

Financial Report
(Dec. 9, 1963)

TO ALL N.C. MEMBERS and LOCAL ORGANIZERS

Dear Comrades,

We function financially in two six month periods. They are from September through February and March through August. In each of these periods we hold fund drives as the crucial source of income to balance our budget.

We are now half way through the present financial period. This report will give you the necessary information to understand where our income comes from and where it is going at present.

As outlined in the organizational report at the last convention, our basic expenditures are the Y.S.C., National Office, Staff, and tours. We projected at the last conference to increase the fund drive to 3,000 in order to expand the national staff and to begin producing pamphlets badly needed and well over due. The fund drive appears to be ending successfully and we have achieved our goal in expected income. Last year we had a donation factor outside of fund drives of some 1,500 dollars. This year, however, donations total under 500 so that the increase in the fund drive only made up the income we had last year from donations.

We have expanded the N.C. staff but will be cutting back somewhat because we are going over our budget. We have spent some 2,974.94 in the three month period since September when our budget limits us to a maximum of 2,600.00. We will be also making efforts to cut back in factors like the phone bill.

Comrades should be aware that although our financial level is remaining at approximately the same level it is now on a much firmer footing than it was last year. For the size and nature of our movement, it is a standing tribute that we are able to function as we do. The fact is, nevertheless, that the YSA has the resources within its self to expand at its present size, its ability to raise funds. This can best be achieved by consistent and conscious effort to educate all the comrades in the need and importance of maintaining our national structure and our public face the YOUNG SOCIALIST. Invariably locals are able to raise funds depending on the political consciousness of the YSAers and not, as might appear at first glance, depending on the financial status of the local members.

We have made arrangements so that the pamphlets proposed at the convention will be forth coming (the first is due early January) and we aim to make them pay for themselves. You will soon be receiving more information on this.

Attached is a break down of all our income and expenditures from July 1963 through November 1963. Also attached is the list of locals and the percentage of payments they have made on their dues and bundle bills since the convention.

Comradely,

Peter Camejo
National Secretary

(Break down from July to Nov. 1963)

JULY 1963

INCOME

Subscriptions	12.00
Bundle Payments	158.23
Dues	79.00
Registration	1.00
Fund Drive	50.00
Rent (NY Local)	50.00
Tour	50.00
Forum	46.96
Phone	5.50
<u>Assesment</u>	<u>39.00</u>
TOTAL	\$535.69

EXPENDITURES

YOUNG SOCIALIST	
Printer	0.00
Mailing	0.00
Equip.	<u>0.00</u>
	00.00
EDIT	210.00
TOUR	86.29
NATIONAL OFFICE	<u>360.59</u>
Garbage	10.00
Stamps	24.03
Rent	100.00
Phone	66.42
Supplies	43.53
Con Ed	7.36
Fix Mimeo	17.75
P.O. Box	4.50
New Mimeo	80.00
Other	<u>7.00</u>
	360.59

AUGUST 1963

INCOME

Subscriptions	8.50
Bundle Payments	0.00
Dues	110.50
Registration	2.00
Fund Drive	31.00
Forum	54.40
Assessment	113.00
Tour	10.00
Rent	50.00
<u>Donation</u>	<u>201.00</u>
TOTAL	580.40

EXPENDITURES

YOUNG SOCIALIST	4.55
Printer	0.00
Mailing	4.55
Equip.	<u>0.00</u>
EDIT	235.00
TOUR	0.00
NATIONAL OFFICE	<u>334.74</u>
Garbage	8.00
Stamps	26.21
Rent	100.00
Phone	0.00
Supplies	2.28
Con Ed	0.00
Mimeo clean	5.75
Convention	100.00
Other	5.00
Car	<u>93.00</u>
	334.74

(Break down from July to Nov. 1963)

SEPTEMBER

INCOME

Subscriptions	12.50
Bundle Payments	36.65
Dues	24.75
Registration	2.00
Fund Drive	561.08
Forum	21.70
Assessment	17.00
Convention	138.00
Rent	100.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>913.00</u>

