

Present: Full: Robertson, Nelson, Cunningham Alt: Small Staff: Salant, Gordon
Absent: Full: Henry Alt: Seymour Staff: Rogers(exc.)
Meeting convened 8:40 p.m.

- Agenda:
1. Minutes and Attendance
 2. General Information and Correspondence
 3. Personnel and Organization
 4. Press
 - a. Mailing
 - b. SPARTACIST #13
 5. National Conference

1. Minutes and Attendance: There are no new minutes. Tonight the revised draft of the main Conference resolution is to be submitted for a vote. We have two PB comrades absent. Comrade Henry is indisposed; Comrade Seymour, who observed that he would raise whatever differences he has some other time, has not requested an excused absence.
2. General Information and Correspondence:
 - a. SSEU: At the Kingsbridge Welfare Center's annual delegate elections for 2 delegate positions, 2 Militant Caucus supporters were elected, defeating a Wohlforthite.
 - b. G.I. Voice: Issue #4 received.
 - c. SDS Convention: SDS has split down the middle. We call upon our members to intensify their SDS participation, in the WSA wing. The unexpected twist of events and our vigorous participation at the Convention makes us potentially a real factor in SDS politics for the first time. Actually, we underestimated the importance of the Convention; we could probably have pressed some additional comrades into going, but neglected to push the right buttons, as we just went along in a routine way with preparing a literary intervention.
3. Personnel and Organization:
 - a. Detroit: Comrades Bill and Kat have agreed enthusiastically to move shortly to the Bay Area. We have suggested to Comrade Helene that she move to NYC.
 - b. N.O.: Nick D. has accepted the job of National Treasurer.
 - c. Ithaca: The comrades are moving to NYC by 1 August. We suggest that immediately following the move Comrades George F. and Cunningham visit Talahassee.

Motion: We recognize highest priority for the Talahassee situation and suggest that Cunningham write immediately to schedule a visit. Passed

 - d. Bay Area: Letter received from Comrade Kinder, dated 23 June. He is very concerned with our press problems, but unfortunately he assumes that the basic difficulty is excessive perfectionism, which is simply not true. In addition, he raises the possibility that following projected personnel transfers to the Bay Area (of Detroit comrades, Ithaca comrades, Small) the local could build a subdivided San Francisco branch.

Motion of recommendation: We strongly recommend that there be no such local separation for at least a year. The point of projected personnel shifts is concentration--especially of formerly isolated and/or inexperienced comrades--into larger groups with regularly functioning locals. Passed

 - e. New Orleans: Comrade Verrett has been drafted. This means the Army now has an unambiguous policy of drafting known, hard core members of communist organizations. Verrett's letter of 23 June objects to the tactical shift of concentration from New Orleans to Austin. We note that we want to educate and digest our new members there. This is not a voluntary change of regio-

nal center to Austin, but a necessary recognition of reality. The problem is that difficulties, essentially of a health and economic nature, have prevented transfers--not just to New Orleans but--to the South generally. Verrett overestimates our ability to transfer the four Austin members over time. Our experience shows that unless you are talking about a transfer within a few months, it's like no transfer at all, as the organizational and personal situations change. Disc: Salant, Gordon, Robertson

- f. NYC: Comrade Eric S., in an extremely important arena, has applied for membership.
- g. Southern Regional Bureau: At its last meeting the SRB admitted two applicants to candidate membership from the South.

Motion: To recognize that with the departure of Comrade Verrett the SRB stands dissolved. Passed

- h. Tours: We raised with Comrade Kinder the possibility of a two-week trip by Robertson and Gordon to the Bay Area around the time of the Black Panther Conference (late July). He will consult with the Bay Area local Exec for a recommendation. Tour would also enable Bay Area comrades to have pre-Conference discussion with the visitors.

4. National Conference:

- a. Revised Draft: Has been circulated to PB members in advance of meeting tonight. Comrade Nelson is submitting a several-page expansion of the labor section. Disc: Robertson, Cunningham, Salant, Nelson, Robertson, Salant, Gordon, Robertson, Nelson, Robertson

Motion: The PB approves this document, noting that point 4B (Labor) has already been expanded. The expansion will be circulated to the PB members individually for approval. Passed

- b. Bulletins: The stencilling of the first two internal pre-Conference discussion bulletins is proceeding independently. Contents: #1: main resolution; Conference call modelled after the one for the Founding Conference. #2: Leon D.-Gordon exchange on discipline; Saling's appeal and previously stencilled material on the Saling Case; several articles on the military question. Disc: Cunningham, Salant

5. Press:

- a. Mailing: A national mailing to our entire mailing list, consisting of seven leaflets plus the first two issues of Spartacist-East, is almost completed. It has taken full mobilizations of the local for 2-3 weekends.

Motion: To commend Comrade Rogers, our Business Manager, for technical, administrative and pre-planning work in supervising this mailing. Despite the enormity of the job, this has been the best-organized and supervised mailing ever. Passed

- b. SPARTACIST #13: Staff plans to bring out immediately a special 8-page issue devoted to the SDS split and its consequences. Contents: Front page: End of the New Left; Centerfold: Nick B.-Leon D. document on "Klonsky vs. Stalin"; Back page: our documents written and distributed at the SDS Convention. Copy for front-page article, by George F., is expected to arrive Thursday, 3 July. Disc: Salant, Robertson, Cunningham, Salant, Gordon, Robertson, Nelson, Robertson, Salant, Cunningham, Robertson, Gordon, Robertson

Meeting adjourned 10:20 p.m.