

Minutes of the National Committee Plenum

Young Socialist Alliance

New York, June 15-18, 1972

First Session, Thursday, June 15, 1972, convened at 10:16 a.m.

Present: Full: Byron A., Steve C., Cindy B., Maceo D., Rich F., Mike A., Mark F., Ruth G., Greg G., Terry H., James H., Sara J., Fred L., Jim Li., Norman O., Olga R., Randy P., Meg R., Bob R., Mark S., Toba S., Jeanette T., B.R. W., John H., Tom V., Caroline F., Laura M., Andrew P., Sally W., Andy R., Delpfine W., Geoff M., Malik M., Mirta V.

Alternate: Tank B., Anita B., Nancy B., Dany B., Jude C., Alan E., Matt H., Derek J., David K., John L., Jack L., Sam M., Lee A., Marilyn M., Ken M., Fred M., Jose P., Chuck P., Lisa P., Steve Sc., Mike W., Brian W., Susie W., Leslie D., Louise G., Mark U.

Consultative: John Le., Paula S., Jerry F., Tom M., Don S., Jim B., Barbara R., Ginny H., Ken E., Dave P., Steve Sl., Jon H., Rudy Z., Dan C., Salm K., Phyllis K., Jim Le., Elizabeth L., Leslie C., Rose O., Ken W., Rick B., Emily H., Dean R., Dave W., Rich R., William W., Lynn R., Bill R., Dave J., Dianne G., Susan E., Betty S., Randy E., Gary S., Vince M.

Observers: Kathy D., Cliff M., Mary T., Lew J., Betsey S., Carol L., Susan L.

Motion from Andy R.: That Rich F. chair the first session.

Motion Carried

I. ORGANIZATION OF THE PLENUM

Motions from the NEC presented by Laura M.:

- (1) That the Presiding Committee be:  
Andy R., Mirta V., Laura M., Geoff M., Delpfine W., and Malik M.

Motion Carried

- (2) That procedural questions be decided by majority vote with one speaker for and one against, each with one minute.

Motion Carried

(3) That the plenum adopt the following rules:

- a. Consultative delegates have voice and consultative vote.
- b. Discussion presentations be limited to eight 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.

Motion Carried

(4) That consultative delegates be John Le., Jerry F., and Paula S. from the National Office and local and regional organizers who are not on the National Committee.

Motion Carried

(5) That observers be Kathy D. from the YS/LJS and Lew J. and Betsey S. from the Socialist Workers Party.

Motion Carried

(6) That Jerry F. and Paula S. be designated as plenum secretaries.

Motion Carried

Motion from the Presiding Committee: To charter a local of the YSA in Red Bank, N.J.

Motion Carried

## II. WORLD MOVEMENT REPORT

Reporter - Andy R.

Motion from the Presiding Committee: That Jim Le. from Madison and Gary S. from Kansas City be seated as consultative delegates.

Motion Carried

Discussion: Jon H., Jose P., Steve C., Geoff M., Andrew P., Fred L., Norman O., B.R. W., Jack L., Jose P., Mark S., Andrew P., Olga R., Caroline F., Rudy Z., Lisa P.

Summary of the World Movement Report - Andy R.

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

Vote on the motion:

Full N.C.: 32 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions;

Alt. N.C.: 21 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 1 not voting;  
Consultative: 29 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Motion Carried

Greetings from the YS/LJS by Kathy D.

First session ended at 3:10 p.m.

Second Session, Thursday, June 15, 1972, convened at 3:10 p.m.

Motion from the Presiding Committee: That Toba S. chair the second session.

Motion Carried

I. POLITICAL REPORT

Reporter - Geoff M.

Discussion: Tom V., Jim Li., Jim Le., Lisa P., Byron A.

Motion from the Presiding Committee: To seat Cliff M. from the YS/LJS as an observer.

Motion Carried

Discussion (continued): Jose P., Jeanette T., Mark F., Derek J., Fred M., Rich F., Jon H., Lynn R., Sally W., Tank B., Norman O., Salm K., John H., Bob R., Olga R., Dave J., Alan E., Steve Sc., Andrew P., Jerry F., William W., Meg R., Jon H., Lisa P., Bill R., Rich F., John Le., Dave W.

Summary of the Political Report - Geoff M.

Motion from the Presiding Committee: To approve the general line of the Political Report.

