

POLITICAL BUREAU

Number 18

December 18, 1974

Present: Finkel, A. Hansen, Jenness, Lovell

Visitors: Camejo, Horowitz, Matson, Morell, Scott, Seigle,
Sheppard, Thomas

Chair: Finkel

AGENDA: 1. Latin American Defense Work
2. Financial Report
3. Membership

1. LATIN AMERICAN DEFENSE WORK

Jenness reported:

The U.S. Committee for Justice to Latin American Prisoners held a successful activists conference on Dec. 7 and 8 in New York City which evaluated USLA's general perspectives and discussed specific action campaigns.

USLA has been under pressure from sectarians and ultralefts, including the Internationalist Tendency party, involved in Chile defense work to support the Chilean "resistance." The activists' conference rejected taking this political position and reaffirmed USLA's statement of purpose defining the organization as a defense committee.

Specific projects outlined were:

1) Continuing the successful work done so far in collaborating with NOW and other women's liberation organizations to publicize the condition of women prisoners in Chile.

2) Organize a campaign against right-wing and government terror in Argentina. A tour of the U.S. by Juan Coral, leader of the PST in Argentina, in March and April will highlight this campaign.

Since the conference USLA has decided to help initiate an ad hoc committee to defend Genoveva Forest and other Spanish political prisoners. (See article by Peter Green in Dec. 9 Intercontinental Press, "Genoveva Forest Tortured by Franco's Police.") NOW has already indicated an interest in this.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Sheppard reported.

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Scott reported on the recommendation of the Philadelphia branch that B.R. be readmitted to the party.

Motion: To concur with the recommendation of the Philadelphia branch that B.R. be readmitted to the party.

Carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED