

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES No. 18, June 30, 1966

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

Visitor: Ring.

Chairman: Shaw.

AGENDA:

1. International.
2. Plenum.
3. New York Elections.
4. CP Convention.
5. Huberman-Sweezy.
6. China.

1. INTERNATIONAL

Hansen reported on additional material received concerning Africa.

Agreed that receipt of material be acknowledged, with copy of letter to T.

Novack reported letter from co-thinker concerning projected publication of a "balance sheet" covering fifty years of Russian Revolution.

Discussion: Kerry, Dobbs, Hansen.

Novack summarized letter from Japan covering (1) situation inside movement; (2) facts on China; (3) developments inside CP and proposals for program in present international situation in the fight against American intervention in Vietnam.

Discussion: Dobbs, Hansen.

Agreed that information be forwarded to co-thinkers with suggestion that report be prepared on situation, and that information on China and CP be published here.

2. PLENUM

Shaw reported discussion in Administrative Committee.

Proposal of Administrative Committee: that a plenum be scheduled in New York for October 28, 29 and 30 (Friday through Sunday) with following tentative agenda: (1) world movement; (2) political report; (3) organization report.

General agreement with proposal.

3. NEW YORK ELECTIONS

Barnes reported discussion in New York Executive Committee concerning slate for statewide election to be centered around antiwar movement with young activist from the movement for the main post. Specific decision on slate to be presented to PC at next meeting.

Discussion: Kerry, Dobbs.

Agreed that public announcement be made in next issue of paper with slate and platform to be announced later.

4. CP CONVENTION

Information report by Ring.

Discussion: Novack, Sheppard, Barnes.

5. HUBERMAN-SWEEZY

Novack reported on arrangements concerning English edition of co-thinker's book.

Organization of Gilly Defense Committee progressing.

6. CHINA

Discussion on Sino-Soviet document: Dobbs, Kerry, Hansen.

Agreed that Hansen, Kerry and Novack prepare a draft for informal discussion in PC.

Meeting adjourned.