

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING No. 9, February 16, 1978

Present: Barnes, Blackstock, Breitman, Clark, Garza, Hawkins, Horowitz, Jaquith, D. Jenness, L. Jenness, Jones, Kramer, Levine, LaMont, Petrin, Reid, Rodríguez, Seigle, Stapleton, Waters, White

Guests: Britton, Dixon, Lund, Sheppard

Chair: Petrin

AGENDA: 1. Tasks and Perspectives
2. Leadership Assignments and Election of Political Committee
3. Party Finances and Organization
4. Plenum Agenda and Schedule

1. TASKS AND PERSPECTIVES
(S. Seigle invited for this point.)

L. Seigle reported.

Discussion

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

Carried.

2. LEADERSHIP ASSIGNMENTS AND ELECTION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Barnes reported on proposals for plenum on incoming Political Committee. 1) That the Political Committee consist of twenty-five members, including one to be selected by the YSA National Executive Committee. 2) That the regular members of the National Committee resident in New York be nominated: Blackstock, Breitman, Britton, Clark, Dixon, Garza, Hawkins, Horowitz, Jaquith, D. Jenness, L. Jenness, Jones, Kramer, LaMont, Levine, Lovell, Morell, Reid, Rodríguez, Seigle, Stapleton, Stone, Waters, White.

Discussion

Motion: To approve report for presentation to the plenum.

Carried.

3. PARTY FINANCES AND ORGANIZATION
(Feldman and Prince invited for this point.)

Waters reported.

Discussion

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

Carried.

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4. PLENUM AGENDA AND SCHEDULE

Waters reported on proposal to add a Women's Liberation Report to the plenum agenda and on the need to schedule more time for discussion on the Leadership and Character of Party point. To make these adjustments it is proposed that the Antinuclear Movement, and Socialist Labor Party points be taken off the agenda and be circulated to the National Committee in written form.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the agenda changes and refer the reorganization of the schedule to the secretariat.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

PROPOSED PLENUM SCHEDULE--February 23-26, 1978

Thursday, February 23

9:30 - 9:45 Organization of Plenum (1/4 hour)
9:45 - 11:00 World Political Report (1 1/4 hours)
11:00 - 1:00 Discussion (3 hours total)
1:00 - 2:30 Lunch (1 1/2 hours)
2:30 - 3:30 Discussion, continued (1 hour)
3:30 - 3:45 Summary (1/4 hour)
3:45 - 5:15 Leadership and Character of Party Report (1 1/2 hours)
5:15 - 6:30 Discussion (4 hours total)

Friday, February 24

9:30 - 11:45 Discussion, continued (2 1/4 hours)
11:45 - 12:15 Summary (1/2 hour)
12:15 - 1:45 Lunch (1 1/2 hours)
1:45 - 3:00 Tasks and Perspectives Report (1 1/4 hours)
3:00 - 6:00 Discussion (3 hours)
6:00 - 6:30 Summary (1/2 hour)

Saturday, February 25

9:30 - 10:30 Party Finances and Organization Report
(1 hour)
10:30 - 12:30 Discussion (2 hours)
12:30 - 1:00 Summary (1/2 hour)
1:00 - 2:30 Lunch (1 1/2 hours)
2:30 - 3:30 Women's Liberation Report (1 hour)
3:30 - 5:30 Discussion (2 hours)
5:30 - 6:00 Summary (1/2 hour)
6:00 - 7:00 YSA Collaboration Report (1 hour)

Sunday, February 26

9:30 - 11:30 Discussion, YSA Collaboration Report (2 hours)
11:30 - 12:00 Summary (1/2 hour)
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch (served)
1:00 - 1:30 Report on Leadership Assignments and Election of Political
Committee (1/2 hour)
1:30 - 2:30 Discussion (1 hour)

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PROPOSED PLENUM SCHEDULE/2

- 2:30 - 3:45 World Movement Report (1 1/4 hours)
3:45 - 5:45 Discussion (2 hours)
5:45 - 6:15 Summary (1/2 hour)

ORGANIZATION OF THE 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 eight 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 reporters for the Political Committee: Barnes, Lund, Miah, Reid, Rodríguez, Seigle, Sheppard, Waters.
4. To designate Fowler and Myers as secretaries.
5. To invite as observers: Control Commission members, heads of national departments, members of the YSA National Executive Committee, local organizers, branch organizers in cities where there is no local, organizing committee organizers, and special guests.
6. To give voice to all organizers during discussion of the Leadership and Character of the Party Report, Tasks and Perspectives Report, and Party Finances and Organizational Perspectives Report.
7. To give voice to the national officers of the YSA during the discussion on the YSA Collaboration Report.

Motion: To approve the following agenda:

1. Organization of the Plenum
2. World Political Report
3. Leadership and Character of the Party Report
4. Tasks and Perspectives Report
5. Party Finances and Organization Report
6. Women's Liberation Report
7. YSA Collaboration Report
8. Leadership Assignments and Election of Political Committee
9. World Movement Report