

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES, Number 7, December 10, 1969

Present: Barnes, Breitman, DeBerry, Dobbs, Hansen, Novack, Ring.

Visitors: Horowitz, Kerry

Chairman: Dobbs

AGENDA: 1. Report on Chicago and DeKalb

2. Magazine

3. Party plenum

4. Post-convention literary discussion

5. Mandel case

6. World Movement

1. REPORT ON CHICAGO AND DEKALB

Barnes and Dobbs reported (Militant to carry full story).

Halstead drafting open letter to movement giving entire background of incidents.

2. MAGAZINE

Kerry reported

Motion: The Political Committee approves the proposal on new publication and recommends to the next plenum of the party that it authorize the change.*

Carried.

3. PARTY PLENUM

Barnes reported.

Motion: (1) To schedule a plenum of the National Committee in New York City on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 27, 28 and March 1, 1970. (2) To notify National Committee members that recommendations on the plenum agenda will be submitted later.

Carried.

4. POST-CONVENTION LITERARY DISCUSSION

Barnes reported

Motion: To open, as authorized by the party convention, a post-convention literary discussion on the issues raised in the political resolution and report. The discussion will extend from December 15 through February 15.

Carried.

5. MANDEL CASE

Novack reported

6. WORLD MOVEMENT

Hansen reported
Meeting adjourned.

* Proposal by Kerry and Seigle to merge party bimonthly and youth monthly.

1. To publish monthly theoretical and political magazine based on amalgamation of the party bi-monthly and youth monthly.
2. Youth to publish bi-weekly youth organizer in tabloid format to circulate primarily to youth membership and periphery and to be offered for public sale.
3. Youth monthly to discontinue publication in its present format.
4. To establish joint editorial board weighted on side of youth representatives and with youth editor to publish monthly theoretical magazine under auspices of current publishing association.
5. Target date for new publication to be spring 1970.
6. Details to be worked out by joint board subject to approval by youth and party authoritative bodies.
7. Report on above to youth convention and party plenum.