

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES No. 13, May 12, 1966

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

Chairman: DeBerry.

AGENDA:

1. Statement on Kirk-Kaye Split.
2. International.
3. Antiwar Report.
4. Organization Secretary Report.

1. STATEMENT ON KIRK-KAYE SPLIT

Dobbs submitted draft statement on the Kirk-Kaye split. Agreed that comrades who have not already done so will submit any proposed editorial changes quite soon.

Motion by Dobbs: To approve general line of statement on Kirk-Kaye split, to attach it to PC minutes and to prepare an information bulletin containing statement and other pertinent information reports about the split for distribution in party.

Carried.

(Edited statement attached.)

2. INTERNATIONAL

Hansen reported.

Mexico: Convention held where officials of organization were elected; world congress material out in Spanish edition of QI; arrested Posadistas denied bail.

Discussion: Warde.

Hansen raised question about previous decision to send youth observers to Mexico.

Discussion: Barnes, Kerry, Warde, Sheppard, Dobbs.

Agreed that Warde and Hansen work together on this project.

3. ANTIWAR MOVEMENT

Barnes reported that New York antiwar committee letter containing call for International Days of Protest August 6-9 has gone out. Deutscher will speak with Stone and Muste at New York meeting scheduled May 23, and in Berkeley May 21.

Halstead reported various reactions for and against the actions planned. Telephone campaign by CP elements around country seems

under way to fight action, although CP has not opposed Deutscher as a May 23 speaker. Evidence mounts, however, that they will oppose anything that might weaken their drive for participation in Democratic primaries.

Discussion: Kerry, Dobbs, Warde, Shaw, Hansen.

#### 4. ORGANIZATION SECRETARY REPORT

Shaw reported.

(a) Invitation from the North to send representative to convention as observer. Warde has agreed to attend.

(b) Following letter has been sent to President Gustavo Díaz Ordaz of Mexico.

"The Socialist Workers Party vigorously condemns the attempt by the Mexican government to witch-hunt and smear the strike of students of the National Autonomous University as part of a 'communist plot.'

"The SWP demands the immediate release of those arrested, and the dropping of the frame-up charges against them."

(c) Report of Chicago "Committee for Independent Political Action" to be sent to locals and branches. Looks as though the committee is finished. This seems to be the trend in attempting to get this kind of political action off the ground.

A report, expected from New York Local on Beinin's East Side group and Aronowitz-Abrams West Side CIPA, will also be sent to branches.

After comrades have read these reports, a discussion in PC is proposed on various forms of electoral activity being pushed by CP, reformists and others, attempting to use antiwar sentiment as springboard.

Meeting adjourned.