EXPENDITURES

Young Socialist	254.78
Printer	234.78
Mailing	20.00
Equip.	0.00
	<u>254.78</u>
EDIT	196.00
TOUR	175.75
NATIONAL OFFICE	<u>257.05</u>
Garbage	10.00
Stamps	29.20
Rent	100.00
Phone	58.39
Supplies	18.23
Con Ed	6.23
Mimeo Rep	12.00
Subs	29.00
	<u>257.05</u>
	883.58 TOTAL

OCTOBER

INCOME

Subscriptions	30.50
Bundle Payments	185.40
Dues	153.50
Registration	2.00
Fund Drive	875.20
Forum	5.90
Tour	10.00
<u>Sustainer</u>	<u>25.00</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1,288.50</u>

EXPENDITURES

Young Socialist	375.77
Printer	234.73
Mailing	114.00
Equip.	27.04
	<u>375.77</u>
EDIT	320.00
TOUR	35.00
NATIONAL OFFICE	<u>413.75</u>
Garbage	6.00
Stamps	17.50
Rent	100.00
Phone	135.00
Supplies	100.59
Con Ed	6.23
P.O. Box	4.50
SPU Conv.	30.00
Tape YSA.	13.90
	<u>413.75</u>
	1,144.50 TOTAL

(Break down from July to Nov. 1963)

NOVEMBER

INCOME

Subscriptions	14.00
Bundle Payments	57.10
Dues	42.00
Registration	4.00
Fund Drive	752.60
Forum	3.00
Rent	60.00
Sustainer	25.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>957.70</u>

EXPENDITURES

Young Socialist	249.78
Printer	234.78
Mailing	0.00
Equip	15.00
	<u>249.78</u>

EDIT	382.00
TOUR	91.35

NATIONAL OFFICE	<u>222.83</u>	
Garbage	12.00	
Stamps	19.60	945.96 TOTAL
Rent	100.00	
Phone	60.38	
Supplies	23.02	
Con Ed	0.00	
Fix Mimeo	5.00	
Missing	.83	
	<u>222.83</u>	

Payment of Dues and Bundle Bills since the National Convention
(Sept. — Nov.)

LOCAL	% of dues paid	% bundle bills paid
East Coast		
BOSTON	100 %	100%
NEW YORK	100 %	100%
PHILADELPHIA	0 %	0%
BALTIMORE	100 %	35%
Midwest		
DETROIT	100 %	42%
CLEVELAND	100 %	100%
CHICAGO	100 %	100%
MADISON	100 %	67%
MINNEAPOLIS	100 %	100%
West Coast		
LOS ANGELES	60 %	67%
BERKELEY	100 %	45%
SAN FRANCISCO	0 %	0%
SEATTLE	0 %	67%

Note that Boston, New York, Cleveland, Chicago, and Minneapolis are paid up in full. Only Philadelphia and San Francisco have failed to make any payment on their dues and bundle bills.

Minutes of NEC Meeting -- Dec. 7, 1963

Present: Barry, Pete, Leroy, Melissa, Jack
Alternate: Jan, Ralph, Al

Chairman: Jack

Agenda: 1. Fund drive
2. Financial report
3. Tour
4. Bloomington defense

1. Fund drive

Report by Roland (attached)

Motion: to accept

Carried unan.

2. Financial report

Report by Pete (enclosed)

Motion: to accept

Carried unan.

3. Tour

Motion: that Barry make a national tour early in the next year

Carried unan.

Motion: that Roland be made tour director.

Carried unan.

4. Bloomington defense

Report by Ralph (attached)

Discussion: Jack, Al

Adjourned.

Comrades,

This is the next to the last FD report. Payments postmarked after December 16th, will not go on the final report. As the scoreboard shows, we are in good shape at this juncture of the drive. Several locals have reached 100 % already with Detroit taking over first place on the board.

Let us all finish up our payments now, and be over the top for the final scoreboard.

