

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES, No. 5, October 22, 1971

Present: Barnes, Boehm, Breitman, Britton, Camejo, Dobbs,
A. Hansen, J. Hansen, Horowitz, Jenness, Lovell,
Novack, Sheppard, Stone, Waters

Visitors: Kerry, White

Chairman: Jenness

AGENDA: 1. World Movement Report

1. WORLD MOVEMENT REPORT

Barnes reported.

Discussion.

Meeting adjourned.

14 Charles Lane
New York, N. Y. 10014
October 27, 1971

TO ALL BRANCH ORGANIZERS AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Dear Comrades,

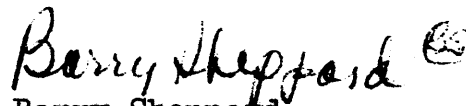
After trial proceedings, the Boston branch at its September 28 meeting found eight members of the Communist Tendency in the branch guilty on charges of indiscipline and disloyalty, and voted to expel them from the party.

The following are the Communist Tendency members who have been expelled: David Fender, David Morgan, Kenneth Simpson, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Nancy Adolphi, Neal Grover, Steve McKenna and Terry Bell.

Five days after they were expelled, these comrades, with the exception of David Fender, attended a meeting of the antiwar coalition in Boston. They distributed a leaflet in the name of the Communist Tendency which attacked the party position on the antiwar movement. Three of them registered for the conference as members of the Communist Tendency, one registered as from the "O.C.I." (presumably the French Lambertist organization), two registered as members of the Workers League and one as a member of the YSA. During the coalition meeting, they solidarized themselves with positions taken by members of the Spartacist League and the National Caucus of Labor Committees. They voted for a counter-motion put forward by the Spartacist League against a motion the SWP supported, and this Spartacist League motion summed up the Spartacist League's ultraleftist position on the antiwar movement.

An analysis of the party's experience with the Communist Tendency is being prepared for submission to the party.

Comradely,

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November 3, 1971

TO ALL ORGANIZERS, NC MEMBERS AND WOMEN'S LIBERATION DIRECTORS

Dear Comrades,

A number of areas have written the national office asking whether the branches and locals, including men, should mobilize for November 20. In regard to women, it is important for as many YSA and SWP women to come to the demonstration as can do so. The decision on how many male comrades should come should be made on the basis of the distance of the branch or local from Washington and San Francisco, and the financial means of the comrades. Men from Washington D.C., the Bay Area, Philadelphia and New York should mobilize for the demonstrations. Other branches and locals will probably want to send fewer men, taking into consideration the travel distances involved.

Although the November 20 demonstrations will not be of the size of antiwar demonstrations such as April 24, we can expect that sales will be good and that there will be many people there who will be interested in our election campaign, and in The Militant and our other literature. We want to have an adequate number of comrades available to introduce as many people as possible to the ideas of the SWP and YSA. At the same time, it is understood that since the NPAC conference in Washington D.C. will be held only two weeks after the November 20 demonstrations, it will not be possible for some comrades to make both events.

We are now moving into the final building period for November 20, and each branch should be oriented toward making a concentrated effort to help WONAAC bring as many people as possible to Washington and San Francisco. All the various activities which are directly related to actually getting people (both women and men) to the demonstrations should be stressed at this time: bus ticket sales, leafletting, button sales, getting up stickers and posters. Literature tables on campus and in other areas where people congregate are especially important.

We should also be conscious that the next several weeks will be important ones for fund raising. The national office of WONAAC is still in a financial crisis. If there is any group, individual or institution in your area which you think might give a large sum to WONAAC, the national WONAAC office should be contacted.

For the next several weeks, The Militant will be carrying the "Building for November 20" column to help publicize the demonstrations. Each area should be sure to send or call in items which would be good for this column.

A communication going into further detail on how sales and literature distributions will be organized on November 20 will be sent out from the SWP and YSA national offices in about a week.

Comradely,

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