

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES No. 28, October 20, 1966

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

Chairman: Sheppard.

AGENDA:

1. Antiwar Report.
2. Colorado Elections.
3. Plenum.
4. International.

1. ANTIWAR REPORT

Halstead reported that there is a possibility that a conference of the antiwar movement will take place in November.

Report on Fort Hood Three defense work.

Discussion: Shaw, Kerry, Halstead, Barnes, Dobbs, Sheppard, Hansen.

2. COLORADO ELECTIONS

Shaw reported on request by Denver branch for approval of tactic of critical support to independent candidates on statewide ballot in Colorado this year. Candidates are on the ballot as "New Hispano Party." Information at hand includes three copies of La Voz, a paper called "the organ of the New Hispanic Movement"; some clippings from the daily papers; and a statement of motivation by the three comrades who proposed the tactic with a covering letter by the organizer and his "Qualified Statement of Support" to the proposal.

Motion: On the basis of all the information at our disposal we do not find that the New Hispano Movement represents a break with capitalist politics to a degree that would enable us to give it critical support.

Discussion: Dobbs, Barnes.

Carried.

3. PLENUM

Dobbs reported a recommendation from the Administrative Committee to add a point to the plenum agenda entitled, "Branch Political Activities."

Motion: To modify the plenum agenda to read as follows:
1. International Report.
2. Political Report.
3. Branch Political Activities.
4. Organizational Report.

Carried.

Motion: To assign the following reporters:

1. International Report - Hansen.
2. Political Report - Dobbs.
3. Organizational Report - Shaw.

Carried.

Discussion: Kerry, Jones, Novack, Dobbs.

General agreement: A youth report will be included under the point on "Branch Political Activities."

4. INTERNATIONAL

Hansen reported:

(1) The draft resolution on the crisis in China has been received. The U.S. requests that we submit our criticisms and suggestions by the end of October.

(2) Further information on the document circulated by the Polish political prisoners. It appears that the Draperites on the West Coast plan to publish it with their own introduction.

Discussion: Novack, Kerry, Barnes, Hansen, Dobbs.

General agreement: To expedite publication of the document with the introduction by Frank.

(3) The pamphlet on Healy by Germain is ready.

General agreement to publish it as soon as possible.

Novack reported on a new publication in Italy put out in the name of the left wing in the Italian CP. The first run is expected to have a circulation of 10,000.

Meeting adjourned.