Comradely,

Roland Sheppard
 YS Publications Fund Drive
 Director

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL	SUGGESTED QUOTA	ACCEPTED QUOTA	PAID	%
DETROIT	\$ 150	\$ 200	\$ 253.00	127 %
TWIN CITIES	100	225	265.00	118 %
BERKELEY	325	325	329.50	101 %
BALTIMORE	85	85	85.00	100 %
New York	650	700	669.50	94 %
Madison	225	225	186.50	83 %
Boston	325	325	247.00	76 %
Chicago	650	650	477.38	73 %
Cleveland	60	60	40.00	67 %
Philadelphia	45	75	35.00	47 %
Los Angeles	100	100	43.00	44 %
San Francisco	200	200	60.00	30 %
Seattle	25	60	10.00	17 %
Denver	60	---	---	---
Total	3,000	3,250	2,701.38	90 %
Total Should Be	3,000	3,250	2,769.00	92 %

Bloomington defense report

We have printed stationary with the names of over 200 sponsors and have received 50 more since. We are over the hump as far as getting our initial list of sponsors, and we will have to turn more attention now to fund raising.

Sponsor-getting will continue to be an important part of our work, especially in areas where we are weak in this respect. It is especially important to branch out into new universities.

However, fund raising is now the primary task, since we are approaching the pre-trial arguments and the trial itself. In this regard, Boston, Los Angeles, and Madison are planning large fund appeal mailings. Others could try this method. In New York a folk-song concert is projected.

Young Socialist Alliance

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 22, 1963

Barry Sheppard, National Chairman of the Young Socialist Alliance, condemned the murder today of President Kennedy as "inhuman, anti-social and criminal."

The full text of Sheppard's statement follows:

The Young Socialist Alliance condemns the murder today of President Kennedy as inhuman, anti-social and criminal. We offer our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Kennedy and her children in their moment of grief.

The origin of this criminal act lies in the inflammatory agitation and actions of the racists and the ultra-conservative forces. All Americans must condemn acts of political terrorism, which like any suppression of political freedom violates the basic democratic rights of all. Such acts can only strengthen the forces of reaction. Political differences within our society must be settled in an orderly manner by majority decision after free and open public debate of all points of view.

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Minutes of NEC Meeting — November 5, 1963

Present: Barry, Pete, Jack, Melissa, Ken (late)

Alternate: Ralph, Roland, Al, Jan

Chairman: Melissa

Agenda: 1. CABS
2. Fund drive
3. East coast conference
4. YS Report

1. CABS

Information Report by Ralph (attached)

2. Fund drive

Report by Roland (attached)

Motion: to accept report

Carried unan.

3. East coast conference

Report by Barry: We plan to hold an east coast conference December 21-22. The east coast organizer will have the responsibility of coordinating the organization of the conference.

Discussion: Jack, Melissa, Roland, Al

Motion: to accept report

Carried unan.

4. YS Report

Report by Jan (attached)

Motion: That Dave F. be circulation manager for the YS

Carried unan.

Adjourned.

CABS Information Report by Ralph:

We have filed our initial briefs in the Monroe County Circuit Court. They were filed by our two attorneys, Leonard B. Boudin and Daniel T. Taylor III, of Louisville. The arguments are, roughly, that: the Indiana Anti-Communism Act is superseded by Federal Legislation, and therefore unconstitutional; that it is also unconstitutional, since it violates the basic rights of the defendants, freedom of speech, assembly and conscience. We have also asked that the court suppress evidence illegally obtained by the prosecution, in addition to several other motions. Hoadley will now have some time to reply, before the oral arguments take place in Bloomington. Those arguments will be made by Boudin and Hoadley. If the decision is unfavorable to us, the trial will take place sometime after the New Year.

Tom Morgan is now on tour in the Midwest and on the West Coast. He has already spoken in the Cleveland area. His schedule is roughly as follows: St. Louis, Nov. 8; Kansas City, Nov. 10; the Bay Area, from the 12th to the 20th; LA, from the 21st to the 26th. Then he goes to Tucson and Phoenix. From there he returns to the Midwest for continued speaking in Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. The East Coast has not been scheduled for a regular tour, but rather, Jim and I will speak around the region as time permits.

