

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING No. 14, December 19, 1975

Present: Barnes, Breitman, Camejo, Gersh, Hansen, Jenness,  
Lovell, Seigle, Sheppard, Thomas

Visitors: Jones, Lyons, Miah, Stone

Chair: Gersh

- AGENDA:
1. Political Report
  2. Implementation of Party Turn
  3. Draft of Portugal Statement
  4. Angola Campaign
  5. National Field Organizer
  6. YSA Convention Greetings
  7. Political Committee
  8. Revolutionary Marxist Organizing Committee  
Correspondence
  9. Membership
  10. Canadian Convention

1. POLITICAL REPORT

Barnes reported.

Discussion

Motion: To approve the general line of the report for presentation to the plenum.

Carried.

2. IMPLEMENTATION OF PARTY TURN

Jenness reported further on report to the plenum on implementation of the party turn.

Discussion

3. DRAFT OF PORTUGAL STATEMENT

(J. Hansen and Lund invited for this point.)

Sheppard reported.

Discussion

Motion: To approve draft of statement on Portugal for presentation to the plenum

Carried.

4. ANGOLA CAMPAIGN

Thomas reported on plans to launch campaign against U.S. involvement in Angola which will include a tour by Thomas, publication of literature, and protest picket lines and meetings.

Discussion

Motion: To approve report and assign Seigle to draft statement on U.S. intervention in Angola for presentation to the plenum.

Carried.

5. NATIONAL FIELD ORGANIZER

Barnes reported.

Discussion

Motion: That Stone be a national field organizer responsible to the national office.

Carried.

6. YSA CONVENTION GREETINGS

Barnes reported.

Discussion

Motion: That Stone present greetings for SWP at YSA convention.

Carried.

7. POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Barnes reported.

Motion: To propose to the plenum that the Political Committee be composed of 23 members and to nominate Barnes, Blackstock, Breitman, Camejo, Garza, Hansen, Horowitz, D. Jenness, L. Jenness, Jones, Lovell, Lund, Lyons, Miah, Scott, Seigle, Shaw, Sheppard, Stapleton, Stone, Thomas, Waters, and a representative to be designated by the YSA National Executive Committee.

Discussion

Motion by Camejo: to amend the Barnes proposal so as not to nominate comrades who cannot attend meetings.

Discussion

Vote on Camejo amendment.

Camejo for, all others opposed.

Defeated.

Vote on Barnes motion.

Carried unanimously.

## 8. REVOLUTIONARY MARXIST ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE

Sheppard reported that the Revolutionary Marxist Organizing Committee, whose components are representatives of the Internationalist Tendency, Baltimore Marxist Group, Socialist Union, and Revolutionary Marxist Collective, has requested admission into the SWP. He reported on a report in the IT (New Faction) Newsletter, sent to us by Barzman, that the RMOC decided not to collaborate with the SWP. (See attached.)

### Discussion

Motion: There is no change in practice of any of the components of the RMOC since our letters of November 27, 1974, to them indicating that their refusal to agree to SWP discipline made admission impossible. If there is any change, we will seriously consider discussion with them.

Carried.

## 9. MEMBERSHIP

Stone reported on application of N.B. in Toledo to be a member-at-large.

Motion: To accept N.B. as a member-at-large.

Carried.

## 10. CANADIAN CONVENTION

Barnes reported.

Motion: To designate Jones and Thomas as observers to the Canadian Convention.

Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

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Revolutionary Marxist Organizing Committee  
[address in original]  
Los Angeles, CA

October 27, 1975 [postmarked Nov. 17, 1975]

Socialist Workers Party  
14 Charles Lane  
New York, N.Y. 10014

Dear Comrades:

On October 25, 26, representatives of the Internationalist Tendency (IT), Baltimore Marxist Group (BMG), Socialist Union (SU) and Revolutionary Marxist Collective (RMC) met in Baltimore. On the basis of general agreement with the documents of the Tenth World Congress, the Building a Revolutionary Party in Capitalist America of the IT, and the IMT positions on Portugal, particularly "In Defense of the Portuguese Revolution", the IT decided to recruit the members of the SU, BMG, and RMC, and to adopt the name Revolutionary Marxist Organizing Committee, (RMOC).

It is the opinion of the RMOC that all Trotskyist forces in the U.S. sympathetic to the Fourth International should be in a single organization. We therefore request collective admission into the SWP.

If accepted, we would, of course, abide by party discipline. We would also exercise the full rights and responsibilities of an organized tendency or faction.

We are prepared to discuss these matters with you.

Comradely,

Revolutionary Marxist Organizing Committee

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Excerpt from the IT (New Faction) Newsletter of November 28, 1975, concerning the Revolutionary Marxist Organizing Committee

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### 3. Briefs

#### Once Again on the Analysis of the SWP

The United Secretariat of October 4 and 5, received a telegram from a new group in the USA, which includes a few former members of the IT, inviting the IMT to attend its conference in Baltimore. No objections were made by the observing representatives of the SWP to a proposal to send an IMT representative to this conference to explain the IMT's support of the SWP, and the need to join the SWP and build it under the discipline of its leadership. This trip was made by Cde Livio at the expense of the group. However, the group proceeded to establish a new organization called the Revolutionary Marxist Organizing Committee with headquarters in Los Angeles, and did not adopt any new analysis of the SWP which would have reversed the incorrect sectarian stand on the nature of the SWP defended by the leaders of this group in the IT pre-conference discussion of last April. An application for collective admission in the SWP (most members of RMOG have never been in the SWP) was adopted by this group, admittedly as a formality. The group decided to continue not to collaborate with the SWP. Following the conference, the IMT representative gave a report on it to the SWP leadership. At its meeting of November 19, 1975, the IMT Enlarged Bureau decided to continue to have no relations with this group. It is to be hoped that the SWP leadership will assume its responsibilities as the leadership of a fraternal group of the FI. to have a discussion with the comrades of the RMOG and try to win them over to the SWP.

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