

MINUTES OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE PLENUM

May 11, 12, 13, 14, 1972

Thursday, May 11, 1972

Convened by Barnes: 10:05 AM

Motion by Barnes: That L. Henderson chair the first day.

Carried.

Attendance:

Regular: Barnes, Breitman, Britton, P. Camejo, Chertov, Coover, DeBerry, Dobbs, Garza, Halstead, A. Hansen, J. Hansen, Horowitz, Jenness, Johnson, Jones, F. Lovell, Novack, Ring, Shaw, Sheppard, Stone, Tussey, Waters, Weinstein, Weissman

Alternates: Bolduc, Morrison, Seigle, White, Wulp, Styron, Benson, Lipman, L. Henderson, C. Scheer, Thomas, Montauk, S. Lovell, Scott, Evans, Leonard, Sell, Kirsch, A. Camejo, Edwards, Roberts, Pulley

Advisory: Alvin, R. Chester, Kerry, Reed, Trainor

Control Commission: R. Hansen, H. Scheer

1. ORGANIZATION OF PLENUM

Shaw reported recommendations of the Political Committee on procedure:

Motion: To approve the following procedural recommendations:

1. That in cases of procedural disputes, discussion be limited to two speakers, one for and one against, and that each speaker be limited to two minutes.
2. That general discussion be limited to ten minutes per speaker and that no one speak twice until all who wish to speak have already done so.
3. That the Presiding Committee consist of the Administrative Committee (Jones, Scott, Shaw, Sheppard, Stone) plus Barnes, Dobbs and Waters.
4. To designate Feigenberg and Lesnik as Plenum secretaries.
5. To invite as observers: Control Commission members, co-thinkers, heads of national departments, members of the youth NEC, branch organizers and special guests.
6. To invite the following individuals as observers: Linda Jenness for the entire plenum; Rosenshine and Foley for the World Movement Reports.
7. To give voice to organizers and department heads who are not members of the National Committee during discussion of the Organization Reports.

Carried.

Motion: To approve the following agenda:

1. Organization of Plenum
2. World Movement Reports
3. Political Report
4. Election Campaign Report
5. Youth Report
6. Organization Reports
7. Election of National Officers
8. National Committee Membership
9. Election of Political Committee

Carried.

Motion: To approve the following schedule (see attached):

Carried.

2. WORLD MOVEMENT REPORTS

A. Latin American Informational Report

P. Camejo reported.

Recess -- 12:30 PM

Reconvene -- 2:00 PM

Discussion: White, Breitman, Morrison, Thomas, Garza, Kerry, Roberts,
P. Camejo, Britton

B. Political Committee World Movement Report

Waters reported for Political Committee.

Motion by Presiding Committee: To hear second part of Political Committee World Movement Report and then proceed to discussion of report as a whole.

Carried.

Barnes reported for Political Committee.

Recess -- 6:10 PM

Reconvene -- 8:45 PM

Discussion: Roberts, L. Henderson, Garza, Kerry

Motion: To grant Kerry a 10-minute extension.

Carried.

Summary: Waters

Summary: Barnes

Motion: To approve the general line of the World Movement Report.

Regular: for, unanimous
Consultative: for, unanimous

Carried.

Motion: To adopt the Political Committee draft on the Sallustro kidnapping and stand taken by the United Secretariat (see attached).

Regular: for, unanimous
Consultative: for, unanimous

Carried.

Recess -- 8:55 PM

Friday, May 12, 1972

Reconvene -- 10:05 AM

Motion by Presiding Committee: That DeBerry chair Friday session.

Carried.

3. POLITICAL REPORT

Sheppard reported.

Discussion: Roberts

Motion: To grant Roberts a 2-minute extension.

Carried.

Further Discussion: Ring, Alvin, Tussey, Lipman, Thomas, P. Camejo,
R. Chester, Edwards

Motion by Presiding Committee: To have two more speakers, break for lunch and continue the discussion after lunch.

Carried.

