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MINUTES, N.Y. SPARTACIST COMMITTEE.....30 June 1965

Present: Jim, Lynne, Shirley, Al, Tippy, Sam, Chris, Dee, Paul, Lyndon, Roger,
Dave, Mark, Price (late), Peter (late) Others: Helen, Vivian
Absent: Harry (on assign), Shane

Meeting convened at 8:40 p.m.

- 1. Organization of Meeting:
 - (a) Chairman - Lyndon
 - (b) Agenda adopted
 - (c) Minutes of 6/16 read and accepted

Motion: To admit Helen and Vivian. Passed

Motion by Roger: Any person arriving after the scheduled meet-
time should be marked 'late' in the minutes.

Disc: Shirley, Roger, Helen, Al, Dee, Lyndon

Vote - All for but Lynne, opposed, and Mark and Al abstaining
Motion passed

- 2. Membership:

Motion: That Helen be transferred into the N.Y. local.

Motion passed

Motion: To grant Peter a 6 months leave of absence retroactive
to the last meeting he attended (3/31).

Disc: Roger, Dave, Lynne, Jim, Roger, Jim, Chris, Shirley, Sam

Motion: To table the matter till Peter arrives; if he doesn't
come, to refer it to the Exec.

Motion passed

The question was raised as to whether Mike R. and Bill and Jan
S. of the Ithaca YSL should be permitted to attend our meetings
since two have serious differences with the Spartacist group
and the third is a spouse of one of the others.

Disc: Helen, Dave, Dee, Helen, Al, Mark, Helen, Jim, Lynne, Dee, Helen,
Sam, Dave, Shirley, Lyndon

Motion: That Helen go to see Bill. If he is enough in support
of the program of Spartacist and is considering member-
ship in a positive way, then he can attend meetings
(alone).

Motion passed

Motion by Roger: That no person who is not a member of the
Spartacist be permitted to attend a meeting unless
invited by the organization.

Disc: Dave, Roger, Chris, Jim, Dee, Roger, Jim, Sam, Helen,
Roger, Jim, Mark

Amendment by Chris: Motions to admit or exclude persons to
meetings should take precedence over all other motions.
Amendment accepted.

Amendment by Jim: To empower the Exec. to also extend formal invitations to persons to attend local meetings.

Vote on Amdt.--All for but Roger opposed. Passed

Vote on amended motion: Passed Unanimously

3. National and REB Reports - Jim

- (a) Letter from Bob S. - According to a reliable rumor, it appears that M2M is going to disband and enter SDS. It is conceivable that this is about to happen; if so, it would be a challenge and opportunity for us.
- (b) Publications - MB No.2 is complete except for preface which will soon be ready. 50 copies of WPFS received from England. We have purchased 300 copies of 'The fight for Socialism'; Dave has written an 'Imprimatur' to be inserted explaining about Shachtman. We received the first shipment of 'Behind the Harlem Riots' which has already been used up, and we are awaiting 2,000 more--we need them.
- (c) Baltimore - The situation there has become unglued again. Jim M. has gone to Tenn. A sick situation exists.
- (d) REB - Charges have been preferred against C. Smith for deserting the Baltimore local against orders and defending his conduct. The problem relating to Jack G. and Bob S. was reported. Houston and Baltimore have major problems; Austin had a supremely undesirable contact.
- (e) Wohlforth and Healy - The second session went surprisingly well. W. accepted the first set of minutes and the joint statement on the NYC elections is going through. The discussion on PL showed only shadings of difference within the same general conception of what a proper orientation should be. W. admitted his position on PL had been incorrect while he was in the SWP and was due to lack of information and too narrow an attitude of concentration on SWP. Letter from Liz on her interview with Healy was reported. Healy against unity now, wants unity at the Jan. conference on his terms. We are pushing W. hard here, and they are hard put on reasons to stall.
- (f) Algerian coup - While we have been theroretically vindicated the coup is a serious set back. U.Sec. only now puts forward proper line: Ben Bella was a bonapartist, workers and peasants should take power, a revolutionary party is needed, etc. IC statement supportable but marred by final remark on Cuba and its 'weak' bourgeoisie', a contradiction in statement itself since the capitalist basis of Algeria was laid bare by citing economic relations qualitatively different from those known to exist in Cuba.
- (g) SPARTACIST No. 5 - Shane reports he is thinking out his article.
- (h) Press Report - the Newsletter, M-L Vanguard and World Outlook all carried articles relating to us.

Disc: Lyndon, Sam, Tippy, Al, Helen, Jim, Roger, Shirley, Jim

4. Class and Forums - Chris

Discussion of problems that have come up in organizing summer forums on Algeria, Bolivia, and Negro Freedom struggle: Roger, Tippy, Sam, Jim, Tippy, Chris, etc. Mark and Dave agreed to act as coordinators to set up forum series. On the class, the hold-up has been on a meeting place; the brochure can be ready in hrs.

[Peter entered at this point and was told the choices he had regarding his level of activity and/or membership. He decided to resume functioning.]

[It was decided to extend the meeting till 11:30, to table HOC report, to take up action points and announcements only, and to discuss SDS-M2M next.]

5. SDS-M2M:

(a) SDS - Chris. People were organized into 10 groups assigned to different communities. We will work with group to go into Garment Center over the Vietnam issue; PLers also on this comm.

(b) Garment Center Committee - Roger. Argument developed over the issuance of a rather poor leaflet. Our fraction suggested that invited speakers include Boutelle, C. Lynn, and Epton. First 2 were accepted, but Epton rejected. We influenced about 3 other people. Next mtg. Sun, 3 p.m. Disc: Shirley, Mark

(c) M2M - Mark. First meeting concerned with setting up functioning M2M over the summer. They will work within SDS community project, have M2M classes on, eg, Latin America. Appears plausible they may merge with SDS as little difference exists. Mark urged formation of volunteer contingent to Viet Nam; apparently this had already been discussed and rejected by the leadership--reasons ranged from bad to poor. Perhaps Spartacist should reconsider our position and initiate the project. Mark has been in correspondence with Arnoni. Disc. Dee, Mark, Al

[Roger asked the Chair to rule Al out of order in discussing Mark's last point. The Chair ruled Al in order, and Roger appealed the ruling. The Chair was upheld with Roger, Tippy, Chris and Dee opposed and the rest supporting the Chair.]

6. Free University - Enrollment this week, 7-9 p.m., \$24 per class. Mage teaching Marxist Econ., Jim to teach Leninism in Fall. Five of our comrades will be taking courses there, contacting.

7. ACFI-Spartacist Joint Social - Mailing work session on Sat. Expect large turn out.

8. Finances - Al. We are \$271.99 in the red and must also prepare for our August issue. \$150 owed in N.Y. (excluding Peter), \$173 owed outside N.Y.

9. Sales - Sam. Comrades have been missing assignments; we must follow through on what we have pledged to do. Major Owens and Miss. Freedom Demo Party rallies covered. Chris said he was to blame for the 2 missed functions. Friday, 116 - Mark, Paul Sam will organize for Washington Square Sunday.

Malcolm X Leaflet - Distribution on Sat. at 9:30 a.m.: Shirley, Paul, Helen, Al, Lyndon, Peter, Jim, Dave; suggest Charity and James be involved in this if possible. Leaflet was very well received last week--Malcolm' lives' in Harlem.

10. Parties: YSA Party Sat. - Winnie, Lyndon, Helen
M2M Sat. - Mark, Chris, Dee

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.