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Organization Committee Meeting No. 6, March 2, 1979

1. Keil Letter

Larry reported on February 13 letter by Dave Keil to Jack. (See attached.) Proposed Larry and Al meet with Keil to discuss party norms and procedures relating to preconvention discussion.

2. Iranian Embassy

Larry reported that opponents of shah's regime have taken over Iranian embassy in Washington, D.C. Agreed with proposal for PRDF representative to discuss with people there possibility of checking in embassy files for any records relating to government harassment in the U.S. including of the party.

3. Beneke Request for Bulletins

Doug reported on request from Jeff Beneke from Rochester to receive internal party bulletins and on information provided by Rick Berman and Stu Singer about his relationship to party in Houston. Agreed that Mary reply, explaining that (1) policy is that internal bulletins are sent regularly only to party members; but that (2) bulletins advertised in September 1978 ISR could be purchased by nonmembers. (World Political Resolution draft, Struggle for Women's Liberation draft, Socialist Democracy, "Leading the Party Into Industry," and "Party Goals in the Unions.") Copy to be sent to Capital District (Albany) branch organizer.

4. Washington, D.C.

Al reported on discussions with comrades in Washington, D.C., about the implications for the branch of Steve Bride, the organizer, coming to the shop. He had a good discussion about the role of the executive committee and organizer and convinced comrades not necessary to send a new organizer. Executive committee has chosen Sara Smith to be organizer. Asked Shelley Davis, who is a lawyer, to come to N.Y. to be on PRDF staff. Several other comrades may be available for transfer, including Jerry Hunnicutt, Maura Rodríguez, Ann Wilcox, and Laura Moorhead.

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5. Houston

Larry reported on recent trip to Houston and discussions with comrades there about organizing all-out campaign of support for Héctor Marroquín defense in five weeks leading up to hearing, including publicity, labor support, demonstrations, and rally on eve of hearing. Defense office will be set up there with two-person full-time staff, one of whom will be Kathy Shields from Dallas.

6. Newport News

Doug reported on reports by Shelley and Harvey on Newport News (distributed to PC February 26). Discussed the idea of sending comrade there on more of a long-term basis than has been the case, with aim of covering strike situation for Militant and probing opportunities for party work there. Didn't come up with a proposal for a person and agreed to have further discussion.

7. Maintenance

Mary reported on discussion of maintenance procedures and proposals for the building by committee of Budka, Gardner, P. Montauk, Rathers, and Roche on February 13. Memo will be circulated to departments shortly.

8. Personnel

Doug reported that Paula Reimers submitted in writing her resignation from the L.A. local.

9. Mailroom

Al reported on proposals:

(a) mailroom will operate at cost; (b) same policy as rest of shop in regard to defense committees and campaigns; (c) will be closed on Saturdays unless specific exception worked out ahead of time.

10. Credit Policy for Shop

Al reported on credit policy for shop in regard to branches: (a) Jobs for a total price of under \$100.00 must be paid for in full at the time the order is given to shop; (b) Orders for \$100.00 or more must be accompanied by $\frac{1}{2}$ of the total price. The balance must be paid at the time of delivery of the merchandise; (c) This is the same policy the shop follows with other political groups, or with businesses whose credit it has not been able to approve.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 5, 2 p.m.

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National Office

Dear comrades,

This is in response to the request relayed to me by Mary Roche that I put in writing what I told Rich Robohm over the intercom concerning Jack Barnes's February 13 letter replying to my February 11 note to him. This note of mine read in full as follows: "Enclosed for your information is a draft of a document on Cuba which I am preparing to submit to the SWP DB. Any comments that could clear away debaters' points, such as on facts, might help the discussion." (Emphasis added.)

I was not submitting a document for publication. I will submit the document, in final form, when the discussion bulletin opens.

One purpose of the note and enclosure was to inform Jack about the draft, which I have also sent to some comrades who would have some of the same opinions as I on Cuba. Another was to request correction of possible factual errors so that the discussion on Cuba can avoid unnecessary arguments over minor factual questions. One such factual error which has been pointed out to me is the sentence on page 14 of my draft, which states incorrectly that part of a Militant article had been omitted from an IP/I reprint.

Comradely,

Doug Katz

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New York, N.Y. 10014
February 13, 1979

David Keil
New York

Dear David,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 11 and your article for the SWP preconvention discussion bulletin entitled "Our Choice in Cuba." We will publish it in the bulletin as soon as we open the discussion.

If the discussion in the Political Committee and National Committee is an accurate gauge, I'm confident that the preconvention discussion on Cuba will not revolve around debater's tricks. It will be marked by responsible attention to factual accuracy and clarification of political line and program.

Comradely,

Jack