

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING No. 41, July 23, 1976

Present: Barnes, Blackstock, Breitman, Camejo, Garza, Gersh, D. Jenness, L. Jenness, Jones, Lovell, Lund, Lyons, Seigle, Sheppard, Stapleton, Thomas, Waters, Stone

Guests: Morell, Rodríguez

Chair: Blackstock

AGENDA: 1. California Petitioning
2. Report on Puerto Rican Resolution
3. Membership
4. Portuguese, Mexican and Italian Elections
5. Vietnam
6. Political Committee Assignment
7. Newark Local

1. CALIFORNIA PETITIONING

Morell reported on the progress of the California petitioning drive.

Discussion

Motion: To refer consideration of steps to aid petitioning drive to Secretariat.

Carried.

(Secretariat later reported back to Political Committee the decision to send Camejo to California immediately and to ask branches around the country to send comrades to help on the ballot campaign until the convention.)

2. REPORT ON PUERTO RICAN RESOLUTION

Garza reported.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the general line of the report for presentation to the convention.

Carried.

3. MEMBERSHIP

D. Jenness reported on proposal to accept J.Y. as a provisional at-large member in Indianapolis.

Discussion

Motion: To accept J.Y. as a provisional at-large member.

Carried.

4. PORTUGUESE, MEXICAN AND ITALIAN ELECTIONS

Sheppard reported.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the general line of the report for presentation to the convention.

Carried.

5. VIETNAM

(Feldman invited for this point)

Feldman initiated discussion on assessment of economic, social and political developments in Vietnam since the victory of the NLF forces.

Discussion

Agreed: To prepare articles for our press.

6. POLITICAL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT

Barnes reported on releasing Lyons from Militant to be responsible for all staff work of campaign against government surveillance.

Discussion

7. NEWARK LOCAL

D. Jenness reported on establishment of Newark local with two branches, Broadway and Weequahic.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the establishment of the Newark
local.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.