POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES, No. 39, February 23, 1967

Present: Barnes, DeBerry, Dobbs, Halstead, Hansen, Kerry,

Novack, Shaw, Sheppard, Jones.

Chairman: Dobbs.

AGENDA:

I. International.

2. Antiwar Report.

3. Resident National Committee Meeting.

1. INTERNATIONAL

Hansen reported:

(1) Letter reporting on situation in India and Ceylon.

Discussion: Shaw, Hansen, Barnes.

(2) Letter from A. on situation in England.

Discussion: Novack, Kerry, Barnes, Dobbs.

(3) Healy is publishing an "international press service," International Correspondence. The first issue is entirely on the Tate case.

Discussion: Kerry, Hansen, Dobbs.

(5) Letter from Nigeria.

Discussion: Dobbs, Shaw, Hansen.

2. ANTIWAR REPORT

Halstead reported:

The death of A.J. Muste has complicated the problem of formulating an official "call" for the Spring Mobilization. Pressures to dilute and soften the call and pressures against the non-exclusion policy are stronger. However, the official call is becoming less and less important as work on the mobilization has begun both on the West Coast and in New York through the Parade Committee. No one is waiting for the official call which will essentially prove to be little more than a news conference statement when it is ready for publication.

Local groups will mimeograph or print their own calls as has already been done on the East and West Coast. It is already clear that there is wide support for the demonstration and it promises to be larger than any previous one.

3. RESIDENT NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Proposal by the Administrative Committee to hold a resident National Committee meeting Monday, March 6.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.