

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING No. 44, November 4, 1977

Present: Clark, Hawkins, Heisler, Horowitz, Jaquith, D. Jenness,
Kramer, LaMont, Levine, Miah, Seigle, Stapleton, White

Guests: Britton, Farley

Chair: LaMont

AGENDA: 1. San Antonio Chicano/Latino Conference
2. Membership
3. Boushier Letter

1. SAN ANTONIO CHICANO/LATINO CONFERENCE

(Harris, Hart, Mailhot, Pérez and A. Rodríguez invited for this point.)

Hart reported.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

2. MEMBERSHIP

Seigle reported on the recommendation of Mac Warren, Detroit local organizer, that J.R. and M.K. be admitted as members at-large in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Discussion

Motion: To concur with the recommendation.

Carried.

Seigle reported on the recommendation of Terry Hardy, Philadelphia local organizer, that S.S. be admitted as a provisional member at-large in Riegelsville, Pennsylvania.

Discussion

Motion: To concur with the recommendation.

Carried.

Seigle reported on the recommendation of the Oakland branch that H.V. be readmitted to the party.

Discussion

Motion: To concur with the recommendation.

Carried.

(over)

Seigle reported on the recommendation of the Oakland branch that C.A. be readmitted to the party.

Discussion

Motion: To concur with the recommendation.

Carried.

3. BOUSHIER LETTER

Horowitz reported on proposed reply to Boushier letter.
(See attached.)

Discussion

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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Socialist Workers Party
14 Charles Lane
New York, N.Y. 10014
November 5, 1977

Thomas Boushier
Washington, D.C.

Dear Comrade Boushier,

We received your letter of September 17, 1977, addressed to the SWP National Committee. The Political Committee has taken up the matter.

It is not the case that only members of the National Committee can contribute to the International Internal Discussion Bulletin; nor is it the case that National Committee members have the automatic right to contribute to the IIDB. As is explained on the inside cover of each bulletin, "The International Internal Discussion Bulletin is the English-language edition of the internal discussion bulletin of the United Secretariat of the Fourth International.

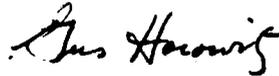
"It is published by the Socialist Workers Party as a fraternal courtesy to the United Secretariat of the Fourth International."

Requests that the United Secretariat publish articles in its internal bulletin are normally made by IEC members or by the elected leaderships of sections, sympathizing sections, or parties in fraternal solidarity with the Fourth International, such as the SWP. Final decision on all contributions is made by the United Secretariat.

Individual members of the various Trotskyist parties have the opportunity to contribute to the discussion on international questions in the discussion bulletins of their own parties. Your article, "The Ugly Role of the LTF in the OCRFI Affair," has been published in SWP Discussion Bulletin, Vol. 35, No. 12. All sections and sympathizing organizations of the Fourth International have been informed of the existence and contents of the SWP Discussion Bulletins, so that they can place orders for any that they wish.

After considering your article in view of the above, the Political Committee does not consider it justified to recommend to the United Secretariat that it be published in the IIDB.

Comradely,



Gus Horowitz
for the Political Committee

cc: United Secretariat

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17 September, 1977

To: National Committee SWP
From: Thomas Boushier

Comrades,

I hereby submit my article "The Ugly Role of the LTF in the OCRFI Affair" for publication in the International Internal Discussion Bulletin, hoping that it can appear therein before the 11th World Congress.

It is my understanding that because of reactionary legislation, the SWP has no formal affiliation with the Fourth International but that comrades in the SWP freely acknowledge that there is an identity of co-thinking politically. It is my further understanding that in regards to the International Internal Discussion Bulletin, only National Committee members of the SWP contribute articles for it. Although I am not a member of the SWP National Committee, I believe the subject with which my article deals would greatly interest all co-thinkers of the Fourth International--if not at least stimulate some important thought to ongoing matters.

Please advise me on how correctly I have accordingly understood these matters, whether you can go ahead and print it in IIDB, or give me any other information in these regards.

With my best hopes,

/s/ Thomas Boushier

Thomas Boushier
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