to end mass demonstrations in favor of individual resistance actions.

On the Democratic Party Convention plans, Greenblatt wants the demonstration to be a "peace and freedom" demonstration and has set up a closed agenda committee in the

NMC. We've responded by trying to get agenda committee expanded to include those excluded.

The Student Mobilization Conference will be the most authoritative antiwar conference in the coming period. PC discussion on our intervention there to be held off to later date.

Meeting adjourned.