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JANUARY 9, 1958

DEAR FRIEND:

THE SOCIALIST YOUTH COMMITTEE OF CHICAGO INVITES YOU TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN A CONFERENCE---"PERSPECTIVES FOR SOCIALIST YOUTH"---TO BE HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO ON FEBRUARY 1 AND 2, 1958. THE CONFERENCE WILL BRING TOGETHER YOUTH REPRESENTING THE ENTIRE RANGE OF SOCIALIST TENDENCIES IN THE MIDWEST. PARTICIPANTS AND SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE MEMBERS OF NEW, INDEPENDENT, SOCIALIST CLUBS WHICH HAVE BEEN FORMED IN DETROIT, CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE, YPSILANTI, ANN ARBOR, MADISON, MINNEAPOLIS, ST. LOUIS AND NUMEROUS OTHER CITIES AND CAMPUSES IN THIS AREA.

THE CONFERENCE WILL FOCUS ON THOSE PROBLEMS WHICH FACE AMERICAN YOUTH. TOPICS SUCH AS JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, PEACE AND THE H-BOMB, THE NEGRO STRUGGLE IN AMERICA, THE STATE OF CIVIL LIBERTIES, WILL BE FEATURED IN PANEL AND SEMINAR DISCUSSIONS. (SEE ENCLOSED "SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION")

THE IMPORTANT THING ABOUT THE CONFERENCE IS THAT IT WILL INITIATE A WIDE-SCALE DISCUSSION AMONG SOCIALISTS OF ALL TENDENCIES---ORGANIZED AND INDEPENDENT. REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL RADICAL GROUPS ARE INVITED TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS TO THE CONFERENCE, AND TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN ALL DISCUSSIONS. THIS, WE BELIEVE, IS THE ONLY MANNER IN WHICH REAL SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS FACING AMERICAN YOUTH TODAY CAN BE ACHIEVED. WE HOPE THAT A BROAD, ALL-INCLUSIVE CONFERENCE WILL BE THE FIRST STEP IN A CONTINUING DISCUSSION AMONG SOCIALISTS IN THE MIDWEST.

SINCE PART OF THE MOTIVATION OF THE CONFERENCE HAS BEEN THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE PAST SIX OR EIGHT MONTHS, OF INDEPENDENT, ALL-INCLUSIVE SOCIALIST YOUTH GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE MIDWESTERN AREA, WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE KIND OF DISCUSSION WHICH WE PROPOSE WILL PROVIDE VALUABLE STIMULATION TO UNORGANIZED AND INDEPENDANT SOCIALISTS. ONE PART OF THE CONFERENCE, THEREFORE, WILL BE A SHARING OF EXPERIENCES ON WAYS AND MEANS OF ORGANIZING SOCIALIST DISCUSSION ON THE LOCAL LEVEL.

ATTACHED TO THIS LETTER IS A LIST OF SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR THE CONFERENCE AGENDA. THE FINAL AGENDA WILL BE APPROVED AT THE CONFERENCE ITSELF. FOR THE SAKE OF PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS, WE ARE REQUESTING THAT SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA BE FORWARDED TO THE CONFERENCE SECRETARY, J. MAXIM, 1457 E. 5TH PLACE, CHICAGO. THE SUCCESS OF THE VARIOUS PANELS AND SEMINARS ALSO DEPENDS, TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT, ON THE WILLINGNESS OF PERSONS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN A FULL, ROUNDED DISCUSSION TO PRESENT SHORT (APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTE) PRESENTATIONS OF THEIR VIEWS TO OPEN THE DISCUSSION AND FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE LEADING PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN ANALYSIS OF THE TOPIC. EVERYONE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN A PARTICULAR PANEL IS ALSO URGED TO CONTACT THE CONFERENCE SECRETARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

AS A SERVICE TO CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO ARE NEW TO SOCIALISM, WE ARE PROVIDING A REPRESENTATIVE EXHIBIT OF SOCIALIST PERIODICAL LITERATURE. WE INVITE SUGGESTIONS OF LITERATURE WHICH MIGHT BE INCLUDED. THE COMMITTEE WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ANY NEWSPAPER OR MAGAZINE WHICH IS SUGGESTED.

FRATERNALLY,

MIDWEST CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

J. Maxim
J. MAXIM
SECRETARY

P.S. INFORMATION CONCERNING ACCOMODATIONS WILL FOLLOW.

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR AGENDA

1. REPORTS FROM LOCAL CLUBS. DISCUSSION.
2. PANELS OR SEMINARS ON FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:
 - A. JUVENILE DELINQUENCY
 - B. PEACE AND THE H-BOMB
 - C. RECESSION AND DEPRESSION
 - D. NEGRO STRUGGLE
 - E. SOCIALISM AND DEMOCRACY

POINTS OF VIEW OF ALL TENDANCIES TO BE PRESENTED.

3. THE STATE OF CIVIL LIBERTIES.
 - A. ACADEMIC FREEDOM
 - B. ARMY DISCHARGE CASES
 - C. TAPP-HARTLEY CASES
 - D. SOBELL CASE
4. REPORTS ON SECTION TWO. DISCUSSION.
5. YOUNG SOCIALIST - DISCUSSION OF AIMS, POLICY, SUGGESTIONS, ETC,
6. "PERSPECTIVES FOR SOCIALIST YOUTH" - A SUMMARY DISCUSSION.

THE CONFERENCE WILL ALSO INCLUDE (PROBABLY) A COCKTAIL HOUR AND SPAGHETTI DINNER SATURDAY EVENING, FOLLOWED BY A PARTY AND HOOTENANNY.

THIS LIST EMBODIES SIGNIFICANT SUGGESTIONS MADE SO FAR. IT IS NOT A COMPLETED AGENDA.

SUGGESTED AGENDA FOR THE MIDWEST CONFERENCE

SATURDAY February 1

at UNIVERSITY of CHICAGO, Ida Noyes Hall, 59th St. between Woodlawn & Kimbark

9:00 AM Registration

Ed Calnek ~~9:45~~ Opening session

10:45

- a. Adoption of agenda 5
- b. Reports from Local areas (15 min. each).
Denver, Twin Cities, Madison, Chicago, Detroit, Ypsilanti, Toronto, Antioch, Cleveland, Oberlin, New York, Philadelphia
(persons from other areas who wish to make reports should prepare short 10 min. talks and space will be made on the agenda)
To be followed by a general discussion on the problems confronting the areas.