Further Discussion: Stone, Breitman

Recess -- 1:15 PM

Reconvene -- 2:45 PM

Further Discussion: DeBerry, L. Henderson

Motion: To grant L. Henderson a 1-minute extension.

Carried.

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Further Discussion: Garza, Johnson, A. Camejo

Motion: To grant A. Camejo a 5-minute extension.

Carried.

Further Discussion: Jones

Motion: To grant Jones a 2-minute extension.

Carried.

Further Discussion: Sell, Montauk, Kerry

Summary: Sheppard

Motion: To approve the general line of the Political Report.

Regular: for, unanimous
Consultative: for, unanimous

Carried.

4. ELECTION CAMPAIGN REPORT

Seigle reported.

Motion by Presiding Committee: To give voice to L. Jenness for the discussion of the Election Campaign Report.

Carried.

Discussion: Thomas, Tussey

Motion by Presiding Committee: To recess now and continue discussion Saturday morning at 10:00 AM.

Carried.

Recess -- 6:05 PM

Saturday, May 13, 1972

Reconvene -- 10:05 AM

Motion by Presiding Committee: That Chertov chair Saturday session.

Carried.

Further Discussion: DeBerry, Alvin, A. Camejo, L. Jenness, Sell,
Weinstein, Garza, Evans

Summary: Seigle

Motion: To approve the general line of the Election Campaign Report.

Regular: for, unanimous
Consultative: for, unanimous

Carried.

Motion by Presiding Committee: To allow 1 hour and 15 minutes for the Youth Report and to shorten the summary to 15 minutes.

Carried.

5. YOUTH REPORT

Rose reported.

Recess -- 12:55 PM

Reconvene -- 2:30 PM

Discussion: Evans, Thomas, Ring, P. Camejo, Montauk, Styron

Motion: To grant Styron a 3-minute extension.

Carried.

Motion by Presiding Committee: To close the speakers' list and cut the speaking time to 6 minutes.

Carried.

Further Discussion: L. Henderson, A. Camejo, Wulp, Britton, Waters

Summary: Rose

Motion: To approve the general line of the Youth Report.

Regular: for, unanimous
Consultative: for, unanimous

Carried.

6. ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Stone reported.

Supplementary Report on Finances by Jones.

Recess -- 6:15 PM

Sunday, May 14, 1972

Motion by Presiding Committee: That Styron chair Sunday session.

Carried.

Discussion: M. Henderson, White

Motion: To grant White a 3-minute extension.

Carried.

Motion: To grant White a ½-minute extension.

Carried.

Further Discussion: Alvin, Sell, Horowitz

Motion: To grant Horowitz a 1-minute extension.

Carried.

Further Discussion: Roberts, Stanton, L. Henderson

Motion: To grant L. Henderson a 2-minute extension.

Carried.

Further Discussion: Savage

Motion: To grant Savage a ½-minute extension.

Carried.

Motion by Presiding Committee: To close the speakers' list and limit speakers to 7 minutes.

Carried.

Further Discussion: Dabaniss, Morrison, Garza, DeBerry, Weinstein

Motion: To grant Weinstein a 2-minute extension.

Carried.

Further Discussion: Singler, Novack, Thomas, Kerry, Pulley, Britton

Recess -- 1:10 PM

Reconvene -- 2:35 PM

Summary: Stone

Motion: To approve the general line of the Organization Reports.

Regular: for, unanimous
Consultative: for, unanimous

Carried.

- Motion: (a) To open immediately following the plenum an internal party literary discussion, for a three-month period, of the gay liberation movement and the party's orientation to it, leading to a decision by the subsequent plenum of the National Committee;
- (b) To authorize the incoming Political Committee to allow a limited extension of the discussion period if practical circumstances require.

Regular: for, unanimous
Consultative: for, unanimous

Carried.

7. ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

Dobbs nominated Barnes National Secretary.

No further nominations.

Motion: To elect Barnes National Secretary.

Regular: for, unanimous
Consultative: for, unanimous

Carried.

