

MINUTES OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 10, September 24, 1965

Present: Regular: Dobbs, Shaw, Reed, Warde, Torres, DeBruce,
Chester, Weinstein, Sheppard, Ring, Vernon, Jack.

Alternate: Betsy, Henderson, Herman, Pete, Leonard, Stevens,
Graham.

Advisory: Mayhew.

Chairman: Leonard.

AGENDA:

1. Communication among Negro comrades.
2. National Education Director
3. Party Constitution
4. Woman Question
5. Breitman Proposals
6. Magazine
7. Newspaper
8. Election of Secretariat

Addition to Agenda:

9. Informational report on anti-Vietnam war work.

1. COMMUNICATION AMONG NEGRO COMRADES

Dobbs reporting.

Motion: That a committee be designated to prepare recommendations to the PC on the establishment of regular communications among Negro comrades in the party. That this committee consist of comrades, DeBruce, Vernon and Jones.

Carried.

2. NATIONAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Dobbs reporting.

Motion: To designate comrade Reed as National Education Director and to request that she prepare for submission to the PC general recommendations on party educational activities in the next period.

Carried.

3. PARTY CONSTITUTION

Dobbs reporting.

Motion: To recommend that the next plenum of the NC designate a commission to review the party constitution and submit whatever proposals may seem appropriate to clarify

constitutional provisions and related procedure.

Carried.

4. WOMAN QUESTION

Dobbs reporting.

Motion: That a committee be designated to prepare for submission to the PC a draft analysis of special problems confronting women in capitalist society today and recommendations on the party's programmatic approach to the recruitment of women members into our ranks. That the committee consist of comrades Reed, Graham and Betsy. That in carrying out its assignment the committee be authorized to enlist the cooperation of whatever comrades it may feel are qualified to give assistance.

Carried.

5. BREITMAN PROPOSALS

Dobbs reporting.

Motion: Before taking up Comrade Britzman's proposal that we discontinue designating ourselves as "Trotskyists", the Secretariat is instructed to ascertain whether such a decision, if it should be favored, might create any problems for our co-thinkers.

Discussion: Torres, Ring, Dobbs, Chester, Stevens, Pete C., Reed, Vernon, Betsy, Leonard, Jack, DeBruce, Mayhew, Weinstein.

Carried.

Motion: Before taking up Comrade Breitman's proposal that we change the transitional slogan "For a Workers and Farmers Government" to "For a Workers Government", the Secretariat is instructed to prepare for the information of the committee background material on earlier discussions of this subject in the party.

Discussion: Sheppard, Leonard.

Carried.

6. MAGAZINE

Shaw reporting.

Motion: Editor: T. Kerry
Associate Editor: G. Novack
Managing Editor: D. Roberts
Editorial Board: Members of the Secretariat

Carried.

7. NEWSPAPER

Shaw reporting.

Motion: Editor: J. Hansen
Managing Editor: B. Sheppard

Carried.

8. ELECTION OF SECRETARIAT

Motion: To continue with present Secretariat until question can be taken up at plenum.

Carried.

Announcement by Warde: Seminar on historical materialism for youth.

9. INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON ANTI-VIETNAM WAR WORK.

Jack reporting.

Discussion: Torres, Graham, Jack, Shaw, Leonard, Sheppard.

MEETING ADJOURNED.