

13th Congressional District Committee for Independent Political
Action--Minutes, March 24, 1966

Discussion on request to Cong. Rumsfeld to hold open hearings on Vietnam in the district. Groups that have agreed to sign the call along with CIFA are: North Shore Women for Peace, Midwest Faculty Committee on Vietnam, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Northwestern Students for a Democratic Society, Steering Committee of North Suburban Coordinating Council, Social Concerns Committee of Evanston Council of Churches, United Churchwomen of Evanston.

It was decided to attempt to get more groups to endorse the call before sending the request to Cong. Rumsfeld. Other groups to be contacted are:

National Council of Jewish Women--by Fred Glick
League of Women Voters--by Sarah Shoresman in Winnetka
and Gladys Knobel in Glenview

Glenview group--by John Saari

Urban League--by Jack Korshak

Unions--by Ed Dish, Fred Glick, Irv Kurack, Jack Korshak

Names of other groups in community to be researched from local newspapers and to be contacted where officers or members are known.

Comments on draft of letter prepared by Jack Korshak:

It should spell out nature and format of meeting

It should indicate that we want more than Cong. Rumsfeld's chairing of the meeting, that we want him to participate in planning it

It should spell out more clearly that all viewpoints will be heard

Our way (tentative) of thinking of the format:

1. 4 or 5 experts speaking from the platform
2. questions from the floor
3. people speaking from the floor

Communications from Lucy Montgomery:

Since Mrs. Montgomery will be away for a while, we need a new representative to the downtown SIFA group. Larry Knobel will get in touch with Irv Birnbaum on this. The downtown group has let its office and secretary go, and is only meeting occasionally.

In the 1st Congressional District:

Fred Hubbard is running in the primary against Cong. Dawson. He got more than 10,000 signatures on his nominating petitions, and David Reed withdrew in his favor. Tim Black is running for the state senate. Mr. Newhouse is also running for this seat.

A letter was received from Mrs. W.J. Sumner asking our interest in the independent candidacy of Frances Woods to the District 65 School Board. It was decided that a letter be written in reply stating that the 13th Cong. District CIFA has not yet reached the necessary level of organization effectively to be of assistance in this campaign since the election takes place so soon.

A letter was received from Bob Salberg, Independent Republican candidate for the state senate from the 13th District. He asked to appear and request CIFA endorsement of his candidacy. Mr. Salberg has been phoned and will attend the next meeting.

Report on the record of Senator Paul Douglas on U.S. foreign policy toward China and Southeast Asia--made by Larry Knobel. This report is with reference to the projected campaign for abstentions in the

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Douglas-Percy contest.

Materials so far collected are incomplete. More information and sources are needed. From the material thus far collected, it appears that:

Senator Douglas' whole emphasis has been on a military solution

his predictions have been inaccurate--in 1954 he said that an Indochina settlement at Geneva would lead to all the Asian dominions falling

Mr. Knobel will write to Senator Douglas asking for his past statements and record on Vietnam.

\$17 was collected to defray mailing costs.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, 8:00 pm, at the Knobels' house, 340 Green Bay Road, Glencoe.

The agenda will be:

1. Bob Salberg will speak on his platform
2. Larry Knobel will report on further research on Douglas
3. Fred Glick, Bob Velland, and Jack Korshak will present a redraft of the letter to Cong. Rumsfeld
4. Reports of other groups willing to cosponsor the call for open hearings on Vietnam

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