

MINUTES, 16 December 1964.....N.Y. SPARTACIST COMMITTEE

Present: Harry, Lynne, Jim, Al, Paul, Shirley, Danny, Dave, Peter, Charlotte(on leave), Roger(on leave). Other: George, Sam  
Absent: Tippy, Edith, Shane, Price, Loretta

Meeting convened at 8:40 p.m.

- 1. Organization of Meeting: (a) Chairman - Dave
- (b) Agenda adopted
- (c) Minutes of 12/2 read and accepted;  
4 sets of old BA minutes received.

Motion: To admit Sam S. with voice. passed

2. General Information and Correspondence:

- a) Unification with YPSL RT: REB will act on this Monday. Will mean about 12 people. Assets of RT include (i) 3 dedicated leading comrades; (ii) quasi-monopoly of radical movement at Cornell; (iii) access to a number of working-class youth in Texas. YPSL RT statement available.
- b) Police Terror in Harlem - HDC pamphlet available.
- c) Letter from Steve S. - reporting on Detroit YSA demonstration on Congo. Joe Ellen may be recruited. Joe Ellen and Steve moving to Chicago.
- d) BA Student Demonstrations - most outstanding student struggle in 30 years. Our comrades only marginally involved. Excellent BA leaflet and PL leaflet available.
- e) American Socialist - new monthly paper of Barton-Komatsu (ex)-YPSL grouping.
- f) Travel - Lynne and Jim to West Coast and Chicago; Al and Shirley to YSA Convention in Chicago (Kent, Ohio, YSA to support our call for reinstatement of expelled comrades).
- g) Lyndon will arrive in N.Y. soon. Several from Cornell will be in New York over weekend.

[note - CAUTION(!)re RAM Conference report appended to minutes previously. RAM is hyper-security conscious; information from the report, or the very existence of the report, must not be revealed outside the Spartacist group! This is a matter of national discipline.]

3. Finances: Al

On hand \$416.39. Cost of SPARTACIST 3 - \$370 to printers; est. \$50 mailing cost. \$318 owed in N.Y. back dues. Our financial situation now difficult and extra effort must be made in N.Y. and nationally to relieve it.

4. SPARTACIST No. 3 - Jim.

Will be ready Friday. 3,000 copies, 16 pages. No.4 is projected to consist of analysis of Berkeley Student demonstrations by Geoff and review of Wetter. Shirley writing Black Nationalism article in response to letters from friend in RAM leadership. Mage will review Deutscher's Prophet, hopefully for No.5. Assignments made for pick-up, mailing, and Friday and Sat. sales.

5. Elections

Motion by Harry: that Roger have a vote even though on leave of absence,

Discussion. (Roger withdrew his leave of absence.) motion died.

Motion by Jim: (1) that it takes a majority of those voting to be elected. passed unanimously  
 (2) that everyone must vote for a full slate of offices.

Vote on (2): all for except Danny and Roger opposed, Dave abst.  
passed

Organizer - Shirley elected

Press and Literature Agent - Loretta elected

Secretary - Lynne elected

Treasurer - Al elected

Executive Committee:

Nominations: Al, Peter, Roger, Dave, Harry, Lynne (Lynne declined and was renominated)

Vote: Harry-10, Dave-10, Al-7, Roger-5, Lynne-4, Peter-4

1st Run-Off: Peter-4, Lynne-3, Roger-3

2nd Run-Off: Peter-7, Roger-3 (Lynne declined again)

Elected: Harry, Dave, Al, Peter

6. Mass Work:

a) New York CORE - Harry reporting for Exec. Committee:

The Executive Committee asked Lynne to reconsider her decision to resign from Housing Committee pending investigation of new area of housing work; the Exec. Comm. declined to report favorably on Lynne's motion from last meeting on expanding work in Morningside Tenants Council.

Two questions were involved - Lynne's withdrawal from the Housing Committee and transfer to Employment Committee, and the expansion of the Morningside Tenants Council.

(Motion: to extend meeting till 11:30 pm. passed)

Motion: that we have one round of discussion on question of transfer, with a 3 minute limit per speaker. passed

Motion by Al: That Lynne reconsider her decision to withdraw, etc.

Discussion: Jim, Roger, Paul, Peter, Al, Lynne, Harry

Motion by Roger: to approve transfer

Motion by Harry: that fraction decide question

Amendment by Jim to Harry's motion: that the decision of the fraction be binding and that the fraction meet before Sat.

Al and Roger withdrew their motions.

Harry's amended motion: passed unanimously

Discussion on expansion of Morningside Tenants Council:

Motion by Al: that fraction report back to next meeting.  
motion withdrawn

Motion by Dave: to table

Amendment: to take up within 6 weeks.  
amended motion passed

- (b) Harlem Defense Council - Shirley  
 Non-Partisan Defense Committee met, doesn't seem as bad as previously. Good pamphlet prepared. People on mailing list being visited.

On motion passed at last meeting regarding Harlem Solidarity Committee, Dave called Workers World. They never called back and didn't seem interested. REB will take up question Monday.

Rest of agenda (read only - no action)

- (c) May 2nd Movement and Saturday rally
- (d) United Front proposal on Congo rally
- 7. Campus Work
  - (a) M2M at CCNY
  - (b) Columbia Spartacist Club
  - (c) Columbia CORE union action
- 8. Educations

Motion by Jim: That N.Y. Spartacist go on record as in favor of signing the petition in defense of Bill Epton. Roger objected. Due to the lateness of the hour the motion was tabled till next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.