

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES, Number 2, September 24, 1969

Present: DeBerry, Dobbs, Hansen, Novack, Ring, Seigle, Shaw.

Visitors: Kerry, Horowitz.

Chairman: Dobbs

AGENDA: 1. Madison Applications  
2. Boston Branch  
3. Antiwar Report  
4. Socialist Scholars Conference

1. MADISON APPLICATIONS

Dobbs reported.

Motion: To admit to the party as members at-large Patrick Q., Bob W., Martha Q., Jim W., Glenn J., John van H., and Lew P.

Carried.

2. BOSTON BRANCH

Kerry reported on his visit to the Boston branch as a representative of the Political Committee. His report to the branch at a September 16 meeting -- outlining the perspective of accelerated party expansion activity in the New England area by assigning reinforcements to the Boston branch, beginning with the immediate assignment of Comrade Peter Camejo to the Boston branch -- was unanimously accepted.

3. ANTIWAR REPORT

Horowitz reported.

Preparations are well underway for the November 15 demonstration and all indications from initial coalition meetings point to a highly favorable response from the antiwar movement. (See The Militant for details.) The only major problem so far is the weakened condition of the New York Parade Committee, which we are taking steps to strengthen.

The Vietnam Moratorium October 15 appears to have very substantial support and it will be a large action. We should fully support and build the Moratorium, work with the SMC to set up united fronts and collaborative relations with the student government leaders in the Moratorium, and make October 15 a major action leading up to the March on Washington and the Student Strike November 15. The Moratorium's "legitimacy" among the more conservative sections of the antiwar movement offers opportunities to broaden support for the mass actions on the campuses, in which the SMC will play the key part.

The SMC is experiencing great growth in the first weeks of school, fully living up to the potential we envisioned. The SMC's authority as the national organization of antiwar youth is being enhanced, enabling it to approach other tendencies, student government leaders, faculty, and other antiwar groups for support to the strike. Student dissatisfaction with SDS is bringing many militant youth into the SMC. The SMC must think big in light of all the opportunities -- in terms of finances, publicity, broad support, and massive militant actions.

#### 4. SOCIALIST SCHOLARS CONFERENCE

Novack reported.

Meeting adjourned.