

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

New York, June 1-4, 1978

Full NC members present:

Berman, C. Burke, Farley, Farnsworth, Fuchs, Garza, Gonzales, Green, Harkness, Hart, M. Jayko, Mailhot, Marroquin, Marshall, Nahem, Obata, Obradovic, Petrin, Rodriguez, Rozier, Sedwick, White, Williams, Wright, Zarate.

Carried

Alternate NC members present:

Becker, Brady, L. Burke, Castro, Della-Giustina, Finger, Hatch, Herreshoff, Higgins, Huget, J'Anthony, Jarosh, Johnson, Pena, Scott, Stallworth, Stiller, Taylor, Torres.

Organizers and at-large representatives present:

Apstein, Ashby, Bobroff, Brudno, Cahalane, Clark, Crown, Daher, Davis, Donovan, Elliot, Epstein, Galinsky, Hickler, Hoag, Hoepfner, Holroyde, Imo, L. Jayko, Kolis, Mahoney, Martin, Maymi, Miller, Moody, Rahn, Rees, Skinner, Thierjung, Voegler, Warren, Wheeler.

Motion: That the following rules govern the plenum:

- a. In cases of procedural dispute, discussion shall be limited to two speakers, one for and one against, each with two minutes.
- b. Discussion from the floor shall be limited to seven minutes per speaker.
- c. A speaker may have the floor only once in a given discussion period until all those who wish to speak have had a chance.
- d. Voting on procedural motions will be done by voice vote, unless a division of the house is called for. Voting on all other motions will be done by a show of cards.
- e. In all other cases Roberts Rules of Order shall apply.

Carried

CONVENED THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1978 at 10:13 A. M.

Motion by Farley: That Laura Garza chair the first session.

Motion: That the plenum guests be chapter organizers and representatives from at-large areas where there are branches of the Socialist Workers Party, with voice and consultative vote.

Carried

Carried

I. ORGANIZATION AND RULES OF THE PLENUM

Farley presented the following motions for the National Executive Committee:

Motion: That observers be designated representatives of the Socialist Workers Party, members of organizations of our international co-thinkers, and designated members of the New York YSA chapter.

Motion: That the Presiding Committee consist of

Berman, Farley, Hart, M. Jayko, Mailhot, Petrin, Sedwick, Zarate.

Carried

Carried

Motion: That Doug Cooper and Kathryn Crowder serve as plenum secretaries.

Motion: To approve the following agenda:

1. Organization and Rules
2. Tasks and Perspectives for Building the YSA
3. YSA Organization and Finances
4. The YSA and our Left-wing Political Opponents
5. The YSA and the Fight for Women's Rights
6. The Black Movement in the U. S. Today and the Tasks of the YSA
7. The World Movement and the Building of Revolutionary Youth Organizations
8. Convention Call
9. Election of the National Executive Committee

Carried

Motion from the Presiding Committee to hear a special report on Hugo Blanco.

Carried

Reporter: Betsey Farley

Motion from the Presiding Committee to send the following telegram: (see attached)

Carried

II. TASKS AND PERSPECTIVES FOR BUILDING THE YSA

Reporter: Chuck Petrin

Motion from the Presiding Committee to take a 5 minute break.

Carried

Discussion: Rozier, J*Anthony, White, B. Warren, Stiller, Obata, L. Jayko, Obradovic, Hoepfner

Request by Hoepfner for a 3 minute extension.

Granted

Recessed: 12:25 P. M.

Reconvened: 2:03 P. M.

Further discussion: Kolis

Request by Kolis for a 2 minute extension.

Granted

Request by Kolis for a 1 minute extension.

Granted

Request by Kolis for a 30 second extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Williams, Crown, Farnsworth, Herreshoff

Request by Herreshoff for a 3 1/2 minute extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Skinner

Request by Skinner for a 2 1/2 minute extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Rodriguez, Clark, Huet, Marroquin

Request by Marroquin for a 3 minute extension.

Granted

Further discussion: M. Jayko, Fuchs, Moody

Request by Moody for a 30 second extension.

Granted

Request by Moody for a 30 second extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Rees

Request by Rees for a 1 minute extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Nahem

Request by Nahem for a 2 minute extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Hoag

Motion from the Presiding Committee: to extend the discussion until 5:15 P. M. and to reduce the time limit to 6 minutes per speaker.

Carried

Further discussion: Ashby, Mahoney, Della-Giustina, Davis, Harkness, Green, Johnson, L. Burke, Marshall.

