

ACTIONS TAKEN ON POLICY QUESTIONS AND REPORTS SUBMITTED  
TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

August 1st thru 4th, 1966

1. "Black Power" Conference

- a. Motion: The Central Committee of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee votes to reverse the decision of the Chairman committing this organization to attend a conference on "Black Power" to be called by Adam Clayton Powell.

VOTE: For: 7 Against: 0 Abstentions: 3 PASSED

- b. Motion: The Central Committee approves a letter to Rep. Adam Clayton Powell to be signed by the Chairman stating our reasons for rejecting the conference proposing an alternative conference to be held in the Deep South and explaining why we feel this is appropriate. (Text included in the minutes).

VOTE: PASSED by consensus.

- c. Motion: That SNCC adopt the idea of a "Black Power Conference" to be titled "60 Years after Niagra" and that this committee appoint a subcommittee to explore with Congressman Powell, CORE and other interested forces the feasibility of having such a conference. Further, that the subcommittee report its progress at the next Central Committee meeting. The subcommittee has no power to make any commitments for the organization.

VOTE: For: 7 Against: 2 Abstentions: 1 PASSED

- d. Motion: That the subcommittee be composed of the following: Stokely Carmichael, Courtland Cox, Ivanhoe Donaldson, Ralph Featherstone, Fred Meely, Ruby Doris Robinson, and Cleve Sellers.

VOTE: For: 10 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 PASSED

IN ADDITION: Bill Hall is to be invited to join the subcommittee for the meeting with Rep. Powell. The meeting is scheduled for August 16th.

2. Invitation to SNCC from Bertrand Russell to participate in the War Tribunal on American Actions in Vietnam to be held in Paris.

- a. Motion: The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee accepts the invitation from Bertrand Russell to attend the Tribunal in Paris and the Central Committee will decide who will represent the organization at the Tribunal.

VOTE: For: 7 Against: 2 Abstentions: 0 PASSED

b. Discussion on who will attend was tabled.

VOTE For: 7 Against: 1 Abstention: 3 PASSED

3. Ideological Institute

MOTION: The Central Committee approves the concept of an ideological institute as outlined in Bill Hall's report.

VOTE For: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 4 Pass

4. Anti-Draft Program

MOTION: The Central Committee accepts the proposals presented by Mike Simmons; Larry Fox and Mike Simmons are mandated to coordinate the development of a black anti-draft movement and report their progress at the next Central Committee meeting.

VOTE: For: 10 Against: 0 Abstentions 0 PASSED

5. Special Educational Session of the Central Committee

MOTION That the Central Committee meet in three weeks for a special educational session to discuss the following and to attempt to make decisions:

1. discussion of programmatic concepts.
2. analysis, rationale, projection of what is going on in our project areas.

VOTE For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 2 PASSED

6. Reports submitted to the Committee (text in the minutes)

a. MOTION That the letter to SMCC from Staughton Lynd about an anti-draft proposal be acknowledged and filed in the appropriate file box.

VOTE: For: 4 Against: 2 Abstentions: 2 PASSED

b. MOTION That the Central Committee accept Mary Varela's report and that people interested in the program should go.

VOTE: For: 4 Against: 2 Abstentions: 2 PASSED

c. MOTION That the Central Committee accept Bill Hall's report on his trips.

VOTE: For; by consensus

d. MOTION That the Central Committee file Jane Adam's report on an SDS South African project in the appropriate file box.

VOTE: For: by consensus PASSED

Correspondence on picketing of Luci's Wedding

MOTION: That the Central Committee accept the reply to the telegram sent SNCC by King, Randolph, Wilkins, and Young, as drafted by Courtland Cox.

VOTE: for: 7 against: 2 abstentions: 1 PASSED

MOTION: That the correspondence be made public with an appropriate preface by the communications department as they see fit.

