

Minutes of the Plenum of the National Committee, November 28, 1968

Present: Full: Charlie, Steve C., Carl F., Carol L., Marilyn L., Mary-Alice W., Robin M., Derrel M., Wendy R., Dan R., Syd S., Larry S., Melissa S., Peer V., Will R.

Alternates: Peggy B., Bruce H., Linda S., Richard H., Paul M., Peter S., Nelson B., Howard P., Walter L., Jim K., Tony T., Fred F., David T., Evelyn K., Steve S.

Convened: 1:30 PM

Chairman: Mary-Alice

Agenda: 1. Special guests
2. Convention Procedures
3. Education Committee
4. Recruitment at Convention

Motion: to approve the agenda.

Motion Carried

1. Special Guests - Mary-Alice

Motion: to seat two Northern representatives, a representative from the German section of the Fourth International, and a representative from the former Jeunesse Communiste Revolutionnaire.

Motion Carried

2. Convention Procedures - Charlie

a. Motion: to approve the following agenda:

- 1) International Report
- 2) Political Report
- 3) Black Struggle Report
- 4) Antiwar Report
- 5) Organizational Report
- 6) Election of the National Committee

Motion Carried

b. Motion: that the presiding committee consist of Mary-Alice W., Charlie B., Derrick M., Larry S., Carol L., Kipp D., Will R., Rich H., Marilyn L., and Nelson B.

Motion Carried

c. Motion: that procedural questions be decided by majority vote with one speaker for and one against, each with one minute.

Motion Carried

- d. Motion: to approve the schedule as written with the exception of a change in time for the GI Panel.

Motion Carried

- e. Motion: to adopt the following rules for the convention.
1. that all sessions be open, with the exception of the session electing the new NC, which shall be closed.
 2. that the NC shall be elected by secret ballot.
 3. that delegates and alternates seated in place of absent delegates have voice and vote; that fraternal delegates have voice and consultative vote; that special guests have voice and no vote.
 4. that discussion presentations be limited to seven minutes.
 5. that in any discussion period no one may speak a second time before each person desiring the floor has had a chance to speak.
 6. that only those delegates seated at the roll call of a particular session may vote.

Motion Carried

- f. Motion: that delegates from Young Socialists for Halstead and Boutelle and Afro-Americans for Halstead and Boutelle groups be seated on the basis of one delegate for every five active members.

Motion Carried

- g. Motion: that the YSA locals formed after November 11 be granted full delegate status. These locals are Houston, Austin, Ypsilanti, Peoria, and Oshkosh.

Motion Carried

- h. Motion: that the fraternal delegates be the outgoing National Committee, one person from each at-large YSA area, one person from each at-large YSHB area, and one person from each at-large AAHB area, including Des Moines, Iowa AAHB.

Motion Carried

- i. Motion: that the at-large YSA areas approved by the NEC after November 11 be seated with one delegate from each ~~area~~. These areas are Kalamazoo, Michigan, Logan, Utah, Stanford, Calif., Lancaster, Pennsylvania., Beloit, Wisconsin, and Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

Motion Carried

- j. Motion: that the special guests be one representative from each invited organization. These organizations are the Socialist Workers Party, the German section of the Fourth International, the former Jeunesse Communiste Revolutionnaire, the Mexican Student Strike Committee, the Young Socialists/Ligue des Jeunes Socialistes, the Arab Student Association, the Dominican United Front for Liberation, the Black Panther Party, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the national Students for a Democratic Society, the Iranian Students Association, and the Federation of University Students for Puerto Rican Independence.

Motion Carried

- k. Motion: that the convention be open to YSA members, sympathizers, invited guests, and observers.

Motion Carried

- l. Motion: that there be three special panels: an international panel, a GI panel, and a panel on the struggle for self-determination in North America.

Motion Carried

- m. Motion: that there be a Nominating Commission made up of one delegate from each local.

Motion Carried

- n. Motion: that the Nominating Commission be chaired by Wendy R. and Dan R., with voice and no vote.

Motion Carried

- o. Motion: that John S. and Mike M. be convention secretaries.

Motion Carried

- p. Motion: that Caroline L. and Kipp D., chair a Credentials Committee of five people, the other three to be elected by the convention.

Motion Carried

- q. Motion: that Peter S. chair a Constitutional Commission of three people, the other two to be elected by the convention.

Motion Carried

- r. Motion: that the bourgeois press be allowed to cover the three special panels but be excluded from the working sessions of the convention.

Motion Carried

3. Education Committee - Mary-Alice

A group of comrades has been set up for the defense of the convention. It is headed by Lew J., and will be on duty throughout the convention.

4. Recruitment at the Convention - Carol

A recruitment table will be up throughout the sessions. Paul L. is in charge. Lists of people who want to join or who are interested in the YSA will be given to the locals. At-largers and new locals will be taken in during the convention.

Adjourned: 1:40 PM