11:00

Concurrent seminars on Problems facing America's youth ^{Barbara Dority}

Rpt- Jean Bradford

- a. JUVENILE DELINQUENCY - discussion leader: ~~Ev Sill~~ ^{Barbara Dority} Wayne Young Socialist Club (Detroit)
- b. PEACE & THE H-BOMB - discussion leader: Lucky Finer, Wayne Young Socialist Club (Detroit)
- c. RECESSION & DEPRESSION - discussion leader: George Myland, ^{Art Rosen} Socialist Youth Committee of Chicago
- d. SOCIALISM & DEMOCRACY - discussion leader: Ron Radosh, Wisconsin Socialist Club (Madison)
- e. THE MEANING OF MONTGOMERY & THE NEGRO STRUGGLE - discussion leader: Jim Sipple, Socialist Youth Committee of Chi.
- f. POLITICAL ACTION - discussion leader: Norman Bradford, Independent Political Youth (Twin Cities)
- COLONIAL REVOLUTION - Ed Calnek

In addition to discussion leaders, at least 2 other persons with different points of view will initiate the discussion.
Anyone wishing to speak at a panel should contact J. Maxim immediately.
(Organizations listed for informational purposes only)

1:00 to 2:00 PM Lunch A separate sheet listing available eating places in the area will be at the registration table.

Bill Stone 2:00 THE STATE OF CIVIL LIBERTIES a special panel featuring:

- THE WITCHHUNT ON THE CAMPUS - ~~Harold Kamm, Antioch College Socialist Discussion Club~~ ^{Norman Hodggett, Denver}
- ARMY 'SECURITY' & CIVIL LIBERTIES - I. Warwick who is fighting an army discharge case,
- THE RIGHT TO TRAVEL - Presentation by one of the young Americans whose passports were seized upon returning from China. - ^{Gil Turner}
- THE CASE OF MORTON SOBELL - WAS JUSTICE DONE? - A representative from the Committee to Free Morton Sobell, ^{Gene Turner}
- FREEDOM FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS - THE GREEN, WINSTON CASE - ~~Billie Green of Chicago.~~ ^{Steve Max of NY}
- TAFT-HARTLEY CASE - ~~Wayne Leverenz Milwaukee~~ ^{Reed, Chi.}

5:00 Refreshments

at The ESSEX COMMUNITY CHURCH, 7406 South Blackstone (basement)

7:00 Spaghetti Dinner

- and for the rest of the evening-

DANCING, FOLK SINGING, SKITS

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Harmon Holgett

SUNDAY February 2

at UNIVERSITY of CHICAGO.

Social
122 Science Bldg

~~Reynolds Club~~, 5700 South University St.

- 10:30 AM THE YOUNG SOCIALIST a discussion of aims, policy and suggestions on how the paper can better further Socialist ideas among young people.
A short report by Tim Wohlforth, managing editor, will be followed by a full discussion.
- 11:30 Reports on the Saturday seminars by discussion leaders.
- 12:30 to 1:30 Lunch

Ron Rolash

1:30 PM
and

through the day- "PERSPECTIVES FOR SOCIALIST YOUTH" Bob Himmel
a summary discussion.

In addition to the agenda (which will be adopted at the conference), there will be a meeting of the expanded editorial board of the YOUNG SOCIALIST.

This meeting will be held early Saturday evening and include the editorial board and corresponding editors.

The meeting is open to all who wish to sit in on it.

A literature table containing all progressive and socialist publications will be available at all sessions.

If you want to be sure of having a particular publication there, contact J. Maxim or bring it with you to the conference.

Upon arriving in Chicago - call Normal 7-0488 or Hyde park 3-3825 or come to J. Maxim, 1457 East 54th Place.

SATURDAY morning & afternoon - University of Chicago, Ida Noyes Hall,
59th Street between Woodlawn & Kimbark
evening - Essex Community Church, 7400 South Blackstone
SUNDAY - University of Chicago, Reynolds Club, 5700 South University St.

Need accommodations? Contact J. Maxim, 1457 East 54th Place. IMMEDIATELY.

The MIDWEST CONFERENCE of SOCIALIST YOUTH is sponsored by the Socialist Youth Committee of Chicago.

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A WEEKEND OF DISCUSSION
ON

PERSPECTIVES FOR SOCIALIST YOUTH

A MIDWEST CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 1 AND 2, 1958

SAT., FEB. 1 - 10 AM TO 5 PM - UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
IDA NOYES HALL

SUN., FEB. 2 - 10 AM TO 5 PM - UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
REYNOLDS CLUB

SAT., FEB. 1 - 6 PM - REFRESHMENT HOUR, SPAGHETTI
DINNER, DANCING AND HOOTNANNY
ESSEX COMMUNITY CHURCH
7400 S. BLACKSTONE

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THE ORGANIZATION OF INDEPENDENT, NON-EXCLUSIVE SOCIALIST CLUBS ON A VARIETY OF CAMPUSES DURING THE PAST YEAR INDICATES THAT A NEW ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PROBLEMS OF SOCIALISM IN THE U. S. HAS BEGUN TO EMERGE. BY INCORPORATING ALL POLITICAL VIEWPOINTS IN A SINGLE CLUB, IT HAS BECOME POSSIBLE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN DECADES TO CARRY ON BOTH A FRANK EXCHANGE OF DIVERGENT VIEWS, AND AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OF THE CRISIS OF AMERICAN SOCIETY, IN A FRATERNAL, SCIENTIFIC MANNER.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MIDWEST CONFERENCE --- "PERSPECTIVES FOR SOCIALIST YOUTH" --- IS TO BROADEN AND ENCOURAGE A TYPE OF DISCUSSION WHICH IS ALREADY WELL UNDERWAY. THE CONFERENCE WILL POSE A SERIES OF KEY PROBLEMS, RATHER THAN ATTEMPT TO SOLVE THEM. IN ITSELF, THIS KIND OF CLARIFICATION WILL REPRESENT AN IMMENSE STEP FORWARD, IN CONTRAST TO THE STERILE FACTIONALISM OF THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS.

THE CONFERENCE WILL ALSO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIALISTS TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES ON CAMPUS --- TO DISCUSS THE CONCRETE PROBLEMS OF ORGANIZING AND SUSTAINING CLUBS OF THIS TYPE.

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NEGRO STRUGGLE
THE YOUNG SOCIALIST
ACADEMIC FREEDOM
ARMY DISCHARGE CASES
TAFT-HARTLEY CASES
SOBELL CASE
PASSPORT CASES OF STUDENTS WHO VISITED CHINA
PERSPECTIVES FOR SOCIALIST YOUTH

(ALL CONFERENCE SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO)



PARTY

SATURDAY NIGHT

6:00 PM - REFRESHMENT HOUR
7:00 PM - SPAGHETTI DINNER

...AND FOR THE REST OF THE EVENING

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----- PLEASE CLIP AND RETURN -----

J. MAXIM
1457 E. 54TH PLACE
CHICAGO 15, ILLINOIS

..... I WILL BE ATTENDING THE MIDWEST CONFERENCE.