Vote on the motion:

Full N.C.: 33 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions;  
Alt. N.C.: 24 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions;  
Consultative: 28 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Motion Carried

Second session ended at 10:15 p.m.

Third Session, Friday, June 16, 1972, convened at 9:47 a.m.

Motion from the Presiding Committee: That Maceo D. chair the third session.

Motion Carried

I. ELECTION CAMPAIGN REPORT

Reporter - Laura M.

Motion from the Presiding Committee: That Betty S. from Binghamton be seated as a consultative delegate.

Motion Carried

Discussion: Jude C., Mark S., Ruth G., Tom V., Marilyn M., Tank B., Jim Li., Susie W., Bill R.

Motion from the Presiding Committee: To seat Mary T. from the YS/LJS as an observer.

Motion Carried

Discussion (continued): John L., Jon H., Jack L., David K., Andrew P., Maceo D., Norman O., Mirta V., Matt H., Meg R., Lisa P., Sam M., Salm K., Brian W., Dave J., Rudy Z., Mike W., Rose O., Steve Sc., Dianne G.

Summary of the Election Campaign Report - Laura M.

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

Vote on the motion:

Full N.C.: 32 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions;  
Alt. N.C.: 23 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions;  
Consultative: 32 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Motion Carried

Third session ended at 2:45 p.m.

Fourth Session, Friday, June 16, 1972, convened at 2:45 p.m.

Motion from the Presiding Committee: That Lisa P. chair the fourth session.

Motion Carried

I. ANTIWAR REPORT

Reporter - Fred L.

Discussion: Mike W., Geoff M., James H., Brian W., Sally W., Dean R., Betty S., Anita B., Steve C., Jerry F.,

Terry H., Dan C., Byron A., Jose P., Sam M.,  
Rudy Z., Bill R., Jim Le., Jack L., Toba S., Jon  
H., Tank B., Jeanette T., Lynn R., Jim Li., Rick  
B., Matt H., Lisa P.

Summary of the Antiwar Report - Fred L.

Motion from the Presiding Committee: To approve the general  
line of the Antiwar Report.

Vote on the motion:

Full N.C.: 29 for, 0 opposed, 0 absten-  
tions;  
Alt. N.C.: 24 for, 0 opposed, 0 absten-  
tions, 1 not voting;  
Consultative: 11 for, 0 opposed, 0 ab-  
stentions.

Motion Carried

Fourth session ended at 10:15 a.m.

Fifth Session, Saturday, June 17, 1972, convened at 10:17 a.m.

Motion from the Presiding Committee: That Cindy B. chair the  
fifth session.

Motion Carried

## I. BLACK STRUGGLE REPORT

Reporter - Malik M.

Discussion: Mike W., Norman O., Lisa P., Maceo D., Andrew P.,  
Byron A., B.R. W., Brian W., Sam M., Lynn R., Mark  
S., Rich F., Chuck P., Lee A., Bill R., Ken M.,  
Jon H., Norman O., Maceo D.

Summary of the Black Struggle Report - Malik M.

Motion from the Presiding Committee: To approve the general  
line of the Black Struggle Report.

Vote on the motion:

Full N.C.: 27 for, 0 opposed, 0 absten-  
tions;  
Alt. N.C.: 24 for, 0 opposed, 0 absten-  
tions;  
Consultative: 30 for, 0 opposed, 0 ab-  
stentions.

Motion Carried

Greetings from the Socialist Workers Party by Lew J.

Fifth session ended at 2:30 p.m.

Sixth Session, Saturday, June 17, 1972, convened at 2:30 p.m.

Motion from the Presiding Committee: That Olga R. chair the sixth session.

Motion Carried

I. WOMEN'S LIBERATION REPORT

Reporter - Delpfine W.

Discussion: Meg R., Leslie C., Jude C., Toba S., Dany B., Caroline F., Randy P., Jon H., Bob R., Paula S., Ruth G., Andrew P., Maceo D., Olga R., Anita B., Jose P., Byron A., Rose O., Sally W.

Summary of the Women's Liberation Report - Delpfine W.

Motion from the Presiding Committee: To approve the general line of the Women's Liberation Report.

Vote on the motion:

Full N.C.: 31 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 1 not voting;  
Alt. N.C.: 25 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions;  
Consultative: 32 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Motion Carried

Sixth session ended at 8:00 p.m.

