

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING No. 14, March 31, 1978

Present: Blackstock, Breitman, Britton, Clark, Dixon, Hawkins,
Jaquith, D. Jenness, L. Jenness, Jones, Kramer, LaMont, Levine,
Lovell, Morell, Petrin, Reid, Seigle, Stapleton, Stone, White

Chair: Hawkins

- AGENDA: 1. Miners' Strike
2. Canadian Plenum
3. Chile Work
4. ACLU and Nazis
 A. Skokie
 B. New Orleans
5. SLP
6. Membership

1. MINERS' STRIKE

(Baumann, Cole, Rose, and Zimmermann invited for this point.)

Rose reported on outline for Militant article summing up key lessons of miners' strike for American labor. Pathfinder plans to publish article as a pamphlet as soon as possible.

Discussion

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

2. CANADIAN PLENUM

(Baumann and Cole invited for this point.)

D. Jenness reported on recent plenum.

Discussion

3. CHILE WORK

D. Jenness reported on proposal from Secretariat that Finkel be responsible for coordinating work among Chilean exiles in the U.S.

Discussion

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

4. ACLU AND NAZIS

(Feldman and Seidman invited for this point.)

(over)

A. Skokie

Britton reported on discussions with Chicago local leadership on response to Nazi plans to march in Skokie. News accounts of statements by Skokie Jewish leaders that they will call a massive anti-Nazi demonstration at same time and place of Nazi march gives us an opportunity to explain more concretely our strategy for mass countermobilization against the fascists. The Chicago comrades are planning to respond publicly to the idea of a massive demonstration, supporting the idea and offering to cooperate with Jewish leaders and whatever other forces that might support such a call.

B. New Orleans

Stapleton reported on discussions he had with New Orleans comrades during recent visit there on debate inside Louisiana ACLU over whether or not the ACLU should provide legal defense for the Nazis. Since we have several comrades in the Louisiana ACLU, this provides us an opportunity to intervene in the ongoing discussion, and provides a good peg for some educational articles in our press.

Discussion

Motion: To approve both reports.

Carried.

5. SLP

L. Jenness reported on recent discussions with SLP members in New York City.

Discussion

6. MEMBERSHIP

Seigle reported on the proposal to admit S.S. and D.W. as members at-large in Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania.

Discussion

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

Seigle reported on the proposal to admit R.L. as a provisional member at-large in Tucson, Arizona.

Discussion

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned