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MINUTES, N.Y. SPARTACIST COMMITTEE.....25 August 1965

Present: Jim, Lynne, Shirley, Dee, Paul, Mark, Chris, Dave R., Roger, Sam, Lyndon, Peter, Dave K. Others: Winnie
Absent: Harry and Hugh(CORE); Tippy(l.o.a.); Shane, Price, Helen, Dave S.

Meeting convened at 8:30 p.m.

- 1. Organization of Meeting: (a) Chairman- Mark
(b) Agenda adopted
(c) Minutes of 18 Aug. not yet ready

2. Membership:

Motion: To transfer Mark's membership from local to at-large status.

Passed unanimously

At the last Exec. a motion was passed instructing Shane to attend one of the next two local meetings and at least every other one thereafter and attend one mobilization every two weeks (or every other mobilization), and to review his pledge. He is presently on vacation, but told Chris he intended to become active as of September.

3. National Report- Jim

REB meeting of 8/23: took up personnel questions; LA and Chicago riots-- general line and line of Chicago leaflet, and present tactics; draft for internal circular on police agents; Chicago situation- looks good, going toward stability, though some weaknesses. All copy in for SPARTACIST No. 5. Wohlforth-IC- Negotiations presently delayed. IC Conference- REB formally accepted invitation to participate fraternally. Spartacist National Conference- delayed in part because Hainline Stalinism resolution inadequate; no date presently set. Third session unity negotiations minutes mimeo'd and available. Appeal for funds from Sydney Wanasinghe (Editor, YS) from Ceylon LSSP(Revolutionary Wing). First communication from them in a year. Disc: Sam, Roger

4. Friday Forum on Chicago Riots:

- (a) Preparations - Chris. Paste-ups tonight in Harlem and Upper West Side, have already covered Columbia Univ. and Village. UWS: Mark, Dave K., Dave R., Peter. Harlem: Shirley, Paul, Thurs. noon Columbia: Dave K. and Helen. Dee has prepared press release and publicity.
- (b) Forum - Jim. At Hotel Empire. Speakers; Shirley(chrm.), Paul, Sharon (Chicago), and Jim. Will contact Epton and SWP election campaign committees, and HDC. Expect 50-100. Room holds 70. Attendance is a requirement for all members. Other assignments: Door; lit.table(2); contact list; collection speech, Mark will head-up usher squad.

5. Garment Center Viet Nam Committee - Roger.

General meeting of all the Vietnam committees Friday night. Garment Center Committee may be criticized so someone should be there, Disc: Mark, Lyndon, Roger, Shirley

Motion by Jim: To refer question of attendance of a maximum of two people to the Vietnam fraction with the recommendation that unless absolutely necessary no people be pulled from our meeting.

Passed unanimously

6. HOC-Harlem Work (continued from last week)

Disc: Roger, Jim, Shirley, Peter, Lyndon, Paul, Roger, Mark, Lynne, Sam, Winnie,
Peter, Jim, Shirley, Mark, Lynne

Motion by Dave R.: That Roger's motion of last week be reconsidered.

Passed unanimously

Motion by Dave R.: That the effect and content of Roger's previous motion be negated.

Substitute Motion by Roger: That the instructions issued to the Harlem fraction be rescinded (accepted by Dave).

Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.