

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING No. 16, January 16, 1976

Present: Barnes, Blackstock, Breitman, Camejo, Gersh, Hansen,
D. Jenness, L. Jenness, Jones, Lovell, Lund, Lyons, Scott,
Sheppard, Stapleton, Thomas, Waters

Chair: L. Jenness

AGENDA: 1. Committees to Draft Plenum Resolutions on Chicano
Struggle and Puerto Rican Struggle in the U.S.
2. Chicano Work Director
3. Party Expansion
4. Provisional Membership
5. Party Builder

1. COMMITTEES TO DRAFT PLENUM RESOLUTIONS ON CHICANO STRUGGLE AND
PUERTO RICAN STRUGGLE IN THE U.S.

D. Jenness reported on proposal to establish a committee of
National Committee members Garza, D. Jenness, L. Jenness, So-
journer, and White to prepare draft resolution on Puerto Ricans
in the United States for the spring National Committee plenum.

Reported on proposal to establish a drafting committee of
National Committee members Rodriguez, Blackstock, D. Jenness,
and Jones to prepare a draft resolution on Chicanos for the
plenum. This committee will collaborate with Ring and Vasquez.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the proposals.

Carried.

2. NATIONAL CHICANO WORK DIRECTOR

D. Jenness reported on proposal to assign Rodriguez as party
national Chicano work director.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the proposal.

Carried.

3. PARTY EXPANSION

D. Jenness reported on steps being taken in respect to party
expansion in anticipating new branches in Dallas, Indianapolis,
Richmond, Va., San Antonio, Toledo, and St. Paul, Minn.

Discussion

4. PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP

D. Jenness reported on implementing plenum decision about pro-
visional membership which is to become effective when published
in the Party Builder.

Discussion

Motion: To publish report with the National Committee resolution in first issue of Party Builder.

5. PARTY BUILDER

D. Jenness reported on guidelines for carrying out National Committee decision to have a discussion in the Party Builder on implementation of the party turn.

Discussion

Motion: To approve guidelines for discussion in the Party Builder open to all party members on implementation of the party turn (see attached).

Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

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TO ALL SWP MEMBERS

Dear Comrades,

The January 2-4, 1976, National Committee meeting authorized a written discussion in the Party Builder on implementation and organization of party building activities outlined in the report to the National Committee on Implementation of the Party Turn.

The Party Builder will be open to all members to exchange experiences in various fields of our political activity and to put forward suggestions for making this activity more effective.

The Party Builder discussion is not for the purpose of determining political line; its specific purpose is to serve as a medium to aid the implementation of the decisions of the August 1975 convention and January 1976 plenum.

The Party Builder is now open to all members of the SWP. All contributions must be submitted on white paper in typed, triple-spaced format to the national office and should include title, author, and author's branch. Contributions must be typed 60 characters or less per line to facilitate typesetting for the bulletin.

The Political Committee suggests that contributions be held to no longer than 20 triple-spaced pages. If comrades have several topics they are writing on it would usually be more effective if they break them into separate articles.

Comradely,

Doug Jenness

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