

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 8, 1972

No. 12

NEC Present: Fowlkes, Miah, Miller, Mirelowitz, Rowand, Rose,
Vidal, Welch

NC Present: Finkel, Ugolini, Whicker

NC Alt. Present: Manuel

Guests: Charpentier, Freiwirth, Lemon

Convened: 10:15 a.m.

Chairman: Mirelowitz

Agenda: 1. National Office Report
2. Convention Report
3. Antiwar Report
4. Financial Report
5. YSA Fall Tours Report
6. "Class Struggle Faction" Report
7. Young Socialist Report

1. National Office Report

a. National Executive Committee - Rose

Motion: To transfer NEC member Vernier from Brooklyn to
Houston.

Motion Carried

b. Membership - Miller

Motion: To accept the following applications for membership
at-large:

1. Peter A. in New Paltz, N.Y.
2. Robert G. in New Paltz, N.Y.
3. Lee S. in New Paltz, N.Y.
4. Sam C. in Catskill, N.Y.
5. Michael G. in Morehead, Ky.
6. Joe H. in Pittsburgh, Pa.
7. Cathy S. in Isla Vista, Ca.
8. Bill B. in Santa Barbara, Ca.
9. Carolyn M. in Santa Barbara, Ca.
10. John C. in Tucson, Az.
11. Donna C. in Louisville, Ky.

12. Scott B. in Eugene, Ore.
13. Nick M. in Aliquippa, Pa.
14. Frances H. in New Brunswick, N.J.

Motion Carried

Motion: To waive the age limit to admit Diance C. into the YSA as an at-large member in Catskill, N.Y.

Motion Carried

Motion: To waive the age limit and to readmit Walter S. into the YSA as an at-large member in Albany, N.Y.

Motion Carried

Motion: To charter locals of the YSA in the following areas:

1. New Paltz, N.Y.
2. Tucson, Az.
3. Santa Barbara, Ca.

Discussion

Motion Carried

2. Convention Report

a. Convention Reporters - Rose

Motion: That Mirelowitz present the International Report.

Motion Carried

Motion: That Miller present the Organization Report.

Motion Carried

b. Fraternal Delegates - Vidal

Motion: That each active YSJP chapter in an area where no YSA local exists be invited to send one fraternal delegate, to be seated by the convention upon recommendation of the regional delegation.

Motion Carried

3. Antiwar Report - Ugolini

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion

Motion Carried

4. Financial Report - Lemon

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion

Motion Carried

5. YSA Fall Tours Report - Welch

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion

Motion Carried

6. "Class Struggle Faction" Report - Rose

Motion: To publish the document of the "Class Struggle Faction" in the discussion bulletin.

Discussion

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the draft responses to letters from Curtis and Dohman (copies attached).

Discussion

Motion Carried

7. Young Socialist Report - Finkel

Discussion

Adjourned: 2:10 p.m.

Sharon Curtis
Madison, Wis.
Oct. 29, 1972

YSA National Executive Committee
New York, N.Y.

Dear Comrades of the National Executive Committee,

This is a formal request for information regarding the document of the Class Struggle Faction, The Politics of the New Radicalization, Class Struggle or Class Collaboration? When do you intend to publish this document, which you received on Oct. 10th, 1972? Please reply immediately, as there are only three weeks left in the YSA pre-convention discussion period.

Comradely,

s/Sharon Curtis
National Secretary
Class Struggle Faction

Madison YSA
Madison, Wis.
November 6, 1972

YSA National Executive Committee
New York, N.Y.

Dear Comrades,

The Madison local of the YSA cannot understand why the NEC's investigation of the Class Struggle Faction and its document could have taken so long. If the NEC continues to deliberate indefinitely, the convention will have come and gone without any discussion having taken place on the document of the Class Struggle Faction.

We therefore request the following from the YSA NEC:

- 1) The nature of the investigation that has now been going on for four weeks.
- 2) The results of that investigation.

In addition, we would like to know what the rules are that the YSA has for investigations of factions, members, and documents.

We have already begun our pre-convention discussion, and it takes a certain amount of time to print and distribute a discussion document to locals across the country for discussion before the convention. In accordance with this, we request that you send an answer to this letter so that it can be discussed at next Sunday's business meeting. (That is, that we receive your letter no later than Saturday, November 11.)

Comradely,

Madison YSA Executive Committee
s/Bob Dohmen, Organizer

P.O. Box 471 Cooper Station
New York, N.Y. 10003

November 8, 1972

Sharon Curtis
Madison

Dear Comrade Curtis:

In response to your letter to the National Executive Committee dated October 29, 1972, the NEC wishes to inform you that the document you have submitted for the YSA pre-convention discussion bulletin will be published in discussion bulletin number five.

Comradely,

s/Andy Rose, for the
National Executive Committee

P.O. Box 471 Cooper Station
New York, N.Y. 10003

November 8, 1972

Bob Dohman
Madison

Dear Comrade Dohman:

In response to your letter to the National Executive Committee dated November 6, 1972, the NEC wishes to inform you that the document submitted by Sharon Curtis for the YSA pre-convention discussion bulletin will be published in discussion bulletin number five.

Comradely,

s/Andy Rose, for the
National Executive Committee

P.O. Box 471 Cooper Station
New York, N.Y. 10003

November 9, 1972

TO ALL ORGANIZERS

Dear Comrades,

The next issue of the Young Socialist Organizer, which will be available soon, contains important information locals will need in preparation for the convention. This letter is intended to call attention to specific sections of the YSO, relating to the election of delegates and the local and regional delegations meetings, and should be given special attention by regional organizers.

The following three points contained in the YSO are of particular importance:

1) The NEC will propose to the convention that each active YSJP chapter be given the opportunity to elect one fraternal delegate to the convention. Regional organizers should collaborate closely with the YSJP chapters in their region, encouraging as many of them as possible to elect fraternal delegates, and submit a list of all YSJP delegates in their region to the regional delegation, when it meets to discuss nominations to the National Committee, for its approval. Delegates representing YSJP chapters will be seated at the convention only upon recommendation from a regional delegation.

2) A large number of comrades who are currently assigned to the YSJP teams will be unable to attend their local meetings when voting on the resolutions and election of delegates takes place. That should not deny these comrades the opportunity to vote on resolutions and run as delegates to the convention. Comrades on the YSJP teams should be informed by the regional organizer in their region that they may submit their written vote on line resolutions prior to the election of delegates in their local and that they are eligible to run as delegates.

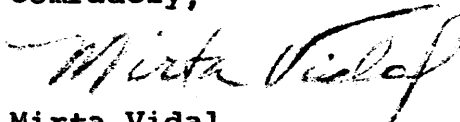
3) Because the tight schedule at this convention will limit the time available for the nominating commission to conduct its deliberations, adequate preparation in the local and regional delegations is crucial. The procedure to be followed by the delegations is outlined in detail in the YSO. Locals should be sure to schedule ample time for the delegation's

meetings prior to the time of departure for the convention. Comrades should prepare thoroughly for these meetings by carefully reading the material included in the YSO on the nominating commission, and particularly the article by James P. Cannon on leadership selection.

Regional organizers are also reminded that, as stipulated by the convention call, locals organized after November 13 are entitled to send consultative delegates to the convention. In order for newly formed locals to make the necessary preparations for the convention, regional organizers should work closely with them in the next two weeks.

If questions arise regarding any aspect of organizing for the convention locals should feel free to contact the National Office.

Comradely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mirta Vidal". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Mirta Vidal
YSA National Secretary