

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING, No. 32, August 10, 1972

Present: Barnes, Britton, Camejo, A. Hansen, Horowitz, Jenness, Jones, Lovell, Morrison, Rose, Shaw, Sheppard, Stone, Waters

Consultative: Dobbs, Novack

Visitors: A. Camejo, Scott, Seigle, Vidal

Chairman: Barnes

AGENDA: 1. Chicano Work Report
2. Administrative Committee Report

1. CHICANO WORK REPORT

A. Camejo reported.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the report.

Carried.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Jones reported.

Motion: To approve a special 10-week newspaper and magazine subscription campaign in cooperation with the youth and to take place from September 15 through November 22; that the goal be approximately 30,000 newspaper and 3,000 magazine subscriptions; that the newspaper special offer be approximately \$1.00 for 20 weeks, and that the Administrative Committee be authorized to establish the definite goal and price following further consultation with the branches and with the departments involved.

Discussion

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

14 Charles Lane
New York, N.Y. 10014
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OAKLAND--BERKELEY

Cathy Matson & Bill Massey

Dear Comrades Matson and Massey,

I wish to call your attention to an important error of fact in your letter of July 25, 1972, addressed to the Political Committee.

You indicate that the Socialist Workers Party is the "United States Section of the Fourth International." This is false. The Socialist Workers Party is prevented by reactionary legislation from affiliation with the Fourth International. While the SWP is thus prevented from being a section of the Fourth International, it is in political solidarity with it.

Your false statement endangers the security of the party.

Comradely,

Barry Sheppard

Barry Sheppard
National Organization Secretary

cc: United Secretariat

RESULTS OF NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

(Figures are based on survey returns from members amounting to 82.1% of the total membership.)

AGE

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Percent of Party</u>
20 and under	13.0
21-25	38.7
26-30	25.6
31-35	8.8
36-40	2.8
41-45	2.4
46-50	2.4
51-55	1.9
56-60	2.2
over 60	2.2

Average age of party -- 28.4 years

Median age of party -- 25 years

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>% of SWP full-timers</u>	<u>% of other full-timers</u>	<u>% of EC members</u>	<u>% of organizers</u>	<u>% of NC members</u>
25 & less	40.3	73.0	51.8	31.1	5.4
26-30	41.7	17.0	34.1	50.0	21.6
31-35	7.0	8.0	7.1	16.7	21.6
over 35	11.0	2.0	7.0	2.2	51.3

DURATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Percent of current members who joined within indicated years:

<u>Years</u>	<u>% joined party</u>	<u>% joined movement</u>
1972	8.6	0.7
1971	27.3	12.5
1970	17.5	18.8
1965-69	28.3	45.7
1960-64	8.4	12.1
1960-59	2.1	2.4
1940-49	3.5	3.5
before 1940	4.3	4.3

53.4% of party members joined since the beginning of 1970.

81.7% of party members joined since the beginning of 1965.

	<u>% of party</u>	<u>% of SWP full-timers</u>	<u>% of other full-timers</u>	SEX	<u>% of EC members</u>	<u>% of organizers</u>	<u>% of NC members</u>
Female	39.8	37.5	54.0		45.9	38.9	21.6
Male	60.2	62.5	46.0		54.1	61.1	78.4

PARTY-YSA INFORMATION

Of members currently in the party:

40.1% are in the YSA.

42.8% have graduated from the YSA.

Of members who joined during or since 1960, 92.3% are presently in or have graduated from the YSA.

JOB INFORMATION

- 44.1% of members have full-time jobs.
- 8.6% of members have part-time jobs.
- 5.1% of members are unemployed and are not students.
- 17.4% of members have full-time assignments for the SWP.
- 11.8% of members have other full-time assignments.
- 1.2% of members are retired.
- 1.7% of members are self-employed.

STUDENTS

15.2% of the party are students.

- Of these:
- 76.8% are in college
 - 10.4% are in junior colleges
 - 6.4% are in high school
 - 5.6% are in trade school
 - 0.8% are unidentified
 - 12.0% have full-time jobs
 - 21.6% have part-time jobs
 - 9.6% are members of unions

UNIONS

24.1% of all party members are members of trade unions.
Those unions in which there are the largest numbers of members are:

Teamsters	24
AFT	19
ITU	12
IAM	11
AFSCME	11
SSEU	10
UTU	9
UAW	6
Ironworkers	5
Retail Clerks	5