Summary: Petrin

Motion from the Presiding Committee: to approve the general line of the report.

Vote: Full N. C. : For: 24 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0
Alternate N. C.: For: 15 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0
Consultative : For: 22 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Carried

Motion from the Presiding Committee: to take a 5 minute break.

Carried

III. YSA ORGANIZATION AND FINANCES

Reporter: Paul Mailhot

Recessed: 6:45 P. M.

Reconvened Friday, June 2, 1978 at 9:55 A. M.

Motion from the Presiding Committee that John Stiller chair the next session.

Carried

Discussion: White, Becker, Elliot, Berman, Hoag, Brady, Hoepfner, Williams, Della-Giustina, Ashby, Wright

Request by Wright for a 1 minute extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Fuchs, Obata

Request by Obata for a 30 second extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Huget, Pena, Moody, Crown, J'Anthony, Higgins,

Request by Higgins for a 2 minute extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Jarosh

Motion from the Presiding Committee: To take a final speakers list and move to the summary and vote before lunch.

Carried

Further discussion: Miller

Request by Miller for a 1 minute extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Herreshoff, White

Motion from the Presiding Committee: to take a 5 minute break.

Carried

Summary: Mailhot

Motion from the Presiding Committee: to approve the general line of the report.

Vote: Full N. C.: For:21 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0
Alternate N. C.: For:17 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0
Consultative: For:24 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Carried

Recessed: 12:09 P. M.

Reconvened: 2:45 P. M.

IV. THE YSA AND OUR LEFT-WING POLITICAL OPPONENTS

Reporter: Susie Berman

Motion from the Presiding Committee: to take a 5 minute break.

Carried

Discussion: Rees, Hatch, Rahn

Request by Rahn for a 1 1/2 minute extension.

Granted

Further discussion: L. Jayko, Rodriguez

Request by Rodriguez for a 2 minute extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Elliot

Request by Elliot for a 2 minute extension.

Granted

Request by Elliot for a 1 minute extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Della-Giustina, Gonzales, Nahem-

Request by Nahem for a 30 second extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Castro

Request by Castro for a 30 second extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Skinner, Marroquin, Thierjung, Kolis, Clark

Motion from the Presiding Committee: to reduce the time limit to 5 minutes per speaker and end the discussion at 6:45 P. M.

Carried

Further discussion: B. Warren

Request by B. Warren for a 45 second extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Rozier, Wright, Brady

Request by Brady for a 35 second extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Herreshoff, Mahoney, Harkness, Stiller, L. Burke

Motion from the Presiding Committee: to take a 5 minute break.

Carried

Summary: Berman

Motion from the Presiding Committee: to approve the general line of the report.

Vote: Full N. C.: For: 21 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0
Alternate N. C.: For: 18 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0
Consultative: For: 25 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Carried

Recessed: 7:10 P. M.

Reconvened Saturday, June 3, 1978 at 9:45 A. M.

Motion from the Presiding Committee: That Luis Castro chair the next session.

Carried

V. THE YSA AND THE FIGHT FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Reporter: Cathy Sedwick

Motion from the Presiding Committee: to take a 5 minute break.

Carried

Discussion: Hoag, Obradovic, Nahem

Request by Nahem for a 30 second extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Pena, Becker

Request by Becker for a 1 minute extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Thierjung, Stiller, Della-Giustina

Request by Della-Giustina for a 2 minute extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Kolis

Motion from the Presiding Committee: To reduce the lunch break by 15 minutes and to hear greetings from the SWP following the summary and vote.

Carried

Further discussion: Hoepfner, Rodriguez

Request by Rodriguez for a 2 minute extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Bobroff, Harkness, Wheeler, L. Burke

Request by L. Burke for a 45 second extension.

Granted

Recessed: 12:48 P. M.

Reconvened: 2:00 P. M.

Further discussion: M. Jayko, Skinner

Request by Skinner for a 1 minute extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Daher, Scott, White, Brudno, Johnson, Rahn, Crown

Motion from the Presiding Committee: To take a 5 minute break.

Carried

Summary: Sedwick

Motion from the Presiding Committee: To approve the general line of the report.

Vote: Full N. C.: For: 23 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0
Alternate N. C.: For: 18 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0
Consultative: For: 27 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Carried

Greetings from the SWP Political Committee: Betsy Stone

VI. THE BLACK MOVEMENT IN THE U. S. TODAY AND THE TASKS OF THE YSA

Reporter: Osborne Hart

Motion from the Presiding Committee: To take a 5 minute break.