..... I WOULD LIKE THE FOLLOWING HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS
MADE _____

..... I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A 10 TO 15 MINUTE
PRESENTATION ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECT _____

..... I SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING SUBJECT(S) BE ADDED TO
THE AGENDA _____

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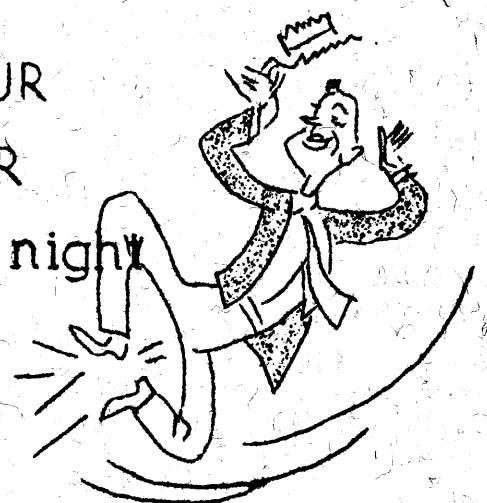
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MADISON

ANTIOCH

TORONTO

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DETROIT

COLUMBIA

CLEVELAND

SATURDAY, FEB. 1 *Problems Facing America's Youth*
The State of Civil Liberties

AT UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, Ida Noyes Hall, 59 St. bet. Woodlawn & Kimbark
10 AM - 5 PM

SATURDAY NIGHT 5 PM - Refreshments
7 PM - Spaghetti Dinner & Dancing, Hoopstanny, Skits
AT ESSEX COMMUNITY CHURCH, 7400 South Blackstone

SUNDAY, FEB. 2 *Perspectives for Socialist Youth*
AT UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, Reynolds Club, 5700 South University

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FREEDOM FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS

THE WINSTON, GREEN CASE
Billie Green, Chicago, Ill.

SMITH ACT
VICTIMS

and others

SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 1, 1958

2:00 PM

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

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39th Street between Woodlawn & Kimbark

CIVIL LIBERTIES

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REPORT OF MIDWEST CONFERENCE OF SOCIALIST YOUTH

Saturday and Sunday, February 1 and 2, 1958

FIRST SESSION: Ida Noyes Auditorium, University of Chicago
Convened at 10:45 A.M., February 1.
Chairman - Ed Calnek, Socialist Youth Committee of Chicago

Chairman: This is the first such conference in a long time. Hope to exchange ideas and understand differences are serious and deep-going and that these differences will be discussed. Hope conference will test ability of American socialists to go forward to a real socialist movement in the future.

Read off greetings from: Editorial board of "Keep Left", youth paper of British Labor Party; British publication "World Youth", magazine of World Democratic Federation of Youth which organized recent youth festival in Moscow; Los Angeles Executive Committee of Conference of Young Socialists of Los Angeles; Seattle, Wash. group of Young Socialists; Bay Area Committee for the Young Socialist.

Read off agenda and told of additions and changes to agenda distributed. Reports from local clubs will be five minutes instead of ten minutes. Added three possible panels: Beat Generation, Evelyn Sell; Trade Union Problems, Art Rosen; Colonial Struggle, Ed Calnek. Further changes: Juvenile Delinquency, Barbara Dorrity; Witch Hunt on the Campus, Norman Hodgett; Right to Travel - Case of Students Who Went to China, Gil Turner; Green and Winston Case, Steve Max; St. Louis Committee to Free Morton Sobell, Gene Tournour, Jr. Bob Himmel of Detroit to open session tomorrow afternoon on Perspectives for Socialist Youth with a ten minute presentation.

Motion: To approve agenda. Carried.

The Socialist Youth Committee of Chicago suggests that a Procedural Committee be elected to handle procedural questions and recommend chairman for each session. This Committee be limited to ten, including the members of the Chicago Conference Coordinating Committee.

Nominations: Jean Bradford, Twin Cities Ron Radosh, Madison
Bob Himmel, Detroit Dick DeHaan, New York
Howard Wallace, Denver

Motion: That the Procedural Committee consist of nine nominated (those above plus Chicago Committee). Carried.

Motion: That Sherry Dobbs act as Secretary for the Conference. Carried.

Motion: That Ed Calnek act as chairman of remainder of this session and the Procedural Committee will recommend future chairmen. Carried.

Series of reports now to be given from various areas: Chicago, Twin Cities, Philadelphia, Madison, New York, Denver, Los Angeles, Detroit.

Request an additional report from Toronto. Granted.

Chicago: Jack Hirsch, Socialist Youth Committee of Chicago. The Committee began as a group of people of varying views, united by the feeling of wanting to reach other youth with ideas of socialism and have

discussion among themselves. Started out with public meetings with such topics as: What is Socialism; The Role of Socialists Today; Socialism and Anthropology; Juvenile Delinquency. Organization of other clubs in different parts of the country gave tremendous encouragement. Wanted to get unity among youth on the left. Felt it would be extremely profitable to have a coming together of the various groups which have arisen in the last year. Felt a gathering together would benefit all of the clubs and we would have a better feeling of confidence knowing that we aren't the only ones. We planned the Midwest Conference. Wrote Detroit, Antioch and Minneapolis, and hoped for 50 at the most to attend. Took time but responses to the idea of a conference finally came in. The whole idea snowballed. Discussed recession as an example of what is making people think and ask questions about the merits of capitalism itself stopping depressions. Chicago got very good response from leaflet distributions. This conference demonstrates that conditions are ripe - that there is some agreement - that there is some common problems that we could get together and discuss. The Socialist Youth Committee is planning a series of talks by representatives of different socialist and radical tendencies. Hope this will implement collaboration between local clubs. Hope to enlarge local clubs and increase fraternal relations between clubs of the Midwest and the rest of the country.

Twin Cities: Ann Leonard, Independent Youth Group. First came the idea of an independent youth formation which came as a result of conditions today. A few called a meeting and had twenty people show up. The first meeting started off with the idea that we would have a free and open discussion among young people - both those already radicals and those who were not yet acquainted with socialist ideas. We felt that it is necessary at this time to have an independent youth group separate from organized radical groups. First public meeting on desegregation. Had a motorcade through downtown Minneapolis with banners on cars. Held meeting in Negro district and attracted several new people. Elected an executive committee with understanding that anybody can join club and all views welcome. Are not pushing the Young Socialist on the group. Met some opposition from adult groups. There is a socialist youth group on the University of Minnesota campus and hope to get together with them. Karl Rose, CP State Chairman to speak at their next meeting.

