

Bay Area Committee for the Young Socialist
Minutes of the Meeting of Aug 21, 1958

Present: Dave L., Marion, Bob, Jim, George, Rose, Tony, Roger,
Sue,

Chairman: Rose

Rose: Proposed to elect Chairman at each meeting. Proposal accepted.

Roger elected chairman.

1. Minutes of previous meeting Aug 7 1958

2. Correspondence: Aug. 2 and Aug. 10 Editorial Board minutes.

i. Motion on Campus Work:

Push YS sales

Join Socialist Clubs

Form new clubs

Begin preparation for Wohlforth tour

Function as Socialists on campus

Read local campus press

Success depends on reaching the Students now

ii. Memorandum:

Revolutionary editorial policy

Encourage broad groupings

Bring Revolutionary Socialism to the youth.

iii. YS supporter cards

Motion by Jim: That we write a letter to New York expressing our unanimous disgust at the proposed slogan; we must smash Togetherness in the egg; the slogan is only one step removed from the Boy Scout oath; we must chop off the tendrils of Togetherness wherever they appear in our movement.

Dave: The red flag is inadvisable as a symbol since it is meaningless if not in color and therefore cannot be used in mimeographing, etc.

Motion by Rose: Rather than have such symbols and such slogans, we should have a plain membership card with no slogan or symbol.

Motion by George: That the slogan should be amended by striking the word "Together" wherever it appears.

Motion by Jim: That all previous motions be removed from the floor and that we send a letter expressing our disapproval of the slogan and technical objections to the symbol, reserving more colorful comments for personal individualized letters of protest. Passed unan.

iv. Motion by Rose: Send letter of concurrence with proposal on campus work. Passed unan.

v. Sather Gate Report -- Jim

Implemented our decision. Got backing of ISF. Deegal support: Oshausen indifferent; said to get arrested and see if we had a case. ACLU interested. Staff lawyer said he would prepare a brief and present it to the next board meeting, but this will not be until Sept 2. Since we had no legal backing, we did not seek a test case, but attempt the distribution and see what would happen. We stayed at Sather Gate for about an hour, moved to Bancroft and Telegraph when told to do so by police. Found out from Jim Gallagher that Slate is trying to get the administration to permit the use of Sather Gate as a free speech center.

Marion-- We should run test case, and in addition, since the bail for such offenses is not high (\$25) we should have weekly free speech fights to put pressure on the administration.

Rose -- We should work through Slate; push Slate to get the administration to OK Sather Gate as a free speech center, and if this fails make a test case through ACLU.

Roger -- Street fight would give us publicity on the campus. Use of non-students would not endanger academic careers of students.

George -- It would be good if the University would grant Sather Gate as a free speech center as a dispensation. While they are negotiating, we should be preparing a test case. If we have to use a legal test we should determine our tactics from there.

Marion -- Desirable not to delay. Use test case first. UC will not like publicity.

Rose -- It is better if possible to have our case legally established.

Jim -- Disagree with some of the motivations of the tactics. I think it would be better to have a test case going while Slate is negotiating. The threat of a legal decision which would permit a YS rack in every classroom would force them to concede to Slate. Winning the case would far outweigh the importance of Slate or Sather Gate. However it will be technically impossible to prepare the case before Slate has had some time to attempt to get the administration to open Sather Gate to distributions, since it will take the ACLU a while to get moving. Therefore we should wait and see what Slate has been able to do ~~while the~~ while the test case is being prepared.

vi. YS distribution and Social

Rose --- decided to distribute all three days, 16, 17, 18. Include leaflet for social on 19.

Jim -- We did not send for 1000 extra September issues since we got 2000 inserts for postage costs.

Volunteers for distribution --- Roger, Bob, George, Sue, Rose.

Rose: Gloria, Mike and Dave Rike might make the distribution also.

Social:

Rose: Propose committee headed by Sue

Discussion on arrangements for Social and leaflet. (Social leaflet)

vii. Davies Meeting

Jim -- Their has been a request for the YS committee to provide ushers for the Davies meeting. Volunteers.

viii. Class in Mark Twain Club framework

Dave L.: Proposal for a class around Baran's Political Economy of Growth. Have three classes, different instructor for each, one on each section of the book.

Discussion: Is Mark Twain sufficiently viable to sustain the class? We will have to see. If not we will have it on our own. Are three sessions enough? We should at least stick to three instructors, we may have more than one class on each section; we should, however, keep the class from lasting too long. We should cut leaflet in advance. We should stick to schedule, consider each class an important event. We should concentrate on contact work in and for the class.

ix. Financial -- Jim

Local in good condition--structure working. Get commitments functioning steadily. \$20.00 on hand, all bills paid up. Cash needed for financing social on 9/19. We should: Act as fund raising center for NY
Meet local needs

x. Possible Mandel class

xi. Subs and contacts

Rose: I have not yet got list from Dave Rike.

Jim: I will get it when I next see him.

xii. Wohlforth tour

Jim: Cal is toughest and most important campus. Should start now. Bob and I should work on it when I am in Berkeley Monday.

Moved to adjourn. Next meeting: Aug. 28, Bob's place
(2431 Dwight)