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MINUTES, 2 December 1964.....N.Y. SPARTACIST COMMITTEE

Present: Al, Shirley, Loretta, Harry, Jim, Danny, Dave, Roger, Lynne, Paul(late), Peter(late)

Absent: Tippy, Charlotte, Edith, Shane, Price

Meeting convened at 8:30 p.m.

- 1. Organization of Meeting: (a) Chairman - Jim
- (b) Agenda adopted
- (c) Minutes of 11/18 adopted as corrected: (1) The 3 suggestions under 8(c) on Harlem Defense Council were the substance of a motion passed unanimously; (b) Paul has not yet joined HDC.

Amendment tabled from last meeting: That REB, rather than the local chairman, pass on draft minutes prior to stencilling.

Discussion: Roger, Al, Shirley, Roger, Jim

Vote: For-Al, Shirley, Harry, Jim, Dave, Lynne

Abstaining-Loretta, Danny, Roger Against-0 Passed

Amendment by Roger: That these be labelled 'Draft' minutes rather than minutes. Discussion: Lynne, Al

Vote: For-Roger, Dave, Harry, Loretta Against-Al, Lynne

Abstaining-Shirley, Jim, Danny Passed

2. Membership:

Motion: To grant a 3-week leave of absence to Roger because of new job and school.

Vote: All for, but Dave abstaining Passed

Motion: To grant Charlotte a non-renewable 6 month leave of absence to formalize her present activity level (she will remain on call for proofreading).

Passed unanimously

3. General Information and Correspondence:

- (a) Cornell YSL minutes of 11/22 available.
- (b) Letter from Jack G. (Chicago) on YPSL dissolution (appended)
- (c) Wohlforthites - Price was approached by Fred Jerome and Jake Rosen of PL to inquire about ACFI, role of Healy, and Fred M. in particular. Inquired if Spartacists sought entry into PL as a policy. Fred M. has been selling Challenge as a regular assignment, and PL seems to be Wohlforth's only arena of activity; he may plan entry.
- (d) Our Mid-west gathering last weekend- Bob S. moving to Chicago within one month.
- (e) Glenns' passport case - correspondence file available; also important to comrades on the latest Cuba trip.
- (f) Postcard from Phil - is in Jackson, Miss., with COFO. Sent 2 letters from Jackson in Oct. which we never received.
- (g) Minutes of last REB meeting (5 Nov.) available.
- (h) Preliminary reply to Wohlforth - available in draft form.

4. Finances - Al. Balance on hand: \$422.92.

5. Branch Elections:Nominations for Chairman - Shirley

Motion by Roger: (a) To change title of 'Chairman' to 'Organizer'
 (b) To change 'Steering Committee' to 'Executive Comm.'

Vote on (a):	For-8	Against-0	Abstain-2	<u>Passed</u>
(b):	For-6	Against-1	Abstain-3	<u>Passed</u>

Nomination for Press and Literature Agent - LorettaNomination for Secretary - LynneNomination for Treasurer - Al

Motion by Roger: To divide local and national treasuries.
 Disc: Al, Jim Motion withdrawn

Motion by Harry: That the Exec. Committee consist of five full members - the organizer and 4 others.

Amendment by Roger: That Press and Lit Agent be a fraternal member of the EC. Tabled

Vote on Harry's motion:

All for, except Paul and Danny abstaining Passed

Nominations for Exec: Lynne, Dave, Harry, Al, Peter, Roger

6. Spartacist No. 3--Jim was sick, now leaving town. Lynne will help with paper. Expect to go to printer's next week.

7. Mass Work:

(a) Columbia - leaflet on final class session and party to be sent out Thursday.

(b) CCNY-Harlem Work - Lynne. Propose that Morningside Tenants Council work be expanded with end being formation of an independent, political, block council, and that Lynne, Paul and some people from CCNY (Danny, plus contacts from campus interested in rent strike work) be drawn in.

