

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING, No. 7, December 14, 1973

Present: Barnes, Breitman, Britton, A. Hansen, J. Hansen,
Horowitz, Jenness, Jones, Lovell, Morrison, Shaw,
Stone, Thomas, Waters

Consultative: Dobbs, Kerry

Visitors: Lund, Scott

Chair: Shaw

AGENDA: 1. World Movement
2. Convention Reporters
3. Convention Rules and Schedule
4. Clark Appeal
5. Energy Crisis

1. WORLD MOVEMENT

Waters reported.

Discussion

2. CONVENTION REPORTERS

Barnes reported.

Discussion

Motion: To assign the following convention reporters for
the Political Committee:

1. Argentina and Bolivia -- Camejo
2. European Perspectives -- Waters
3. World Political Situation -- Barnes

Carried.

3. CONVENTION RULES AND SCHEDULE

Jones reported.

Discussion

Motion: To recommend to the National Committee plenum the
proposed motions for the convention (see attached).

Carried.

Motion: To recommend to the National Committee plenum the
proposed schedule for the convention (see attached).

Carried.

4. CLARK APPEAL

Jones reported.

Discussion

Motion: To reject the appeal of Gerald Clark and uphold
the action of the Oakland-Berkeley branch in ex-
pelling him from the party for attending a Sparta-
cist summer school.

Carried.

5. ENERGY CRISIS

Britton opened discussion on propaganda tasks in relation
to the energy crisis.

Discussion

Meeting adjourned.

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF CONVENTION

1. Motion: That the following rules govern convention procedure:
 - A. In cases of procedural disputes, discussion shall be limited to two speakers, one for and one against, and that each speaker be limited to two minutes.
 - B. Discussion from the floor shall be limited to 10 minutes per speaker.
 - C. A speaker may have the floor only once in a given discussion until all those who wish the floor have had the opportunity to speak.
 - D. All voting will be done by voice vote unless a division of the house is called for; then the vote will be taken by a show of delegates' cards.
 - E. Only delegates shall have voice and vote. Fraternal delegates shall have voice and consultative vote.
 - F. Alternate delegates shall have voice and vote only when acting to replace a regularly elected delegate.
 - G. In all other cases, Roberts Rules of Order shall apply.
2. Motion: That the Presiding Committee be composed of the Political Bureau: Barnes, Britton, A. Hansen, Jenness, Jones, Lovell, Morrison, Pulley, and Stone, plus Camejo, Horowitz, Sheppard, and Waters.
3. Motion: To adopt the following agenda:
 1. Bolivia and Argentina
 2. European Perspectives
 3. World Political Situation
4. Motion: That the following time allotments be given to Political Committee reporters:
 - A. Argentina and Bolivia: 1 hour plus 20-minute summary
 - B. European Perspectives: 1 hour plus 20-minute summary
 - C. World Political Situation: 1¼ hour plus ½-hour summary
5. Motion: That the following time allotments be given to minority reporters:
 - A. Argentina and Bolivia: 1 hour plus 20-minute summary
 - B. European Perspectives: 1 hour plus 20-minute summary
 - C. World Political Situation: 1¼ hour plus ½-hour summary
6. Motion: That the minority may choose non-delegates as reporters.
7. Motion: To approve the convention schedule.
8. Motion: That Feigenberg and Rupp serve as convention secretaries.
9. Motion: To elect a Credentials Committee consisting of five delegates.
10. Motion: To seat as fraternal delegates the following: (1) National Committee members, (2) members of the National Control Commission, (3) heads of national departments, (4) members of the youth National Executive Committee, and (5) special guests.
11. Motion: That the convention be open to party members, youth members and sympathizers vouched for by the branches.
12. Motion: That the official convention photographer be M. Baumann.

