

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING No. 2, January 18, 1979

Present: Barnes (Iran point only), Clark, Dixon, D. Jenness,
L. Jenness, Kramer, Morell, Ring, Seigle, Stone

Guest: Jayko

Chair: Dixon

AGENDA: 1. Iran
2. Cleveland and Toledo Referenda
3. Newark Gibson Recall Campaign
4. Newport News
5. Spring Circulation Campaign

1. IRAN

(Baumann, Frankel, and Pérez invited for this point.)

D. Jenness reported that the Militant is sending Jaquith to Iran to obtain firsthand coverage and on proposal for stepping up our campaign to get out the truth and facts about the revolutionary upsurge in Iran, centering on Militant sales, party forums, and our election campaigns. (See mailing of January 26.)

Discussion

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

2. CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO REFERENDA

(Leonard, Roberts, Rose, and Schwarz invited for this point.)

Seigle reported on proposal from Cleveland branch to call for a "No" vote on the proposed payroll tax increase there, and to abstain on vote concerning sale of the Municipal Power Company.

Seigle reported on discussions with Toledo comrades about a municipal referendum on tax abatement for corporations. The referendum failed to get on the ballot. If it were on the ballot, comrades would vote against abatement.

Discussion

Motion: To concur with the recommendations of the Cleveland Branch on the two municipal referenda.

Carried.

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

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3. NEWARK GIBSON RECALL CAMPAIGN

(Halstead, Leonard, Roberts, Rose, and Schwarz invited for this point.)

Morell reported on initial discussions of Newark branch on how to respond to recall campaign. After further discussion in the branch, proposal will be made to Political Committee.

Discussion

4. NEWPORT NEWS

(Leonard, Musa, Novack, Rose, and Seidman invited for this point.)

Kramer reported on struggle for union recognition at the Newport News shipyard in Virginia and plans to send Militant sales teams there. (See coverage in January 26 Militant.)

Discussion

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

5. SPRING CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

(Seidman invited for this point.)

Seidman reported.

Discussion

Motion: To conduct a spring circulation campaign to sell 100,000 copies of the Militant and Perspectiva Mundial between March 8 and May 10. (See mailing of January 23.)

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.