Discussion: Dave, Al, Shirley, Roger, Jim, Lynne, Loretta, Danny, Paul, Harry, Dave, Shirley, Roger, Lynne

Motion by Lynne: That Paul, Danny and Lynne be authorized to continue along lines outlined above.

Motion: to table till next meeting with EC bringing in recommendations.

Vote: For-Al, Shirley, Loretta, Harry, Jim, Danny, Dave, Peter

Against-Lynne Abst-Roger, Paul

Motion tabled

(Motion: to extend meeting to 11:30, and to table all information points. Passed)

(c) Harlem Defense Council - Shirley

Shirley spoke to Bill Epton and he agreed with our approach to defense work, but said he had not been in contact with national defense committee. National Guardian ad appeared for 'Committee to Defend Resisters to Ghetto Life', liberal approach, paper PL committee only, no organizing, no politics, people requested to give money only--the exact opposite of what is needed.

Motion from Exec:

- (1) that we seek to intervene through a reactivated Harlem Solidarity Committee, and that we contact members other than PL first;
- (2) that we contact Bill Epton before approach^{to} national committee;
- (3) that REB be asked to contact national committee with offer of national help for organizing defense meetings and that we present to the national committee the approach we think necessary and why.
- (4) that Epton defense work be a major emphasis of our campus fractions.

Passed unanimously

(d) N.Y. CORE - Harry

Our programmatic presentations in last explosive membership meeting were well-received--amazingly so in fact. Feels situation favorable for developing left-wing (this was in context of wide-spread resentment of Chairman Funnye's announcement to press that N.Y.CORE would sharply curtail demonstrations of any kind.) Ballentine beer boycott starts Friday, incorporates our shorter work-week approach.

(e) Congo Rallies: YSA-SWP and Youth Against War and Fascism (YAWF) have called simultaneous protest demonstrations at two different places next Sat. at 2 pm.

Disc: Paul, Al, Peter, Shirley, Jim, Harry, Paul, Al

Motion by Jim: that we support the SWP demonstration, participate with own placards, and contact Marcyites and PL and urge them to do the same, and urge United Front approach in future.

Vote: All for, but Harry abstaining

Passed

(Motion: to extend meeting 10 minutes--Passed.)

Motion by Harry: to raise with these organizations the question of a later UF demonstration on the Congo in Harlem.

Referred to Executive Committee

(f) May 2nd Committee (CCNY)--Harriet wants Spartacist support to build UF M2M at CCNY. First meeting Thurs.(g) Columbia Class--comrades reminded to make personal contacts for last class.

Announcement: Charity C. of 165 Morningside is having party Sat.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

C O P Y

November 29, 1964

Jim:

Called Barton tonight. He seemed quite willing to provide any information on YPSL. Here is the gist of what he said:

1. National Committee of SP met in Chicago this last weekend, laid it down to YPSL as follows: If YPSL would recognize the ability of the SP to determine the basic lines of YPSL politics, the suspension would be lifted.
2. Response of YPSL National Committee was to, as Barton called it, 'dissolve the YPSL organization.' Each faction went its own way, feeling there was no possibility of reconciliation.
 - (a) The Tuckman-Farber realignment group decided to stay on as the SP youth group.
 - (b) The Libertarians don't know what they're going to do (and probably never will, according to Barton).
 - (c) The Left-Wing has set up a National Organizing Committee for an organization of its own. (Incidentally, Steve showed us a copy of the first issue of their new publication 'The American Socialist,' which is very impressive in its format and must have cost them a pretty penny. Steve says the content is pretty good too, but I didn't get a chance to see it. Barton says they have sold or distributed all 3,000 copies of the first issue and will have to have more printed.) A subscription to it is \$3.00 per year (it is to come out monthly). It can be ordered through Barton's address, 6106 S. Ellis, Chicago. Maybe an exchange could be had with them.

Fraternally,

Jack