

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES, Number 3, April 10, 1970

Present: B. Barnes, J. Barnes, Breitman, Britton, DeBerry,
Dobbs, Halstead, J. Hansen, Horowitz, LaMont,
F. Lovell, Ring, Waters.

Visitors: Kerry, Seigle

Chairman: Ring

AGENDA: 1. National Financial Director
 2. Youth Report
 3. World Movement Report
 4. Denver Chicano Conference

1. NATIONAL FINANCIAL DIRECTOR

J. Barnes reported.

Motion: That Judy White be designated as National
Financial Director.

Carried.

2. YOUTH REPORT

LaMont reported that youth NEC concurred with PC
recommendation to retain same name for magazine.

3. WORLD MOVEMENT REPORT

J. Hansen reported.

4. DENVER CHICANO CONFERENCE

Britton reported.

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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TO ALL ORGANIZERS AND BOBER TOUR DIRECTORS

Dear Comrades,

The political impact of the Bober tour has already demonstrated itself at the first meetings organized for him. He wins enthusiastic applause from Arab students who are gratified by his sharp and relentless attack on Zionism and the Israeli state. Bober's critique of Zionism and exposure of Zionist practice deepens the questioning of radical Jewish students about the whole Zionist enterprise. He makes an impressive case for socialism and a socialist solution to the Mideast crisis. There is every reason to expect that the Bober tour, if supported and built correctly, will bring significant gains for the party and the YSA.

Comrades should be aware of some problems that have arisen already and should take precautions to avoid these in the future.

1) The Jewish Defense League and other pro-Zionist groups are apparently organizing to first prevent publicity about speaking engagements and then to disrupt the meetings themselves. Posters are torn down soon after they are put on display; pressure is exerted on campus groups to withdraw sponsorship; ads and articles in campus publications somehow never appear. Preparations have to be made to inform potential audiences about meetings through massive leafleting, mailings and announcements at various public affairs. Arab student and other Third World groups are glad to help build meetings and should be invited to do so. We must organize adequately to prevent disruption of meetings.

2) Bober is more than willing to debate Zionists. The presence of Zionists who are politically active on a campus or in a city should not be reason to hesitate arranging a meeting for Bober.

3) The Bober tour is a defense committee-type tour and should not be mixed in with other activities such as our election or other campaigns. If he speaks at antiwar rallies it must be on the topic of the Middle East situation, not the war in Vietnam.

4) At public meetings Bober can appear on the platform with Arabs of any point of view and any organizational affiliation. But such public meetings should not be sponsored or co-sponsored by any Arab organization for legal reasons.

If there are any questions on these points, call Berta Langston at 212-254-6362 or discuss them with Bober when he arrives in your area.

Comradely,

Jack Barnes

Jack Barnes
Organization Secretary
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Susan LaMont

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National Secretary
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