

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING No. 43, September 3, 1976

Present: Barnes, Blackstock, Camejo, Garza, Berman, D. Jenness, L. Jenness, Jones, Lovell, Lyons, Miah, Shaw, Seigle, Thomas, Waters

Guests: Benson, Jaquith, Morell, Rodríguez

Chair: Camejo

- AGENDA:
1. YSA Political Committee Representative
 2. Political Committee
 3. Managing Editor of the Militant
 4. Women's Liberation Steering Committee
 5. World Movement
 6. South Africa Solidarity Campaign
 7. Election Campaign
 8. Convention Evaluation
 9. Denver
 10. Membership

1. YSA POLITICAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Barnes reported that the YSA NEC has elected Rick Berman to be its representative to the Political Committee.

2. POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Barnes reported on proposal that the three comrades elected as regular members of the National Committee who have full-time assignments at the center (Morell, campaign director; Rodríguez, Chicano work director; Wohlforth, education committee) be invited to attend all Political Committee meetings as regular guests. Also, Cindy Jaquith, women's liberation work director, was elected by the convention as an alternate member of the National Committee. This is a situation similar to what we faced with Miah when he initially became Black work director and Rodríguez when she initially became Chicano liberation work director. Propose we do the same thing with Jaquith as we did earlier with Miah and Rodríguez, that is, invite her to attend all Political Committee meetings as a regular guest.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

3. MANAGING EDITOR OF THE MILITANT

Barnes reported that Blackstock informed him that the Militant Publishing Association has asked Blackstock to become the managing editor of the Militant.

Discussion

Motion: That Nelson Blackstock be released from other responsibilities so as to have time to be the managing editor of the Militant.

Carried.

4. WOMEN'S LIBERATION STEERING COMMITTEE

Jaquith reported on proposal to establish a women's liberation steering committee to administer the party's women's liberation work. The committee would coordinate party support to the Equal Rights Amendment ratification campaign, participation in national women's liberation organizations, trade union women's groups, and others, and help plan literature on feminism in the party press.

Proposal that a steering committee of six be composed of G. Hildebrand, who is heading up Militant coverage of women's liberation activities; Jaquith, party women's liberation work director; and Rodríguez and Waters, from the Political Committee and two representatives chosen by the youth. Jaquith reported that the National Executive Committee of the Young Socialist Alliance would assign Brown, YSA women's liberation work director, and Sedwick, who has been coordinating participation in Black feminist activities, to the steering committee.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

5. WORLD MOVEMENT REPORT

(Foley and White invited for this point)

Barnes reported.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

6. SOUTH AFRICA SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN

Miah reported on party's response to events in South Africa through party speakers, our press plans for a fast new pamphlet and book etc. Agreed to refer to secretariat to have discussions and organize party campaign.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

7. ELECTION CAMPAIGN

(Reid and Roberts invited for this point)

Morell reported on campaign's attempts to broaden the televised debates to include candidates other than the Republicans and Democrats and on the ballot status of the SWP, CP, and Mc Carthy campaigns.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

8. CONVENTION EVALUATION

Waters initiated discussion on evaluation of the convention and publication of reports.

Discussion

9. DENVER

Rodríguez reported on government attacks on Denver SWP and campaign committee and on the Chicano movement in general and the Crusade for Justice in particular. Ruth Getts is assigned to full-time work on our case in Denver, Miguel Pendás will be based in Denver for the Militant and Steve Chainey is transferring to Denver to become the party organizer there.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

10. INDIANAPOLIS, PHOENIX BRANCH ORGANIZING COMMITTEE,
AND NEW LOUISVILLE BRANCH

Seigle reported.

Motion: That T.O. be admitted as a regular member at-large in Phoenix and that B.P., and J.S. be admitted as provisional members at-large in Phoenix, and that a branch organizing committee be established there consisting of these comrades and those transferring in.

Carried.

Motion: That D.C., C.R., C.C. and R.P. be admitted as regular members at-large in Louisville, and that the branch organizing committee there be constituted as a party branch.

Carried.

D. Jenness reported.

Motion: That T.L. and L.W be admitted as provisional at-large members in Indianapolis.

Discussion

Carried.

Adjourned.