

MINUTES OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE PLENUM

June 2,3,4, 1967

Friday, June 2, 1967

Convened: 10:08 a.m.

Chairman: Henderson.

Roll Call: Answering Present:

Regular:

Alvin, J. Barnes, Breitman,  
B. Chester, Coover, DeBerry,  
Dobbs, Halstead, A. Hansen,  
B. Hansen, J. Hansen, Harris,  
Kerry, Lavan, F. Lovell,  
Novack, Reed, Ring, Sharon,  
Shaw, Sheppard, Simon, Trainor.

(Arrived after roll call:  
Torres, Johnson, Vernon.)

Alternates:

S. Lovell, Leonard, Kirsch,  
Camejo, Scheer, Graham, B.  
Barnes, Spangler, Porter,  
Spilman, Joel Britton,  
Henderson, Horowitz, Taplin.

(Arrived after roll call:  
Feingold)

Advisory:

Mayhew.

Youth Representative:

Jones.

Observers Attending:

Aubrey, Basley, Bolduc,  
Boutelle, Jon Britton, Brundy,  
Carroll, A. Chester, Dawson,  
Ferguson, Jenness, K. Kerry,  
Langston, Lund, Reinthaler,  
Ryon, Roberts, Sell, Singler,  
Stapleton, Waters.

1. ORGANIZATION OF PLENUM

Shaw reported Political Committee recommendations:

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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.

- 3) That the Presiding Committee consist of the Administrative Committee (Dobbs, Kerry, Shaw, J. Barnes).
- 4) To designate as plenum secretaries Daniels and White.
- 5) To invite as observers: Control Commission members; co-thinkers; heads of national departments (press, literature, finances); members of the youth NEC; branch organizers.
- 6) To adopt the following agenda:
  1. Organization of Plenum.
  2. World Movement.
  3. Political Report.
  4. Report on Negro Struggle.
  5. Youth Report.
  6. Organization Report.
  7. Presidential Ticket.
- 7) To adopt proposed schedule (See attached).

Motion: To adopt Political Committee recommendations as a whole.

Carried.

## 2. WORLD MOVEMENT

Report by A. Sharon.

Discussion: Alvin, Torres, Novack.

Recess for lunch: 12:45 p.m.

Reconvened: 2:19 p.m.

Summary -- World Movement

Motion: To approve the general line of the report.

Carried.

## 3. POLITICAL REPORT

Report by J. Barnes.

Discussion: Trainor, Leonard, Novack, Halstead, J. Hansen.

Recess for dinner: 6:45 p.m.

Reconvened: 8:30 p.m.

Discussion continued: Camejo, Sheppard, Kerry, Ring, Harris, Simon, Scheer, Torres, Dobbs.

Summary -- Political Report.

Motion by Dobbs on behalf of the Political Committee: To approve the general line of the report and to authorize the Political Committee to prepare a draft resolution incorporating general line for submission to party in name of the plenum.

Carried.

Saturday, June 3, 1967

Convened: 10:05 a.m.

Chairman: B. Chester.

4. REPORT ON NEGRO STRUGGLE

Report by G. Breitman.

Discussion: Torres, Novack, Simon, DeBerry, Halstead, Camejo, Vernon, Joel Britton, Boutelle, Spangler, Alvin, Henderson, J. Barnes.

Summary -- Negro Struggle.

Recess for lunch: 1:15 p.m.

Reconvened: 2:50 p.m.

Motion: To approve the general line of the report.

Carried.

5. YOUTH REPORT

Report by L. Jones.

Discussion: Alvin, Porter, Novack, Harris, Camejo, DeBerry, Halstead, Lavan, Ring, J. Barnes, Joel Britton.

Summary -- Youth Report.

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 1967

Convened: 10:10 a.m.

Chairman: B. Barnes.

## 6. ORGANIZATION REPORT

Report by E. Shaw.

Discussion: Lund, Ring, Johnson, K. Kerry, F. Lovell, Kirsch, Torres, Singler, Novack.

Summary -- Organization Report.

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

## SPECIAL POINT -- G. Novack

Letter from Winnie and Paul Chelstrom.

Motion: To send the following message to Howard Petrick:

"The National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party meeting this weekend in New York extends its fullest solidarity to you in your struggle to maintain the constitutional right to maintain and express your antiwar and socialist views in the armed forces. Your courage in face of the attempt by the military brass to intimidate and silence you is an inspiring example to all of us and we are dedicating ourselves to the task of building the broadest national defense movement for you."

Motion: To send the following message to Jim and Rose Cannon:

"This weekend we worked to prepare the party to make the most of the rising radicalization we all have so long awaited. It has been a long tough haul and we're happy that you are actively contributing to make this new generation of American Trotskyists worthy of the ideas, ideals, and standards set by its founders for whom we have such affection and admiration."

Motions Carried.

## 7. PRESIDENTIAL TICKET

Report by F. Dobbs.

Discussion: Joel Britton, Lavan, A. Hansen, Torres, Alvin, Johnson, DeBerry, Harris, Horowitz, Ring, B. Hansen, Sharon.

Summary -- Presidential Ticket.

Motion by Dobbs: To refer the question of the Presidential ticket to the Political Committee for further consideration, with the understanding that the Political Committee will submit a definite recommendation on ticket for approval in a poll of the National Committee.

Carried.

Plenum adjourned: 2:30 p.m.

PLENUM SCHEDULE

June 2-4, 1967

Friday, June 2, 1967

10:00 A.M.	Organization of Plenum
10:30	World Movement -- A. Sharon
12:00 Noon	Discussion
1:00 P.M.	Lunch Recess
2:30	Continue Discussion
3:30	Summary, World Movement
4:00	Political Report -- J. Barnes
5:30	Discussion
6:30	Dinner Recess
8:00	Continue Discussion
9:30	Summary, Political Report
10:00	Adjourn Session

Saturday, June 3, 1967

10:00 A.M.	Negro Struggle -- G. Breitman
11:00	Discussion
1:00 P.M.	Lunch Recess
2:30	Summary, Negro Struggle
3:00	Youth Report -- L. Jones
4:00	Discussion
6:00	Summary, Youth Report
6:30	Adjourn Session

Sunday, June 4, 1967

10:00 A.M.	Organization Report -- E. Shaw
11:00	Discussion
1:00 P.M.	Summary, Organization Report
1:30	Presidential Ticket -- F. Dobbs