

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES No. 19, July 7, 1966

Present: Barnes, Dobbs, Halstead, Hansen, Kerry, Novack, Sheppard, Jones.

Chairman: Sheppard.

AGENDA:

1. Publications.
2. International.
3. Antiwar Report.

1. PUBLICATIONS

Proposal by Kerry that publications committee go to work immediately to see what can be done to publish "Malcolm X Speaks" in a paperback edition, bringing back a report to Political Committee; also that a publicity campaign be launched with the idea of pushing every available piece of literature on the Negro struggle in order to take advantage of the opportunity presented by the ferment in the civil-rights movement.

Discussion: Halstead, Novack, Sheppard, Dobbs, Barnes.

General agreement with Kerry's proposal.

2. INTERNATIONAL

Hansen reported.

(1) Guatemala -- copy of public statement in which guerrillas headed by Yon Sosa expel the Posadistas. Statement reports trial charging them with taking funds without permission. The statement is being distributed in Mexico by the CP. Mexican Posadistas issued a public reply in which they do not deny the charge of taking funds.

Co-thinkers in Mexico, faced with distribution of the Yon Sosa article and Posadas' answer, wrote the U.S. asking them to immediately get out a statement which they could distribute. Meanwhile, they issued a statement themselves.

Proposal not to wait for U.S. statement, but to publish the material in next issue of press service, with a brief editorial note referring to previous material and indicating our stand.

When U.S. statement arrives, we will consider what to do next.

(2) Draft of Political Resolution from U.S. presented for discussion: Hansen, Dobbs, Kerry, Novack, Barnes, Sheppard.

General agreement on criticisms of draft and that Hansen draw up a list of all the points made in

discussion and forward them to U.S. for consideration in editing the final draft.

3. ANTIWAR REPORT

Halstead reported latest developments in case of three GI's.

Discussion: Sheppard, Novack, Dobbs, Barnes.

Meeting adjourned.