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MINUTES, N.Y. LOCAL.....7 October 1965

Present: Jim, Sam, Lynne, Winnie, Al, Lyndon, Hugh, Helen, Danny, Shirley, Paul, Price

Absent: Harry(exc.), Roger, Shane, Tippy, Peter, Dave

Meeting convened at 8:35 p.m.

1. Organization of Meeting: (a) Chairman - Lyndon
(b) Agenda adopted
(c) Minutes of 9/23/65 adopted

2. Membership:
Motion: To accept the temporary transfer of Lynn C. from Houston. Passed

3. REB and National Report - Jim
 - (a) Mexican Trotskyists: We have information that there are three groups, Posadasite, Pabloite, and pro-IC which range in size from 30-50 each.
 - (b) Philips-Miller documents: We have received two: (1) Polemic with Breitman on Black Nationalism and the Freedom Now Party; (2) Miller's report to his friends in the SWP on the Convantion.
 - (c) ASOC: We have recently had the opportunity to get insight into the internal workings of the ASOC.
 - (d) Malcolm Bruce: Latest issue of Canadian Progressive Worker (Maoist) has article by Malcolm Bruce.
 - (e) SPARTACIST 5: Three comrades from Ithaca will be in N.Y. this weekend to help.
 - (f) Meeting with British: B.A. local has fears over unity. We will have a representative and authoritative delegation.
 - (g) Deacons: In New Orleans, Ithaca and B.A. there is opportunity to do Deacons support work. Other interested locals can contact Joe V. for information and advice.
 - (h) Vietnam Day: REB held discussion and adopted motion to use B.A. leaflet for our intervention nationally in the Oct.15-16 protest.
 - (i) "Fight for Socialism": Introduction ready. This basic book can now be stamped and sold openly.
 - (j) 8th Negotiation Session: this Friday, on 1962 split in tendency.

4. Executive Committee Report - Shirley
Spartacist meetings will be regularly every other Thursday, Exec. to meet the alternate Thursdays. Dave will be co-opted to Exec in a couple of weeks. New elections will be held upon Al's return from Chicago.

5. Anti-War Movement:
 - (a) Discussion on draft and "We Won't Go" slogan - Jim
Abolition of imperialism and capitalism and its wars in general and the Vietnamese war in particular will not be achieved through individualistic draft refusal. In fact, the conscript army should include "beatniks, Vietniks, homosexuals, people from Watts"--and us--though at present there is no particular reason for our own supporters to go in, since the army is not yet a truly mass, conscript army capable of playing a political role in reshaping society. When the army does become significant, whether to go in or stay out will no longer be a question as they will simply take most youth. The "We Won't Go" slogan is ridiculous since most drafted will go; few will be willing to go to prison for 5 years (Dave Mitchell case). The M2M slogan is pacifistic and individualistic; would be different if there was a mass refusal as, e.g., in Puerto Rico. No comrade is to pass out any leaflet calling on soldiers to disobey orders or to mutiny. Disc: Hugh, Helen, Winnie, Lynne, Al, Sam, Paul, Hugh, Price, Winnie, Lynne, Lyndon, Jim

- (b) Discussion on Slogan "No Negotiations": Sharp REB discussion. Mage feels U.S. military power overwhelming and therefore negotiations for peace will become necessary. Disc: Jim, Al, Shirley, Lyndon, Lynne, Price, Jim, Sam
- (c) October 16 Parade: As authorized at last meeting, our delegation split at last parade committee meeting, details in our 2 page press release. Last meeting smaller by 1/2. SWP, MZM, PL, and ACFI, remain on sponsors list. Received letter congratulating us on our action from Conrad Lynn. Berta Green of SWP NC and a YSAer had to sheepishly agree we were basically right. Our press statement was sent to all YSA and SWP locals, national mailing list of Vietnam Day committees, Canadian groups, and prominent individuals, and internationally. Disc: Price, Lyndon, Shirley, Lyndon, Jim, Helen, Price, Sam, Lyndon

(Motion: To extend meeting to 11:30 p.m. Passed)

(HOC and Campus reports will be tabled; other points on Agenda will be lumped together under announcements.)

Motion by Lyndon: That N.Y. local attend Parade and Rally with our signs as well as leaflet, and that other groups be approached to find out if they will support us in this move.

Amendment by Lynne: That Exec. set a poster party prior to parade and have our name on all signs.

Amdt. to Amdt. by Jim: That some of our signs have our name.

Disc: Al, Jim, Shirley, Helen, Lynne, Lyndon, Jim, Shirley, Helen, Winnie, Lyndon

Motion as amended

Passed unanimously

Exec. will meet Monday to assess the situation and draw up several slogans and arrange to have stencils made, to mobilize people, and decide how, when, and where to intervene.

6. Information and Announcements:

- (a) Distribution at Columbia "Teach Out" Saturday. Volunteers to distribute Campus Spartacist: Danny, Morris (Danny to contact Peter and Roger)
- (b) Al has been attending hearings on organizers of trips to Cuba. Laub, Schlosser and Martinot face 20 years, Luce will act as government witness.
- (c) Welfare Workers Committee for Peace: Committee losing people.
- (d) Demonstration at Soviet Mission demanding material support to N. Vietnam and China - 9 of our comrades and 9 from Committee to Aid NLF participated.
- (e) Demonstration last Sunday against Johnson. 500 people, Marcyites dominated. Toward end of demonstration Marcyites tore up YSA and SWP signs supporting DeBerry's candidacy and drove YSA and SWP off line. SWP took it.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 a.m.