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STEERING COMMITTEE

AT ITS MEETING ON APRIL 13, 1946

WOOD-RANKIN COMMITTEE: The Wood-Rankin Committee is continuing the infamous work of the Dies Committee which was repudiated by the Congress and a majority of whose members were defeated by the American people. The Committee is exceeding the authority vested in it by the Congress, and proceeding in utter disregard of the basic civil and constitutional rights of American citizens. It does not even pretend to use the investigatory powers of the Congress for the purpose of aiding it in proposing legislation but is employing that power to threaten, coerce and intimidate progressive individuals and organizations in the exercise of the basic rights of freedom of speech and of the press and to petition the Congress for redress of grievances. Members of the committee and of its staff have openly expressed their contempt of democracy and have given voice to fascist expressions of race hatred. While carefully refraining from any real investigation of American fascist groups, they employ the Hitler technique of branding progressive individuals and groups as communist.

An end must be promptly put to the work of this committee whose unauthorized and un-American activities are discrediting the entire Congress. We urge the Congress to abolish this committee and call upon our state affiliates to ask the Congressmen to sign House petition number 12 for that purpose.

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SPAIN: The existence of the fascist regime of Franco is by no means exclusively an internal question for the oppressed people of Spain. So long as fascism exists anywhere, it threatens the peace and security of free nations everywhere. The victory which the United Nations won at such terrible cost will never be secure as long as these allies of Hitler remain in power. Today they are giving refuge to German war criminals, providing a hiding place for Nazi assets and converting their countries into a base for the organization of new aggressives against the democratic world. The United Nations must take prompt action against this danger to world peace.

We urge the United States delegation to the Security Council to support the request of Poland to place the Spanish question on the agenda of the Council; to vote in favor of concerted action by the United Nations breaking off all diplomatic and economic relations with Franco, and to support the proposal for the recognition of the Spanish Republican regime in exile.

POLL TAX: As one of the main objectives of the National Citizens Political Action Committee is the removal of all hindrances to that key of democracy, the ballot, we reaffirm our support of the Federal Anti-Poll Tax Bill - H. R. 7 which is now pending on the calendar of the United States Senate, we call upon President Truman and Robert Hannegan and Senator Barkley to bring the bill up as quickly as possible and put the full power of the Democratic Party behind it and call upon members of both parties to vote for cloture against the filibuster by which the Poll Tax bloc will seek its defeat. We declare that any vote against the Bill and cloture will be regarded as a vote against our basic democratic precepts and a vote for Bilbo and for all the ideas for which he stands.

BRITAIN: A motion was made and carried that National Citizens PAC go on record as welcoming the offer of the British Government to still further cut down their rations if the United States will institute rationing of wheat.

COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING: A motion was made and carried that National Citizens PAC reaffirm its stand opposing compulsory military training.