Philadelphia: Arthur Phelps, Young Socialist Club. Made a few fraternal opening remarks. Their club is very broad. Welcome Midwest Conference as a national manifestation of a local club which we have in Philadelphia. Discussed the Three Arrows Club at Temple University. Basically composed of people who were in the LYL. During summer more people were attracted to the Three Arrows Club and formed Young Socialist Club composed of both radicals and new people. The composition of the club is broad and succeeded in achieving the goal of establishing a group of a broad nature. The broadness of the club has not restricted its activities. Held two forums - one on Integration and one on Juvenile Delinquency. Political differences were getting in the way of organization discussion so planned a series on political difference. Socialism and Peace, Socialism and Revolution, Socialism and Art, Socialism and Democracy. So far have been kicked out of one hall and one member kicked out of her apartment - probably because of Negroes and whites mixing. ACLU got them their first hall. Feel the nation will see a youth movement in the near future.

University of Wisconsin: Matt Chaperon, Wisconsin Socialist Club. A group of approximately fifteen decided to form a club. Twenty-five or thirty came to the first meeting. Now have about forty members. Have a series of study groups and public programs and participating in campus life. Executive committee of four officers and added are three chairmen of sub-committees - planning programs, running study groups for politics and economics, art, literature and music, philosophy and psychology. Our aim is to try to get as many members in the sub-committees as possible. They are registered on the campus. Had discussion Brecht play and his theory of the theatre. First public meeting had Frank Fried of the American Socialist. Had forty in attendance. We think it is important to get a variety of socialists to come to the campus but the main idea is to get socialist ideas out. One of our reasons for coming down here is to make more contacts so we can have a wide variety of activities. Sid Lens came after he had just returned from Eastern Europe. Forty-five in attendance at that meeting. Have a proposed panel of two professors and a worker to talk on the future of American socialism. We hope to make this a real big campus affair. Starobin and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn are proposed as speakers, as is Bert Cochran, and a debate with conservative club. Discussion on socialism with members of American Socialist, CP, SLP, SWP. Are looking for something on Negro struggle.

New York City: Dick DeHaan, Young Socialist Alliance. The unofficial motto of YSA is IBM - independent, broad and militant. The genesis of our group is similar to all of the others. During the summer we had a series of forums and in the fall organized into the YSA. Currently operating out of the editorial office of the Young Socialist. On the verge of renting our own hall. Membership extended to include members of a number of other groups, independent socialists, socialists who have been for a long time unaffiliated. Participate in American Forum and formation of Bronx section of American Forum. Support Socialist Unity Committee classes. Sent twenty members to Conference. We have been very active in the Sobell Committee, in the abolition campaign of the ECLEC, given a platform to the Cleveland Taft-Hartley defendants and have had a series of activities on our own. We had a forum on the New York elections. Book review forums. Had three symposiums. Just concluded a series of four movies. Have held many socials. Two comrades were arrested as a result of distributing the Young Socialist and with aid of ACLU established an important precedent on littering ordinances. Attracted substantial representative from high school groups. Recently have been able to enlist a number of former LYL members and also two members of YSL. Also aiming for anarchist, pacifist and generally social democratic youth.

Denver: John Howard, University of Colorado Socialist Club, Denver Labor Alliance. Radical clubs on the campuses have either died or been booted out. Just a few started a study group. One of them passed out several copies of the YS and the students ate them up. Got both good and bad publicity from newspapers. A group called the Enquirers started bringing in controversial speakers to the campus. SWP representative spoke to about seventy people. On the question of being attacked for distributing the YS, we got the support of a member of the CU administration and the ACLU branch went to our defense and eventually we got a member of the Board of Regents to come to our defense. In bringing the SWP member to speak in Denver we had to have an organization and this was started almost upon his arrival. It is called the Denver Labor Alliance. Pete Seegar is going to come in April. Hope to get some thousand people

to buy tickets. He will sing and go over his appearance before the Congressional Committee. Started Young Socialist Club which is discussing all viewpoints of the left and are encouraging members to be active in other youth groups. Labor Alliance is more of a political action group. In addition we have encouraged all members of YSC to become active in organizations like the ACLU and NAACP. In process of bringing NAACP youth conferences in the high schools. Recently we had conference which was attended by students from six high schools. Sort of an inter-relation in these organizations. Hope to draw young Negro people into Young Socialist Club and Labor Alliance.

Los Angeles: Peter Allan, Conference of Young Socialists. Los Angeles process a picture somewhat like Denver in that there are a number of sticks in the fire. The main organization in LA is the Conference of Young Socialists which was formed along the same lines of other organizations described here on a broad basis including people belonging to various organizations, having all kinds of points of view and people unaffiliated with any socialist viewpoint. Forty-five people came to organizing conference and set itself up as an educational and action group. Began with forum in September. Recently concluded a symposium on Academic Freedom at which we had a number of professors and myself from UCLA. Regular business meetings are both business and educational. Set up a series of discussions based on book reviews and interspersed with speakers from various organizations around the country on the question of socialism and youth. First speaker was Bogden Denitch of the YSL. One of our last meetings was one where we had a couple of students who went to the Moscow Youth Festival. Had over fifty people. Beginning to attract young people from the progressive movement including ex-LYL'rs. Programs in support of the Sobell Committee, five Spanish sailors who were going to be sent to Spain, and fight for distribution rights of the YS on the campus. Another club being formed at UCLA. Called Eugene V. Debs Club and will be formed on a broad basis. Most imminent fight will be the question of the distribution of literature on campus.

Toronto: Cliff Cotem. Gave brief background on position of various political parties in Canada. In Saskatchewan have left wing group of CCF. CCF is not radical now. Their youth movement is pretty well dominated financially and otherwise. At one time it was even further left of the parent organization, but it is now almost completely disintegrated. Second left wing organization, Labor Progressive Party. Youth organization is the NFY (like LYL in States). After Khrushchev revelations the parent organization lost some two-thirds of its membership and youth movement practically disappeared. Now called the YSL. A few Trotskyists (Socialist Educational League). The younger members were inspired by the events in the US and decided to set up similar group. At the last meeting we had twenty. Started with five. Attracted from the NFY and CCF youth. Heard of a great many other people who were interested. Have had two open forums. At last forum about ten new people attended. Organizationally had same problems as others - money, advertising, distribution. Very little effect with campus distribution. Third organization, Emerson Club (American counterpart would be Libertarians), sent down an official representative. Biggest news is that Joseph Salsburg of the CCP will speak at the next forum.

