

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES No. 16, June 9, 1966

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

Chairman: Halstead.

AGENDA:

1. Antiwar Movement.
2. International.
3. Resident NC Meeting.

1. ANTIWAR MOVEMENT

Barnes reported latest developments:

(1) New York Times article reported Emspak press conference where it was stated that NCC in Madison endorses Weiss, Scheer and Aptheker; first time NCC is formally on record as endorsing Democratic party candidates.

(2) Correspondence circulated by NCC to entire mailing list falsely announcing that New York Parade Committee has reconsidered August 6-9 demonstration.

(3) A letter in reply to NCC "error" is being circulated by Fifth Ave. Vietnam Peace Parade Committee holding to August 6-9 date.

(4) Newsletter sent out mailing backing August 6-9 date. Sales of latest Newsletter increased to such a point that a second run was necessary to fill orders.

Supplementary report by Halstead on division in New York area over August 6-9 demonstration, one section wanting to go ahead, another wanting to postpone. An active workers conference to be held in June to build up August 6-9 event; anybody who wants to build is welcome to come and help make decision as to nature of demonstration.

Discussion: Kerry, Barnes.

2. INTERNATIONAL

Hansen reported:

(1) Cuba's call for aid in countering possible U.S. offensive. Fair Play for Cuba Committee in Toronto received telegram from Cuban YCL and issued statement saying they will cooperate. Spanish and Portuguese language groups in Toronto participating actively in getting offers of volunteers for Cuba.

Discussion: Dobbs, Kerry, Shaw, Barnes, Sheppard, Novack.

General discussion on election results in Dominican Republic.

(2) Hansen called attention to article in current Monthly Review

by a representative of the Argentine delegation to the Tricontinental Conference. Article of importance because it is written from inside and shows composition of various delegations, various tendencies, and what occurred there in relation to the struggle over different lines.

(3) Information about arrests and tortures of Posadistas in Mexico.

Barnes reported invitation to meeting being called by editors of Monthly Review to discuss what steps may be taken.

Discussion: Kerry, Barnes, Dobbs, Novack, Hansen.

Agreed to send representatives.

### 3. RESIDENT NC MEETING

Agreed that meeting be called for Friday, June 17.

Meeting adjourned.