

PLENUM AGENDA

February 21-23, 1969

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

PLENUM SCHEDULE

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Friday 10:00 A.M. Organization of Plenum ($\frac{1}{2}$ hr.)
10:30 World Movement Report (1 hr.)
11:30 Discussion (2 hrs.)
1:30 P.M. Lunch
3:00 Summary World Movement ($\frac{1}{2}$ hr.)
3:30 Antiwar Report (1 hr.)
4:30 Discussion (2 hrs.)
6:30 Summary Antiwar Report ($\frac{1}{2}$ hr.)
7:00 Dinner (Hot meal and drinks at hall)
8:30 Youth Report (1 hr.)
9:30 Discussion ($\frac{1}{2}$ hr.)
10:00 Adjourn session

Saturday 10:00 A.M. Continue discussion Youth Report (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.)
11:30 Summary Youth Report ($\frac{1}{2}$ hr.)
12:00 Political Trends and Party Organizational
Perspectives Report (1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hrs.)
1:15 P.M. Lunch (Sandwiches and coffee at hall)
2:15 Discussion (3 $\frac{1}{4}$ hrs.)
5:30 Summary ($\frac{1}{2}$ hr.)
6:00 Adjourn session

Sunday 10:00 A.M. Press and Publications Report ($\frac{3}{4}$ hr.)
10:45 Discussion (2 hrs.)
12:45 P.M. Summary Press and Publications ($\frac{1}{4}$ hr.)
1:00 Lunch (Sandwiches and coffee at hall)
2:00 Political Committee Report ($\frac{3}{4}$ hr.)
2:45 Discussion (1 hr.)
3:45 Summary ($\frac{1}{4}$ hr.)
4:00 Election of Political Committee ($\frac{1}{4}$ hr.)
4:15 Convention Call ($\frac{1}{4}$ hr.)
4:30 Adjourn

MINUTES OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE PLENUM

February 21, 22, 23, 1969

Friday, February 21, 1969

Convened: 10:01 a.m.

Chairman: Montauk

Roll Call: Answering Present:

Regular:

Alvin, J. Barnes, Breitman,
Coover, Dobbs, Garza, Halstead,
A. Hansen, B. Hansen, J. Hansen,
Johnson, L. Jones, Kerry, F. Lovell,
Novack, Shaw, Sheppard, Simon,
Weinstein.

(Arrived after roll call: DeBerry,
Lavan, Ring, Sharon, Trainor,
Vernon)

Alternates:

Chertov, Horowitz, Kirsch, Hen-
derson, Leonard, B. Barnes, Edwards,
Scheer, S. Lovell, Montauk, Waters,
Styron, Roberts, Porter, Jenness,
Taplin, Scott, Graham.

(Arrived after roll call: Joel
Britton, Sell, Boutelle)

Advisory:

B. Chester, Mayhew, Reed

1. ORGANIZATION OF PLENUM

Barnes reported Administrative 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 White and Dawson.
- 5) To invite as observers: Control Commission members; co-thinkers; heads of national departments (press, literature, finances); members of the youth NEC; branch organizers.

Motion: To adopt the recommendations on procedure.

Carried.

Motion: To approve the following agenda:

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Carried.

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

Carried.

2. WORLD MOVEMENT REPORT

Sheppard reported.

Recess: 11:21 a.m.

Reconvened: 11:29 a.m.

Discussion: Halstead, Kerry, Edwards, Garza, Novack, J. Hansen, J. Barnes, Waters, Lavan, Henderson, Roberts, J. Hansen.

Recess for lunch: 1:00p.m.

Reconvened: 2:30 p.m.

Summary -- World Movement Report

Motion: To approve the general line of the World Movement Report.

Carried.

3. ANTIWAR REPORT

Jones reported.

Recess: 3:37 p.m.

Reconvened: 3:42 p.m.

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Discussion: Ring, Jenness, Breitman, Edwards, Halstead, Roberts, Montauk, Horowitz, Johnson, Halstead, Leonard, J. Barnes, Roberts, Dobbs.