Detroit: Bob Himmel, Wayne Young Socialist Club. Approximately two years since the suspension of Wayne Campus Socialist Club during Academic Freedom Week, 1956. During intervening time attempted to work within

the framework of the Young Socialist Club. Club virtually inactive until the summer of 1957. SWP youth primarily undertook to organize the Young Socialist Club and make it a functioning organization and to reconstruct it on the basis of the principles set forward by the preceding speakers. With the publication of the first issue of the YS we undertook a series of forums with a remarkable degree of success. The first speaker was Ed Calnek, who drew an audience of forty. So far we have had five forums: the first on the Mid-east; the second a meeting with high school students who had visited Moscow; the third, a follow-up meeting on the China visit; and the fourth, a debate on the Zionist solution to the Jewish question. The YSC is now recruiting and attracting independent youth. Members of the club who were active in the youth committee for the election of William Patrick and followed up by the welcome participation of our members in the formal setting up of a permanent Negro youth organization in Detroit. YSC was instrumental along with independent students and members of the former LYL in organizing a students discussion group which has the eventual perspective of getting a functioning club back on the Wayne University Campus. We have made progress to the point that attendance at meetings is approximately 20.

Antioch: Judy Mage, Yellow Springs, Ohio. A discussion club was set-up which includes different socialist tendencies old and new to socialism. In existence for five years, it is the only political club on campus. The club is quite broad, and at its first meeting attracted 97 people. Two people reported: one who had been to Moscow and a girl who had been to Germany. The club has a very large proportion of younger students. A study group has been formed which will study certain ideas and Marxist works. There are a couple of dozen people actively involved.

Request that Eugene Feldman, Editor of the Southern Newsletter be allowed to speak five minutes. Granted.

Eugene Feldman: Most happy to see this group full of pepper and vinegar. I think that you are doing something that many adult groups are not doing. It is time that we got together on issues to discuss. I am a former member of a youth group at the University of Wisconsin. I became a socialist and then moved south. I lived in Montgomery where I was a reporter for the "Montgomery Advertiser. The south has a long history of people being killed and bused physically because they dared to disagree. We don't have democracy in the southland. I am all the more glad that you have come together that we can have a really democratic nation. You are the hope. Not the young Republicans. Not the Young Democrats. You are the hope; people from various political groups who have the courage to get together and to talk. I want to show you the Southern Newsletter. It is put out by a group of Southern whites who want to educate their fellow white men and women. I feel that without education of southern whites there can be little hope. Are we to surrender the whites to the klan? We hope that you will build socialist youth groups in the South. If there had been one at the University of Alabama, maybe the entry of the Negro students would be facilitated. You have a responsibility to get together and to talk and act. I love the idea of IBM. If any of you would want us to speak for your groups we will. We have a friendship club -- interracial -- here which has promised to help us. We started with 35 subscribers. This month we have 2,000. We have more subscribers than we have hands to reach. We will speak to any club within this vicinity that we can physically reach. No fee. We are interested in displaying these issues of the south. We carry aspects of Negro

and white history. We talk about Southern white abolitionists. Let us be gone with this idea that all whites are klansmen. Chicago address: 6025 South Harper.

Chairman: Conference running about 15 minutes over.

Motion: Adjourn to panel sessions and adjourn them at 1:45 P.M. Carried.

Announcements: We would appreciate the forwarding of any proposed changes on the agenda before the lunch meeting of the procedural committee. Due to lack of interest the panels on colonialism and the beat generation will be cancelled. We are adding a trade union panel. Meeting places of panels read off.

Motion: Adjourn to panel discussions. Carried.

SECOND SESSION: Ida Noyes Auditorium, University of Chicago
Convened at 3:15 P.M., February 1.

Motion: That resolutions not be submitted which will tend to commit those attending the conference to any future organizational activities.

Defeated

Motion: Resolutions not be submitted which will tend to commit those attending the conference to any future activities.

Defeated.

Motion: Since the conference is called to explore areas of agreement between diverse political tendencies we will entertain motions and resolutions which will define or clarify these areas of agreement. Carried.

Motion: To add a separate point to the agenda tomorrow afternoon at which all resolutions will be considered. Carried.

Motion: That motions be passed by unanimous vote of the registered participants of the conference. Defeated.

Motion: That at the coming sessions, Norman Hodgett of Denver chair tomorrow morning's session on the Young Socialist Newspaper, and Ron Radosh of the University of Wisconsin chair tomorrow afternoon's session. Carried.

Motion: That discussion between this afternoon's speakers be limited to five minutes. Defeated.

Motion: That discussion on speaker's presentations be conducted after all speakers have had the floor. Carried.

Recommendation: That Samuel Reed be given time to present the case of the Cleveland Taft-Hartley victims. Granted.

Chairman: Bill S., Socialist Youth Committee of Chicago.

Proceed to panel on the witch-hunt on the campus.

Norman Hodgett: Denver Young Socialist Club, "The Witch-Hunt on the Campus"
In the last year there has been a resurgence on the part of the students to have all views discussed. (Quoted article from January Young Socialist on the arrest of YS distributors; about CCNY and the Daily Bruin.) At the University of Colorado we have spurred a desire for campus democracy. During September we distributed the YS on campus. The following day the Colorado Daily called for an interview and gave us a favorable report. A Red Plot was nipped in the bud, however, according to the Rocky Mountain newspaper. The story was picked up by the local TV and radio stations. Immediately this brought about the support of the ACLU, professors, and students against the Rocky Mountain newspaper. I wrote a letter to the President of the college requesting approval of sale or distribution of the YS. I received the reply that it would be contrary to the policy of the university to allow the sale or distribution of the paper on campus. Several years ago the Board of Regents had ruled against the sale of papers other than those generally accepted. Since then not a week has passed without a front page story about our struggle for civil liberties on the campus. At present we are being defended by the ACLU and by the editor of the Colorado Daily. I was invited to participate in a campus debate on the state of American society. T. Edwards, of the SWP spoke at this meeting. (Read ACLU letter to administration on campus democracy and Supreme Court opinions on sales and distributions. The Board of Regents will decide on this issue on February 21st, and the ACLU says it will take the case to the Supreme Court if necessary. Suggested future work: Take the offensive against the witch hunt. Fight to stop infringement of human rights. Organize chapters of the NAACP on campus.)