Leroy's speech is out. It is called "The Indiana 'Subversion' Speech." It is selling for 25 cents. All money is to go to the National CABS. We are now sending out bundles to the locals. They will be easy to sell and we are expecting reorders in a short time. The funds raised through the sale of the pamphlet are important to the defense, so it is necessary that the locals should send in the receipts as soon as possible.

Of sponsors we now have close to 175, a very impressive list. We could have far more if the locals would participate equally in this task. But, it didn't happen that way. Some locals did an excellent job, other did nothing. I want to take this occasion to congratulate the Twin Cities local of the YSA for their excellent work. They have not only done a fine job of collecting sponsors, but they have shown general diligence and understanding of the requisities of the defense. Special thanks to comrade George T. who has been the best correspondent in the country. These communications are very important to the functioning of the national CABS. Keep up the good work Minneapolis. But, we have the other side of the coin also. For instance, San Francisco has not sent a single sponsor or a single letter to CABS. Even after a strong request from the CABS and a strong reprimand from the defendants, they have not deemed it necessary to do defense work. Their inactivity has damaged our work and set us back. Let us have some work from all locals in the future, especially those which did good work at first and are now falling down.

We are now preparing a new up-to-date sponsors list. All the locals will receive this as soon as it is ready. Keep in mind, that when you receive this list, there will already be many more sponsors.

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COMMITTEE TO AID THE BLOOMINGTON STUDENTS

Statement of Purpose

Three Indiana University students, officers of the Young Socialist Alliance, were recently indicted for violation of the 1951 Communism Act. A penalty of one to three years imprisonment and disenfranchisement faces the defendants, if they are convicted.

In the opinion of many members of the Bloomington and Indiana University communities, this Act is unconstitutional because it violates the free speech and assembly provisions of the Indiana and United States constitutions. In addition, the Act cuts across the clear precedents of the Yates case and Pennsylvania vs. Nelson as established by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Numerous Indiana University students who share this opinion have joined together to form the Committee to Aid the Bloomington Students. The Committee does not share the political-economic ideas of the defendants, who are members of the Young Socialist Alliance. The Committee does, however, defend the rights of these students to free assembly and discussion, which it believes the Indiana Communism Act and the indictment do violate.

The Committee will concern itself with three activities:

1. The presentation and clarification of the constitutional and moral issues of the case.
2. The production and distribution of information pertinent to the events which preceded the indictment and to the forthcoming legal developments.
3. The collection by appeal of financial aid to meet the formidable expenses of adequate legal counsel for the three students.

All financial matters will be handled by William Groninger, University Fellow and graduate student in Government. He has been appointed by the defendants and their legal counsel, James Cotner, for this purpose. A statement of all receipts and disbursements will be made available to contributors upon request.

Your contribution not only will directly aid in the defense of these students, but it will also help to buttress the important freedoms upon which the academic community and our country are rightly premised.

Please forward all contributions to : COMMITTEE TO AID THE BLOOMINGTON STUDENTS
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Paulann Groninger
General Secretary

GENERAL FACT SHEET

Dear Friend:

Bloomington, Indiana, home of Indiana University, is now witnessing an event of potentially great constitutional significance. We wish to relate to you briefly what is taking place here, for the issues involved are ones in which anyone who is concerned with his own constitutional liberties ought to be interested.

On May 1, 1963 three Indiana University students -- James Bingham, Ralph Levitt and Thomas Morgan -- were indicted by a Monroe County Grand Jury for advocating the violent overthrow of the Indiana or United States governments. To quote from the 1951 Communism Act, upon which the indictment is based, such advocacy as well as "participating in any un-American activities" are prohibited. Conviction under this act carries penalties of from one to three years imprisonment and disenfranchisement.

The defendants are officers of the I.U. chapter of the Young Socialist Alliance, a national youth group which describes itself as "revolutionary socialist."

From the standpoint of the Committee to Aid the Bloomington Students, the Indiana Communism Act is itself unconstitutional and the actions of the prosecutor leading up to the indictment cut across prescribed norms of legal processes.

