

MINUTES, N.Y.SPARTACIST COMMITTEE.....3 March 1965

- Present: Lynne, Jim, Peter, Sam, Harry, Lyndon, Shirley, Al, Tippy, Paul,
 Harriet(late), Roger(late), Dave(late), Danny(late)
 Other: Bob(Chicago), Mark, Eleanor
Absent: Shane, Price (Charlotte-l.o.a.)

Meeting convened at 8:30 pm.

1. Organization of Meeting: a) Chairman - Sam
 b) Agenda adopted
 c) Minutes of 2/17 accepted as corrected:
Corrections- Chicago reported they
 were about to recruit a Negro comrade.
 At CCNY it is only one Draperite who
 is moving closer to us.

Motion: To grant Bob voice for meeting. passed

2. Membership:

Motion: That Mark T. be admitted as a candidate member.
passed unanimously

[Mark is presently a senior at CCNY who intends to go to Oxford
next year]

Motion: That Paul and Danny be accepted as full members.
passed unanimously

3. General Information and Correspondence - Jim

a) REB Report:

SWP Plenum- Party leadership has brought in a new internal
membership code to replace 1938 resolution. Excludes members
from any discussion, including private discussion, between
the Conventions every 2-3 years.

Newsletter- Feb.13 issue has subtitle changed from 'Journal of
the SLL' to 'Organ of the Central Committee of the SLL'--could
be related to factional dispute?

Hammer and Steel- Feb. issue repudiates idea that all parties
are equal--Chinese party is first and should intervene to
correct policy of PL. Ends 'China is our leader, we shall not
be moved.'

PL- Fred Mazelis was refused membership in PL West Side Club
on the basis of dual membership, and they are trying to pre-
vent him from coming around at all.

Spartacist No. 4- 'Berkeley Revolt', major article by Geoff,
received and we will now proceed at full speed. We are about
to produce a mimeo'd Spartacist Supplement reporting on the
Grand Jury, calling upon readers to involve selves in Epton
defense, ad for April 17th Washington March, and reprints of
Viet-Nam and Welfare strike leaflets.

April 17th March on Washington - We have written SDS notifying
them we will participate. (We were forced out of last march.)
SDS National Council has voted 4/17 March be nonexclusionary;
however, the Stalinists and right-wing socialists and pacifists
centered on the New York Office will seek to redbait us out in
favor of a line for 'negotiated peace.'

(Motion: That Eleanor be admitted with voice. passed.)

b) Local Reports:

New York- HOC (Harlem Organizing Committee) set up, operating. Address: P.O. Box 493, Manhattanville Station, New York, N.Y. 10027. Shirley and Al will speak on Cuba in Baltimore and D.C. this weekend, mainly at Negro colleges. A comrade was fired after visit to employer by 3 FBI agents.

Ithaca- They received letter from McAdoo requesting that Epton meeting be arranged.

Chicago- Steve S. physically threatened and ordered to leave SWP meeting, which he refused to do. Third or fourth such incident. PL member in Louisville will help with mail distribution of Chicago Epton Defense leaflet (based on Berkeley leaflet).

B.A.- Recommending M-A-L from their general area, a comrade whose history goes back to the founding of the American CP, left CP with Cannon, etc. Election campaign and Epton defense proceeding apace. Functioning at highest level since before expulsions. Houston- Their petition (conceived by Charlie S.) to free Cuban comrades being reprinted by NYC at request of Chicago for general national use.

Disc: Danny, Mark, Lynne, Peter, Mark, Harry, Tippy, Lynne, Sam

4. Epton Defense:

- a) Local 1199 (Drug and Hospital Workers)- No meetings over last several weeks but Sam will put out feelers at union's annual 'Salute to Freedom' rally Sunday. Already has group of 5-6 interested, will send letter as a group to McAdoo. Disc: Al, Jim
- b) Campus- Columbia has sent letter asking Epton to speak, will set up table next week. At CCNY Peter reported it was hard to find out what was going on as PL is excluding all Trotskyites. Actions initiated by PL center around jailed students, Epton and Harlem never mentioned. Disc: Jim
- c) National- Serious and useful work taking place in Ithaca, BA, and Chicago. Houston and M-A-Ls have been urged to become immediately active.

5. School Boycott - Peter

Large march from CCNY through Harlem last Thurs. never materialized; about 75 did march to JHS 43. Friday a number of CCNY students came to picket. Only a handful of JHS students still out, extremely militant kids with absolutely no illusions about anything. They represent the first recent grass-roots youth organization in Harlem. Also some very good people in Harlem Parents Committee. Disc: Al, Sam, Bob, Al, Harry, Lynne, Bob, Sam, Al, Peter

Motion: That Exec seek ways to intervene more directly in the boycott passed unanimously

6. Campus

Columbia- meeting for Jim was a failure, conflicted with 2 other campus CR meetings.

CCNY- Jim speaking on 'Genesis of American Communism' Thurs, 3/11. Disc: Jim, Peter, Jim

7. Class

Class suggested to be given at Columbia, possibly on Leninism. Question raised of who should instruct.

Motion: refer back to Exec. passed

8. Sales - Danny

We have nearly sold out of No. 3. Pamphlet of two Harlem articles suggested, will be taken up by REB. Harry asked that all literature available be placed on sale at membership meetings.

10. Announcements:

- a) Jim suggested we begin meetings at least by 8:15 pm.
- b) Jim said anyone who removed anything from his library better put it back when finished.
- c) PL speaking at Contemporary Forum meeting Sunday.
- d) Work sessions needed on mailing this weekend.
- e) Reminder to pay dues after meeting.
- f) Picket line 4-7 pm. Thurs. at Waldorf against Gen. Khanh.
- g) Tenants of 165 Morningside will picket new agent and lawyer Sat. 13th after receiving intimidating letter. Possible recruits from building for us.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.