

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES No. 15, June 2, 1966

Present: J. Barnes, Dobbs, Halstead, Hansen, Kerry, Novack, Shaw, Sheppard, Jones.

Visitors: B. Barnes, Jenness, Mary-Alice, Berta.

Chairman: Hansen.

AGENDA:

1. Boston.
2. Memorial Meeting.
3. North.
4. Africa.
5. International.
6. Youth Tour.
7. Antiwar Movement.

1. BOSTON

Kerry stated as follows:

"I spoke to Kelly who had come down to New York for a week-end visit, informing him that I had been assigned by the PC to go to Boston to meet with the NC members and branch organizer about the branch request for clarification of the National Office stand on material printed in non-union shop. I informed him that in our view the specific issue appeared to be a surface manifestation of a more profound internal conflict as indicated in the recent branch minutes. It was this fact that prompted the PC to seek to determine all the facts and circumstances surrounding the issue.

"I was informed by Comrade Kelly that the Boston branch had scheduled a series of meetings on the internal situation there and he would not want to attend a meeting with aforementioned comrades until after the branch had concluded its discussion and elected its new executive committee. It was agreed that such a meeting as we proposed would be postponed until after the conclusion of the branch discussion and executive committee election."

Administrative Committee agreed to postpone
Kerry trip until the Boston meetings are over.

2. MEMORIAL MEETING

Novack pointed out political significance of New York memorial meeting: (1) almost complete representation of every tendency in person or by message; (2) attendance of official CP representatives unprecedented.

Discussion: Kerry.

Jones reported that youth have received official invitation to attend DuBois conference in Chicago as observers. Plans being made to participate.

Discussion: Dobbs, J. Barnes, Jenness, Hansen.

3. NORTH

Informational report by Novack who attended Northern convention as observer.

Supplementary reports: (1) Mary-Alice on antiwar movement; (2) B. Barnes on youth plenum.

Discussion: Dobbs, Kerry, Novack, Mary-Alice.

4. AFRICA

Berta reported on latest developments and activities of defense committee.

Discussion: Novack, Hansen, Kerry, Sheppard.

5. INTERNATIONAL

Hansen reported. (1) Mexico -- (a) Nothing further heard about Posadistas; (b) decision made to publish a Spanish edition of World Outlook. (2) Correspondence from cothinkers concerning Sino-Soviet document.

Discussion: Dobbs, Kerry, Novack.

Agreed that this point be held over until formal letter received from L.

6. YOUTH TOUR

Jenness reported general observations and conclusions drawn from his recent tour.

Meeting Adjourned.