

MINUTES OF PC NO. 14, January 21, 1966

Present: Regular: Dobbs, Shaw, Sheppard, J. Hansen  
Chester, DeBerry, Warde, Halstead  
Kerry, J. Barnes, Lavan, Weinstein,  
Reed, Vernon, B. Allen.

Alternate: Henderson, B. Barnes, Porter  
Leonard, Graham.

Advisory: Mayhew.

Chairman: Leonard

AGENDA:

1. Plenum Reporters
2. Kirk Document
3. Anti-War Meeting, Milwaukee

1. PLENUM REPORTERS

Shaw reporting: On Plenum reporters Secretariat recommends that the report on the World Movement be given by J. Hansen, the Political Report by Dobbs, the Organizational Report by Shaw.

On matters referred to the Plenum by the convention:

- a. Economic study: Economic Commission report will open literary discussion will be ready next week and be distributed at Plenum.
- b. Party Constitution: Secretariat proposes selection of Constitution Commission at Plenum to recommend changes and improvements in the Constitution.
- c. Breitman Proposals:
  1. On slogan, "For a Workers and Farmers Government" the Secretariat will reprint 6 selections from 1938 and 1939 Internal Bulletins on this topic as part of the discussion.

2. On proposal to cease designating ourselves Trotskyists: Correspondence from co-thinkers abroad has indicated this would raise problems and be unacceptable to them. Further correspondence from Breitman refers to decision of 1951 Plenum on this subject. Reaffirmation would be acceptable and would drop original form of his proposal. Secretariat will make recommendations to next PC meeting.

Discussion: Warde, Dobbs.

Motion: To Approve proposed Plenum reporters and refer other points to next PC meeting.

Carried

## 2. KIRK DOCUMENT

Dobbs reported that Kirk's letter of December 13 to the Political Committee, dealing with the question of policy in the anti-war movement, has been distributed from Seattle to comrades outside the National Committee. Secretariat recommends that the matter be placed on the Plenum agenda and that Kirk be notified that this is being done.

Discussion: Vernon, Lavan.

Motion: To approve recommendation of Secretariat.

Carried

## 3. ANTI-WAR MEETING, MILWAUKEE

J. Barnes reported. (See attached report).

Discussion: Halstead, Warde, Henderson, Lavan, DeBerry, Kerry, Leonard, B. Barnes.

Motion: To accept report.

Carried

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

Shaw reported on Joe Johnson case. District Office of Immigration Service upheld the contention that Joe is a stateless person, and is to be deported to Canada. Order is held in abeyance pending appeal. This puts his defense case at a new stage. Up to now the Twin Cities has handled the case, and the expenses have been met by the local committee. His case now needs more financial support and we must branch out and help build a national defense committee. We need an immediate campaign for sponsors for the case, and to raise money for the appeal. There is no appeal date yet. It is planned to move the headquarters for the committee to New York. The committee is putting out a pamphlet of a speech that Joe has made on the case. Warren Miller is going to write the introduction to the pamphlet. Joe will begin a national tour as soon as possible, to help build the committee, get sponsors and raise funds.

MEETING ADJOURNED