

New York, New York
September 22, 1964

To All Party Branches

Dear Comrades:

Expulsion of Shirley S.

On September 6 Shirley S. was brought to trial in the Philadelphia branch for violating party discipline. The specific charges, which were furnished to her in writing before the trial, were as follows:

"1. You went on a political junket of an acutely sensitive nature without securing permission from the party, despite the fact that you, like all other comrades, had been specifically instructed not to participate in that activity without party approval.

"2. You gave false information to the branch, at its meeting of June 7, when you requested permission of it to go on this trip. You stated that you had not made application to go but had merely asked for information.

"3. We have received reliable information from co-thinkers that, while on that junket, you distributed copies of Spartacist, the publication of an opponent political group, which contained an attack on the SWP and presented a line opposed to the party position on the Cuban revolution.

"4. Upon your return you failed to report to the party; you let it be known that you could be contacted at the telephone number of the leader of the Spartacist group; and you participated in a press conference about your trip without prior notification to, or consultation with, the party."

After testimony in the trial proceedings on the above charges, including that of Shirley, she was found guilty as charged. The branch voted to expel her from the party.

Comradely yours,
Farrell Dobbs
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