

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES, No. 6, May 16, 1969

Present: Bolduc, Barnes, Kerry, Breitman, Shaw, Hansen, Halstead,
Dobbs, Ring

Visitors: Horowitz, Waters

Chairman: Kerry

AGENDA: 1. Antiwar Report
 2. Membership
 3. World Movement
 4. Atlanta Report

1. ANTIWAR REPORT

Horowitz reported.

2. MEMBERSHIP

Barnes reported. Bolduc visited Denver to discuss membership application by Mary W.

Motion: To admit Mary W. to party membership.

Carried.

3. WORLD MOVEMENT

Hansen reported.

Barnes proposed a meeting of the Political Committee Monday, May 26 to hear a report on the World Congress. All the written material will be translated into English and available by that time.

Agreed.

4. ATLANTA REPORT

Waters reported.

Motion: To approve the conducting of a mayoralty campaign in Atlanta.

Carried.

Motion: To accept the recommendation to admit Cliff C. to party membership.

Carried.

Motion: The Political Committee authorizes the members in Atlanta to constitute a party branch.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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To All Men of the Democratic Socialist Movement:

WORKERS PARTY HALL SEIZED BY PRO-SOVIET REVISIONIST HOODS

Marcy-Stergar Gang Strikes Local Militants

The hall and offices on the third floor at 150 E. Juneau (Stacy Bldg.) which has been the center of workers socialist education and militant action in Milwaukee since 1954 was seized in a hoodlum raid, along with all property belonging to the WORKERS WORLD PARTY MAJORITY in the Milwaukee Branch at 3:00 A.M. Tuesday (April 29).

The majority was suddenly and arbitrarily notified of their expulsion at an educational meeting on Monday night by Ted Dostal and Vincent Copeland of New York Workers World. This action was supported by Albert Stergar, pro-Soviet minority leader in Milwaukee W.W. After the majority of Workers World members in Milwaukee rejected by a vote of 9 to 7, Sam Marcy's demand to end all criticism and discussion of Kremlin revisionist gangsterism, the Breshnev doctrine, Big power chauvinism and military-police repression of workers dissent and resistance in Eastern Europe, the majority was bluntly informed that they were no longer party members. This especially after the minority was told of our refusal to accept the New York directive condemning Peoples China for defending heroically her revolutionary conquests against US inspired Soviet military aggression on the Ussuri. When the majority refused to leave the hall, local minority members together with the New York, Cleveland, Chicago, and Madison thugs carried out a physical attack on them. As they were driven out Myrtle K. and Jim Eymans were hurt and others sustained minor injuries. Once again the Marcy hoods proved their solidarity with the brutal, bloody methods of the Kremlin fascist bureaucracy.

We are warning all honest workers, socialists and enlightened progressives that the Marcy-Stergar gang will carry the methods of Kremlin holliganism into all councils of liberation fighters, radicals, and labor militants. On Guard! The movement must demonstrate its honest and democratic character if we hope to be victorious against the U.S. Imperialist rulers and their No. 1 accomplice: the capitalist gang in the U.S.S.R.

Authorized by: WORKERS WORLD LEFT OPPOSITION (Milw. Majority)
James E. Boulton, Secy. 271-3617

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In Re: Violent Seizure of Socialist Hall,
Stacy Bldg. 150 E. Juneau Ave. Milw.
by New York Leaders of Workers World

A debate on the Czechoslovak invasion among Milwaukee Marxists was settled Russian style on Tuesday morning, 3:00 A.M., April 29, when internationalist opponents of the Brezhnev Doctrine and military-police enforcement of its big power chauvinist aims were ordered to stop the debate, summarily expelled, violently ejected from their hall, and locked out.

The ten expelled members were supporters of James Boulton, a Socialist Workers candidate for U.S. Senator in 1952 and 1958, and active organizer of Workers World Party here since August 1967 through October 1968. Boulton's supporters, who include four members of the local five member executive committee, contend that they were the majority of voting members at a surprise meeting called by the Party's Nat'l Committee agents, Ted Dostal of Cleveland and Vincent Copeland of New York. The meeting held on Monday night, April 28 was ostensibly for education.

However, a statement by Albert Stergar, 4666 No. Sherman Blvd. in Workers World publication for May 1 declares:

"The Nat'l Committee, in consultation with the majority of the branch had directed Boulton to immediately stop a long and disruptive internal discussion which he has initiated. Boulton refused to abide by the decision to end discussion and none of his supporters would declare their willingness to act as party members. Today the Nat'l Committee declared all of them formally expelled."

The issues under debate were support or non-support of the Hungarian and Czechoslovak invasions by the Kremlin's bureaucratic class of capitalist roaders, diplomatac and military threats to the Chinese People's Republic, armed police methods of dealing with socialist and working-class dissidents, movements, and organizations who oppose the Kremlin's leadership, military and profit-taking role.

The Milwaukee majority in Workers World were ordered under threats to keep their mouth shut on the Czech question at the Party's public "Confrence" over Labor Day, 1968. They were advised to get out of the Party if they disagreed with Sam Marcy, the organization's sole boss. Boulton then resigned as organizer and opened up a wide criticism of the organization's Soviet style method and structure.

"The alleged Party has no constitution, no charters, no defined program, no convention, no elected bodies. It is in fact the personal pro-Soviet propaganda instrument of Sam Marcy, a New York lawyer and gingerbread fake. Marcy bosses both Workers World and Youth Against War and Fascism through a well-financed and tightly knit palace guard in the publication shop of New York. He has no authority, other than the muscle of his Kruschovite hoods, to expel anyone, least of all a majority in Milwaukee. We will recover the hall by legal action and public exposure of these swindlers," Boulton said.

"Members have the right to arm and defend themselves against the promised invasion of thugs. They will not be frightened by Stergar's threat "This means reprisals; this means war!;" and they have a duty to reject Stergar's fraudulent poll based upon absent and non-voting members, including his high-school daughter," Boulton told his supporters at a secret meeting Monday night, May 5.

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