

MINUTES, N.Y. LOCAL.....18 November 1965

- Present: Jim, Al, Shirley, Lynne, Hugh, Helen, Paul, Roger, Sam, Harry, Danny, Peter (late)  
 Others: Ron, Hammett  
Absent: Shane, Tippy, Lynn C, Winnie (ex.), Dave (ex.), Lyndon (exc.), Price (exc.)  
 Other: Stephanie

Meeting convened at 8:25 p.m.

1. Organization of Meeting: (a) Chairman - Paul  
 (b) Agenda adopted  
 (c) Minutes of 11/11 adopted

Statement by Danny P. clarifying last minutes: "In my summary I supported my being censured because the trial process revealed a wishy-washy attitude toward democratic-centralism by some comrades. I also made it clear that my appearance on WBAI had been by my own voluntary consent." 11/18/65

2. Membership:

The Exec. has recommended Ron C. for membership. Ron was around the YSA in Chicago, is taking Jim's FU NY class, and marched with our contingent in the 10/16 Peace Parade.

Motion: To admit Ron as a candidate member. Passed

Motion: To transfer Hammett into N.Y. local. Passed

Motion: To rescind Lynn C's temporary transfer into the N.Y. Local and request the REB to have comrade Nelson when in Houston look into Lynn C's membership in Spartacist as a whole.

Passed

3. General Information & Correspondence - Jim

- (a) Page proofs of SPARTACIST #5 now ready, a good issue.  
 (b) REB meeting, 11/15/65: Important new recruits in Twin Cities and Chicago. Comrades in Austin and Houston functioning. Berkeley-SF- resignation statement of our comrades from SWP available. Voix Ouvriere reprinted Al's article on our intervention in N.Y. Peace Parade. State of our organizations is presently quite good, tendency toward recruitment in all areas, high morale over pending unity, Peace Parade intervention and vindication of our general line, e.g., Algeria and Indonesia. Important recruit in South.  
 (c) REB authorized ACFI Bulletin of International Socialism for sale to non-members by our locals and members.  
 (d) In regard to friction in Chicago REB feels it is beyond its powers to apply disciplinary transfers to rank-and-file members. It is the function of locals to apply discipline, if necessary, using the trial procedure in the YSA Constitution as a guide.  
 (e) Jim's article on PL adopted by REB as its statement in SPARTACIST #5.

Motion by Roger: That number of copies of SPARTACIST #5 be 13,000, not 10,000.

Withdrawn

4. Exec. Report - Lynne. The following motions are presented for vote by local:

Motion: That any member wishing to invite a contact to a local meeting must secure the approval of the Exec. or organizer before inviting the person to any meeting.

Passed

Motion: Excused absences shall be for assignments, work, illness or other special cases of which the organization has been apprised and accepts.

Passed

5. Sales - Al. Seven meetings between now and Tues.:

- (a) Militant Labor Forum, Sweezy, Friday 8:30 - Danny, Harry
- (b) Newark DuBois Club, James Mellon - Roger and Ron
- (c) SSU, Hal Draper, on New Left, Sat. 8:30 - Jim, Lynne, Al
- (d) Free University, Manuel Colon, on Puerto Rico, Sat. 8:30 - Helen and Paul
- (e) Same, in Spanish, Sunday, 2:00 - Winnie, Lyndon, Paul
- (f) Chris Koch, WBAI, NY Faculty Committee on War & Peace at NYU, Mon. 8:30 -
- (g) CP Victory Rally, Tues. - Sam, Helen, Roger Hammett, Hugh

Motion: That we have a 6:00 a.m. mobilization to sell at the departure sites by all those in the local not going to the 11/27 Washington March.

Passed (Helen abstaining)

Motion: That Danny be put in charge of organizing Harlem sales. Passed

Motion: That Sam work with Exec. to work out schedule of distribution to Major unions in the area and with Danny. Passed

6. Finances - Helen

With a \$190 loan from Jim we have enough to meet our immediate obligations: \$575 to printer, mailing will be around \$125. We need money. Comrades in arrears must pay up.

7. Mailing Party - All day this Sat. and Sun. A general mobilization, Helen to contact those not here.

8. Nov. 25-28 Events: 4-day conference of Nat. Coord. Comm. to End Viet War; SANE march Sat. REB motion read. SWP against raising any "devisive" issues, wants all-inclusive classless single-issue movement (see Halstead's article in 11/15 Militant). Also anticipate struggle on draft issue. All local committees given 2 reps, nat'l political orgs. 1. We will have a small but vocal contingent. Our own locals that have organized local committees have been instructed to get as many delegates as possible. M2M and YAWF recommending intervening with own slogans (see YAWF ad in Nat'l Guardian). We will have full mobilization, need full sales force. Getting our new issue sold is our most important single task in D.C. We will need a car. Our major contribution will be saying the things no one else will; tactical &/or structural stuff will be pushed by others. Nelson will be head of our fraction which should be tightly organized. N.Y. Exec. will arrange for signs. Kaufman will get us a D.C. hotel room to use as central point.

by Harry:

Motion: That we contact whatever groups we can, sound them out on possibility of United Front, then go to YAWF and try to develop united action in connection with SANE picket line.

There was extended discussion of several rounds on this motion.

Counter-motion by Jim: That we try to overcome the hard Anti-Trotskyism of e.g. M2M and YAWF leaderships by seeking to develop common left-wing action toward the SANE-SP picket line and Rally in Wash. DC in the heat of the conference struggles Thurs., Fri. & Sat. Therefore we do not write the Maoists in NYC in advance proposing a united front.

Vote on Counter-motion:

For: Jim, Al, Shirley, Lynne, Helen, Paul, Roger, Sam, Danny, Peter, Ron, Hammett

Opposed: Hugh

Abstaining: Harry

Motion Passed

Vote on Harry's motion:

For: Hugh, Harry

Opposed: Jim, Al, Shirley, Lynne, Helen, Paul, Roger, Sam, Danny, Peter, Ron, Hammett

Abstaining: --

Motion Lost

Spartacist conference delegates: Al with Roger, alternate.

Going Saturday: Harry, Peter, Jim, Helen, Danny, Hugh, Lynne, Dave, Ron, Winnie, Lyndon

9. Good and Welfare:

A collection was taken towards repair of Sam's car which broke down after recent trip north with expensive damage.

Meeting adjourned.