Recess: 5:30 p.m.

Reconvened: 5:41 p.m.

Summary -- Antiwar Report

Motion: To approve the general line of the Antiwar Report.

Carried.

Recess for dinner: 5:55 p.m.

Reconvened: 7:35 p.m.

4. YOUTH REPORT

Bolduc reported.

Motion: To give speaking rights on this point to Thomas and Morrison.

Carried.

Discussion: Alvin, Dowson, Thomas, Halstead, Simon, J. Barnes

Session adjourned: 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 22, 1969

Convened: 10:10 a.m.

Chairman: Simon

Discussion: Waters, Weinstein, Chester, Montauk, Garza, Roberts, Jenness, J. Hansen.

Recess: 11:29 a.m.

Reconvened: 11:36 a.m.

Summary -- Youth Report

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

5. POLITICAL TRENDS AND PARTY ORGANIZATIONAL PERSPECTIVES REPORT

J. Barnes reported.

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Recess for lunch: 1:00 p.m.

Reconvened: 2:15 p.m.

Motion: To give voice on this point to branch organizers and department heads.

Carried.

Discussion: Weinstein, Johnson, Garza, Chertov, Edwards, Wulp, Sell, Alvin, Roberts, Chester, Breitman, DeBerry.

Recess: 3:57 p.m.

Reconvened: 4:05 p.m.

Discussion Continued: Sharon, Leonard, Thorstad, Henderson, Styron, Joel Britton, Hill, Jon Britton, Taplin, Kerry.

Summary -- Political Trends and Party Organizational Perspectives Report.

Motion: To approve the general line of the Political Trends and Party Organizational Perspectives Report excluding the question of the Standard Oil boycott.

Carried.

Session adjourned: 6:15 p.m.

Sunday, February 23, 1969

Convened: 10:15 a.m.

Chairman: DeBerry

Motion from the Presiding Committee: To add a half hour report by Dobbs and a half hour discussion on the oilworkers' strike at the beginning of Sunday's schedule.

Carried.

6. OILWORKERS' STRIKE REPORT

Dobbs reported.

Discussion: Porter, J. Barnes, Simon, Alvin, Sell, L. Jones, Montauk, Halstead, Speppard, F. Lovell, Vernon, Joel Britton.

Summary -- Oilworkers' Strike Report.

Motion: Assuming verification of the factual situation as it is presently understood, the plenum authorizes the Political Committee -- acting in consultation with the youth leaders -- to organize national party support of the oil

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workers' union boycott-propaganda offensive against Standard Oil.

Carried.

Recess: 12:14 p.m.

Reconvened: 12:20 p.m.

7. PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS REPORT

Ring reported.

Recess for lunch: 1:05 p.m.

Reconvened: 1:55 p.m.

Discussion: Scott, Alvin, Simon, Taplin.

Summary -- Press and Publications Report.

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

8. POLITICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

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.

Political Committee Nominations: J. Barnes, Breitman, DeBerry, Dobbs, Halstead, J. Hansen, Kerry, Novack, Ring, Shaw, Sheppard.

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

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

Motion: To adopt the Political Committee motions and the slate of nominations.

Carried.

9. CONVENTION CALL

Barnes reported. .

Motion from the Political Committee: To schedule a national party convention for the four-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.

Plenum adjourned: 3:35 p.m.

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	12:00		Political Trends and Party Organizational Perspectives Report (1¼ hrs.)
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	2:15		Discussion (¾ hrs.)
	5:30		Summary (½ hr.)
	6:00		Adjourn session
Sunday	10:00	A.M.	Press and Publications Report (¾ hr.)
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	2:00		Political Committee Report (¾ hr.)
	2:45		Discussion (1 hr.)
	3:45		Summary (¼ hr.)
	4:00		Election of Political Committee (¼ hr.)
	4:15		Convention Call (¼ hr.)
	4:30		Adjourn