

Y O U N G S O C I A L I S T A L L I A N C E  
ATLANTA LOCAL MINUTES  
APRIL 22, 1969

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EXCUSED: Eldo, Ray, Linda  
ABSENT: Bill B., Kim

Ilona chaired the meeting

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It was proposed that Bob Wilson of U. of Ga. be accepted as a candidate for YSA membership.

The report was approved.

II. SOCIALIST SUMMER SCHOOL - Cliff

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IV. NASHVILLE SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT - Cliff

At the invitation of Vanderbilt SDS, Linda and Cliff went to Nashville for Linda's talk on Cuba. The meeting was held on campus on Thur., April 17 with about 40 people in attendance. It was reported that the audience was very receptive to the talk and a high level question and answer period followed. All present supported the Revolution. The local paper printed a large article on the meeting. It was also reported that much interest was shown for the Young Socialist Conference.

V. SSOC CONFERENCE - Doug

The Conference was held on April 18-20 at Emory U. The theme was "Radical Southern History". Three YSAers attended on Saturday and sold literature. Sales were good. The sessions were very interesting with people of various backgrounds speaking. Social Democrats, CPers, SDSers were present.

Several proposals were submitted for the future direction of SSOC. Among these were:

financing should come from local sources rather than from foundations

SSOC staff should become more oriented to local chapters  
a North Carolina SSOC chapter proposed that SSOC should dissolve as a regional organization and operate an independent groups

An SDS caucus led by Lyn Wells and David Simpson was better organized and more political than any other group. This group urged SSOC chapters to affiliate with SDS. They maintained that the SDS/SSOC disagreement was not a political disagreement.

Noel Ignatin from National SDS spoke on the origins of the black liberation struggle. He then spoke on Southern Nationalism and concluded that it had no historical basis.

VI. FORT JACKSON 8 DEFENSE - Sharon

It was reported that legal defense for the Ft. Jackson 8 is well underway. The three main issues of the case were outlined as follows:

1. GIs right of free speech
2. GIs right to organize
3. GIs right to petition

Two reports from the National Office were read. One was on the defense of the Ft. Jackson GIs; the other on SMC and its role in the antiwar movement. Defense of Jackson GIs is the major campaign of YSA now. Comrades are urged to write letters to GIs in the stockade. Also, EC recommends that Cliff be in charge of defense work.

It was reported that a meeting was held on Sat. April 19 to discuss the establishment of an Atlanta SMC. A large number of high school students were present and discussion centered around what the SMC is and how it functions. Civil liberties of students were also discussed. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 26 to discuss organizational possibilities.

The report was approved.

Educational on history of American Trotskyism (first 3 chapters of Cannon's book) followed by Dennis.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.