PROPOSED CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 26, 1973

6:30 - 7:00 PM Organization of Convention
7:00 - 8:00 Argentina and Bolivia, Political Committee
Report (1 hour)
8:00 - 9:00 Argentina and Bolivia, Minority Report
(1 hour)
9:00 - 10:30 Discussion (3 hours total)

Thursday, December 27, 1973

9:00 - 10:30 Discussion
10:30 - 10:50 Argentina and Bolivia, Minority Summary
(20 minutes)
10:50 - 11:10 Argentina and Bolivia, Political Committee
Summary (20 minutes)
11:10 - 12:10 European Perspectives, Political Committee
Report (1 hour)
12:10 - 1:10 European Perspectives, Minority Report
(1 hour)
1:10 - 2:30 Lunch
2:30 - 5:30 Discussion (3 hours)
5:30 - 5:50 European Perspectives, Minority Summary
(20 minutes)
5:50 - 6:10 European Perspectives, Political Committee
Summary (20 minutes)
6:10 - 8:00 Dinner
8:00 - 9:15 World Political Situation, Political Com-
mittee Report (1¼ hour)
9:15 - 10:30 World Political Situation, Minority Report
(1¼ hour)

Friday, December 28, 1973

9:00 - 12:00 Discussion (3 hours)
12:00 - 12:30 World Political Situation, Minority
Summary (½ hour)
12:30 - 1:00 World Political Situation, Political
Committee Summary (½ hour)

P.C. 12/14/73

World Movement -

Convention -

Energy -

Clark -

1) World Movement Report - M-A

European mty of LTF sty. committee members

The discussion ~~II~~ showed that I a very high degree of homogeneity
in the discussion ~~III~~ also I unevenness dependent
on the ~~rate~~ ^{pace/evolution} of the discussion in the sections concerned.

Germany - disintegration of the section due to tendency
development

IEC	Majo	= 200
	Kompass	= 150
	LTF	= 30

High level // good attitude of Dieter ~~III~~ ^(LTFers) consider themselves
part of the leadership of the section

German LTFers are taking responsibility // touring in
Belgium, Austria, Switzerland

Kompass orientation for Germany is workerist/economist
→ differences with LTF in Germany on German questions
are fairly deep.

Pierre Frank maneuver with German Spontacists

Sweden -

Umea branch - growth of "Kompass" tendency type

79 LTFers in Sweden

Belgium -

the totality of the written discussion in the Belgian section is the two contributions we have already published

Britain -

IMG convention - last weekend

Ross-Pennington - 60-67% consolidated majority

Tarig-Petersen 20-30%

Blackburn tendency

- advance guard of adaptation to the Global party

we recruited 1 to the T -

2 delegates voted with us on the int'l questions

France -

tour of Dick Fidler, Dudi (PST)

The mtgs are not very encouraging

Sterne, Verla, Ben Said, Vergeat 3 are being sent around with Dick & Dudi in all the provincial branches

development of various dissident tendencies

Centre de Comant

majo - catastrophism

mino - routinism

majo - liquidate program into the form of the class, ^{struggle}

France

- there is a small gp that wrote a criticism of the Eurodoc along similar lines to ours (although they did not know of our doc. beforehand) - some disagreements on Black + Chicano nationalism // they think part of IEC Maj's is pressing for a split // They are worried about being expelled // want to take their distance from the LTF

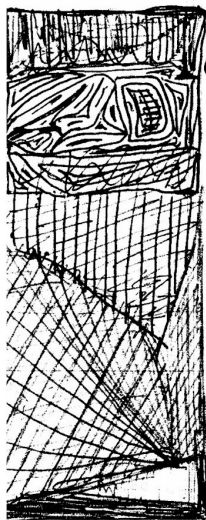
mtg w/ Roger -

he said that all P.B. members opposed voting for the union of the left - but could not carry the vote against Boris // \Rightarrow they didn't consider it an important question

Ernest had written a letter to the P.B. of the Ligue criticism of the vote.

Charles Mich. just brought in a self-criticism document of the P.B. of the Ligue

LIP // Criticism of their "over optimistic" expectations for the solidarity movement // underestimated the strength of the Stalinist and social democratic leadership of the ^{LIP}workers - had some sort of notion that this was a "vanguard" // "outflanking" action // intervention of Ligue was very abstract



Canada ≡ discussion with Ernest - we posed to him the big danger now for the whole F.I.

Lambert's - second letter

- his approaches in France

Convention

- Peter - L.A.
- M-A - Euro
- Jack - Wld. Pol.

- GTF - Gus



Wld. Pol. Report.

- 1) our criticism of their pol. res.
- 2) our views on wld sit.
- 3) USA - situation in

can use the summary to take up any of the organizational questions

Tom - need to discuss the organization of the national faction -