

MINUTES OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE PLENUM

August 4-5, 1978

Friday, August 4

Convened by Rodríguez--9:32 a.m.

Motion from Rodríguez: That Sojourner chair the first session.

Carried.

Welcoming of international guests.

Attendance:

Regular: Bailey, Barnes, Blackstock, Britton, Camejo, Chertov, Clark, Dixon, Garza, Halstead, Hawkins, Heisler, Horowitz, Jaquith, D. Jenness, L. Jenness, Jones, Kramer, LaMont, Levine, Lovell, Lund, Lyons, Miah, Morell, Pulley, Reid, Ring, Rodríguez, Seigle, Sheppard, Stapleton, Stone, Thomas, Warren, Waters, Weinstein, Wright

Alternates: Brundy, Ntweng, Benson, Foley, Evans, Matson, Pendás, Zimmermann, Harris, Feldman, Gallo, Roberts, Flint, Finkel, Mackler, Vásquez, Dawson, Rose, Markey, Smith, Meyers, Musa, Prince, Austin, Feeley, Leonard, Lubrano, Sedwick, Sojourner, Johnston (Saturday), Williams

Control Commission: Glover, Scheer (Saturday)

1. ORGANIZATION OF THE PLENUM

Rodríguez reported recommendations of the Political Committee on organization of the plenum.

Motion: To approve the following procedural recommendations:

1. That in case 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: Barnes, Blackstock, Britton, Dixon, Jones, Rodríguez, Seigle, Stone, Waters

(over)

4. To designate Bombaro, Fowler, and Roche 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 Assessment of First Stage of Party Turn Into Industry and the Fall Press Circulation Campaign Report.

Carried.

Motion: To approve the following agenda:

1. Organization of the Plenum
2. Assessment of First Stage of Party Turn Into Industry
3. Establishment of Northern California Bay Area District
4. Current Stage of the Black Liberation Struggle and Our Tasks
5. Fall Press Circulation Campaign
6. Election of Political Committee

Carried.

2. ASSESSMENT OF FIRST STAGE OF PARTY TURN INTO INDUSTRY

Britton reported.

Discussion: Pulley, Thomas, Severs, S. Singer, Rose, Williams,
T. Singer, Markey

Recess--12:00 p.m.

Reconvened--1:30 p.m.

Further discussion on Assessment of First Stage of Party Turn Into Industry Report: Lyons, Ostrow, Bak, Gurewitz, Feeley, Miah, Weinstein, Kimball, Sherman, Pichey, Barnes, Mackler, Sojourner, Dawson

Motion from Presiding Committee: To open second round of discussion for those who wish to speak second time, as well as keeping floor open to those who wish to speak for first time.

Carried.

Discussion continued: Pulley (1-minute extension), Roberts,
Tarnopol, Rowand (2-minute extension), Berman

Summary: Britton

Motion: To approve the general line of the report.

Vote:

Regular: 37 for
0 against
0 abstentions

Consultative: 29 for
0 against
0 abstentions

Carried.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BAY AREA DISTRICT

Jones reported.

Discussion: Halstead, Thomas, Waters

Summary: Jones

Motion: To approve the general line of the report, and district bylaws
(see appendix).

Vote:

Regular: 38 for
0 against
0 abstentions

Consultative: 29 for
0 against
0 abstentions

Carried.

Recess--6:00 p.m.

Reconvened--7:48 p.m.

4. CURRENT STAGE OF THE BLACK LIBERATION STRUGGLE AND OUR TASKS

Dixon reported.

Discussion: Ntweng

Recess--9:25 p.m.

Saturday, August 5

Reconvened--9:10 a.m.

Motion from Presiding Committee: That Vásquez chair this session.

Carried.

Further discussion on Current Stage of the Black Liberation Struggle and Our Tasks Report: Mackler, Thomas (3-minute extension), Musa, Harris, Miah, Feeley, Williams (1-minute extension)

Motion from Presiding Committee: That following two more speakers from the National Committee, the floor be opened to organizers, as well as N.C. members.

Carried.

Discussion continued: P. Wright, Austin, Gurewitz (1-minute extension), Tarnopol, Reid (1-minute extension), C. Garza, Meyers, Hillson

Summary: Dixon

Motion: To approve the general line of the report.

Vote:

Regular: 35 for
0 against
0 abstentions

Consultative: 32 for
0 against
0 abstentions

Carried.

Recess--12:00 p.m.

Reconvened--1:40 p.m.

5. FALL PRESS CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

Blackstock reported.

Discussion: Dawson, Thomas, Ntweng, T. Singer, Rowand, Rose, Flint, Gurewitz, Ring, Bailey, Vásquez, Lubrano, C. Garza, Gallo

Summary: Blackstock

Motion: To approve proposal for the Fiftieth Anniversary Sales Campaign to sell 100,000 copies of The Militant and Perspectiva Mundial this fall.

Vote:

Regular: 36 for
0 against
0 abstentions

Consultative: 31 for
0 against
0 abstentions

Carried.

6. ELECTION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Waters reported.

Motion: That the Political Committee consist of twenty-four members, including one to be selected by the YSA National Executive Committee; that the twenty-three regular members of the National Committee resident in New York be nominated: Barnes, Blackstock, Breitman, Britton, Clark, Dixon, Garza, Hawkins, Horowitz, Jaquith, D. Jenness, L. Jenness, Kramer, LaMont, Levine, Lovell, Morell, Reid, Ring, Seigle, Stapleton, Stone, Waters

Further nominations: None

Motion: To elect a Political Committee of twenty-four as
nominated.

Vote:

Regular: 36 for
0 against
0 abstentions

Consultative: 32 for
0 against
0 abstentions

Carried.

Plenum adjourned--5 p.m.

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APPENDIX 1

Northern California Bay Area District Bylaws As Approved By The
District Convention of The Northern California Bay Area on
Saturday, June 17, 1978

1. The district governing body of the Northern California Bay Area District of the party shall be the district executive committee.
2. The district executive committee shall be elected by a delegated district convention and shall be subordinate to the district convention.
3. It shall be the duty of the district executive committee to direct the activities of the district, and to act with full power for the district between district conventions.
4. District conventions shall be held at least once a year.
5. Special conventions may be called by the district executive committee or on demand of the branches representing one-third of the district membership.

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