

YOUNG SOCIALIST EDITORIAL BOARD MINUTES - Aug. 24, 1958

Proposed Agenda:

1. Minutes
2. Report on year's work
3. Budget for coming year
 - a. Paper run
 - b. Sub Campaign
 - c. Office
 - d. Fund Drive
 - e. Sustaining system
 - f. Immediate financial problem
4. Tour
5. Next issue

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM. Present: Bert, Mike, Tim, Dick, George P.
Absent: Ellie, Jim. Observing: Arthur Phelps, Arlene Bernstein.

Danny F. volunteered to take minutes. The agenda was accepted unanimously.

1. Minutes: Bert stated that he did not feel that last week's minutes expressed his point of view correctly and he would not take responsibility for opinions attributed to him. Motion: Views on political topics not be summarized in minutes unless previously cleared with the participants or submitted in writing to the recording secretary. Passed unan. (Above refers to war-peace discussion)

2. Report on year's work: Tim reported some statistical findings based on our first 12 months of work. 51 persons have written articles for the YS. Of these, 50 were youth. Of this 50, a good 45 were writing for publication for the first time in their lives. 13 women have contributed. The ratio between students and young workers is about 50-50. We have sold or distributed a total of nearly 70,000 copies of the YS during the year. Our paper has been mentioned in at least 21 publications, including: NY Post, National Guardian, Militant, Labor Action, Denver U. Clarion, Colorado U. Daily, Denver Post, Rocky Mountain News, Stanford U. Daily, Minnesota U. Daily, U. of Cal. Daily Californian, Weekly Review (Georgia), National Review, UCLA Daily Bruin, Wayne U. Daily Collegian, U. of Chicago Maroon, U. of New Mexico paper, Eastern Michigan College Echo, News and Letters, Keep Left.

3. Budget for coming year: Tim reported on the budget prepared by Allen Taplin and appended to the minutes. In addition he reported on the immediate financial crisis brought about by non-payment of bundle bills and no contributions for the summer period. This situation necessitates certain drastic steps to solve the immediate financial crisis and a series of other measures aimed at stabilizing the paper's finances over the coming year. The following proposals were acted upon:

a. Paper run: Motion: We continue our present low 3,500 run and urge those areas presently getting abnormally low summer bundles to raise their order by the next issue. We urge all areas not already doing so to sell the paper instead of distributing it. The present tendency to distribute the paper puts an extra financial burden on our own comrades and is the main cause of the failure to pay bundle bills. Passed unan.

b. Sub campaign: It was reported that we had about 200 expired subs at the present time and that renewals were coming in very slowly. The continued existence of the paper depends on its base in subs. All areas were urged to immediately visit expired subscribers in their area. Motion: We conduct a 500 new-and-renewal sub campaign for the period Sep 15 - Dec 15. Barbara Doritty to be in charge of the campaign. Passed unan.

c. Office: It was reported that the present finances of the YS necessitated a drastic cut in expenses. However it was felt that we should not stop regular publication of the YS, nor lay-off the fulltime national functionary (editor), as these are what puts us in a competitive position in the youth field. It therefore seems impossible for us to continue paying for office space. The YSA presently faces a monthly deficit of \$83, largely because of the high cost of the present hall.

Motion: The YS can no longer afford its present office rent and balance its budget. We urge the YSA to consider moving from the present hall. We appoint Allen T. to work with the YSA in seeking an alternative arrangement to the present one and reporting back to the editorial board as soon as possible. Passed unan.

d. Fund drive: Motion: We hold two fund drives in the coming year of \$1200 each. These are to be held from Sep 15, 1958 to Dec 15, 1958 and from Mar 15, 1959 to Jun 15, 1959. Passed unan. Tentative quotas were discussed for each area. It was decided that Allen should write each area individually about their quota before publicizing even tentative quotas. Each area is asked to agree on a quota and to appoint a fund drive director by Sept. 15.

Motion:

e. Sustaining system:/ A sustaining system be set up aiming at raising \$100 per month. Passed unan. This means raising an average of \$1.00 each from our approximately 100 financial supporters. In other words a goodly number of comrades must pledge from \$2.00 to \$5.00 per month.

f. Immediate financial problem: Tim reported that we have a debt of \$428 hanging over us due to lack of payments this summer. This includes two printer's bills of \$175 each - the first time in the existence of the paper that we have faced such a situation. We simply must pay one of these within the next week, but have only \$41 now on hand. At this point George Payne reached into his pocket for his wallet and put five \$20 bills on the table as his contribution to meet the immediate crisis. A unanimous vote of thanks was extended to comrade Payne for his personal sacrifice. It was hoped that comrades throughout the country would respond with equal spirit of sacrifice.

4. Tour: Due to the immediate financial crisis plus the long range difficulties Tim reported that it is necessary to call off the proposed airplane tour as it would tax our finances too greatly. Motion: The national tour be cancelled. Tim go on a Mid-west and East-coast motor-scooter tour. We urge the west coast comrades to have a tour of their own, run simultaneously with the Wohlforth tour. Passed unan.

5. Next Issue: It was decided to have a special 6-page Oct-Nov issue of the YS to alleviate the current financial crisis and to make the functioning of the national center easier when Wohlforth is on tour. It was also decided that the 2-page insert be a special "Election Bulletin". The following articles were decided on unanimously:

Outside four pages:

1. Interview with Harold Davies - Tim (done)
2. Integration coverage (Little Rock, Oklahoma City youth action, \$1.95 death, etc) - Martha
3. Tour, fund drive, supporter system, sub drive - Tim
4. A socialist's conception of peace - Rosa Luxemburg
5. UAW - a Detroit comrade
6. Editorials on campus scene and year's work of YS - Tim

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7. NSA Convention - Arthur Phelps
8. World Youth Festival - Ellie
9. YSL-YPSL letter (as yet unanswered)

Insert:

1. The Case Against the Democrats and Republicans - Danny F.
2. The ISP, What It Stands For - Jim L.
3. Why Socialism? - Peter Allan
4. Electoral actions elsewhere (Chicago) - Jack Hirsch
5. Editorial: Where the YS Stands

Meeting adjourned at 10 PM. Next meeting scheduled for Sunday Aug. 31 at 7 PM. Proposed agenda will include the War Question and discussion on proposed organizational form for our supporters.

Schedule for next YS: Copy deadline: Sept 8, copy to printer: Sept 12, paper off presses: Sept 19. Mike K volunteered to personally pay for 2,000 copies of the insert for New York distribution if the YSA could not afford it.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YOUNG SOCIALIST - Aug. 24, 1958

PROJECTED MONTHLY INCOME (Estimated from past 11 months)

New York YS sales	\$27	
National bundle sales	48	
" subs	<u>40</u>	
Total regular income		\$115

PROJECTED MONTHLY EXPENSES (Approximately present average rate)

Headquarters

Rent		\$35	
Utilities: phone	\$11		
gas	7		
electric	<u>4</u>		
Total utilities		22	
Maintenance		5	
Misc. supplies		<u>5</u>	
Total headquarters			\$ 67

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Office: mailings	\$30		
correspond.	10		
supplies	5		
misc.	<u>49</u>		
Total office		\$ 94	
Printing		175	
Editor's salary		<u>175</u>	
Total young socialist			<u>444</u>
Total all income			<u>\$511</u>
			\$396 (deficit)

OTHER PROBABLE INCOME (Estimated from past fund drive and emergency appeals)

National supporter's dues	\$100	
(\$1/mo. from 100)		
Fund drives	<u>200</u>	
(2-\$1200 per year)		
Total other income		\$300
		\$96 (minimum monthly deficit)