

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING, NO. 10, July 4, 1974

Present: Barnes, Breitman, Britton, Camejo, Finkel, A. Hansen, J. Hansen, Horowitz, Jenness, Jones, Lovell, Morrison, Seigle, Stone, Thomas

Consultative: Dobbs, Kerry, Novack

Visitors: Scott

Chair: Morrison

AGENDA: 1. Control Commission Report on Internationalist Tendency

1. CONTROL COMMISSION REPORT ON INTERNATIONALIST TENDENCY

Motions by Barnes:

1. To adopt the Control Commission's two recommendations:
  - 1) "That the Internationalist Tendency's status as a separate, rival party be recognized and that the members of the Internationalist Tendency party be informed that this status places them outside the constitutional provisions of membership in the Socialist Workers Party," and
  - 2) "That supporters of the IMT political positions who are not members of the IT party remain members of the SWP as long as they abide by the constitution of the SWP, the organizational principles of the SWP, and the democratic centralist norms of the world Trotskyist movement."
2. To instruct each branch to re-register its membership by removing from its rolls as of this date all of the 69 known members of the Internationalist Tendency party.
3. To send the attached letter to the 69 known members of the Internationalist Tendency party. (See attached.)
4. To send the attached letter to all branches and at-large members. (See attached.)
5. To adopt the draft Political Committee Statement. (See enclosed bulletin.)
6. To immediately make available to the membership in an internal information bulletin all the relevant material on the split of the Internationalist Tendency party. (See enclosed bulletin.)
7. To send the attached letter to the United Secretariat of the Fourth International. (See attached.)

Discussion

Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

14 Charles Lane  
New York, New York 10014

July 4, 1974

TO KNOWN MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONALIST TENDENCY PARTY

At-large Mike Hoffheimer	Houston Jeff Benecke Bruce Clark Cheryl Clark Randy Erb Peter Gellert Howard Gerber Danny Laird Bill Peterson Jana Peleusch David Rossi Jeanne Shaffer John Shaffer Roy Simmons Steve Smith Russell Welch	Oakland-Berkeley Sandy Hall Tim Kissner Fran McPoland Lew Pepper Mike Tormey
Atlanta none		Philadelphia Robin Block Henry Brent
Austin none		Pittsburgh none
Boston John Montello		Portland Peter Kirshner
Brooklyn John Singleterry		San Diego none
Chicago Bill Banta John Barzman Ann-Marie Capuzzi Lauren Charous Polly Connelly Ed Hoffman Mark Lobato Bill Massey Cathy Matson Guy Miller Debby Pope Martha Quinn Pat Quinn Ju i Rossi Beth Semmers Don Smith Ted Stacey	L.A.-Central/East Sunny Foreman John Van Lewen Gene Warren Sue Warren Judy Wollacott	San Francisco Garth Chojnowski Emily Ford
	Los-Angeles-West Ed Medard Ned Moore Debbie Shayne Judi Shayne Ron Warren	Seattle none
	Lower Manhattan Hedda Garza Frank Manning Rich Mitten Charlie Post Bill Yaffe	St. Louis Mark Lause
Cleveland none		Twin Cities Jeff Meisner
Denver none		Upper West Side Joseph Harris John Sharret Kari Sharret
Detroit Randy Prince		Washington D.C. Les Bayless Kathy Kersey Marilyn Lerch Tom Quinn

Dear Comrades,

On July 2, 1974 the Control Commission of the Socialist Workers Party, acting under Article VI of the party constitution, submitted the following recommendation for action to the Political Committee of the Socialist Workers Party:

"That the Internationalist Tendency's status as a separate, rival party be recognized and that the members of the Internationalist Tendency party be informed that this status places

them outside the constitutional provisions of membership in the Socialist Workers Party."

At its July 4, 1974 meeting the Political Committee of the Socialist Workers Party voted to adopt the Control Commission's recommendation and to instruct each branch to re-register its membership by removing from its rolls as of this date all of the 69 known members of the Internationalist Tendency party listed above.

Fraternally,



Jack Barnes  
National Secretary  
for the Political Committee  
Socialist Workers Party

cc: SWP branches and at-large members

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July 4, 1974

TO ALL BRANCHES AND AT-LARGE MEMBERS

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At its July 4, 1974 meeting the Political Committee of the Socialist Workers Party voted to adopt the Control Commission's recommendation and to instruct each branch to re-register its membership by removing from its rolls as of this date all of the 69 known members of the Internationalist Tendency party listed in the enclosed letter.

Enclosed is a copy of the letter sent today to the 69 known members of the Internationalist Tendency party.

All political relations with the Internationalist Tendency party or any of its members now come under the provisions of Article VIII, Section 8, of the party constitution which reads as follows:

"Political collaboration with non-members of the Party must be formally authorized by the Party committee having jurisdiction."

Please read this letter to the branch meeting and call it to the attention of all members.

Comradely,



Jack Barnes  
National Secretary  
for the Political Committee  
Socialist Workers Party

Enc: Political Committee letter to 69 Known Members of the Internationalist Tendency Party

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July 4, 1974

TO THE UNITED SECRETARIAT

Dear Comrades,

Enclosed is a copy of the report of the Socialist Workers Party Control Commission on the results of its investigation of violations of discipline committed by the Internationalist Tendency. In the course of its investigation, the Control Commission established the fact that the IT had formed a rival party. Other relevant material, which is self-explanatory, is attached.

This includes a copy of the statement adopted by the Political Committee of the Socialist Workers Party on July 4, 1974, requesting that a special world congress be convoked to deal with the emergency created by this situation.

We would like the request for a special world congress to be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the United Secretariat.

Fraternally,



Jack Barnes  
National Secretary  
for the Political Committee  
Socialist Workers Party

cc: International Executive Committee members  
International Control Commission members  
Elected leaderships of sections and sympathizing groups