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Comrade Abern reported on the political significance of the action against Rivera's morals and the necessity for the Branch to respond at once.

The super Bolsheviks (Can monites) smelled a petty bourgeois rat in this proposal but not being to sure they proposed an intermission of 5 minutes so that their caucus could think things over.

The following statement ^{minutes} by Jewett illuminates this point.

" I wish to protest against the proposal of Stamm to stop the Branch meeting in order to permit a caucus of a few comrades to decide what action they

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wished to take on the matter of the destruction of Rivera's minerals at Radio City by the Rockefeller interests. The Branch only proceeded to take an elementary step in class solidarity. The time for action was immediate and not a delay as proposed by Comrade Gordon and Clark. Such steps as were taken by the Branch will have to be taken time and again, and on even less important matters than the vandalism of the Rockfellers.

The organizer was correct in proposing that the Branch act at once for a branch mobilization and picket demonstration. The Branch reacted correctly, in my opinion, to the motions after taking more than sufficient time to consider an elementary duty. The comrades who opposed the immediate action

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by the Branch only showed slowness
and underestimation of the significance
of the latter matter from a working
class and revolutionary standpoint.

This is Sewell's statement and
makes a few points clear.

The whole branch went
up to Radio City to demonstrate. We
organized a picket line of about
300 with some placards and
shouting in an organized manner
"Save Kivier's morals" so that
the whole section resounded
with the sound of our voices.
The demonstration was finally
broken up with vicious brutality
by cops on foot and on horse.
Some of our comrades were clubbed,
no one seriously. In general
it was a ~~good~~ militant experience.
Because of the interruption of the
Branch meeting we are
continuing the meeting to-
night. The Communists seem
not very well, in view of the

out come of the Rivera matter
where we came to grips with
the police, ~~then~~ come out
in open opposition to the
action we took. Nevertheless
there is a very heated discussion
with the word petty bourgeois
thrown around very loosely
as usual by the Communists.
Their bankruptcy is more
than evident if we are
to judge by the reaction of
the "neutrals" whom ~~at~~ they
have antagonized.

The Stamms etc have
shifted their attack by talking
^{against} the procedure in
the organization of demonstration
instead of speaking against
the demonstration ~~in~~ ^{its} success.
They do not hold to this

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line of attack very very long since
their opposition to the
demonstration in the name
of the "revolutionary elements"
is so deep seated that they
cannot refrain from this
opposition.

Enclosed find
a newspaper clipping on
the matter which has
found its way to take over
on the front pages of
all the newspapers.

It's close now - I
love you always beloved
one - You are nearer
and dearer to me than ever
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