

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING No. 12, December 12, 1975

Present: Barnes, Breitman, Camejo, Gersh, Hansen, Jenness, Lovell,
Seigle, Sheppard, Thomas, Waters

Visitors: Jones, Lyons, Miah, Stone

Chair: Barnes

AGENDA: 1. World Movement
2. Robert Williams Defense
3. Provisional Membership
4. Plenum Agenda and Organization
5. Membership

1. WORLD MOVEMENT

(Foley, J. Hansen, Lund, Novack invited for this point.)

Waters reported.

Barnes reported.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the general line of the report for presentation to the plenum.

Carried.

2. ROBERT WILLIAMS DEFENSE

Miah reported on meeting with Robert Williams about his defense case.

Discussion

Agreement on nature of Militant coverage.

3. PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Barnes initiated discussion on provisional membership.

Discussion

Agreement: To incorporate proposal on provisional membership into plenum report on implementation of the party turn.

4. PLENUM AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION

Barnes reported.

Discussion

Motion: To propose the following agenda and reporters to the National Committee plenum:

1. Political Report - Barnes
2. Implementation of Party Turn - Jenness
3. Party Campaign around Political Rights Suit - Stapleton
4. Portugal - Sheppard
5. Angola - Thomas
6. World Movement - Waters
7. Election of Political Committee - Barnes

Carried.

Motion: To propose the following procedural recommendations to the National Committee plenum:

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 Barnes, Horowitz, D. Jenness, Lovell, Sheppard, Thomas, Waters.
4. To designate Eidsvik and Rupp as secretaries.
5. To invite as observers: Control Commission members, heads of national departments, members of the youth NEC, branch organizers, representatives from party organizing committees, and special guests.
6. To give voice to organizers, department heads, and representatives from party organizing committees who are not members of the National Committee during discussion of "Implementation of Party Turn."

Carried.

Motion: To propose the following schedule to the National Committee plenum (see attached).

Carried.

5. MEMBERSHIP

Sheppard reported on the recommendation of the St. Louis branch to readmit P.K. into membership in the party.

Discussion

Motion: To concur with the recommendation of the St. Louis branch to readmit P.K. into membership in the party.

Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

PROPOSED PLENUM SCHEDULE

Friday, Jan. 2

10:00-10:15 Organization of Plenum (1/4 hour)
10:15-11:15 Political Report (1 hour)
11:15-12:30 Discussion (2-1/2 hours)
12:30- 1:30 Lunch
1:30- 2:45 Discussion
2:45- 3:15 Summary (1/2 hour)
3:15- 4:30 Implementation of Party Turn (1-1/4 hours)
4:30- 6:00 Discussion (3 hours)
6:00- 7:30 Dinner
7:30- 9:00 Discussion
9:00- 9:30 Summary

Saturday, Jan. 3

9:30-10:30 Party Campaign around Political Rights Suit (1 hour)
10:30-11:30 Discussion (1 hour)
11:30-11:45 Summary (1/4 hour)
11:45-12:45 Portugal (1 hour)
12:45- 1:45 Lunch
1:45- 3:45 Discussion (2 hours)
3:45- 4:15 Summary (1/2 hour)
4:15- 5:15 Angola (1 hour)
5:15- 6:30 Discussion (2 hours)
6:30- 8:00 Dinner
8:00- 8:45 Discussion
8:45- 9:15 Summary (1/2 hour)

Sunday, Jan. 4

10:00-11:15 World Movement (1-1/4 hours)
11:15- 1:15 Discussion (2 hours)
1:15- 2:15 Lunch
2:15- 2:45 Summary (1/2 hour)
2:45- 3:45 Election of Political Committee (1 hour)

Note: It may be necessary to add about four more hours to the schedule if guests attend and present their views on the three international points.