Barnes nominated Cannon National Chairman Emeritus, and Sheppard National Organization Secretary.

No further nominations.

Motion: To elect Cannon National Chairman Emeritus.

Regular: for, unanimous
Consultative: for, unanimous

Carried.

Motion: To elect Sheppard National Organization Secretary.

Regular: for, unanimous
Consultative: for, unanimous

Carried.

8. NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Dobbs requested that his status be changed from regular member of the National Committee to that of advisory member.

Novack requested that his status be changed from regular member of the National Committee to that of advisory member.

Motion: To approve the change of status from regular membership on the National Committee to advisory membership on the National Committee for Dobbs and Novack pending the ratification of the next national convention.

Regular: for, unanimous
Consultative: for, unanimous

Carried.

9. ELECTION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Barnes reported that Bolduc and Morrison, elected first and second alternate members of the National Committee by the last convention, are now regular members of the National Committee.

Motion: To elect a Political Committee of 16 members.

Regular: for, unanimous
Consultative: for, unanimous

Carried.

Barnes nominated: Barnes, Breitman, Britton, P. Camejo, A. Hansen, J. Hansen, Horowitz, Jenness, Jones, Lovell, Morrison, Shaw, Sheppard, Stone, Waters and a representative to be designated by the youth NEC.

No further nominations.

Motion: To elect the 16 nominees.

Regular: for, unanimous
Consultative: for, unanimous

Carried.

Motion: To establish a category of consultative membership on the Political Committee with voice and consultative vote.

Regular: for, unanimous
Consultative: for, unanimous

Carried.

Motion: To designate Dobbs, Kerry and Novack as consultative members of the Political Committee.

Regular: for, unanimous
Consultative: for, unanimous

Carried.

Singing of "The Internationale."

Plenum adjourned -- 4:45 PM

PLENUM SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 11. Convene 10:00 AM

10:00 - 10:30 Organization of Plenum (30 minutes)
10:30 - 12:30 Latin American Report (2 hours)
12:30 - 1:30 Lunch (1 hour)
1:30 - 2:30 Discussion (1 hour)
2:30 - 4:00 World Movement Report (1 hour, 30 minutes)
4:00 - 5:30 Discussion (1 hour, 30 minutes)
5:30 - 7:00 Dinner (1 hour, 30 minutes)
7:00 - 7:30 Summary (30 minutes)
7:30 - 9:00 World Movement Report (1 hour, 30 minutes)
9:00 Recess

Friday, May 12. Convene 9:30 AM

9:30 - 11:00 Discussion (1 hour, 30 minutes)
11:00 - 11:30 Summary (30 minutes)
11:30 - 12:45 Political Report (1 hour, 15 minutes)
12:45 - 1:45 Lunch (1 hour)
1:45 - 4:45 Discussion (3 hours)
4:45 - 5:15 Summary (30 minutes)
5:15 - 6:15 Election Campaign Report (1 hour)
6:15 Recess

8:00 - 10:30 Lovell Fact-Finding Tour: Informational Report
and Discussion

Saturday, May 13. Convene 9:30 AM

9:30 - 11:30 Discussion (2 hours)
11:30 - 12:00 Summary (30 minutes)
12:00 - 1:00 Youth Report (1 hour)
1:00 - 2:00 Lunch (1 hour)
2:00 - 4:00 Discussion (2 hours)
4:00 - 4:30 Summary (30 minutes)
4:30 - 5:45 Organization Report (1 hour, 15 minutes)
5:45 - 6:15 Financial Report (30 minutes)
6:15 Recess

Sunday, May 14. Convene 10:00 AM

10:00 - 12:30 Discussion (2 hours, 30 minutes)
12:30 - 1:00 Summary (30 minutes)
1:00 - 2:00 Lunch (1 hour)
2:00 - 3:00 Election of National Officers (1 hour)
3:00 - 4:00 National Committee Membership (1 hour)
4:00 - 5:00 Election of Political Committee (1 hour)
5:00 Adjourn Plenum

PLENUM AGENDA

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