

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING No. 48, December 1, 1977

Present: Blackstock, Breitman, Clark, Garza, Hawkins,
Horowitz, Jaquith, D. Jenness, Jones, Kramer,
LaMont, Levine, Lovell, Petrin, Reid, Rodríguez,
Stapleton, Waters, White

Guests: Britton, Morell

Chair: Stapleton

- AGENDA:
1. Socialist Labor Party
 2. 'Bakke' Decision Protests
 3. Southern Africa Solidarity Work
 4. International Women's Year Conference
 5. Antideportation Work
 6. Costa Rica

1. SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY

Stapleton reported on recent developments in the Socialist Labor Party and proposal to draft a letter to Nathan Karp, SLP National Secretary. A report on the SLP is being prepared for publication in the Party Organizer.

Discussion

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

2. 'BAKKE' DECISION PROTESTS
(Musa and Sedwick invited for this point.)

Hawkins reported on December 3-4 national leadership meeting of the National Committee to Overturn the Bakke Decision and their call for a national march on Washington April 15 in defense of affirmative action programs. (See December 9 Militant.)

Discussion

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

3. SOUTHERN AFRICA SOLIDARITY WORK
(Musa invited for this point.)

Hawkins reported on broad united front meeting initiated by the War Resisters League to discuss possibility of organizing a Madison Square Garden

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rally in solidarity with the struggle for majority rule in Southern Africa. (See attached letter.) Meeting was well attended by political, pacifist, church and African solidarity groups. An interim committee that includes both the CP and SWP was established to explore feasibility of organizing such a rally in June 1978.

Discussion

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

4. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR CONFERENCE
(Sedwick invited for this point.)

Reid reported on general evaluation of conference and our intervention.

Discussion

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

5. ANTIDEPORTATION WORK
(Pérez invited for this point.)

Rodríguez initiated discussion on party perspectives in the movement to defend undocumented immigrants, and proposal to prepare a report on developments since the National Chicano and Latino Conference on Immigration and Public Policy and party perspectives in the anti-deportation movement to be published in the Party Organizer.

Discussion

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

6. COSTA RICA
(Baumann invited for this point.)

Rodríguez reported on arrest and jailing of Black and Trotskyist leaders in Costa Rica and efforts initiated by USLA on their behalf. (See December 9 Militant.)

Discussion

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.



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Socialist Workers Party
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Dear friends,

WRL's Executive Committee feels the situation in South Africa has reached the point where a broad range of groups from the trade union, peace, religious, and social justice communities needs to meet and coordinate plans and actions.

One idea we believe merits serious consideration would be a coalition effort to hold a Madison Square Garden Rally early in 1978 which would both serve notice on the Carter Administration and at the same time give moral support to those in South Africa, both black and white, who face daily repression.

We have reserved the Hardin Room, 11th floor
Church Center for the UN
777 UN Plaza
November 28 - Monday - 2 p.m.

We very much hope your organization can send a representative.

Sincerely,

David McReynolds

Affiliated with: War Resisters International and International Confederation for Disarmament and Peace

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