

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING No. 25, June 28, 1978

Present: Blackstock, Breitman, Britton, Clark, Dixon, Garza, Hawkins, Horowitz, D. Jenness, L. Jenness, Jones, Kramer, LaMont, Levine, Lovell, Morell, Petrin, Reid, Rodriguez, Seigle, Stapleton, Stone, Waters

Guests: Barnes, Brundy, Chertov, Feldman, Lyons, Miah, Prince, Thomas

Chair: Horowitz

AGENDA: 1. Proposition 13
2. Assessment of First Stage of Party's Turn Into Industry
3. Party Suit
4. Political Committee Assignment
5. Tribute to Rosenberg Rally

1. PROPOSITION 13

(Baumann, Britton, Hansen, and Seidman invited for this point.)

Jones reported on plans of California branches to respond to passage of Proposition 13, and on proposals for general line of press coverage.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

2. ASSESSMENT OF FIRST STAGE OF PARTY'S TURN INTO INDUSTRY

Britton reported.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the general line of the report for presentation to the plenum.

Carried.

3. PARTY SUIT

Seigle reported on new stage opening up in our suit around issue of government's right to use informers to infiltrate, disrupt, and spy on its opponents. This new stage of case presents greatly expanded opportunities for party propaganda work, including our election campaigns.

Discussion

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

(over)

4. POLITICAL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT

Barnes reported on proposal that he be transferred back to New York to facilitate reorganization of leadership to take advantage of expanded openings around party suit, preparations for 1980 presidential election campaign, deepening turn into industry, and preparations for 1979 world congress.

Establishment of District structure for party in Northern California Bay Area will facilitate leadership functioning in California. Secretariat will consider assignment of field organizer for West Coast region as part of national leadership reorganization following Oberlin educational conference.

Motion: To approve.

Carried.

5. TRIBUTE TO ROSENBERG RALLY

Breitman initiated discussion on our participation in June 19 rally to commemorate Rosenberg execution, where CP unsuccessfully attempted to prevent SWP from having a speaker. (See Party Organizer, Vol. 2, No. 5.)

Discussion

Meeting adjourned.