

RESIDENT NATIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES No. 2, June 17, 1966

Present: Regular -- J.Barnes, DeBerry, Dobbs, J.Hansen, Shaw, Sheppard, Novack, Ring, Chester, Lavan, Torres, A.Hansen, B.Hansen, Reed.

Alternate -- Fine, Graham, B.Barnes.

Advisory: Mayhew.

Youth Representative: Jones.

Chairman: Graham.

AGENDA:

1. Antiwar Movement.
2. Information Report.
3. Organization of Defense Committee.

1. ANTIWAR MOVEMENT

Barnes reported (see attached).

Discussion: Ring, Torres, Lavan, Chester, Novack, A.Hansen, J.Hansen, Shaw, Sheppard, B.Hansen, J.Barnes.

2. INFORMATION REPORT

Dobbs reported on present situation in Detroit.

Walter is out of intensive-care unit and in a ward; comrades are now able to visit him. But he will be hospitalized for some time yet.

Jan is doing well. He is still in a cast which keeps him immobile although this is now in process of being removed.

Assassin declared legally insane at sanity hearing held last week. Judge ruled that if it is later found assassin is legally sane, then he will stand trial for murder at that time.

This finding serves interests of ruling powers.

In consultation with legal advisers and civil-liberties defenders, we will press the city for compensation to victims and survivors. Comrades in Detroit are proceeding along these lines.

3. ORGANIZATION OF DEFENSE COMMITTEE

J.Hansen reported on Mexican prisoners' defense committee set up at meeting called by Monthly Review editors.

Our representatives raised questions as to exact status of case in sense of wishes expressed by prisoners concerning their defense; to what extent Posadistas are involved in this; will they cooperate with committee; is there a solid front among prisoners or are there differences?

Discussion at meeting showed there is no new information. G. wants a defense committee and wants MR editors to take charge. They have a positive approach and are going ahead to organize a defense committee for G.

Temporary ad hoc committee set up which will send out a letter of protest, and appeals for contributions.

Meanwhile, further information will be sought from Mexico.

Meeting adjourned.