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MINUTES, N.Y.LOCAL.....14 April 1966

Present: Roger, Helen, Sam, Al, Lynne, Ron, Price, Hugh, Danny, Tippy, Jim, Shirley, Paul, Bob, Jack, Dave, Shane, Harry, Shelly, Lyndon, Winnie Others: Larry, George, Donna

Absent: Peter, Phil S.

Meeting convened at 8:35 p.m.

- 1. Organization of Meeting: (a) Chairman - Shirley
 (b) Agenda adopted
 (c) Minutes of 4 March and 7 April adopted

2. Personnel:

Shelly ran into Phil S. He would not reveal his address and wants to be dropped from membership for the present. Disc: Shelly, Danny, Roger

Motion by Al: To terminate the candidacy of Phil S.

Amdt. by Roger: Add "without prejudice".

For amendment: Roger, Dave, Jack, Danny, Shane

Opposed: Bob, Lyndon, Helen, Shirley, Paul, Jim, Sam, Shelly, Al, Hugh

Abstaining: Ron, Winnie, Harry, Lynne, (Tippy-consult.)

Not Voting: Larry(consult.)

Amendment lost

Vote on motion: All for but Danny, not voting

Motion passed

Motion by Jim: To request the immediate resignation of Shane Mage from Spartacist on the grounds: secondarily, because of his violation of discipline at our public meeting in NYC on Sunday, 27 March on "Castro's Right Turn and the 'Third World' Crisis" at which comrade Mage spoke at length and repeatedly from the floor against the fundamental line of the organization before some 65 people; primarily, because his remarks were in content a definitive break with revolutionary Marxism, i.e. (1) that there is no perspective for proletarian revolution in the colonial world until socialist revolutions occur in the West (sic); (2) that "Castro and Kosygin" are doing a good job in seeking to contain American imperialism.

Disc: Shane

Procedural motion by Jim: To have one 5-min. round

Passed

Disc: Harry, Winnie, Lyndon, Larry, Tippy, Lynne, Dave, Roger, Hugh, Paul, Al, Helen, Bob, Danny

Motion by Jim: To have 20-minute summaries by Shane and Jim.

Passed

Motion by Larry: To have a second 2-min. round.

Passed

Counter-motion by Lynne: To proceed immediately to Summaries. Lost

Disc: Larry, Harry, Lyndon, Paul, Roger

Summaries: Shane, Jim

Vote on Jim's motion:

For: Helen, Lyndon, Winnie, Paul, Harry, Shirley, Jack, Al, Sam, Jim, Lynne, Shelly, Ron, Price, Bob, Hugh

Opposed: Shane, Dave, Roger, (Tippy-consult., Larry-consult. with statement)

Abstaining: Danny, (George-consult.)

Motion passed

Statement by Larry:

I vote against the motion because:

- (a) I am not convinced on the basis of written documents that Shane has broken with a Marxist, working-class perspective.
- (b) I was not at the meeting.

I think that Shane's actions at the meeting were at least ill-advised, but I also think that his presence in Spartacist provides an important and necessary dialectic. If he has broken with Revolutionary Marxism, he should be expelled. But what may be a personality expression of a lack of sufficient self-control should not be taken as a de facto proof of a change in outlook.

Note submitted by Shane:

I categorically affirm the inaccuracy of the depiction of my theoretical position embodied in this resolution.

3. International Report:

Motion: That we have meeting on the International Question at 1 p.m. Sunday.
Disc: Price. Passed

Report will be taped as Price will be unable to attend as working.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.