The Indiana Communism Act goes counter to the Supreme Court judgment in the case Yates vs. United States, since it prohibits even the teaching or the advocacy of violent overthrow of the United States government as an abstract doctrine. But this matter is subordinate to the act's overt infringement upon the constitutional rights of free speech and assembly. This infringement stems finally from the injudicious and indiscriminating terminology of the act, which can entangle numerous "violations" in the web of diction as imprecise as "un-American activities."

The issuance of an indictment under such a law, impinging as it does upon invaluable civil liberties, is a matter of unmistakable national significance. In addition, several events pertinent to the indictment have given the case a particularly disturbing aspect for citizens in the Bloomington area. The methods employed by Prosecutor Thomas Hoadley over the past four months are quite incongruous with his avowed intention to regard and conduct this indictment as a "test case" to determine the constitutionality of the Communism Act. As the Indiana Daily Student editorialized on February 23, 1963, "Mr. Hoadley perhaps has done a disservice to Anglo-American ideas of justice by

instigating trial by newspaper rather than sticking to normal court procedure." The Prosecutor has sought to link by innuendo, with the Young Socialist Alliance, a narcotics case which he is presently prosecuting. His tactics have provoked such comments as the following from a letter to the Herald-Telephone by a University Teaching Associate who observed upon the Prosecutor's plagiarism of 70 lines included in a guest editorial: "Knowledge of this behavior might lead the citizens to doubt Prosecutor Hoadley's intellectual honesty." Finally, on the day of the indictment the Prosecutor, throwing all caution to the wind, laid the origins of the I.U. Young Socialist Alliance to agents "trained in Moscow."

The three students were arraigned May 9th before Judge Nat U. Hill in Monroe County Circuit Court. Instead of entering a plea at that time, the defendants' attorney, James R. Cotner, filed a motion to have certain phrases stricken from the indictment. The indictment charges that these men "on the 25th day of March, 1963...did then and there assemble for the purpose of advocating or teaching the doctrine that the government of the United States, or of the State of Indiana, should be overthrown by force, violence or any unlawful means, voluntarily participating therein by their presence, aid or instigation, and as officers of a Trotskyits communist organization called the Young Socialist Alliance, the youth group of the Socialist Workers Party, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana." Mr. Cotner, in his brief, claims that the stricken portion, which described the defendants as "officers of the Young Socialist Alliance a Trotskyite communist organization, and the youth group of the Socialist Workers Party," is superfluous, in so far as such membership is not prohibited by Indiana law, and further, that such a description, if included in the indictment, would be prejudicial against the defendants.

After no little investigation the Committee to Aid the Bloomington Students (CABS) can state that the YSA is not the youth movement of the SWP, nor is the SWP the "parent group" of the YSA. The YSA was formed in 1960 after a split in the mid-1950's from the Young Socialist League. The Young Socialist Alliance has also publicly and unequivocally denied that it advocates the violent overthrow of any government.

Mr. Cotner also informed the Court that he intended to file within two weeks a motion to ask the Court to declare the act unconstitutional. Judge Nat Hill will rule upon the motion, which opens the possibility for a speedy and successful conclusion of these proceedings.

The "strike" motion filed May 9th seeks to limit the Prosecutor to the single charge against the defendants which is punishable by law, that is, assembly to advocate the violent overthrow of the government. This charge relates to the March 25, 1963

meeting held on the Indiana University campus at which Leroy McRae, national officer of the Young Socialist Alliance, spoke on the "Black Revolt in America." During his talk, Mr. McRae described the growing mood of frustration within the ranks of the Negroes which he said might lead to "self-defense" violence if the Negroes remain unable to achieve their constitutional rights through the legal processes currently used in the integration struggle.

The Prosecutor has construed Mr. McRae's remarks to constitute an open advocacy of the violent overthrow of the Indiana or United States government. The Communism Act forbids and punishes by one-to-three years imprisonment any assembly of two or more persons for the purpose of advocating such action. The three defendants were present at this March 25th meeting, along with 125 other persons including university students, professors, administrators, and Bloomington townspeople, and are being indicted on the basis of their presence. In other words, the rights of free assembly and discussion are directly challenged by this act and this indictment.

