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SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES, N.Y.LOCAL.....11 November 1965

Present: Jim, Price, Al, Shirley, Lynne, Danny, Peter, Hugh, Dave, Helen, Paul (late), Roger (late) Other: Ron C.

Absent: Sam, Winnie, Lyndon, Harry, Shane, Tippy, Lynn C. Others: Hammett, Stephanie

Meeting convened at 8:30 p.m.

- 1. Organization of Meeting: (a) Chairman - Jim
 (b) Agenda adopted
 (c) Minutes of 11/4 accepted as corrected

Motion: To admit Ron with voice. Passed

2. General Information and Correspondence - Jim

- (a) Correspondence: (i) Copies of letters from White to comrades and contacts in west Canada seeking the development of an IC section there; (ii) letter from Ron in L.A. reporting on his work and prospects which are encouraging; (iii) letter from our special representative.
- (b) First meeting of JUC (Joint Unity Committee): Went smoothly.
- (c) SPARTACIST 5: Being pasted up.
- (d) Twin Cities: Important recruit, Maury K., politically knowledgeable with circle of young workers and ex-YSAers around him; will get PO box.
- (e) Chicago: Important recruit, with good connections.
- (f) Columbus, O: Another recruit and contacts. Our comrades participated in Conference of Nat'l Vietnam Coordinating Committee.
- (g) Vietnam Conference in D.C. 11/26-28: All political orgs. get 1 rep and 1 alt.

Disc: Shirley, Al, Helen, Jim, Roger

3. Trial of Danny (charges included with 11/4 minutes):

YSA trial procedure followed; 2/3 vote required for expulsion. Written charges had been presented to Danny 15 days before.

Shirley for the Exec: Presentation of charges. No one is accusing Danny of deliberately making these breaches, but to let them pass unchallenged would lead to an unacceptable level of permissible conduct for a comrade. The evidence was presented, consisting of discussion and motion from 9/23 N.Y. Local meeting on public discussion of fraction work and the tape of Danny's WBAI broadcast on 10/8.

Danny: He was not sure of himself, not prepared for the program, not familiar with the situation this summer in Chicago, therefore said anything that came to his mind on the program. There is no concrete evidence he damaged the organization that he knows of. Feels Spartacist should not have permitted him to speak on the program in the first place.

Motion by Roger: To dismiss charges.

Motion on Procedure: To have one round of discussion, 5 minutes each, and at the conclusion have a new procedural motion. Passed

First Round: Roger, Peter, Price, Paul, Dave, Hugh, Al, Lynne, Jim

Motion on Procedure: To have a second round of discussion, 2 minutes each. Passed

Second Round: Roger, Lynne, Helen, Al, Jim, Dave, Paul

At this point Roger demanded an immediate vote on his motion to dismiss charges. The Chair ruled this motion would be voted on at the conclusion of summaries by both sides. Roger challenged the chair. The Secretary assumed the chair temporarily. Roger presented his challenge in one minute.

Vote to Uphold the Challenge to the Chair:

For: Roger, Hugh

Opposed: Jim, Price, Al, Shirley, Lynne, Danny, Helen, Paul

Abstaining: Peter, Dave

Chair Upheld

Jim resumed the chair. Summaries by Shirley and Danny followed. In the summary, Shirley asked that Danny be censured for his conduct of 10/8.

Vote on Roger's motion to dismiss charges:

For: Roger, Peter, Dave

Opposed: Jim, Price, Al, Shirley, Lynne, Danny, Helen, Paul, Hugh

Abstaining: --

Motion lost

Vote on charge that Danny made statements contradictory to the policy of the organization in relation to the work of the Harlem fraction:

For: Price, Al, Shirley, Lynne, Helen, Paul, Hugh, Dave, Peter

Opposed: --

Abstaining: Roger, Jim, Danny

Charge Upheld

Vote on charge that Danny violated the motion outlining procedure for handling public discussion of the work of fractions.

For: Price, Al, Shirley, Lynne, Helen, Paul, Hugh, Dave, Peter, Jim, Danny

Opposed: --

Abstaining: Roger

Charge Upheld

Vote on charge that Danny's statement that PL took orders from Peking was provocative and politically damaging to the work of the organization.

For: Price, Lynne, Shirley, Al, Helen, Paul, Jim

Opposed: Roger, Hugh

Abstaining: Danny, Peter, Dave

Charge Upheld

Vote on charge that Danny indicated the number and location of members of the organization in a particular fraction, potentially endangering the means of livelihood of almost the entire local and exposing the comrades of that fraction.

For: Al, Helen, Dave, Price, Shirley, Hugh, Jim

Opposed: Roger, Peter

Abstaining: Danny, Paul, Lynne

Charge Upheld

Vote on the general conclusion of guilt.

For: Al, Helen, Price, Shirley, Hugh, Jim, Paul, Lynne, Danny

Opposed: Roger

Abstaining: Peter, Dave

Verdict: Guilty as charged

Vote on motion to privately censure Danny.

For: Al, Helen, Price, Shirley, Hugh, Jim, Paul, Lynne, Danny

Opposed: --

Abstaining: Roger, Peter, Dave

Danny is hereby censured

The trial is concluded

Announcements

- (1) Meeting Sat. 8:00 p.m. in East Harlem against the war in Vietnam. Speakers include Stanley Aronowitz, State Dept. representative, Jesuit priest, etc.
- (2) SWP Forum Friday, Canadian who visited Cuba.
- (3) Sat. demonstration at 111th and Bvdy. on "Get the Troops Out", co-sponsored by SDS, M2M, etc.
- (4) Saturday night--our party at Dave's.
- (5) Committee to Defend NLF asks defense guards for its Sat. night meeting.
- (6) Shirley will see members as they leave regarding their pledges.
- (7) Helene B. will be in NYC this weekend.
- (8) SDS Rhodesia demonstration at UN Friday, 2 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.