

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES, No. 35, January 26, 1967

Present: Barnes, Halstead, Hansen, Novack, Shaw, Sheppard, Jones.

Visitor: Vernon.

Chairman: Novack.

AGENDA:

1. Antiwar Movement.
2. Harlem Conference.

1. ANTIWAR MOVEMENT

Barnes reported:

- (1) Further evolution of Fort Hood Three Defense Committee.

Discussion: Hansen, Barnes, Novack.

- (2) The Spring Mobilization Committee.

The call should be out within the next weeks. Organizational details are still being worked out, but the Mobilization Committee has set up an office, with James Bevel as Executive Secretary.

The opportunity now exists to broaden the protest movement to sections of the trade union and civil rights movement. This broadening, along with creating opportunities, also poses two possible problems:

1. That the political line may become more fuzzy, less of a direct and open confrontation with the administration.
2. That the policy of non exclusion, accepted up to now, may become more and more difficult to maintain.

Discussion: Halstead, Hansen, Shaw, Sheppard, Barnes, Novack.

Jones reported on the Student Continuations Committee meeting to be held January 28 in New York.

2. HARLEM CONFERENCE

Vernon reported on an all Negro "antiwar and anti-draft" conference held Saturday, January 21 in Harlem. About 80 attended, predominantly youth, including a few high school students. Geographical representation included New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Atlanta, Cleveland. Groups represented included SNCC, Workers World, PL, Spartacist, DuBois, SWP. Although no definite plans were concretized, it opens the possibility of an all-black organizational opposition to the war.

Discussion: Halstead, Vernon, Barnes, Shaw, Sheppard, Novack.

General agreement to refer this matter to smaller group of Negro comrades for further discussion.

Meeting adjourned.