

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING No. 27, July 14, 1978

Present: Blackstock, Breitman, Britton, Clark, Dixon, Garza, Hawkins, D. Jenness, Kramer, LaMont, Lovell, Petrin, Seigle, Stone, Waters

Guests: Feldman, Prince, Thomas

Chair: Kramer

AGENDA: 1. Steelworkers Convention
2. NAACP Convention
3. Current Stage of the Black Liberation Struggle and Our Tasks
4. Plenum Agenda and Reporters
5. Invitations to Educational Conference

1. STEELWORKERS CONVENTION
(Rose invited for this point.)

Britton reported on new developments in the fight for union democracy in the United Steelworkers of America. Issues being debated in preparation for the September USWA convention include the right of the membership to ratify contract and block any move to take away the referendum election of international officers and district directors. We are working with former Steelworkers Fight Back supporters and others in an effort to broaden steelworkers participation in the right to ratify campaign initiated by some local presidents.

Our national steel fraction meeting in August will assess this work and discuss other important developments including the prospects for defending the gains of women and oppressed nationalities in light of the Bakke decision and the new "reverse discrimination" Weber case.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

2. NAACP CONVENTION
(Harris and Musa invited for this point.)

Thomas reported on NAACP convention held in Portland, Oregon.

Discussion

(over)

3. CURRENT STAGE OF THE BLACK LIBERATION STRUGGLE AND OUR TASKS
(Harris and Musa invited for this point.)

Dixon reported on outline of report to be presented to plenum.

Discussion

Agreed: To continue discussion at next meeting.

4. PLENUM AGENDA AND REPORTERS

Waters reported on proposed agenda and reporters for the plenum:

Assessment of First Stage of Party Turn Into Industry--Britton
Current Stage of the Black Liberation Struggle and
Our Tasks--Dixon
Fall Press Circulation Campaign--Blackstock
Establishment of Northern California Bay Area District--
Jones
Election of Political Committee--Waters

Proposed referring plenum schedule and rules to Secretariat.

Proposed to invite as observers to the plenum: Control Commission members, heads of national departments, members of the YSA National Executive Committee, local organizers, branch organizers in cities where there is no local, organizing committee organizers, and special guests.

Discussion

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

5. INVITATIONS TO EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Seigle reported on proposal to invite members of the International Socialists and the International Socialist Organization to attend the Oberlin conference.

Discussion

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.