

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES, No. 49, June 15, 1967

Present: Barnes, DeBerry, Dobbs, Halstead, Hansen, Novack, Shaw, Sheppard, Jones.

Chairman: Dobbs.

AGENDA:

1. Antiwar Report.
2. Middle East.
3. International.
4. Swabeck Letter.
5. National Guardian.
6. Northern Plenum.

1. ANTIWAR REPORT

Halstead reported on Spring Mobilization Committee and progress on referendums.

Discussion: Novack, Hansen.

2. MIDDLE EAST

Sheppard reported on projected articles on Middle East for press.

Discussion: Novack.

3. INTERNATIONAL

Hansen reported English co-thinkers campaign to get subscriptions to press service is getting good results.

4. SWABECK LETTER

Dobbs reported receipt of letter of June 5 from Swabeck, along with letter of June 2 from Swabeck to Healy. (See attached.)

Discussion: Hansen, Halstead, Novack, DeBerry, Barnes, Shaw, Dobbs.

General agreement: To attach letters to minutes for information of National Committee members and to hold matter over for further consideration at next meeting.

5. NATIONAL GUARDIAN

Novack reported on talk with Irving Beinin on changes in Guardian staff. Subscriptions currently dropping and former base of support dwindling. They plan to orient to the "New Left", specifically SDS.

Discussion: Halstead, Barnes.

6. NORTHERN PLENUM

Shaw reported on request from Northern friends to send observer to plenum to be held July 6,7,8.

Motion: To assign Jack Barnes as observer.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Attachment to Political Committee Minutes, No. 49, June 15, 1967

(C O P Y)

Los Angeles, June 5, 1967

Dear Farrell:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I sent to Gerry Healy and the Socialist Labor League. Its content will demonstrate clearly and obviously that the views expressed are my own. It does not pretend to speak for anybody else.

I am sending a copy of this letter also, together with a copy of my letter to the recent plenum, to our co-thinkers for their information.

Comradely yours,

S/ Arne