

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES, Number 33, February 20, 1969

Present: Barnes, Dobbs, Hansen, Kerry, Novack, Bolduc, Shaw, Halstead

Visitors: Jones, Dowson

Chairman: Kerry

AGENDA: 1. Political Trends and Party Organizational Perspectives Report
2. Antiwar Report
3. Political Committee Motions
4. Convention Call Motion
5. Plenum Procedural Motions
6. World Movement Reporter
7. Special Guest

1. POLITICAL TRENDS AND PARTY ORGANIZATIONAL PERSPECTIVES REPORT

Barnes reported.

Motion: To approve the general line of the report.

Carried.

2. ANTIWAR REPORT

Jones reported.

Motion: To approve the general line of the report incorporating the discussion.

Carried.

3. POLITICAL COMMITTEE MOTIONS

Dobbs reported.

Motion: To designate a Political Committee of 12, composed of 11 regular National Committee members to be elected by the plenum, plus a representative to be designated by the youth.

Carried.

Motion: To authorize the PC to designate an Administrative Committee on which may be included non-PC members who may be either regular or alternate members of the NC.

Carried.

Motion: Members of the Administrative Committee who are not members of the Political Committee may attend PC meetings with voice and no vote.

Carried.

4. CONVENTION CALL MOTION

Barnes reported.

Motion: To schedule a national party convention for the 4-day period of Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, August 29, 30, 31 and September 1, 1969; to hold the convention in New York; to provide a three-month preconvention discussion period beginning June 1; to refer to the Political Committee the issuance of the Convention Call and the setting of the convention agenda to be incorporated in the Convention Call.

Carried.

5. PLENUM PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Barnes reported.

Motion: That in case of procedural disputes, discussion be limited to two speakers, one for and one against, and that each speaker be limited to two minutes.

Carried.

Motion: That general discussion be limited to ten minutes per speaker and that no one speak twice until all who wish to do so have spoken.

Carried.

Motion: That the Presiding Committee consist of the Administrative Committee (Dobbs, Kerry, Shaw, J. Barnes).

Carried.

Motion: To designate as plenum secretaries White and Dawson.

Carried.

Motion: To invite as observers: Control Commission members; co-thinkers; heads of national departments (press, literature, finances); members of the youth NEC; branch organizers.

Carried.

Motion: To adopt the following agenda:

1. Organization of Plenum
2. World Movement Report
3. Antiwar Report
4. Youth Report
5. Political Trends and Party Organizational Perspectives
6. Press and Publications Report
7. Political Committee Report
8. Election of Political Committee
9. Convention Call

Carried.

Motion: To adopt the proposed schedule (see enclosed).

Carried.

6. WORLD MOVEMENT REPORTER

Barnes reported.

Motion: To designate Sheppard as Political Committee reporter on the world movement.

Carried.

7. SPECIAL GUEST

Barnes reported.

Motion: To invite Marvin to attend the plenum as an observer for the points on Political Trends and Party Organizational Perspectives and the Press and Publications Report.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.