VOTE: for: unanimous (on a revote) PASSED

Reports and decisions affecting SNCC projects

MOTION: That the Central Committee accept the Freedom City Project (in Southwest Los Angeles) and authorize Cliff Vaughns to proceed to work along the lines outlined in the discussion with the committee

VOTE: for: 5 against: 3 abstentions: 2 PASSED

MOTION: That the Central Committee asks Ralph Featherstone to assume the responsibility of Project Coordinator for the state of Alabama.

VOTE: (1st) for: 7 against: 0 abstentions: 3 PASSED

(2nd) for: 7 against: 2 abstentions: 1 PASSED

NOTE: Ralph Featherstone stated his intention of going to Alabama, and his further intention of assuming no title whatsoever when he goes.

MOTION: That the previous action by the committee adopting a resolution asking Marion Barry to relinquish his responsibility as Director of the Washington, D.C. SNCC office be null and void; that the report from Marion Barry be accepted as a point of information; and that he be asked to bring an analysis of the Free D.C. Movement to the special session of the Central Committee.

VOTE: for: 6 against: 2 abstentions: 2 PASSED

ROLL CALL: for: Charlie Cobb, Courtland Cox, Ivanhoe Donaldson, Ralph Featherstone, Jennifer Lawson, and Shirley Wright.

against: Bob Smith, Jack Minnis

abstentions: Fred Meely, Jim Forman

## MANDATES TO SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS

(including implementation of resolutions adopted)

### 1. TO THE SECRETARIAT

- a. The Secretariat is mandated to meet to review the actions of the Central Committee and discuss unfinished business at the end of each meeting.
- b. The secretariat is mandated to present a unified report on the state of the organization at the beginning of each Central Committee meeting. The report is to be presented first verbally, then in writing, and is to include specific recommendations to the Committee, requests for action, and the reasons for recommendations and requests.
- c. The Secretariat is mandated to present a breakdown of county by county existing programs, and additional specific recommendations on the Alabama project. The report is to be in writing.
- d. The Secretariat is requested to present an assessment of our existing programs within the context of developing an national Black Panther Party and with particular emphasis on the 1966, 1967 and 1968 elections (especially in Alabama and Mississippi).

### 2. TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

- a. The Executive Secretary is responsible for the minutes of the Central Committee meetings.
- b/ The Executive Secretary is mandated to seek a campus coordinator to work with the program secretary as soon as possible. Suggested names: Jean Wiley, George Ware, Willie Ricks, Timmy McGraw. This is to be done as soon as possible.
- c. The Executive Secretary is to be responsible for calling together the subcommittee appointed to meet with Congressman Powell on August 16th and to see that the idea is explored with CORE and other interested forces. 1

### 3. TO THE PROGRAM SECRETARY

- a. The Program Secretary is mandated to  $\frac{1}{2}$  present a written report on the analysis of existing SNCC programs (to include: description and analysis of programs by project, how : programs do or do not relate to one another, an evaluation of these programs, information on the allocation of resources — including staff — to each project area).



4. TO DIRECTOR OF THE ATLANTA OFFICE

- a. Jim Forman (with assistance of Jean Wiley) is authorized to do preliminary work on a writers' conference for students to be held early in the fall. They are to report on format for the conference, location, and participants at the next Central Committee meeting.
- b. Jim Forman is authorized to find a location for an Atlanta Freedom House to be rented as soon as possible.
- c. Jim Forman is mandated to find a research coordinator for the Atlanta office as soon as possible. Suggested names: George Ware, Karen Edmonds, Don Jackson.

5. TO BILL HALL

The Central Committee mandates Bill Hall to report to it at its next Central Committee meeting specific proposals for establishing an ideological institute, report to include: who will attend, how they will be recruited, who will teach, curriculum, location and time.

6. TO MIKE SIMMONS AND LARRY FOX

The Central Committee accepts the proposal presented by Mike Simmons; Mike Simmons and Larry Fox are mandated to coordinate the development of a black anti-draft movement and report on their progress at the next Central Committee meeting.