

N.Y. SPARTACIST COMMITTEE MINUTES.....14 April 1965

Present: Jim, Lynne, Shirley, Al, Sam, Danny, Roger, Mark, Lyndon, Dave (late)
Other: Winnie

Absent: Price, Paul, Peter, Tippy, Shane, Harry (CORE), Charlotte (l.o.a.)

Meeting convened at 8:30 p.m.

1. Organization of Meeting: (a) Chairman - Danny
(b) Agenda adopted
(c) Minutes of 3/31 read and accepted.
[change date from April 31 to Mar.31]

Motion by Roger: To delete 'high creep index' from last minutes as being a subjective evaluation.

Substitute motion by Mark: (accepted by Roger)

Substitute for 'creep' 'person whose personal social behavior would seem to preclude serious political activity'

Vote on substitute motion: for-2; opposed-6; abst-0

motion failed

2. PL Convention - Al
From Thurs. a.m. to Sunday, at Albert Hotel. Lyndon preparing leaflet 'Revisionism or Trotskyism?'. We will sell MB's 1 and 5 and WIRL? PL has two minority positions on Negro question, 2 nationalist positions and one class position. Al will coordinate our intervention. Disc: Danny, Jim

3. General Info. and Correspondence and REB Report - Jim
(a) Correspondence exchange - excerpts were read from letters between Bob S. and Lynne on responsibilities of membership.

(Motion: to admit Winnie with voice. passed)

- (b) Baltimore. We have 7 applications for membership [now 9], in addition to our m-a-l. We will have intensive contact with these new people this weekend and in near future. We have tripled our effective forces in one year.
- (c) REB - REB minutes will be mimeo'd. Jim will go on payroll for \$10/wk. when Al leaves. Lyndon will assume heavy writing and editing responsibilities for SPARTACIST. Geoff received 2,000 votes against slate of Liberals in Berkeley elections. Judy M. center of raging welfare union faction fight. Letter to U.Secretariat of F(ake).I(nternational). drafted.
Disc: Lynne, Al, Jim
- (d) Heavy clerical work coming up in near future, addressing for SPARTACIST No. 4, collating, etc. After this issue we will probably get an addressograph.

4. April 17th March - Jim
SDS will have 'withdraw' signs, we will bring some reserves. Leaflet now ready, prepared in 2 days. We won't participate in civil disobedience unless it assumes a mass character. A.M. to concentrate on leaflet distribution, P.M. on selling subs.
Disc: Al, Lynne, Lyndon

5. Local elections - Al (for Exec. Committee)
Necessary as Dave and Al leaving shortly, Peter sick.
Motion: To hold local elections two meeting from this one,
begin nominations at next meeting. passed
6. Tour - Al
Draft itinerary was accepted by REB. Trip begins at end of
this month, covers Baltimore, Cincinnati, (Louisville, Ky.),
New Orleans, Houston, Austin, Houston (2-3 mos.), Chicago (2-3 mos.),
(West Coast?).
7. Campus
(a) Columbia- Epton Defense Committee had organizing meeting, not
too successful. Epton has agreed to speak on broad issues
and implications of his case on April 28. Lynne to take
responsibility for meeting. Disc: Al, Jim, Roger, Lynne
M2M- Roger attended Sunday meeting, about 10 present mostly
new people. Politically far to the left of SDS.
(b) CCNY- Danny reported Ad Hoc Committee to Aid South Vietnamese
Liberation Front formed, initiated by John Osborne, an inde-
pendent, who will speak for Spartacist Club Thursday noon.
Will raise money for Viet Cong. Much interest anticipated.
Paper Epton Defense Committee will circulate leaflet urging
attendance of Columbia Epton meeting. Disc: Jim, Al, Danny,
Dave, Danny, Jim
8. CORE-Lynne
(a) 165 Morningside picket of N.J. landlord held, success despite
fact that less than a majority of the tenants participated
(line padded by children). Council, a long-time model, is
breaking up because of personal dissention among tenants.
(b) General Situation - changed since last meeting. Membership
discontented, talk of ousting Funnye. Funnye offered Harry
chairmanship of Employment Committee, Harry accepted contin-
gent upon membership acceptance of our program for full scale
battle in garment industry for shorter work week.
9. HOC - Shirley
Attendance varies greatly, last meeting small so consolidation
not possible. Charity attended, offered to man office when HOC
gets one. HOC now working in 5 bldgs., plans 'orientation'
meeting for whole block (about 6,000 people) in a few weeks to
present our program and seek recruits.
10. Finances - Al
On hand after paying for leaflet \$291.48, only 1/2 what we need
for SPARTACIST No.4. N.Y. \$269 in arrears. No
pledge from Houston. Charlie S. pledged \$25/mo. Normal pledge
should be 10 per cent of comrade's gross income unless he has
unusual financial obligations in which case 5%. \$2 min. for
unemployed. We need to consolidate our financial structure in
next 6 months, especially if we are to have a more frequent
SPARTACIST.

Announcements - memorial picket line tomorrow for Joe Patterson of
Harlem Parents
Meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.