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MINUTES, N. Y. Spartacist Committee.....6 January 1965

Present: Paul, Shirley, Lyndon, Danny, Dave, Peter, Harry, Al, Tippy
Other: Harriet, Sam

Absent: Lynne, Jim, Loretta, Shane, Price, Roger, (Charlotte-l.o.a.)
Edith

Meeting convened at 8:35 pm.

- 1. Organization of Meeting: (a) Chairman - Dave
(b) Temporary Secretary - Al
(c) Agenda adopted
(d) Minutes of 12/16 read and accp'd.

2. Membership:

Motion: To accept Sam as a candidate member

passed unanimously

Motion: To reduce Loretta to the status of Sympathizer, at her request.

passed
(Sam and Danny abstained)

3. General Information and Correspondence:

- (a) Letter from Conrad Lynn praising Harlem article
- (b) Statement of YPSL dissolution
- (c) BA leaflet for Robertson meeting
- (d) Cornell Minutes available
- (e) Latest American Socialist available
- (f) Workers Party of Texas - written report by Doug available
- (g) Chicago statement (consisting of documents by Cuban Trotskyists with cover letter) passed out at YSA Convention
- (h) Miscellaneous documents of ASOC available
- (i) Report on phone call from Jim from Berkeley
- (j) Shirley and Douglas (of PL) had argument re 'attempt by Spartacist to use PL'
- (k) JOIN - Sam. About 250 attended Boggs-Harrington meeting. Conglomeration of political tendencies present--SWP, SP, etc. N.Y. JOIN (Jobs or Income Now) is independent.
- (l) Epton Defense Party, Jan. 1 - Paul
- (m) Challenge Dance - no one went
- (n) New Year's sale at SWP - Harry

4. YSA Convention - Shirley and Al. Expulsions by Plenum upheld. We received 1/2 hr. for report, Barry 1 hr. We were seated through discussion. Barry's report same as at Plenum with added points on the disloyal Mazelis. Our appeal more political than before. Some alternates abstained. Al preparing written report.

5. SDS Convention - Peter

In N.Y. Dec. 28-31. Made contact with Charles S. who wrote letter printed in SPARTACIST 2. We distributed papers, attended all sessions, learned about forthcoming ASOC Conference in Phila.

6. ASOC Conference - Dave

No motions, no positions, no discipline, no struggle. Charles S. wants to join Spartacist, raised this on floor of conference. We made several contacts, including from Lincoln University.

7. Campus Work(a) Epton Defense

CCNY - fraction will attempt to form UF relations; Peter will announce formation of EDC at forthcoming Forum. Essential to act quickly to formally organize group because of importance of correct defense and history of PL attitude toward us.

Columbia - Dave will set up table using HDC pamphlet to solicit names and support. Little possibility of UF as Spartacist only radical group on campus.

(b) Spartacist Clubs

Columbia - should seek to intervene in CORE action on behalf of cafeteria workers; situation now rather quiet. Students participating have been threatened by the Admin. After discussion it was decided to hold off on specific proposals but to go ahead with the general orientation of seeking to make the protest more militant, possibly circulating leaflets calling for support of the struggle. Library clerks with 15-20 years seniority also being laid off (Tippy has a friend involved).

8. Welfare Strike:

SSEU voted to strike and Local 371 went along.

Disc: Sam, Al, Tippy, Harry (Harry proposed to prevail on N.Y. CORE to get client support).

Motion: To draft a leaflet in the name of Spartacist in support of strike.

passed

Dave, Al, and Tippy volunteered to prepare leaflet.

9. School Boycott:

Prolonged boycott of selected schools planned for February.

Motion: (a) To participate in boycott, putting forth minimal demands; (b) to put one person on CORE education committee (Tippy); (c) put out a leaflet to be distributed at ghetto high schools putting forth our demands and program; (d) seek support from our tenants councils; (e) to seek to work through UFT through Zelluck (left-wing caucus), demanding boycott committee support correct demands of UFT and to demand that UFT support boycott; (f) seek the creation of a democratic organizational framework for organizing and conducting the boycott (also making it possible for us to put forth our demands for the boycott); (g) seek HDC participation in the boycott and demand representation for HDC on boycott committee.

passed

10. Mass Work - Harry

N.Y. CORE - Nat'l Office trying to smash Ballantine boycott; boycott not spread to other CORE chapters. Call for Epton defense to be raised by Paul at next meeting.

11. Sales: Since Loretta resigned, we need a new lit agent. Danny was nominated, will be voted on at next meeting.12. Vote on motion tabled from last meeting to support the petition in defense of Epton, which Roger had opposed. Disc.: Dave

Vote: All for, but Lyndon abstaining

passed

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.