

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING No. 40, October 7, 1977

Present: Blackstock, Breitman, Clark, Garza, Heisler, Horowitz, Jaquith, D. Jenness, L. Jenness, Kramer, LaMont, Landau, Miah, Petrin, Reid, White

Guest: Morell

Chair: Jaquith

AGENDA: 1. Blanco Tour  
2. Puerto Rican Five Nationalist Prisoners  
3. Layoffs and Shutdowns in U.S. Steel Industry  
4. Bakke Protests  
5. Groupe Socialiste des Travailleurs du Québec (GSTQ) Convention

1. BLANCO TOUR

(Kelly, Fatland, and Pérez invited for this point.)

Kelly reported on successful fight to obtain visa for Hugo Blanco by USLA and Pathfinder Press and on Blanco's tour schedule.

Discussion

2. PUERTO RICAN FIVE NATIONALIST PRISONERS

(Kelly, Fatland, and Pérez invited for this point.)

Kelly reported on formation of new broad coalition, U.S. Committee to Free the Five Puerto Rican Nationalists, to launch a campaign aimed at the Carter administration for the release of the Five. The committee, which has close ties with a similar committee in Puerto Rico, will solicit sponsorship from prominent individuals and organizations for an open letter to Carter demanding freedom for the Five. A national speaking tour is being planned by the committee for a relative of one of the prisoners.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

3. LAYOFFS AND SHUTDOWNS IN STEEL INDUSTRY

(Henderson, Roberts, and Rose invited for this point.)

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Rose reported on proposed Militant coverage of the layoffs and shutdowns in the steel industry and the reactionary propaganda campaign by steel industry to blame the crisis on steel imports from Japan.

He reported on special sales and forums organized by several branches in response to this issue.

Discussion

Motion: To approve general line of articles for press.

Carried.

#### 4. BAKKE PROTESTS

(Hart and Sedwick invited for this point.)

Hart reported on October 3 campus protests and on plan to meet with representatives from the national office of the National Committee to Overturn the Bakke Decision in California to discuss post October 8 anti-Bakke activities.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

#### 5. GROUPE SOCIALISTE DES TRAVAILLEURS DU QUEBEC (GSTQ) CONVENTION

Miah reported on proposal that Blackstock be the Political Committee representative to the GSTQ convention in Montreal.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.