

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES, No. 15, July 30, 1969

Present: Barnes, Breitman, Bolduc, DeBerry, Dobbs, Shaw, Ring.

Visitors: Camejo

Chairman: Bolduc

- AGENDA:
1. Convention
 2. World Movement
 3. Boston Correspondence.
 4. United Front against Fascism Conference

1. CONVENTION

Barnes reported for the Administrative Committee.

Motion: That the Political Committee reporters at the convention be:

1. World Movement
 - 1) China - J. Hansen
 - 2) The Fourth International - Sheppard
2. Political Report - J. Barnes
3. Transitional Program for Black Liberation - DeBerry
4. Antiwar Report - Horowitz
5. Organization Report - J. Barnes

Carried.

Motion: That there be four panels at the convention:
(1) Trade Union, (2) Women's Liberation, (3) Publications,
(4) Militant.

Carried.

Motion: That the convention schedule a national fraction meeting of the members of the branch and local Third World and Black Work fractions.

Carried.

Motion: That the deadline for written discussion on the Political Resolution be extended to August 18.

Carried.

2. WORLD MOVEMENT

Dobbs reported.

3. BOSTON CORRESPONDENCE

Dobbs reported for the Administrative Committee.

Motion by the Administrative Committee: That further consideration of the letters from Gloria Goodman and Steve Chase requesting clarification on party-youth relations be held in abeyance pending clarification of the facts. (Letters attached)

Carried.

Motion by the Administrative Committee: In their letter of July 1, 1969 to the Organization Secretary of the party, Comrades Trainor and Chase state: "If an executive committee member feels that a question is of such importance that the ranks must be informed or that the leadership of the committee is deeply wrong then that member, if denied the right to report to the ranks, should resign from the committee and go to the ranks."

Their statement is in flat contradiction to the party's organizational principles and practices. If a branch executive committee member feels that a question is of such importance that the ranks must be informed that member has the right to request that the question or questions in dispute be placed on the branch agenda at a time considered appropriate so that an organized discussion can be held and decision made by the branch. The executive committee has no right to deny such request or place an executive committee member under "discipline" to refrain from requesting a branch discussion of such disputed questions. (Letters attached)

Carried.

4. UNITED FRONT AGAINST FASCISM CONFERENCE

Camejo reported.

Discussion.

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.