1. Warwick: Socialist Youth Committee of Chicago, "Army Security and Civil Liberties" Gave background on his own case. Since the Korean war many people have received less than General Discharges on political grounds. I went to Roosevelt from 1950 to 1953. Then was drafted and spent 6 months in California and 16 months in Korea. When I got out of the army I was released without a discharge. Jusg got a paper that said: character of separation is undetermined pending completion of investigation. As a result I couldn't get the GI Bill, collect unemployment, and had trouble getting a job and didn't get mustering out pay. This lasted for 2-1/2 years. The policy of the administration at Roosevelt University was to allow the FBI into the files on students who were active in progressive causes. (Read off charges against him and then those who were signed as character witnesses, and the charges made against them.) Demanded and got a hearing on his case. From the hearing he got an honorable discharge enabling him to receive his mustering out pay, GI Bill, etc., but received a dishonorable discharge from the reserve. He is contesting this dishonorable discharge on the ground that he has a right to his political affiliations. The Army knows he is a member of the SWP. The case has real civil liberties implications. It is an attack against the army security program. The ACLU has voted to take the case, and has agreed to take it to the Supreme Court if necessary. Two cases are before the Supreme Court now, one from Brooklyn, and one from the Bronx, which will determine whether civilian courts have jurisdiction over the army. The army is beginning to shift its tactics by screening inductees before they get in the army.

Gil Turner: Editorial Board of the Young Socialist, and Former Chairman of the Young Socialist Alliance of New York, "The Right to Travel."

I am not one of the students who defied the State Department and went to

China. The case involves 41 young Americans who went to the World Festival of Youth in Moscow and received an invitation from the Chinese government to visit China. They were informed by the State Department that they would lose their passports. While in China if they had so much as bought a 5¢ candy bar they would have been subject to prosecution for trading with the enemy. When they returned they were forced to turn over their passports. The State Department has informed them that they will be required to sign a statement saying they will not go where they should not. The legal grounds for denial of their passports were: 1) that the U.S. doesn't recognize the Chinese government and therefore cannot protect American citizens in China; 2) American citizens are bound to support the foreign policy of the US when they travel abroad. I am happy that with all our disagreements we agree that there is a socialist answer to this question of the right to travel. If we declare that we are getting together in this form, that we are not going to be controlled by or dominated by the CP, SWP, ISL, or other organizations on the left, then should we not proclaim all the louder that we are not going to be told where we can or cannot go by the U.S. State Department. We as socialists are for freedom and civil liberties. We are for the extension of the civil liberties that are guaranteed in the Bill of Rights. We should add to the sign on the right to travel a note to Dulles: Give us back our right to travel because sooner or later we will take it.

Gene Tournour, Jr.: Western St. Louis University, for the Sobell Committee. The Sobell case is the culmination of all the questions discussed. The accusations against Sobell had to do with one thing and one thing only-- conversations with Julius Rosenberg. Justice Frank of the Second District Court of the U.S. said that there was never any passage of any material nature between Rosenberg and Sobell. If you analyze this line you can see how invalid it is at the present time. This places in very strong relief the use of accomplice testimony. We can see that in 1940 he, Ellinger, worked for the war department and signed a non-communist affidavit when he was a member of the CP. This is the type of witness -- liar, perjurer, etc., that the government uses to eat away the civil liberties of the American people. At the present time Sobell is serving 30 years in Alcatraz. Ellinger is free. Sobell could have named other people on just as flimsy a basis as Ellinger did. This informer system will continue. This trial occurred in 1953 during the height of McCarthyism. Witch-hunters still keep going on up because this case still stands. Many college groups across the country are setting up activities in support of the Sobell case. In St. Louis we have engaged students in activity, and at the Western University we have a group. Sharp came and discussed with us. We want a presidential clemency -- commute the sentence to time served, unqualified pardon -- or call for a new trial. If this case is not won civil liberties will be dealt a terrible blow.

Steven Max: Young Socialist Alliance, NYC, The Green-Winston Case. Green and Winston are the last remaining Smith Act victims in the prison in the U.S. We can conclude that with the release of Winston and Green the Smith Act will be virtually dead. The Smith Act was first put in effect in 1940 against the SWP on the grounds of conspiring to teach and advocate the overthrow of the government by force and violence. Gil Green was a leader of the CP and was convicted under the Smith Act and sentenced to five years in prison. One of the first to be sentenced. This was the beginning of the McCarthyite hysteria. The cold war had started to come into effect. The CP felt America was heading down the road to fascism and felt that the people who had gone to jail would not

be coming out and that it would be wise for the case of socialism and communism to have a few of the leaders on the outside to carry on the organizational fight. Green and Winston after being sentenced disappeared. Recently they decided to return because there has been a slowing down in anti-communist feeling in this country and it was obvious that the party was wrong in supposing we were going fascist. No longer any purpose in having these people in hiding. Green was given an additional three years in contempt. He has served enough of his time to be eligible for parole should the contempt charge be lifted. At the time of his disappearance there was no legal statute against people who jumped bail. Just the loss of the bail money. Green is now in Leavenworth and will serve out the rest of his sentence there if he is not released. The brief was presented to the Supreme Court asking for an overall review of the Smith Act. The Supreme Court refused to do this last Monday. Last recourse, therefore, is to get the contempt charge reviewed by the Supreme Court. The decision is long overdue which shows there is not complete agreement in the court itself. It is, therefore, possible, that a favorable decision will come out. If this last recourse fails then it seems nothing will get Green and Winston released but a presidential pardon.

Samuel Reed: Defendant in the Cleveland Taft-Hartley Case. I am pleased to address a meeting of this type. Since January 6th to 29th of this month we have been in the Court House Square Building in Cleveland listening to government witnesses testify in an attempt to corroborate the charge that the government brought against seven of us -- men and women -- charging conspiracy to violate the Taft Hartley law, Section 9H. The Cleveland Plain Dealer last Wednesday had this story to tell: "Seven are guilty in Red Plot." The jury deliberated for 8 hours and 15 minutes. Sentence will be imposed February 14th. Maximum sentence can be five years and a \$10,000 fine each. Fred and Marie Haug were accused of signing non-communist affidavits from 1950-53 in the case of Marie, and 1952 for Fred, and the others conspired to help the Haugs falsify their Taft-Hartley affidavits. The Cleveland case is the first in the country since the law was passed in 1947. The government is expected to seek indictments on similar conspiracy charges in other industrial cities as a result of the guilty verdict. Four of the seven defendants were former members of the CP. Three stated in the court-room that they are still members of the CP. They are not being charged with membership in the CP. They are charged with conspiring to violate the Taft-Hartley law. The government said that in 1948 the CP met in a National Plenum and decided to violate Taft-Hartley by having their members falsely sign non-communist affidavits. They had them officially resign from the CP. The government witnesses were all paid FBI witnesses. The decision to violate section (9H) was made by the defendants, and in order to carry it out they had to conspire to violate. The jury believed the DA when he told them that these people are not ordinary Americans. They are not like you and I. They are or have been communists for years. They lie, they cover up things, they change their names. The jury had to decide on whether the government was right or former members of the CP were. The civil liberties issue can and needs to be brought to all sections of the campus youth and youth of our country. Regardless if they are socialist minded or not many youths can be aroused around this civil liberties issue. We will fight back. We will appeal the case, and bring it to the Supreme Court if necessary. I am not saying that by legal means alone we will win the case. Experience has shown that in the final analysis it is labor and the organized progressive groups that must fight the main battle for this case.

