

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES, No. 10, February 29, 1968

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

Visitors: Jenness, Horowitz

Chairman: Sheppard

AGENDA:

1. Antiwar
2. Choice 68
3. Fund Drive
4. Assignment

1. ANTIWAR

Jones reported.

On April 27: no concrete reports from other areas have come in but it seems that the response to the call for action has been good. In New York the Parade Committee is planning to imitate the massive April 15 action in size and character. In spite of all objective evidence to the contrary, there is a widespread sentiment in the Parade Committee that this is the "year of repression," which leads to a certain lack of audacity and occasional pessimism. The CP articulates the "repression" theory most clearly and uses it to push its electoral line. That is, a peace and freedom political movement is necessary: the black movement is fighting for liberation; the antiwar movement is fighting against the war and they should be united.

Sooner or later we'll come to a head-on collision with the CP over the character of antiwar actions, but the fight probably won't come to the surface until after the April 27 actions.

On the Democratic Party convention demonstration: This is probably where we'll have the roughest fight with the CP. The CP favors converting the demonstration into a "Peoples' Convention."

Dellinger and Greenblatt have not organized the conferences agreed upon at the last officers' meeting of NMC. There have been 2 antiwar offices set up in Chicago: one headed by Kissinger to organize the April 27 action; the other by Rennie Davis. The CP has moved into the latter office -- Carlos Russell is working full time there. The CP has proceeded to try to turn that office into their center to organize for the Democratic convention demonstration.

Our central tactical approach must be to push April 27 as hard as possible and not permit the Democratic convention demonstration discussion and arguments to become the focal point at this time.

2. CHOICE 68

Jenness reported.

We have sent out reports to all our campaign directors, YSHB organizers, NCers, organizers, etc. but had begun to get enthu-

siastic response from campaign workers even before they received the report, as a result of press coverage of Choice 68.

We are printing a poster and a special brochure for our candidates. We'll also have an 8-page booklet -- a position paper of what the YSHB is, what Halstead and Boutelle stand for, and why radical youth should become socialists.

We've established working relation with the Choice 68 office in New York. They'll send out releases to the 300 major campuses in the poll each week and to all participating campuses every two weeks. Next release will give the positions of all candidates on questions in the referendums.

Our people should get in touch with Choice 68 coordinators on every campus to work with them, to get them to set up meetings for our candidate, to pay expenses, etc.

We plan to send out our own press mailing to campus newspapers at all the schools in the project with brochures and a release on our campaign. This will complement the attempt of campaign supporters to get articles about Choice 68 and Halstead-Boutelle in their campus papers.

The Student Mobilization Committee has officially endorsed the withdrawal referendum on the Choice 68 ballot, and is working to get out the vote on it.

Aside from Fred, the only other candidate being pushed on the campus so far according to reports we have received is McCarthy.

### 3. FUND DRIVE

Shaw reported.

Proposal to set tentative quota of \$27,000 for special fund drive to last 3 months, March 15 to June 15.

Motion: To accept proposal on fund drive.

Carried.

### 4. ASSIGNMENT

Shaw reported.

Gus H. has been assigned to Chicago in response to an urgent request for special reinforcements.

Meeting adjourned.