Seventh Session, Saturday, June 17, 1972, convened at 8:03 p.m.

Motion from the Presiding Committee: That Mike W. chair the seventh session.

Motion Carried

Motion from the Presiding Committee: That the YSA National Committee Plenum send the following telegram to James Cannon:

Comrade Cannon:

The National Committee of the Young Socialist Alliance, meeting in New York City June 15-18, sends you warmest revolutionary greetings.

The YSA is embarking upon our most ambitious summer and fall offensive ever. Our next national convention, scheduled for the end of November, will climax five

months of active support for the Jenness-Pulley SWP campaign and the independent struggles of the oppressed. Through our leading activity in these areas, we intend to significantly increase both our size and influence in the student movement.

We are also preparing to assume our role as the largest Trotskyist youth organization in the world in the international discussions which will culminate in the 10th World Congress of the Fourth International.

The publication of Teamster Rebellion by Comrade Farrell Dobbs, which coincides with our plenum, particularly inspires us to utilize the lessons learned by your generation of revolutionary youth, to intensify our struggle to win the best young militants of today's radicalization to revolutionary socialism.

Jenness and Pulley in '72!

Forward to the World Socialist Revolution!

Motion Carried

## I. ORGANIZATION REPORT

Reporter - Mirta V.

Discussion: Bob R., Jim Li., Dave J., Ginny H., Mark U., Dean R., Marilyn M., Derek J., Steve Sc., Andy R., Byron A., Bill R., Lisa P., Tom V., William W., Mark F., Rose O., Jon H., Jack L., Salm K., Matt H., Rich F., Brian W., Mike A., Andrew P., Rudy Z., Geoff M., John L., Mike W.

Summary of the Organization Report - Mirta V.

Motion from the Presiding Committee: To approve the general line of the Organization Report.

Vote on the motion:

Full N.C.: 32 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions;  
Alt. N.C.: 25 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions;  
Consultative: 29 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Motion Carried

Seventh session ended at 2:45 p.m.

Eighth Session, Sunday, June 18, 1972, convened at 2:50 p.m.

Motion from the Presiding Committee: That Sam M. chair the eighth session.

Motion Carried

## I. FINANCIAL REPORT

Reporter - Caroline F.

Discussion: Mike W., Jude C., Bill R., William W., Bob R.,  
Lynn R., Sally W., Jose P., Fred M., Norman O.,  
Lisa P., Rose O., Rudy Z.

Summary of the Financial Report - Caroline F.

Motion from the Presiding Committee: To approve the general  
line of the Financial Report.

Vote on the motion:

Full N.C.: 21 for, 0 opposed, 0 absten-  
tions;  
Alt. N.C.: 25 for, 0 opposed, 0 absten-  
tions;  
Consultative: 24 for, 0 opposed, 0 ab-  
stentions.

Motion Carried

## II. CONVENTION CALL

Motion presented for the NEC by Laura M.: That the National  
Committee call a convention of the YSA at the end of November  
1972, and that the NEC be empowered to organize the conven-  
tion and decide on the dates and the place.

Discussion: Mike W., Laura M.

Vote on the motion:

Full N.C.: 32 for, 0 opposed, 0 absten-  
tions;  
Alt. N.C.: 25 for, 0 opposed, 0 absten-  
tions;  
Consultative: 24 for, 0 opposed, 0 ab-  
stentions.

Motion Carried

## III. ELECTION OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by Andy R.: That the NEC consist of the following  
people: Byron A., Steve C., Mark F., Terry H., Sara J.,  
Jim Li., B.R. W., John H., Tom V., Caroline F., Laura M.,  
Andrew P., Andy R., Delpfine W., Geoff M., Malik M., Mirta V.,  
Bob R., Fred L.

Vote on the motion:

Full N.C.: 32 for, 0 opposed, 0 absten-  
tions.

Motion Carried



IV. ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

Motion by Geoff M: To elect a National Organization Secretary.

Discussion: Lisa P., Geoff M.

Vote on the motion:

Full N.C.: 32 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Motion Carried

Motion by Geoff M.: That Andy R. be National Chairman, Mirta V. be National Secretary, and Laura M. be National Organization Secretary.

Vote on the motion:

Full N.C.: 32 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Motion Carried

SINGING OF THE INTERNATIONALE

Plenum adjourned at 5:10 p.m.