Discussion.

THIRD SESSION: Social Science Building 122, February 2nd, 1958.

Chairman: Norman Hodgett.

Tim Wohlforth: Report on the Young Socialist. The Young Socialist was launched last September. We were hit immediately by witch-hunt attacks on the distribution of the paper. There is a large subscription list now, with subscribers in almost every state. Publicity has been received in a number of outside papers. What is the Young Socialist? 1.) it is a fighting paper which fights for its ideas and openly expresses them. It is being sold by its own salesmen everywhere. 2.) It reports news which affects young people. It is interested in the Negro struggle, in the problems of young socialists and young workers -- especially those affecting the civil liberties of the campus. It carries news of the socialist youth movement. 3.) The paper is open to different views. It reflects the state of socialist youth in this country today. It is written by young people for young people throughout the country.

Perspectives of the Young Socialist: To unite all young socialists on a national scale. We hope to help the development of local socialist youth clubs around the country. This is independent of adult tendencies. It is the only national paper of socialist youth. It is necessary to build a new socialist youth movement in this country. We need to reach out to new areas in the regroupment field of today. We need an IBM youth movement which is the aim of the YS; a youth movement which agrees to unived actions. We need a youth movement today in which young people of differing views can participate and discuss. Within the youth movement we want people to develop their own ideas. We believe this movement should be independent. Young people should develop toward socialism along their own paths. The movement should be militant. It should be a movement that will fight for civil liberties issues, and fight for a program for peace. To do all this you need a united national youth movement. The YS doesn't believe it will do it all alone. It is not necessary for us to do it alone. In area after area new youth groups have been formed. We want to work with local clubs and we look forward to the day when we will have a national youth movement. The main task is not to regroup socialist youth but to bring the message of socialism into the campuses and shops across the country; which will fight for progressive things: civil liberties, civil rights, against the H-Bomb, etc.

Discussion:

Bert Deck: discussed the question of independence as it reflects on the YS.

Paul Greenberg: discussed the question of making the paper everybody's and not just the editors in NY.

I. Warwick: Distributions carried on at high schools with good reception here. Should have more high school distributions.

Arthur Feldman: Recommended to the editorial board that it mimeograph up a one page sheet giving the legal status of distributions. Raised the problem of getting the paper into the plants.

J. Maxim: A few newstands in Chicago carry radical literature, and the YS is carried in two bookstores.

Judy Mage: Request for more general contributions to the paper from various

clubs. Also getting paper into libraries and college libraries.

Tom-Leonard: YS can act as a vehicle of bringing the YS clubs together. Reported distribution at University of Minnesota; interview in college newspaper, in which it was erroneously reported that the local club sponsored the paper. Finally cleared up with his club.

Steve Max: Discussed methods of getting paper in plants, lunch rooms, wash rooms, etc.

Edie Green: For wider distribution at unemployment lines, etc.

REPORT ON PANELS: The general line of discussion in the seminar panels held Saturday was reported to the conference.

Report on Finances: Al Taplin, Detroit. Saturday morning attendance 117. An estimated 130 to 140 persons attended the Saturday afternoon session. 85 persons registered. Average age 24½, with variation in listed ages from 13 to 32. Approximately one-half were students and half were workers. Twenty-four different occupations listed; representatives from 16 cities, and about a dozen high schools and colleges.

Expenses: Approximately \$100 was spent on mailing and distribution of leaflets and supplies (poster, etc.). About \$50 went to ads in newspapers: the National Guardian, the Nation, The Militant, The Daily Worker, and the Chicago Maroon. \$113 were spent on supplies for the social, including food and refreshments. \$49 was spent to rent the Church for the social, and the hall for Sunday's meeting. Expenses for local transportation totalled approximately \$12.00. Total expense was approximately \$325.

Income: \$14 was collected on a voluntary basis at the registration table Saturday A.M.. \$84 was collected at the dinner, along with about \$100 for refreshments. Unused refreshments and food supplies can be returned for about \$25. Income approximately \$225. Deficit approximately \$100.

Motion: Clubs to make up the difference on a voluntary basis. The Young Socialist to return any further difference. Carried.

Suggestion made that there be some continuation of correspondence between clubs. Proposed maintenance of continuous correspondence and a national discussion bulletin. Title Young Socialist Forum was proposed.

Motion: For 15 minute discussion. Carried.

Discussion held on frequency and nature of the publication. Suggestion that Young Socialist Forum be put out by the YS editorial staff. Question raised that not all clubs support the YS. Idea presented of a special bulletin that is not associated with the YS.

Motion: That we elect a group centrally located in the Midwest who would be responsible for dealing with the various clubs and depending on the local situation, have a different club put out a bulletin every month, or if a club is able to put it out for more than one month. It should be called the Young Socialist Forum.

Motion: Steve Max. That a publication be created to exchange organizational experiences and theoretical discussions between the clubs. That all the clubs participate in this nationally. That one particular club be designated or a rotating system be established to make sure that publication continues.

Discussion: Gil. We tend to talk organizationally and in terms of a socialist youth movement. We need a statement on the political significance of this. We have had a lot of talk about IBM and this is what it is.

Motion: To table discussion and motions until the afternoon session. Carried.

FOURTH SESSION: Sunday, February 2, 1958, Convened at 3:30 PM.
Chairman: Ed Calnek

Motion: Due to lateness of hour that there be a three minute time limit for all speakers and that a speakers list be taken at the beginning of the discussion and another at the point that that list is finished. Carried.

Resolutions:

Motion: That resolutions be considered first in order and discussion of each motion take place at presentation of motion. Carried.

Motion: That the Mid-West Conference of Socialist Youth send greetings to the committee to secure justice for Morton Sobell and conveys its wishes for an early victory in their campaign to free Morton Sobell from his unjust imprisonment. Carried.

Motion: That all style changes in resolutions be submitted to style committee. Carried.

Resolution on Nuclear Tests: The Mid-West Conference of Socialist Youth recognizes that continued testing of nuclear weapons, by poisoning the atmosphere with radioactive matter, presents a clear and present danger to the health and life of present and future generations. We recognize that the government of the USSR has proposed the immediate cessation of nuclear tests by all powers. We further recognize that such a ban would be "self-enforcing", since any nuclear explosion would immediately be detected throughout the world.