Following the court proceedings on May 9th, the defendants and their attorney met the Press at Mr. Cotner's office. After explaining and defending their socialist beliefs, the defendants were given an opportunity to confront the Prosecutor's public charges that the I.U. YSA was founded by two persons "trained in Moscow" and that the YSA used marijuana to recruit new members.

With regard to the first charge, the defendants expressed incredulity, stating that the YSA was founded at I.U. by a scholarship graduate student and his wife, neither of whom had ever been to Russia. They continued, pointing out the dire contradiction between a "Trotskyist" group being formed by the Soviet Union, and the fact that this state has outlawed Trotsky's ideas and previously ordered his assassination.

With respect to the second charge, the defendants denied unequivocally and with scarcely concealed amusement Mr. Hoadley's claim that the YSA uses narcotics to recruit new members. As the Committee to Aid the Bloomington Students has pointed out, the Prosecutor has sought via the press to link the YSA with a narcotics case he is presently prosecuting. The defendants further denied that the I.U. coed charged with possession of narcotics has ever been connected with the Young Socialist Alliance, either through membership or activity.

The legal "timetable" will tentatively proceed as follows. Prosecutor Hoadley has until May 15th to file a reply to the defendants' motion to strike superfluous and prejudicial phrases from the indictment. Judge Hill will then hand down a ruling which if upholding the defendants' claim, will sharply restrict the prosecutor. Mr. Cotner will file a motion to "quash the indictment" on grounds of the Act's unconstitutionality, and Judge Hill will give his decision following oral arguments by both sides, probably before July 1st.

Informational Report on the Spring
Midwest Tour

1963 ?
Fall

The CABS tours indicated that there are a number of small groups of students interested in socialism in the campus towns around the Midwest. In order to make better contact with these groups we sent two YSAers, Joel B. and Howard S. on tour around Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, and Kansas. We thought Comrades would be interested in the following which is taken from the report Joel sent in to the National Office:

There wasn't one particular issue that seemed to be radicalizing students -civil rights, peace, civil liberties, general decline of American imperialism- all are having their influence. Many of the students we talked to have come to radical politics only recently and were very shocked to find so many groups and publications on the left. In most areas where we have contacts, an experienced YSAer could build a local in a very short time. The contacts have been generally impressed with the YSA and SWP speakers they have heard.

We ran into no organized CP Stalinist organization and very few individuals. The same is true for the Social Democrats. The Marcyites had an organizer in Ohio speaking on Vietnam while we were there. He had been at Oberlin and Kent. Most people had heard of PLM. It is the only other group besides the YSA-SWP which students thought of turning to.

Our contacts have a much greater understanding of black nationalism than our opponents or the average student. Our speakers and the Militant and the ISR have played a key role in this respect. There is a general acceptance of the fact that the U.S. is playing a reactionary role on the world arena. The main "hang up" of most of the students seems to be that they do not believe that the American revolution is possible, that whites in this country will ever join a revolutionary movement in numbers. This holds them back from any organizational commitment and tends to give them a cynical outlook.

We made the tour in a donated Volkswagen. Expenses of about \$200 (including \$70 to repair the car) were paid by contributions from the YSA locals visited, at-large members, contacts, and profits from the Midwest conference.

The tour went to 22 different areas. The following is taken from the reports on areas visited where we have no YSA local or at large YSAers:

Toledo, Ohio

The group we talked to was a social circle around a middle aged former SP couple, former SWPers, and radical students. They regularly attend Detroit forums and have

sponsored several YSA or SWP speakers on campus or in their homes. I spoke to 15-20; Howard sold \$11 worth of literature and several subs.

The Toledo people tend to think the SWP and YSA have the most on the ball politically, like the Militant and other literature. They tend to be pessimistic about political activity in Toledo due to a strong, organized right wing, but several expressed interest in financial support to our movement and possibly distributing the Militant regularly.

