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MINUTES, N.Y.LOCAL.....16 December 1965

Present: Jim, Al, Shirley, Lynne, Helen, Ron, Dave, Danny, Price, Roger(late), Sam(late), Lyndon(late) Others: Steve(Chi.), Shelly, Phil S., Jim M.

Absent: Hugh(exc.), Paul(exc.), Harry(exc.), Hammett(exc.), Winnie(Exc.), Shane, Peter, (Tippy, l.o.a.) Others - Stephanie

Meeting convened at 8:30 p.m.

- 1. Organization of Meeting: Chairman - Al
 Agenda adopted
 Minutes of 2 Dec. read and accepted

Motion: That Steve and Jim M. be admitted with voice. Passed

Motion: That Shelly and Phil be admitted. Passed

- 2. Membership:

Motion: To accept Jim M. as a temporary transfer to N.Y.Local (from at-large).

Passed

Vote on motion tabled from last meeting "That the requirement of members to attend meetings be given the following minimum interpretation: Any member who, without adequate excuse, misses two consecutive Spartacist meetings shall be subject to being dropped from membership after a warning.

Amendment by Dave: Substitute "any regularly constituted body" for "meeting".

(This amendment was withdrawn on the understanding that "meeting" includes regular meetings of a fraction.)

Motion passed unanimously

- 3. General Information and Correspondence - Jim

(a) REB Meeting of 6 Dec.: Informative letter from Jim Petras about counter-revolutionary consolidation in Latin America. Reconciliatory letter from Jack Arnold. Friendly letter from Dave Sebo which led REB to pass motion that all reapplications for membership must be passed on by the center. Reprints of SPARTACIST #1 now available. Sustainers in N.Y. have been increased by \$25. A larger group is accumulating in New Orleans giving us the basis of a working group there. Ed Clark, PL organizer, has moved to New Orleans. 13,000 copies of SPARTACIST #5 have now been printed. Dennis M., new Chicago recruit, has turned out to be an agent of some other force. Winnie has become Circulation Manager of Spartacist. Mon. and Wed. designated as regular Nat'l Office work nights. Mad. Murray is "demanding" her property from us--we will direct her to Chas. Smith.

(b) Nelson spent several days in Ohio on organizational and personal consultation.

(c) Letter from Roger P. forwarding article from East Bay Labor Journal. They are training trade union defense guards in karate, etc., for protection of picket lines and strikes against Hells Angels and ilk.

(d) Full report and clippings received on Cornell Young Socialist situation. Several of our comrades threatened with suspension over collecting money for NLF.

(e) Letter from Joann F., N.Orleans comrade--thinks SPARTACIST #5 stinks.

- (f) Ron B. in L.A. has been working with Wayne K., Foxite, circulating criticism of SWP-YSA organizational maneuvers in anti-war movement. Fox has now been expelled from YSA. SWP-YSA's action in D.C. has damaged their L.A. following. We have membership application from young Negro militant in L.A. SWP's leadership of L.A. radical movement fast dissipating.
- (g) 8 Dec. World Outlook indicates Joe Hansen has been near death.
- (h) 7 page report received from Doug H. on West Coast.
- (i) Letter from Marion in Berkeley, stating that they wish to invite Earl of ACFI to attend their local business meetings. This is not possible. Spartacist and ACFI have not yet produced the joint document on American perspectives and tactics on which unity will be based. ACFI is already preparing to become the majority in the united organization. There has been a discrepancy in candor between ourselves and ACFI--we have been quite open with them while they have revealed no more than is necessary. If at this stage ACFIites attend our internal meetings, we would not be able to discuss our own business.
(At this point Shirley left for another meeting.)
- (j) Baltimore trip report: Jim was in Baltimore in early December for several days, debated Arnoni before 60 including responsive ASOC cadres. Also spoke before Johns Hopkins SDS to about 20 also including ASOC cadres on "Lessons of the Russian Revolution" and before Univ. of Md. SDS chapter on Vietnam.

Disc: Dave, Jim M., Helen, Roger, Helen, Al, Jim, Dave, Steve, Al, Roger

(At this point Dave left for meeting of the Free University faculty. He is teaching "Marxism and the Ancient World," will try to get Tues. evenings 8:30 or 6:00 p.m. Comrades and those whom we can reach are encouraged to participate in this. Comrades are also encouraged to attend ACFI class on "Theory and Method".)

4. Committee to Aid the NLF - Price

Non-exclusive, united-front demonstration to protest in advance the coming bombing of Haiphong is being planned. Demonstration to be in Herald Sq. opposite Macy's on Thurs., Dec. 23, 6:00 p.m. The Call was read, has completely pacifistic line. Halstead of SWP has dominated latest meetings to plan this demonstration.

(Sam entered from union meeting; Lyndon entered from NLF demonstration planning meeting.)

Motion by Jim: That we do not sign the Call being drafted by the Committee but use a leaflet of our own instead, that we express our regrets to the Committee that we are not able to sign but that the statement was drafted without our participation. We are not breaking with the Committee, however.

Passed unanimously
(Sam & Lyndon not voting)

The NLF Committee is having no more meetings, will simply have work sessions.
Disc: Lyndon, Roger, Jim.

(Danny left at this point)

(Motion: To table all points on the agenda, except announcements, to the next meeting (points: Politics of the Anti-War struggle; HOC, SSEU, CORE, Tompkins Sq. Peace Committee. Passed.)

(Motion by Jim: To refer to the Exec. the matter of arranging an appropriate time and place for an extra meeting to catch up, and to discuss whether meetings should be scheduled more frequently than bi-weekly. Passed.)

(The Exec. is also to organize our participation in the demonstration against bombing Haiphong.)

5. Announcements

- (a) Fri. Militant Labor Forum, Sims speaking - Hammett, Jim, Lynne
- (b) Fri., Alyster McIntyre for Draperites - Helen, Roger
- (c) Sat., Sims meeting at Mt. Morris Church in Harlem - Roger, Ron
- (d) Sun., Free University movie on Vietnam - Phil
- (e) 23 Dec. - all available comrades to participate in Demonstration on Haiphong.
- (f) Sat., party of Wash. Heights VNC (SWP controlled) - Roger
- (g) Party, Dec. 20, Committee to Aid NLF.
- (h) Tues., 3-6 p.m., picket at Shenley in solidarity with Calif. grape strikers, co-sponsored by CR groups.
- (i) Sat. CORE party, 100 W. 82nd St.
- (j) Thurs., Tompkins Sq. Peace Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.