

NATIONAL COMMITTEE PLENUM MINUTES

YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

Cleveland, Ohio, November 23, 1972

Present:

Full: Byron A., Steve C., Maceo D.,
Rich F., Mark F., Terry H.,
John H., Sara J., Fred L.,
Malik M., Laura M., Geoff M.,
Norman O., Andrew P., Olga R.,
Andy R., Bob R., Mark S.,
Jeannette T., Mark U.,
Mirta V., B.R. W., Delpfine W.,
Sally W., Brian W.

Alternate: Steve S., Marilyn M., Fred M.,
Lisa P., Louise G., Derek J.,
Chuck P., Nancy B., Alan E.,
Tank B., David K., Susie W.,
Matt H.

Observers: Peter A., Rick B., Al C.,
Dennis C., Susan E., Kirk F.,
Richard F., Jerry F., Lynn F.,
Paul F., Ginny H., Mark J.,
Dave J., John L., Willa M.,
Duncan Mc L., Connie M.,
Rose O., Dave P., Rich R.,
Connie R., Rich R., Helen S.,
Joe S., Gale S., Kathy S.,
Steve S., Rich S., Don T.,
Nancy W., Rick Z.

Convened: 9:00 a.m.

Chairwoman: Olga R.

Agenda: 1. Organization of Convention
2. Zanellotti Appeal
3. Financial Report

1. Organization of Convention - Delpfine W.

Motion: To make the following organizational proposals
to the convention:

1. To adopt the following agenda:

- a. Organization of Convention
 - b. International Report
 - c. Political Report
 - d. Women's Liberation Report
 - e. Black Struggle Report
 - f. Chicano Struggle Report
 - g. Organization Report
 - h. Credentials Committee Report
 - i. Press Report
 - j. Constitution Commission Report
 - k. Zanellotti Appeal
 - l. Election of the National Committee
2. To approve the schedule as written (see attached).
 3. That the Presiding Committee consist of Rich F., Caroline F., Malik M., Laura M., Geoff M., Andrew P., Andy R., Mark U., Mirta V., and Delpfine W.
 4. To adopt the following rules for the convention:
 - a. That procedural questions be decided by majority vote with one speaker for and one against, each with one minute.
 - b. That all sessions be open, with the exception of the session on the Zanellotti Appeal and the election of the National Committee.
 - c. That the National Committee be elected by secret ballot.
 - d. That alternate delegates seated in the place of absent delegates have voice and vote. That consultative delegates have voice and consultative vote. That fraternal delegates have voice and no vote. That special guests have no voice and no vote, although greetings may be delivered upon approval of the convention.
 - e. That discussion presentations be limited to seven minutes.
 - f. That in any discussion period, no one may speak a second time before each person desiring the floor has had a chance to speak.
 - g. That only those delegates seated at the roll call of a particular session may vote.

5. That consultative delegates be the members of the outgoing National Committee, and those comrades who are not on the National Committee who work in the YSA National Office..
6. That fraternal delegates be representatives of Young Socialists for Jenness and Pulley chapters in areas where no YSA locals exist.
7. That special guests be one representative from each organization invited to attend the convention, and designated representatives from the Socialist Workers Party and organizations of our international co-thinkers.
8. That there be a Nominating Commission composed as follows: 3 delegates from the New England region, 3 from the New York region, 3 from the the Midwest region, 2 from the Southern California region, 2 from the Northern California region, 2 from the Ohio region, 2 from the Texas region, 1 from the Michigan region, 1 from the Pennsylvania region, 1 from the Maryland-Virginia region, 1 from the Southeast region, 1 from the Oregon region, 1 from the Washington region, 1 from the Rocky Mountain region, and 1 from the Upper Midwest region.
9. That the Nominating Commission be chaired by Ilona G., Chicago, and Steve C., Lower Manhattan, each with voice and no vote.
10. That Sara J., Upper West Side, and Mark F., Brooklyn, be the two convention secretaries..
11. That Jeannette T., Boston, chair a Constitution Commission of three, the other two to be elected by the convention..
12. That Jerry F., Upper West Side, chair a Credentials Commission of six, the other five to be elected by the convention..
13. That the media be allowed to cover all open sessions of the convention.

Motion Carried

2. Zanellotti Appeal - Mirta V.

Motion: That the National Committee propose that the convention uphold the National Executive Committee decision

to expel Zanellotti from the YSA.

Motion Carried

3. Financial Report - John L.

Adjourned: 9:15 a.m.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 23

8:30 - 9:30	National Committee Plenum
10:00 -10:30	Organization of Convention
10:30 -11:15	International Report
11:15 -12:15	Panel: Imperialism's Anti-Arab Witch-Hunt
12:15 - 1:15	Lunch/Films
1:15 - 2:30	Political Report
2:30 - 5:30	Discussion
5:30 - 6:00	Summary
6:00 - 7:00	Report on the Expansion of the Socialist Movement
7:00 - 8:30	Dinner/Antiwar Activists Meeting
8:30 -10:30	Panel: Defending Political Prisoners Around the World
10:30 -12:30	Party/Films

Friday, November 24

10:00 -10:30	Women's Liberation Report
10:30 -12:15	Discussion
12:15 -12:30	Summary
12:30 - 1:00	Presentation on the Babak Zahraie Defense Case
1:00 - 2:00	Lunch/Films
2:00 - 3:30	Session I of Panels and Workshops
3:30 - 5:00	Session II of Panels and Workshops
5:00 - 6:30	Greetings
6:30 - 8:30	Dinner/Women's Liberation Workshop/Films
8:30 -10:00	Socialist Rally
10:30 -12:30	Party/Films

Saturday, November 25

9:30 -10:00	Black Struggle Report
10:00 -11:45	Discussion
11:45 -12:00	Summary
12:00 -12:30	Presentation on Florida YSA Defense Campaign
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch/Films
1:30 - 3:00	Session III of Panels and Workshops
3:00 - 3:30	Chicano Struggle Report
3:30 - 5:15	Discussion
5:15 - 5:30	Summary
5:30 - 7:00	Black Liberation Workshop/Films
7:00 - 8:30	Dinner/Chicano Liberation Workshop/Films
8:30 -10:00	Panel: Defending the African Liberation Struggles
10:00 - 1:00	Party/Films

Sunday, November 26

10:00 - 11:00	Organization Report
11:00 - 1:15	Discussion
1:15 - 1:30	Summary
1:30 - 3:00	Lunch/Finances Workshop/Films
3:00 - 4:00	Reports on Credentials, Press, Constitution and Expansion of the Socialist Movement
4:00 - 5:00	Zanellotti Appeal
5:00 - 7:00	Election of the National Committee
7:00 - 7:30	National Committee Plenum

Panels and Workshops

Session I

Community Struggles of the Oppressed Nationalities Panel
International Panel
Sales Workshop
Socialist Election Campaigns Workshop
Literature Sales and Pathfinder Representative Workshops

Session II

High School Panel
Gay Panel
Student Government Panel
International Students Workshop
Regional Organizing Workshop

Session III

Revolutionary Strategy for the Trade Unions
USLA Workshop
Regional and At-Large Members Workshop
Florida Defense Workshop
Socialist Education Workshop