

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING No. 5, February 8, 1979

Present: Barnes, Britton, Clark, Dixon, Hawkins, Horowitz,  
D. Jenness, Lyons, Ring, Sedwick, Seigle, Stone,  
Waters

Chair: Lyons

AGENDA: 1. China  
2. Puget Sound District Bylaws  
3. Twin Cities District  
4. Gelfand Letter  
5. Iron Range  
6. Membership

1. CHINA

(Baumann, Evans, Feldman, and Zimmermann invited for this point.)

Clark initiated discussion.

Discussion

Agreed on line for Militant analysis.

2. PUGET SOUND DISTRICT BYLAWS

(Leonard invited for this point.)

Stone reported on proposal to approve Puget Sound District bylaws as adopted by the joint membership meeting of the Puget Sound District January 27.  
(See attached.)

Motion: To approve bylaws as adopted by Puget Sound District joint membership meeting.

Carried.

3. TWIN CITIES DISTRICT

(Leonard invited for this point.)

Lyons reported on the following proposals:

That the Political Committee call a joint membership meeting February 18 of the Minneapolis and St. Paul branches to establish a Twin Cities District.

That the proposed agenda be the following:

1. Report on Political Committee proposal to establish Twin Cities District
2. Financial Report
3. Rail Fraction Report

(over)

4. Adoption of District Bylaws
5. Election of District Committee (with Nominations Commission)

That LaMont be the reporter for the Political Committee.

Motion: To approve all of the above proposals.

Carried.

4. GELFAND LETTER

(Leonard invited for this point.)

D. Jenness reported.

Discussion

Motion: That a draft of a response to Gelfand be prepared for discussion at the next meeting.

Carried.

5. IRON RANGE

(Leonard and Rose invited for this point.)

Lyons reported on recent trip to Iron Range branch and on discussion with comrades on party work on range.

Discussion

6. MEMBERSHIP

(Leonard invited for this point.)

D. Jenness reported on recommendation of Portland branch that F.A. be readmitted to the party.

Discussion

Motion: That before action is taken on recommendation, Britton write to Portland branch for more information.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

PUGET SOUND DISTRICT BYLAWS as approved by the joint membership meeting of the branches in the Puget Sound District, January 27, 1979.

1. The governing body of the Puget Sound District of the party shall be the district executive committee.
2. The district executive committee shall be elected by a delegated district convention where three or more branches exist in the district and shall be subordinate to the district convention. The district executive committee may be elected by a joint membership meeting when two branches exist in the district and shall be subordinate to the joint membership meeting.
3. It shall be the duty of the district executive committee to direct the activities of the district and to act with full power for the district between district conventions or joint membership meetings.
4. District conventions or joint membership meetings shall be held at least once a year.
5. Special conventions or joint membership meetings may be called by the district executive committee or on demand of the branches representing one-third of the district membership.