

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING No. 25, June 3, 1977

Present: Barnes, Berman, Blackstock, Breitman, Garza, Hawkins,
D. Jenness, L. Jenness, Jones, Miah, Seigle, Stapleton,
Waters

Guests: Brundy, Jaquith, Matson, and Reid

Chair: Breitman

AGENDA: 1. World Movement
2. Healy Slander Campaign
3. National Committee and Political Committee Assignments
4. Convention Agenda and Reporters
5. RMC
6. Antiracist Work

1. WORLD MOVEMENT

(Foley, Hansen, and White invited for this point.)

Barnes reported.

Discussion

2. HEALY SLANDER CAMPAIGN

(Hansen invited for this point.)

Hansen reported on Healyite escalation of slander campaign.
(See Intercontinental Press, June 20, 1977.)

Discussion

Agreed to alert comrades to the final paragraph of Healyite article and threat of new physical provocations from Workers League members.

3. NATIONAL COMMITTEE AND POLITICAL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Waters reported on the following proposed changes in National Committee assignments:

To release Jones from his current assignment to become Northeast field organizer following the convention;

For LaMont to replace Jones in his current responsibilities;

To release Jaquith from her assignment as national women's liberation work director to join the Militant staff;

To designate Reid as national women's liberation work director.

To ask the Militant to release Blackstock from his responsibilities as managing editor and to designate Blackstock national circulation director, responsible for circulation campaigns of the press.

To make Steve Clark available to take over the responsibilities of managing editor of the Militant.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the proposed assignments.

Carried.

Waters proposed that Clark, LaMont, and Reid be invited to attend Political Committee meetings, and that Blackstock, LaMont, and Reid attend Secretariat meetings.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the proposals.

Carried.

Waters reported that Steve Chainey has agreed to transfer to Pittsburgh. Until a new national field organizer for the Rocky Mountain region can be assigned, the Denver and Salt Lake City branches will be covered by the Pacific Coast field organizer and Dallas will be covered by the South/Gulf Coast field organizer.

4. CONVENTION AGENDA AND REPORTERS

(Scherr invited for this point.)

Barnes proposed the following agenda and Political Committee reporters for the national convention:

1. Organization of Convention, Hawkins
2. International Perspectives of U.S. Imperialism, Barnes
3. Steelworkers Fight Back and Perspectives of U.S. Labor, Britton
4. Antideportation Campaign, Rodríguez
5. Antiracist Work Report, Miah
6. Women's Liberation Work Report, Reid
7. Revolutionary Marxist Committee Fusion Proposal, Seigle
8. Organization Report, Waters
9. Publications Report, Blackstock
10. Party Membership Norms, L. Jenness
11. Proposed Constitutional Amendments, D. Jenness
12. World Movement Report, Sheppard
13. Youth Report, YSA NEC to assign reporter.
14. Election of National Committee

In addition, proposed schedule would allow time for two major educational talks: one on Canada and one on Mexico.

Discussion

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

5. REVOLUTIONARY MARXIST COMMITTEE

Seigle reported on progress of discussions with RMC and their positive response to our proposal to complete fusion at time of August convention of SWP.

Discussion

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

6. ANTIRACIST WORK

(Austin, Clark, Harris, Hart, and Sedwick invited for this point.)

Miah reported.

Discussion

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.