

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES, No. 21, September 4, 1968

Present: Barnes, Dobbs, Hansen, Kerry, Novack, Waters

Visitors: Jones, Roberts, Evans, Jenness, Ring

Chairman: Dobbs

AGENDA:

1. Seattle Black Panther Candidacies
2. Militant 40th Anniversary Fund Campaign
3. Student Mobilization Committee Conference
4. Chicago Democratic Convention Intervention

I. SEATTLE BLACK PANTHER CANDIDACIES

Barnes reported.

A. Seattle BPP has announced two of their leaders, E. J. Brisker and Curtis Harris, are running as candidates for State Assembly in Washington. They plan to nominate them as Black Panther candidates at an independent BPP nominating convention. It would be advantageous for the Seattle comrades to announce their support at the time of the convention.

Motion: To extend critical support to the Black Panther Party candidates for the Washington State Assembly if they hold a BPP convention and nominate their own candidates as currently planned.

Carried.

B. There is the problem of whether either the SWP or the BPP will have sufficient forces to get the 100 registered voters at their Washington State conventions.

Recommendation from the Administrative Committee that there should be all possible collaboration between the SWP and the BPP to get enough registered voters for both conventions. If the SWP does make it on the ballot and the BPP doesn't, we should offer the BPP a place on our ticket for their two State Assembly candidates: If they accept we will explain publicly that this is a political courtesy implying no necessary alliance or acceptance of the SWP program by the BPP.

2. MILITANT 40TH ANNIVERSARY FUND CAMPAIGN

Barnes reported.

Motion: To have a special 40th Anniversary Militant Fund Drive this fall.

Carried.

Proposal to tie the fund campaign in with the 40th anniversary of the Militant through: (1) a series of articles in the paper, (2) giant 40th anniversary banquets to be held all across the country, (3) printing a facsimile of the first issue of the Militant to be sold throughout the campaign, (4) articles by founders of our movement, (5) running the campaign through a 40th Anniversary Fund Committee with George Novack, Chairman, and Evelyn Reed, Secretary-Treasurer.

3. STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE CONFERENCE

Jones reported. (See written report by Larry Seigle.)

4. CHICAGO DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONVENTION INTERVENTION

Jones reported. (Written report attached.)

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.