We therefore call on all governments to conclude an immediate and unconditional prohibition of nuclear explosions.

We offer our support to all efforts to end radioactive poisoning of the air we breathe. Carried. 1 nay.

Motion: That the distribution of each resolution be discussed immediately after passage of each resolution. Carried.

Judy Mage: The resolution should be sent to the State Department and to the UN. Copies of it should be sent to various student groups in this country and abroad and clubs which have organized on this issue.

Geoffrey S.: Copies should be sent to Russia, Britain, and Senator Wayne Morse.

Above suggestions accepted.

Resolution on Students Who Visited China: (First paragraph to be sent as a telegram to the U.S. State Department.)

The Midwest Conference of Socialist Youth condemns the U.S. State Department for its illegal and unconstitutional seizure of the passports of the 41 American youth who travelled to China. This action violates the democratic rights of All Americans. We demand the return of the illegally seized passports and a guarantee of the right to travel without restrictions.

We support the action of the 41 in travelling to China in open defiance of the State Department ban.

We call for the widest possible united action of all democratic-minded youth in defense of the civil liberties of the 41 and of the right to travel for all Americans.

Geoffrey: Unrestricted right to travel would mean abolishing passports.

Judy: Amend resolution by making last sentence read: ...all Americans and for all the people of all countries. Failed to Carry.

Amendment: To strike word "Americans" at end of last sentence. Carried.

Resolution on Chicago Organization: Resolved: (1) The Midwest Socialist Conference conveys to the Socialist Youth Committee of Chicago its appreciation for the excellent arrangements for the conference undertaken by the Chicago group.

(2). The SYCC is also requested to express to the University of Chicago the gratitude of the Conference for the extension to it of the University's facilities. Carried.

Resolution on the Smith Act: We, the participating members of the Midwest Conference, do resolve that the Smith Act is absolutely illegal under the Constitution of the United States and condemn this Act as an infringement upon the civil rights of the American people.

We demand immediate release of Gilbert Green and Henry Winston, the last two victims of the Smith Act. Carried.

Motion: To table resolution on publications to discussion on perspectives. Carried.

Motion: That a statement be made from the Secretary's notes so that it can be given for a press release to the different clubs to be sent out in a few weeks. Carried.

Motion: That we extend the meeting for an hour and make up rental difference by collection now. (Unable to secure hall for another hour, however.)

Motion: Steve Max -- We propose to the various clubs that in order to promote discussion of an organizational and theoretical nature and to further fraternal relations between the independent socialist youth clubs participating in the Midwest Conference, it is proposed that a monthly publication with a suggested title of IBM Bulletin be issued.

To facilitate this, one of the participating clubs volunteer to mimeograph and distribute this publication. That said club, upon determining the cost of printing and distribution and having received subscriptions from the participating clubs determine the process of publication.

That each of the participating clubs designate one corresponding editor who shall be responsible for collecting and submitting articles from the individual members of his club, and for submitting a monthly report on the activities and experiences of his club that are of national interest.

It shall be understood that this publication must print any and all articles submitted to it without editorial comment.

Carried.

Motion: That the title of the bulletin be Young Socialist Forum and the slogan of the bulletin be IBM. Failed to Carry.

Motion: The question of title be left to the people who meet on this bulletin. Carried.

Motion: That these clubs and those interested meet after the meeting and the general sense of the bulletin be discussed. Suggest that before it is launched the representation to the discussion bulletin be lined up so that we don't have the obstacle of drawing people in afterwards. Carried.

Resolution on Little Rock: The Midwest Conference of Socialist Youth sends its greetings and approval to the 9 Negro students attending Central High School for their valiant efforts on behalf of the struggle for minority rights. Carried.

Motion: That the Chicago Committee be those to determine the editing of the resolutions. Carried.

Motion: That Bob Himmel be given the floor for ten minutes.

Bob Himmel: Underlying theme of the conference is IBM. There is a commitment on the part of everyone who has attended the conference to build a socialist youth movement in this country that will become a living part of our generation. It should be independent of the domination of all adult organizations. It will be broad and include the widest variety of political opinions possible. Above all, it will be militant. We feel the need for developing IBM principles. We should go home and begin to broaden and extend local clubs and develop new clubs. This can be helped by our developing closer ties. That some action be taken to set up a speakers bureau is essential. The attractive power of an out-of-town speaker helps local clubs. No shortage all over the Midwest of speakers. We should build up the circulation of the Young Socialist.

Resolution: that we meet in conference again next year. Feeling of body that we don't want to be restricted or bound. May want an earlier conference.

ADJOURNMENT.

FINANCIAL REPORT

EXPENSES:

Mailings, distributions, supplies	\$100.87
Newspaper ads	49.80
Refreshments, groceries	113.55
Hall rentals	49.00
Local transportation	12.00
Miscellaneous expense	<u>9.52</u>
Total Expenses	\$334.74

INCOME:

Contributions at registration desk	\$ 12.95
Dinner	84.00
Refreshments	100.70
Sale of unused food, etc.	31.08
Collection	<u>62.50</u>
Total Income	\$291.23
TOTAL DEFICIT	<u>\$ 43.51</u>

LITERATURE REPORT

American Friends Service Committee	
Literature	\$14.00
<u>The Catholic Worker</u>12
<u>Marxism and Freedom</u> by Raya Dunayevskaya .	16.80
Modern Book Store Literature (The Worker, Political Affairs, Monthly Review, etc.)	2.60
<u>The National Guardian</u>	2.70
Sobell Committee Literature10
Socialist Workers Party Literature	5.80
<u>The Southern Newsletter</u>	1.60
<u>Young Socialist League Literature</u>	2.70
<u>Young Socialist Publications</u>	6.35
<u>The Young Socialist</u>	<u>1.00</u>
Total Literature Sold	<u>\$53.77</u>

ATTENDANCE

104 Persons registered Saturday, February 1, 1958

Of these 70 listed their ages:

The average age was 24.5 years.

The age range was 13 to 32 years.

47 Registered as students

39 registered as working at a job or profession

8 registered as being unemployed

16 cities were listed

15 high schools or colleges were listed

25 different occupations were listed

85 Persons attended the panels held February 1, 1958.

23 Socialism and Democracy

17 Political Action

19 Trade Union and Depression

10 Montgomery and The Negro Struggle

9 Juvenile Delinquency

7 Peace and The H-Bomb

Head Counts at Various Sessions:

117 Saturday Morning, February 1, 1958

135 Saturday Afternoon, February 1, 1958

87 Sunday Morning, February 2, 1958

83 Sunday Afternoon, February 2, 1958