

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES, No. 1, November 9, 1967

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

Chairman: Sheppard

AGENDA:

1. Convention Resolutions and Reports
2. Membership
3. Editor
4. Hedlund Correspondence
5. Seattle
6. Antiwar Movement

1. CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS

Motion: To publish in the magazine the following convention items: 1) the International Report by Hansen, 2) the Political Resolution, 3) the Resolution on Independent Black Political Action.

Carried.

Motion: To authorize a committee of Barnes, Kerry, and Dobbs to edit the Political Resolution for publication.

Carried.

Motion: To authorize a committee of Novack, DeBerry and Breitman to edit the resolution on Independent Black Political Action for publication.

Carried.

Motion: To authorize the editor of the magazine in consultation with the reporters to determine whether the Antiwar Report and Youth Report can be put in suitable form for publication in the magazine or if they should be published in a Post Convention Information Bulletin.

Carried.

Motion: To publish the Political Report in a Post Convention Information Bulletin.

Carried.

Motion: To publish the report on the black struggle in a Post Convention Information Bulletin.

Carried.

2. MEMBERSHIP

Motion: To concur with recommendation of Los Angeles branch that Evelyn S. be readmitted to the party.

Carried.

3. EDITOR

Motion by Hansen: To designate Sheppard as editor of the paper.

Carried.

4. HEDLUND CORRESPONDENCE

Motion: To provide copies of Hedlund-Dobbs correspondence to NC members (material to be forwarded).

Carried.

5. SEATTLE

Shaw reported need to send further reinforcements to Seattle.

Motion: That PC approve the assignment of Joe Johnson to Seattle branch.

Carried.

6. ANTIWAR REPORT

Jones reported: The Student Mobilization Committee Continuations Committee, meeting in New York last weekend, unanimously decided upon several actions as the next focal points of the anti-war movement. December 4-8 will be "Stop the Draft, Stop the War" week; a Student Mobilization Conference will be held at the end of December; a week of activities, including an international student strike, is scheduled for late March or early April. All indications are that the present coalition will be broadened to include elements which previously held themselves aloof.

The National Mobilization Committee has not yet met. It is clear though, that the success of the Oct. 21 demonstration and subsequent campus actions have to a large extent undercut the traditional post-demonstration pessimism of some elements of the coalition. Dellinger, particularly, has indicated a desire to move ahead in the direction of another mass action in the spring, with stress on the need to reach GI's propagandistically.

The next mass action called by the coalition will undoubtedly be international in character and timed to coincide with the proposed SMC actions in the spring.

A full report of the current conjuncture and our perspective is being written and will be sent out soon for the information of the NC and branch organizers.

Meeting adjourned.