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MINUTES, N.Y.LOCAL.....27 January 1966

Present: Jim, Lynne, Ron, Sam, Jim M., Hammett, Paul, Helen, Danny, Shirley, Dave(late), Winnie(late), Lyndon(late), Peter(late) Others: Jack, Shelley
Absent: Price, Shane, Phil, Hugh(exc.), Harry(exc.), Roger(exc.), Al(on assign.), Tippy(l.o.a.)

Meeting convened at 8:20 p.m.

- 1. Organization of Meeting: (a) Chairman - Paul
- (b) Agenda adopted
- (c) Minutes of 13 Jan 66 accepted as corrected

Motion (submitted by Harry in absentia): In the minutes of 13 Jan., substitute "transit leadership" for "Quill."

For: Dave, Ron
Opposed: Jim M.
Abstaining: Paul, Lynne, Helen, Shirley, Danny
Not Voting: Jim, Sam, Hammett

Motion passed

2. General Information and Correspondence - Jim

- (a) REB, 24 Jan, 66: Jack G. seated as full member, Mott given voice and consultative vote while acting NY Organizer. Nelson's tour has had healthy effect on Columbus local. In Minn. and Madison has met with ACFI supporters, find they are overwhelmingly committed to unity and personally friendly although strong on SLL Cuba line. Starkweather in Chicago writes he has seen letter from Steve Fox to supporter, on Spartacist and ACFI. Foxites show conciliation toward "average American worker" as he is now, are planning to enter left-wing of SDS but are willing to work with us. Letter from Hainline on BA received. Chicago leaflet, "For a Freedom Labor Party," available. REB endorsed Bay Area public dissociation from Sebo. REB urgently requested Hainline to make himself available for daytime campus work, and if all else fails will subsidize up to \$50 monthly from National Office. BA asked to send qualified representative to discuss with Fraser of Seattle. Nelson will extend tour to New Haven and Baltimore. Composition of delegation to April Conference discussed in preliminary manner, first choices would be Robertson and White. JUC of 17 Jan. went smoothly, ACFI agreed to Theses on Tactics, which means putting the subjective factor in the dominant position. Robertson and Watts to prepare draft. REB extended our line on draft by adopting a good point from the "South Kortright Theses on Worker-Student Anti-War Unity."
- (b) Baltimore: Open Occupancy of housing has been a big issue here. Our comrades passed out excellent leaflet at Public Hearings.
- (c) Letter from Sherwood, commenting on minutes from last meeting. He feels that Quill should have been criticized, but that it would have been better to have no leaflet at all.

Disc: Jim M., Ron, Jim, Shirley, Jack, Jim

3. Personnel:

Motion: To accept transfer of Jack G. to N.Y.Local (from Chicago). Passed

4. Joint Spartacist-ACFI Trade-Union Caucus Meeting - Lyndon
 Areas of work were reported on, include SSEU (Welfare), 1199 (Drug and Hospital Workers), District 65 (Retail Clerks), CORE Employment Committee, UFT (teachers), and Painters. Later discussion was planned on general perspectives, 2/15/66, 7:30 p.m., at Fred's.
 Disc: Sam, Shirley, Jim
5. General Trade Union:
 (a) Workers Action - Sam.
 Sam has discussed a possible attempt to exclude Spartacists from Workers Action with some of the leading members, and they have agreed to speak and vote against this should such an attempt be made. A fraction of Workers Action headed by Joan S. of PL is orienting toward the Joe Carneige rank-and-file caucus of the TWU. Workers Action has a paper and have had 6 - 7 demonstrations. Sam suggests more people move into this arena. Sam also reports that a leading member of Trade Unionists for Peace is pressing for Spartacist participation.
Motion: To refer to the Exec. to bring recommendations to next meeting of Joint TU caucus.
- (b) SSEU (Welfare) - Lyndon.
 The situation in the SSEU has been shifting to the right. We have been very lax in our intervention into the election. Mage is running scared and denying all radical positions. We must make immediate effort to organize our caucus.
 Disc: Helen, Lyndon, Jim, Lynne, Helen, Lyndon, Shirley, Sam, Lyndon, Sam, Jim, Jack, Lynne, Ron, Lyndon, Jim M., Ron
Motion: To give critical support to the Mage slate. Passed unanimously
6. Tompkins Square Peace Committee - Shelly, Ron
 Shelly attended one meeting and felt committee consists mainly of liberals, that it would not be able to accomplish anything, and that it was not a particularly valuable arena. Ron had a more optimistic appraisal.
Motion: To refer matter of implementing Tompkins Sq. work to Exec. to decide forces, in consultation with Price and others. Passed
 Disc: Hammett
Motion: To rescind motion just passed. Passed.
Motion by Hammett: that comrades on the Lower East Side hold a caucus meeting and bring in a recommendation to the N.Y. local on the basis that being in their neighborhood, it is their responsibility. Passed
7. Sales: (a) 28 Jan. Militant Labor Forum, Novak on Sartre.
 (b) SDS meeting on same night.
 (c) Free Univ. Forum, Truman Nelson on non-violence.
 (d) FUNY, Sun. "Ten Days that Shook the World", Winnie and Lyndon.
 (e) ACFI class, Sunday - Helen, Jim M., Lynne
 (f) Columbia Univ. Meeting on St. Johns Strike.
 (g) Student Socialist Union on TWU strike
 (h) Sunday, Julian Bond in Harlem - Paul
8. Announcements - Epton got one-year sentence, is appealing.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.