

MINUTES, N.Y. SPARTACIST COMMITTEE.....16 June 1965

Present: Lyndon, Paul, Jim, Lynne, Danny, Mark, Harry, Al, Sam, Shirley
Others: Dave R., Bill, Jan, Chris, Dee, Chuck, Jim M., Liz, Winnie
Absent: Dave, Shane, Price, Tippy, Peter, Roger (on assign.)

Meeting convened at 8:40 p.m.

- 1. Organization of Meeting:
 - (a) Chairman - Al
 - (b) Agenda accepted
 - (c) Minutes of 6/2 read and accepted

Motion: To admit Jim M., Dave R., Chris, Dee, and also Bill, Jan, Liz, and Chuck.

passed

2. REB Meeting of 6/14 - Jim

(a) Meeting with Wohlforth arranged for Friday. Our representatives are Robertson, Turner, and Stoute, with Harper, sec'y. Theirs are Wohlforth, Mazelis, and van Ronk, with Michael, alternate. Cautionary letter to our membership from REB read. Instructions to our representatives reported. Unity here is linked to unity internationally. Dave's letter on Healy read.

(b) Letter from Doug reporting problems in Austin and Houston.

(c) Misc. Chris and Dee opened up prospects for a small local in Conn. At present we have 4 such prospects: N.Orleans; Seattle; Columbus, Ohio; and Conn. Letter from Malcolm Bruce, states he has resigned from the LSA and asked us to announce this. Exchange of letters with Charlie S. reported; REB endorsed Al's letter to Charlie. Ron has been cleared of all charges in Nebraska. Cuban Trotskyists have been released from jail. Meeting with Marcus, SWP oppositionist, has been arranged. Disintegration of Balto local has not only been arrested but reversed; all worthwhile members have returned and are functioning; local needs organization.

Disc: Jim, Al, Jim, Shirley, Al, Sam

4. Personnel:

Motion: To give Danny a transfer to Chicago for summer.

passed

Motion: To accept transfer of Chris, Dave R., and Dee of Ithaca to N.Y. for summer.

passed

Motion: To grant Dave K. leave-of-absence for the summer.

passed

Motion: To elect Chris assistant organizer during his stay here and add him to the Exec. Disc. Jim

passed

Motion: To refer to Exec. question of Peter's activities and/or membership.

passed

Motion: To accept Mark T. as a full member.

passed

5. New York City Elections:

Motion: to endorse the motions passed by the Exec.

- (1) We call upon the labor and civil rights movements to put forward independent candidates in the forthcoming City elections.
- (2) We give critical support to those working-class candidates, Clifton De Berry of the SWP for mayor and Bill Epton of Progressive Labor for State Senator from the 21st Senatorial District, in the event that the labor and civil rights movements do not put forward independent candidates for these offices.
- (3) We oppose Major Owens and Jesse Gray because they are running as candidates of capitalist parties and thereby furthering illusions of the black working-class in these parties.

Amendment: In (3) to oppose the candidacies rather than the individuals. Amendment accepted.

passed unanimously

Lyndon's draft press release was read.

Disc: Jim, Shirley, Dee, Lynne, Mark, Sam, Winnie, Al, Harry, etc.

Minor revisions were suggested to the excellent statement.

Motion by Lynne: To endorse the statement, to be extended in light of the discussion.

passed unanimously

6. M2M, SDS and Free University:

SDS- Dee reported on N.Y. Committee on Viet Nam plans to organize people to organize communities on Viet Nam. Roger and Dee went to meeting of about 20. Rally planned for July 8. Educational seminars and 'Teach-Out' in D.C. planned.

M2M- Planning meeting for summer will be on Sunday.

Free University- (PL front, but open) 2 should be assigned.

Lynn Henderson of SWP teaching class on 'Permanent Revolution'.

Disc: Jan, Liz, Lynne, Jim

Motion To refer question of assignments for summer to Exec. and to make sure tonight that there will be a good turnout for tomorrow night's meeting.

passed

7. CORE - Lynne and Paul

General: N.Y. CORE debating whether or not to seek anti-poverty funds from government.

Employment: Committee met with Valentin of Nat'l Assoc. for P.R. Civil Rts. who will cooperate on our project in garment center. NAAPRCR has contacts in every union local. Valentin running for office on Demo. Party, wants to bring in decertification as a tactic.

8. Sales - Sam

280 SPARTACISTS sold at mass SANE rally (17,000 people) by 13 members and supporters. Our stands should be checked every 2 weeks. Latest issue of Challenge listed stands throughout city where it is sold--we should contact these stands for SPARTACIST.

Fri. 116 on Dominican Republic - Al and Lyndon

Fri. SSEU party - Al and Lyndon

Sat. night - rally for Bklyn Freedom Demo. Party - Paul and Dave

Sun. - Miss. Freedom Demo. Party rally - Chris, Dee, Lyndon, Winnie

Sam reported that at YAWF anti-fascist picket line they refused to permit either our signed or unsigned placards on the line, and instructed all on line not to accept our papers or leaflets.

9. Finances - Al

We are \$180 in the hole and also must prepare for August SPARTACIST expenses.

10. Good and Welfare:

Shirley needs help moving Sunday.

Class - refer to Exec. for immediate arrangements.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 11:45 p.m.