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N.Y.SPARTACIST COMMITTEE MINUTES.....April 21, 1965

Present: Jim, Lynne, Shirley, Al, Sam, Paul, Dave, Mark, Harry, Danny,
Lyndon, Roger (late) Other: Ron, Charity, E.J., Winnie
Absent: Shane, Tippy, Price, Peter (Charlotte-1.o.a.)

Meeting convened at 8:40 p.m.

1. Organization of Meeting: (a) Chairman - Mark
(b) Agenda adopted
(c) Minutes of 4/14 read and accepted

Motion: To admit Ron, Also Winnie, Charity and E.J. with voice.
passed

2. General Information and Correspondence - Jim
(a) Minutes, BA of 3/25 and Chicago 4/6 received. Edit.Bd. has received proposal from Chicago for coordinated national campaign, will discuss on 4/26 REB meeting.
(b) BA- Bob S. going from D.C.-Baltimore to BA for 10 days for full-time organizational work, return via New Orleans.
(c) Baltimore- We have received applications from 7, expect 1 more. Al leaves tomorrow for 1-2 wks. in Baltimore.
(d) SPARTACIST No.4- To printer's tomorrow.
(e) Clerical work- Still need addressing for SPARTACIST No.4 mailing and some collating for MB's. We have made a payment on addressograph, not ready for 2 wks.
(f) Article on 'New Left in America', in which we will be discussed, to appear in next Sunday's N.Y.Times magazine sect.
(g) MB Series- No.7 on Party-Youth relations complete except for preface. Beautiful covers prepared.
[(h) National Review of 6 April gave us honorable mention in article 'American Friends of the Viet Cong.']

3. Elections:

Motion by Lynne: That Exec. be 5 members. passed

Nominations:

Organizer - Shirley
Executive Committee (4 others besides organizer) -
Harry, Sam, Lyndon, Lynne, Dave, Shirley
Secretary - Lynne
Sales and Literature - Danny

Motion by Jim: That we exempt the office of treasurer from election at this time. passed

4. Washington March - Dave
20,000 participated. SWP-YSA best organized contingent, brought out everyone they had from Chicago eastward, but few new faces. We had about 30-35, distributed 6,000 leaflets, an insufficient number. Ours was the best leaflet and was well received. SDS did not provide 'Withdraw' signs, so we entered the line with our own militant slogans (unsigned as no other signed placards on line). March was not spirited. Sit-in was small and

disorganized so we didn't participate. Our own organization could have been better. IMPORTANT--ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS SOLD ON MARCH SHOULD BE SENT IN IMMEDIATELY!

Disc: Lynne, Sam, Mark, Roger, Al, Harry, Dave, Jim, Harry

5. Columbia Epton Defense Committee - Lynne
Epton was very friendly, agreed to speak for us on the topic we wanted; Conrad Lynn also agreed to speak. Then, after frustrating delay in getting clearance on publicity, Lamansky told us PL was taking over the meeting. Conrad Lynn was angry.
Disc: Dave, Al, Jim, Sam, Mark, Lynne, etc.

It was decided that the Epton Defense Committee should put out a supporting leaflet for the meeting, but indicating certain distance between us and the PL-sponsored meeting. We should not drop defense work. Possible CORE-EDC march from campus to 28th precinct over Epton.

6. N.Y. CORE--Harry Employment Committee- We are preparing program for garment district onslaught (largest industry in NYC with heavy employment of unskilled and semi-skilled Negro and Puerto Rican workers), stressing united struggle by workers for '30 for 40', upgrading of minority workers, and organizing the unorganized. Start with streeting meeting to attract nucleus from area, build from there to actions against individual shops, picketing of ILGWU. Problems: must win endorsement of NY CORE membership first, then will probably have to fight national CORE. District 65 will have City-wide strike of 50,000 May 3 for \$2 min.wage.
Disc: Sam, Shirley, Harry, Sam, Al, Lyndon

165 Morningside- 4 tenants have received dispossesses, comes at time when Council is at its weakest. Council meeting Sunday.

7. SSEU - Lyndon
Factional split become even more exacerbated. At Monday debate before 400 workers, overwhelming support for leftwing (Mage). Main issues emergence of embryonic bureaucracy (rightwing) in union leadership with concillatory and collaborative attitude toward bosses. Leftwing's refusal to oppose 2 top offices not understood by militant rank-and-file workers. Union moving toward affiliation with AFL-CIO. Disc: Al, Shirley, Jim, Sam, Lynne, Shirley

[Motion - to extend meeting till 11:15 p.m. passed)

8. PL Convention - Al
4 days, incl. night sessions, about 150 delegates present. Conducted through 'workshops' which drew up documents then presented to Convention for ratification. Workshops included community work, Negro question, Union work, and organizational, with Negro quest. being most important. We did not get a leaflet out. Out-of-towners more friendly than NYCers. We spend all day Fri. around convention, skipped Sat., and sold Sun. a.m. Many confused us with Wohlforthites. Disc: Shirley, Al
9. HOC - Paul. Last 2 meetings had a falling-off in attendance, therefore we have not been able to consolidate. Problem in getting people to assume organizational responsibility. Orientation meeting still projected for block, will try to recruit, consolidate from there.
Meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.