

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING No. 61, December 22, 1976

Present: Barnes, Berman, Blackstock, Breitman, Garza, D. Jenness,
L. Jenness, Jones, Lund, Miah, Seigle, Waters

Guests: Jaquith, Morell, Rodríguez, Wohlforth

Chair: D. Jenness

- AGENDA:
1. Political Perspectives and Party Tasks
 2. Militant Circulation Drive
 3. Membership Drive
 4. Political Committee Representative to YSA
Convention
 5. Spain
 6. Quebec GMR Plenum
 7. Hedda Garza Letter
 8. Revolutionary Communist Party
 9. Membership

1. POLITICAL PERSPECTIVES AND PARTY TASKS

Miah reported.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the general line of the report
for presentation to the plenum.

Carried.

2. "MILITANT" CIRCULATION DRIVE

(Baron, Fields, and McArthur invited for this point)

McArthur reported on proposal for major single copy
sales drive this spring.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the proposal for presentation to
the plenum.

Carried.

3. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Seigle reported on progress of the present membership
drive. All indications are that we will reach the
goal of 300 new provisional members by the plenum.
Proposal to continue the drive with the goal of re-
cruiting 500 new provisional members between January
1 and the national gathering of the party in August.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the proposal for presentation
to the plenum.

Carried.

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4. POLITICAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE YSA CONVENTION

Seigle reported.

Motion: That Rodríguez be the Political Committee representative to the YSA convention.

Carried.

5.SPAIN

(Foley and White invited for this point)

L. Jenness reported on her speaking tour of Spain.

Discussion

6. QUEBEC GMR PLENUM

(Foley invited for this point)

Foley reported.

Discussion

7. HEDDA GARZA LETTER

Barnes reported on proposal to refer letter (see attached) to the New York Local leadership to investigate facts and report back to the Political Committee.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

8. REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY

(Evans and Petrin invited for this point)

Evans reported on the activities and the press of the Revolutionary Communist Party and of the October league. (Written report to follow.)

Berman reported on the campus activities of the Revolutionary Student Brigade, the Communist Youth Organization, and the Communist Labor Party. (Written report to follow.)

Discussion

Motion: To approve the reports.

Carried.

9.MEMBERSHIP

Seigle reported on the recommendation of the Salt Lake City organizing committee that J.H. be ac-

cepted as a provisional member.

Discussion

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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New York, N.Y.

November 8, 1976

Socialist Workers Party
National Office

Attention: Political Committee, SWP

Dear Comrades:

After many weeks of discussion on a national level, the New York RMOC voted last night to apply for fusion with the Socialist Workers party as a local unit. We felt that since no clear and consistent position on the SWP was forthcoming on a national basis, we would act locally on this matter and attempt to encourage other areas to do the same.

We believe that the SWP is a revolutionary Trotskyist party, that we have no principled disagreements with its program, and that we should scrap all efforts to build any new section in sympathy with the FI in this country.

We are prepared to enter into discussions on this proposed fusion and how we can best cooperate to bring it to fruition.

Our ranks include former members of the Socialist Workers party and/or Young Socialist Alliance (some formerly Internationalist Tendency members, some not), as well as some more recent recruits.

Please let us know when it would be convenient for us to meet with appropriate comrades in order to discuss this matter.

Comradely,

/s/ Hedda Garza

Hedda Garza--for the New York
RMOC