Carried

Discussion: Harkness, Fuchs, Wright

Request by Wright for a 1 minute extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Williams

Request by Williams for a 30 second extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Gonzales, Garza, Hatch, Epstein, Della-Giustina, Petrin

Request by Petrin for a 4 minute extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Taylor, Farnsworth, Elliot, Moody, Johnson

Recessed: 7:25 P. M.

Reconvened Sunday, June 4, 1978 at 9:58 A. M.

Motion from the Presiding Committee: That Marilee Taylor chair the next session.

Carried

Further discussion: Rahn, Crown, Rees

Request by Rees for a 2 minute extension.

Granted

Request by Rees for a 30 second extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Nahem

Request by Nahem for a 30 second extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Ashby

Request by Ashby for a 30 second extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Scott, Voegler, Hoag, Obata

Request by Obata for a 1 minute extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Pena, Skinner, Herreshoff

Request by Herreshoff for a 15 second extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Obradovic,

Motion from the Presiding Committee: To reduce the speaking time to 5 minutes per speaker.

Carried

Further discussion: Green, Clark, Higgins

Request by Higgins for a 30 second extension.

Granted

Further discussion: White, Sedwick

Request by Sedwick for a 1 minute extension.

Granted

Motion from the Presiding Committee: To schedule the lunch break from 12:00 to 1:00 P. M., and alter the remainder of the schedule as follows:

- 1:00 - 1:30 Summary
- 1:30 - 1:45 Vote
- 1:45 - 2:30 World Movement Report
- 2:30 - 2:45 Greetings from Canada
- 2:45 - 4:30 Discussion
- Move back the rest of the schedule 15 minutes.

Carried

Recessed: 12 Noon

Reconvened: 1:05 P. M.

Summary: Hart

Request by Hart for a 10 minute extension.

Granted

Motion from the Presiding Committee: To approve the general line of the report.

Vote: Full N. C.: For: 24 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0
 Alternate N. C.: For: 18 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0
 Consultative: For: 28 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Carried

VII. THE WORLD MOVEMENT AND THE BUILDING OF REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Reporter: Miguel Zarate

Greetings from the Revolutionary Workers League of Canada:
Gary Watson

Motion from the Presiding Committee: To take a 5 minute break.

Carried

Discussion: Brudno, Rees, Herreshoff, Farley, Rodriquez

Request by Rodriquez for a 30 second extension.

Granted

Further discussion: Harkness, Johnson

Summary: Zarate

Motion from the Presiding Committee: To approve the general line of the report.

<u>Vote:</u> Full N. C.:	For: 23	Against: 0	Abstentions: 0
Alternate N. C.:	For: 15	Against: 0	Abstentions: 0
Consultative:	For: 21	Against: 0	Abstentions: 0

Carried

VIII. CONVENTION CALL

Reporter: Margaret Jayko

Discussion: Nahem, Sedwick, White, Becker, Johnson

Summary: Jayko

Motion from the Presiding Committee: To approve the general line of the report and the Convention Call. (see attached)

<u>Vote:</u> Full N. C.:	For: 23	Against: 0	Abstentions: 0
Alternate N. C.:	For: 15	Against: 0	Abstentions: 0
Consultative:	For: 21	Against: 0	Abstentions: 0

Carried

IX. ELECTION OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by Petrin: That the National Executive Committee consist of Susie Berman, Betsy Farley, Osborne Hart, Margaret Jayko, Paul Mailhot, Reiko Obata, Chuck Petrin, Cathy Sedwick, and Miguel Zarate

Vote: Full N. C.: For: 23 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Carried

Singing of the Internationale

Adjourned: Sunday, June 4, 1978 at 4:15 P. M.

ATTACHMENTS

I. President Jorge Videla
c/o Argentine Embassy
Washington, D. C.

The June 1, 1978, National Committee meeting of the Young Socialist Alliance goes on record demanding that the Argentine government take full responsibility for the safety of the Peruvian exiles Hugo Blanco, Genaro Ledesma, Ricardo Napuri, Ricardo Diaz Chavez, Humberto Damonte, Ricardo Letts Colomenares, Javier Diez Canseco, Jose Luis Alavarado, Jose Arce Larco, Guillermo Faura Gaig, and Alfonso Baella Tuesta, who are currently being held in an Argentine military camp. We demand that the thirteen be guaranteed safe passage out of Argentina to the countries of their choice.

Signed,
Young Socialist Alliance
National Committee