

Minutes of REB Meeting of July 19, 1983

Agenda: I. Three reports: Finances, Peter Mallory; Youth, Jim; Black Dimension and Journalism, Lou. II. Aug.-Sept. N&L and On-Going Activities, Eugene III. G&W

Raya spoke briefly on finances suggesting the following points be incorporated into the form of the report: 1. books should not just be a sale but we need to show philosophy is not only action but is finances and in that context report the sales. 2. the part of the appeal in the paper should be expanded with the focus on the three very new pamphlets. We have always had pamphlets when there has been a mass movement. What is so unique about these pamphlets is that all three are related to this as the year of the Marx Centenary. The appeal needs to connect the Centenary and the pamphlets. 3. Thus when one gets to the deficit and pledges it becomes not a repetition of last year's fund, but the truth that so much more is needed & so much more is given this Marx Centenary year.

Raya Nothing is good unless it is concrete and the best reports were made by Tommie and Azadkar tonight. Tommie was concrete and philosophic right away. She said of Lou's report, it was exciting, but it wasn't what I expected. We are having a convention and how does it relate to WL? How does it relate to Black women's liberation. She put her finger on it. The focus in the period ahead on Black must be the new edition of ACOT, this in the year of Marx Centenary. Look at the three new Black intellectuals I spoke with this here. The one at Santa Barbara was so interested in JFT. A sudden light flashes in this Black intellectual when he asks about the split between J & F. He asks about male chauvinism. Does he mean perhaps that he had been concentrating on Black so much that he had missed woman. Or take Black intellectual at UCLA who knows J-F theory, but who asks me about Garveyism and wonders how a white woman could be accepted around Garveyism. Or take a third Black intellectual at U. of Mich. He was burned by whites in CP after 8 years as a reporter for their paper. Now with me he could talk to someone who didn't see it only as whether Black or white and he moved from beginning of meeting to being a little distant, to being much warmer. What does

all this signify? If you can dig that out very concretely it would help give us a direction for Black. Raya then gave a few suggestions on form in which one could start with freedom in Marx and Douglass, where Marx's revolutionary journalism didn't separate theory from practice. AND Douglass raised question of freedom through journalism. You might have a single thing on Crisis which was directly related to break from the old and starting of new. Then N&L What was new here 1. He fought to have Black as editor. 2. worker and Black together as one individual 3. FR, ACOT etc appeared in paper so no separation of pamphlet and paper. 4. When B/R column came out of B/R conference and was related to stage on Black movement, revolts in the city. Then it is very important to 5. go to the PTC and discuss what you have learned there. How it is the disciplinarian in sense of writing length, obeying deadlines. Conclusion is that you have lots of ideas for Essay on Black journalism, but that it is ACOT which will help us win new kind of member. Azadkar was very important on youth being youth and should have time etc to work out their development.

Motions were made and passed to accept the general line of all three reports and ask the reporters to incorporate the discussion into their final reports.