

Minutes of the National Committee Plenum

Young Socialist Alliance

New York, September 8-10, 1967

First Session, Friday, September 8, 1967, convened at 10:15 AM.

Present

Full: John B., Charlie B., Steve C., Kipp D., Jan G., Gus H., Doug J., Lew J., Marilyn L., Paul L., Susan L., Robin M., Derrick M., Derrel M., Wendy R., Danny R., Melissa S., Syd S., Dan S., Mary-Alice W.

Alternates: Irving K., Larry S., Peer V., Carol L., Linda S., Dennis S., Eloise M., Bruce H., Paul M., Walter L., Jim K., Carl F., Bill O., Judy W., Peggy B.

Fraternal: Linda W., Tom F., Phil P., Evelyn K., Helen S., Tom H., Harry S., Fred H., Paul B., Tom K.

I. ORGANIZATION OF THE PLENUM

Motions presented for the NEC by Lew J.

1. That the Presiding Committee be Lew J., Mary-Alice W., Doug J., Charlie B., Judy W., Carl F.
2. That the procedural questions be decided by a majority vote with one speaker for and one speaker against, each with one minute.
3. To approve the agenda and schedule.
4. To adopt the following rules:
 - a. Fraternal delegates have voice and consultative vote.
 - b. Discussion presentations be limited to ten minutes.
 - c. That in a discussion period no one may speak a second time before each person desiring the floor has had a chance to speak.
5. That fraternal delegates be the following: local organizers, Tom F., Linda W., Evelyn K., Phil P., Tom H., Helen S.; representatives from the SWP, Tom K., Fred H., Paul B.; representative from the YS-LJS, Harry S.; and a representative from the JGS.
6. That Larry S. and Bruce H. be designated as convention secretaries.

Carried

Recommendation from the Presiding Committee that Walter L. chair the first session.

Motion to approve

Carried

II. POLITICAL REPORT

Reporter - Mary-Alice W.

Discussion: Syd S., Linda S., Dan S., Robin M., Judy W., Jan G.,

Recess for lunch: 12:35 PM; reconvened: 2:00 PM.

Discussion continued: Wendy R., Charlie B., Carl F., Evelyn K., Paul M.

Summary of Political Report - Mary-Alice W.

Motion from the Presiding Committee: to approve the general line of the report.

Vote on the motion:

N.C.'ers: 33 for, none opposed,
no abstentions; Consultative:
7 for, none opposed, no abstentions.

Carried

Motion from the Presiding Committee to hear greetings from the SWP from Fred H. and Paul B.

Carried

Presentations by Fred H. and Paul B.

First session recessed at 3:25 PM.

Second Session, Friday, September 8, 1967, convened at 3:40 PM.

Recommendation from the Presiding Committee that Carol L. chair this session.

Motion: to approve.

Carried

III. AFRO-AMERICAN STRUGGLE REPORT

Reporter - Judy W.

Discussion: Derrick M., Melissa S., Syd S., Jan G., Robin M., Paul B., Marilyn L., Doug J., Carl F., Walter L.

Summary on Afro-American Struggle Report - Judy W.

Motion from the Presiding Committee: to approve the general line of the report.

Vote on the motion:

Motion carried
None opposed, no abstentions.

Second session adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Third Session, Saturday, September 9, 1967, convened at 10:15 AM.

Recommendation from the Presiding Committee that Dennis S. chair this session.

Motion to approve:

Carried

I. ANTI-WAR REPORT

Reporter - Lew J.

Discussion: Syd S., Kipp D., Jan G., Peer V., Jim K., Carl F., Derrel M., Robin M., Judy W., Dan S., Danny R.

Recess for lunch: 1:00 PM; reconvened: 2:20 PM.

Summary of Anti-War Report - Lew J.

Motion from the Presiding Committee: to approve the general line of the report.

Vote on the motion:

N.C.'ers: 31 for, none opposed, no abstentions; Consultative: 6 for, none opposed, no abstentions.

Carried

II. PETRICK DEFENSE REPORT

Reporter - Susan L.

Discussion: Walter L.

Motion from the Presiding Committee to send the following telegram to Pfc. Howard Petrick:

The National Committee plenum of the YSA sends warm greetings to you and to your supporters within the army. Support for your case is growing across the country. As we build toward a massive October 21 demonstration, we are confident that we will soon be able to greet you as a free civilian, along with your fellow G.I.'s, whom we want to bring home from Vietnam now.

Carried

Recommendation from the Presiding Committee that Paul M. chair this session.

Motion: to approve.

Carried

III. INTERNATIONAL REPORT

Reporter - Joe H.

Questions and discussion.

Third session recessed at 5:25 PM.

Fourth Session, Sunday, September 10, 1967, convened at 10:50 AM.

Presiding Committee recommendation that Linda S. chair this session.

Motion: to approve.

Carried

I. CANADIAN REPORT

Reporter - Harry S.

Questions and summary.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT

Reporter - Doug J.

Recess for lunch: 12:40 PM; reconvened at 1:40 PM.

Discussion: Robin M., Walter L., Jan G., Gus H., Melissa S., Dan S., Carl F., Derrick M., Charlie B., Walter L., Jim K.

Summary of Organizational Report - Doug J.

Motion from the NEC: to approve a Young Socialist Subscription Drive to run from September 15 to November 15 with a goal of 500 subscriptions.

Carried

Motion from the NEC: to approve a national fall fund drive with with the goal of \$10,000 to run from September 15 to December 15.

Carried

Motion from the Presiding committee: to approve the general line of the report.

Carried

III. SPECIAL POINTS

(1) Memorial to John C. and Mike G. - Lew J.

(2) Motion from the Presiding Committee: that the following telegram be sent to the 17 Afro-Americans Accused:

National Legal Defense Fund
for the 17 Accused
c/o Allied Federal Savings
and Loan Association
115-02 Merrick Blvd.
Jamaica, New York

To the 17 Afro-Americans Accused:

The Constitutional right of black people to bear arms and belong to rifle clubs is in danger as a result of the frame-up charge against you, along with the repressive gun legislation designed to disarm the black population.

The National Committee of the Young Socialist Alliance pledges all-out support for your case and your demand for justice. We want to help in whatever way we can to get the facts out about the trumped up charges against you and build the defense effort for your case. This political harrasment and repression of black people must be stopped.

Carried

(3) Motion by the Presiding Committee: That Tom K. from the SWP be given time for a few remarks.

Carried

Remarks by Tom K.

IV. CONVENTION CALL

Reporter - Charlie B.

Motion from the NEC: that the NC call a Convention of the YSA to be held at the beginning of 1968, and that the NC empower the NEC to organize the Convention and decide on the dates and the place.

Discussion: Peer V., Syd S., Carl F., Bill O., Lew J.

Vote on the motion:

N.C.'ers: 33 for, none opposed,
2 abstentions; Consultative: 4 for
none opposed, no abstentions.

Carried

V. ELECTION OF THE NEC

Motion by Lew J.: that the following comrades constitute the NEC: Lew J., Mary-Alice W., Doug J., Charlie B., Melissa S., Susan L., Gus H., Kipp D., Syd S.

Vote on the motion:

N.C.'ers: 32 for, none opposed, no
abstentions; Consultative: 4 for,
none opposed, no abstentions.

Carried

Singing of International

PLENUM ADJOURNED, 4:50 PM.