

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING No. 28, July 5, 1975

Present: Clark, Jenness, Seigle, Sheppard, Thomas

Chair: Clark

AGENDA: 1. Joanne Little Defense
2. NAACP Convention

1. JOANNE LITTLE DEFENSE

(Dixon, Hildebrand, L. Jenness, Lyons, Miah invited for this point.)

L. Jenness reported:

I. Joanne Little case is receiving wide support and publicity around the country. Comrades report that endorsement, speakers, etc., for defense activities planned is broad. Also report that articles on Little in Militant are a good selling point.

II. The status of the defense committee for Little in Raleigh, N.C. has been unclear. The latest reflection of this is over the question of the national demonstration that is to be held in Raleigh on July 14, the opening of the Little trial. Some people in office say that it is national demonstration and everyone should come. Others say that only well known figures and leaders should come. Main person pushing the national demonstration is Larry Little, the leader of the Black Panther Party in North Carolina.

Nan Bailey is going to Raleigh on Monday, July 7 to find out exactly what the status of planned demonstration is, and to what degree we can help.

III. All but three branches are participating in some kind of defense activity, through support to NSCAR defense efforts. Chicago is sending one or two buses; Atlanta a few cars. The other areas are either having rallies or picket lines on or around the 14th. The biggest two planned are the rallies in New York and the Bay Area.

IV. Willie Mae Reid delivered a letter to Little in Chicago, which was printed in the Militant. Willie Mae will be coming back from Los Angeles to speak at the defense rally here on the 11th. Then she will go with Cindy Jaquith down to Raleigh for the opening of the trial. Jaquith has applied for the necessary press passes to get into the trial.

V. It was reported that Charlene Mitchell of the CP was traveling with Joanne Little when she was on tour in Chicago. The CP's response to the case varies around the country. In the Bay Area they tried to claim the franchise, and have Angela Davis scheduled to speak at the rally there on July 11. Here in New York they have not made up their minds whether or not to endorse the NSCAR-initiated July 11 rally. They called a picket line of the 14th, which NSCAR endorsed and is helping to build.

In Pittsburgh and Minneapolis the Stalinists are participating in the activities through the National Alliance. In all the other areas they are abstaining from the activities.

In Atlanta, the October League has called a demonstration on the 12th. SCAR and others had already called a rally for the same day, which they hope to have Little speak at.

New York CLUW is sponsoring a fund raising benefit on July 9. YAWF has set up a Joann Little Solidarity Day Committee. We'll attend the planning meeting on the 7th to see what they are planning.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

2. NAACP CONVENTION

(Dixon, Hildebrand, Lyons, Miah invited for this point.)

Miah reported on the NAACP convention, NSCAR's activities there, and the party's participation.

Discussion

Agreement on line of press coverage of convention.

Meeting Adjourned.