

MINUTES OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE PLENUM

June 20, 21, 22, 23, 1974

Thursday, June 20, 1974

Convened by Barnes - 1:35 p.m.

Motion by Barnes: That Styron chair the first session.

Carried.

Attendance:

Regular: Barnes, Breitman, Britton, Camejo, Chertov, DeBerry, Garza, Halstead, A. Hansen, J. Hansen, Horowitz, D. Jenness, Jones, Lovell, Morrison, Ring, Seigle, Sharon, Shaw, Sheppard, Stone, Thomas, Tussey, Waters, Weinstein

Alternates: Scott, Evans, Reissner, Lund, L. Jenness, White, Wulp, Pulley, Styron, Roberts, Benson, Blackstock, Henderson, Stapleton, Morell, LaMont, Seidman, Boehm, Hawkins, McBride, Dixon, Mackler

Advisory: Dobbs, Kerry, Novack, Reed

Control Commission: Chester, Matson, Scheer

1. ORGANIZATION OF THE PLENUM

Jones reported recommendations of the Political Committee on organization of plenum:

Motion: To approve the following procedural recommendations:

1. That in cases 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 speak have already done so.
3. That the Presiding Committee consist of the Political Bureau (Barnes, Britton, Finkel, A. Hansen, Jenness, Jones, Lovell, Morrison, Stone).
4. To designate Hermes and Rupp as secretaries.
5. To invite as observers: Control Commission members, heads of national departments, members of the youth NEC, branch organizers, and special guests.

5. INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON OPPONENTS

D. Jenness reported.

Discussion: Thomas, Mackler, DeBerry

Recess -- 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 22, 1974

Reconvene -- 10:05 a.m.

Further discussion: Reissner, Breitman, Halstead, Pulley,
Evans, Waters, H. Myers, White, Ring, Kerry, Chainey,
Sharon

Motion: To grant Sharon a 2-minute extension.

Carried.

Further discussion: Sharon

Summary D. Jenness

Motion by Presiding Committee: That Lund chair the Saturday
afternoon session.

Carried.

5. PARTY TASKS AND ORGANIZATION REPORT

Sheppard reported.

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON THE PARTY'S FIGHT FOR DEMOCRATIC
RIGHTS

Seigle reported.

Discussion: Breitman, Mackler

Motion: To grant Mackler a 5-minute extension.

Carried.

Further discussion: Mackler, Henderson

Motion: To grant Henderson a 3-minute extension.

Carried.

Further discussion: Henderson

Motion: To grant Henderson a 2-minute extension.

Carried.

Further discussion: Henderson

Motion: To grant Henderson a 30-second extension.

Carried.

Further discussion: Henderson

Supplementary report on Coalition for Trade Union Women by
L. Jenness

Further discussion: Evans, Dixon

Motion: To grant Dixon a 1-minute extension.

Carried.

Further discussion: Dixon, Weinstein, Hillary, Linger, Basley
Sharon

Motion: To grant Sharon a 2-minute extension.

Carried.

Further discussion: Sharon, Carrillo, Kelly, Stone, Richter,
Chertov, Tussey, Lund, Brundy

Summary: Sheppard

Motion: To approve the general line of the Party Tasks and
Organization Report.

Carried unanimously.

Recess -- 7:10 p.m.

Sunday, June 23, 1974

Reconvene -- 10:15 a.m.

Motion by Presiding Committee: That Blackstock chair the
Sunday session.

Carried.

Motion by the Presiding Committee: To concur with the request
of the International Majority Tendency delegation that
comrades Massey and Charles each be granted 10 minutes
speaking time during discussion, and that two guests
adhering to the Leninist-Trotskyist Faction be granted
an equivalent courtesy.

Carried.

7. WORLD MOVEMENT REPORTS

Waters reported for the Leninist-Trotskyist Faction.

Barzman reported for the International Majority Tendency.

Discussion: Kerry, Charles

Request by Charles for a 10-minute extension.

Ruling by chair that previous motion precludes extensions by International Majority Tendency or Leninist-Trotskyist Faction guests under this point.

Motion: To waive the rules and grant Charles a 5-minute extension.

Carried.

Further discussion: Charles, Mercedes, North

Motion: To grant North a 2-minute extension.

Carried.

Further discussion: North, Thomas, Massey, Barnes, Camejo

Summary by Charles for International Majority Tendency

Summary by Waters for Leninist-Trotskyist Faction

Recess -- 2:30 p.m.

Reconvene -- 3:15 p.m.

8. YOUTH REPORT

Finkel reported.

Discussion: Boehm, Ring, Novack, Breitman, Pulley

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

Carried unanimously.

Singing of "The Internationale."

Plenum adjourned -- 5:00 p.m.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE PLENUM SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 20

2:30 - 2:45 Organization of Plenum (¼ hour)
2:45 - 3:45 World Situation Report (1 hour)
3:45 - 4:15 Supplementary Report on Portugal (½ hour)
4:15 - 6:15 Discussion (2 hours)
6:15 - 6:45 Summary, World Situation Report (½ hour)
6:45 - 7:15 Political Committee Referral Concerning May 11
Actions (½ hour)

Friday, June 21

3:00 - 3:45 World Movement Report - LTF (45 minutes)
3:45 - 4:30 World Movement Report - IMT (45 minutes)
4:30 - 6:00 Discussion (1½ hours)
6:00 - 6:15 Summary, World Movement Report - IMT (15 minutes)
6:15 - 6:30 Summary, World Movement Report - LTF (15 minutes)
6:30 - 8:00 Dinner
8:00 - 9:00 Political Situation in the United States Report
(1 hour)
9:00 - 10:00 Discussion (3 hours total)

Saturday, June 22

10:00 - 12:00 Discussion
12:00 - 12:30 Summary, Political Situation in the United States
Report (½ hour)
12:30 - 2:00 Lunch
2:00 - 3:00 Informational Report on Opponents (1 hour)
3:00 - 5:00 Discussion (2 hours)
5:00 - 5:15 Summary, Informational Report on Opponents
(15 minutes)
5:15 - 6:15 Party Tasks and Organization Report (1 hour)
6:1 - 7:00 Informational Report on the Party's Fight for
Democratic Rights (45 minutes)
7:00 - 8:30 Dinner
8:30 - 10:00 Discussion (3½ hours total)

Sunday, June 23

10:00 - 12:00 Discussion
12:00 - 12:30 Summary, Party Tasks and Organization Report
(½ hour)
12:30 - 1:00 Lunch
1:00 - 2:00 Youth Report (1 hour)
2:00 - 4:00 Discussion (2 hours)
4:00 - 4:15 Summary, Youth Report (¼ hour)