Cincinnati

Here there is a circle around an ex-SWPer and friends of the SWP, ranging in age from 65 to teens and twenties, several of whom are on campus at the U. of Cincinnati. Their main activity has been in the local Peace Center. The best contacts recently sent in six subs to the Militant, are in the process of organizing a socialist discussion group and want to reach out to new people with our ideas. They are especially interested in promoting independent political action, FNP and SWP. I spoke to a small informal group of the closest contacts. Howard sold about \$25 worth of literature, and we talked to students on campus. The close contacts want to do all they can for the election campaign.

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

There are several Militant subscribers who are friendly but very cynical. They have several radical foreign students in their milieu. The Unitarians arranged for a meeting of about 30-35 at the Channing-Murray Dissent Forum. The response was very good; two undergrads were especially interested and plan to come to the Chicago summer school. There are no active radical groups on campus (U. of Illinois) and the formerly large SPU is dormant.

St. Louis, Missouri

A long-time SWPer arranged a meeting through a young Catholic Worker at Hospitality House, a rooming house for the down and out. The CW had organized a small Easter Peace walk, mainly of students from St. Louis U. and Washington U. Three of them came to Hospitality House for the talk and wanted us to talk to friends in CORE and some students and other friends. None of these youth considered themselves socialists, but all were breaking with the Catholic Church and were willing to listen sympathetically, discuss our ideas and buy literature. They said they would arrange meetings for our speakers on campus and help with the election campaign.

Central State College, Wilberforce, Ohio

We met several interested black students by selling the Militant door to door in a dorm at this all Negro school. They arranged an informal meeting for the next day where we talked to about 20 students mainly about "What is Socialism?" There is a forum group on campus which would be willing to sponsor DeBerry next fall.

Bowling Green, Kentucky

Our contacts here were made through CABS and were very impressed with the defendants, lawyers and CABS people. I spoke at a meeting of 15-20 high school and college students, the majority of whom were Negro. They were interested in arranging a meeting for DeBerry in the fall. Our contacts plan to start a "political group" next fall and want to be informed of any speaking tours.

Kansas City, Missouri

The contacts who have expressed interest in the past (sponsored Tom Morgan) were disappointing. We did run into one interested student who had heard about the YSA from the "New Fabians" in Columbia Mo. Two college professors used the Bloomington case in their classes, one for essays and the other for a mock trial.

Fund Drive Report:

Roland Sheppard
National Fund Drive Director

November 4, 1963

Comrades, for the first time, since the YS PUBLICATION FUND DRIVE began, we have fallen behind. At this juncture in the drive, 54% of the money should have been turned in, right now, only 51% has been turned in to the N.O. Now, this may not seem to be too much, but at this point, as we enter the last month of the drive, we should be pulling away—not falling behind.

I would like each local to send a report to me with an estimate of how much it will be sending in, and when it will complete its fund drive obligations to the N.O. I would appreciate it if the locals would let me know by Thanksgiving.

In the race for the books and in response to the Berkeley challenge to see which locals have the strongest cadre, Twin Cities has gone far into the lead, by going over its quota with prospects of giving even more.

LOCAL	SUGGESTED QUOTA	ACCEPTED QUOTA	PD. %	% ACC. Quota
TWIN CITIES	\$100	\$225	\$265.00	118
BALTIMORE	85	85	85.00	100
Madison	225	225	178.00	79
Boston	325	325	188.00	59
Philadelphia	45	75	35.00	47
New York	650	700	318.00	45
Los Angeles	100	100	43.50	44
Cleveland	60	60	25.00	41
Berkeley	325	325	125.00	37
Chicago	650	650	205.03	32
Detroit	150	200	54.00	27
Seattle	25	660	10.00	17
San Francisco	200	200	00.00	00
Denver	60			
	<u>\$3000</u>	<u>\$3250</u>	<u>\$1531.53</u>	<u>51%*</u>

* % of original quota

YS Report:

We now have a circulation manager who will be able to do more than an adequate job on circulation in the next several issues. The November issue is out and we will probably put out an eight-pager for Dec.-Jan.

The deadline on the next issue is Nov. 18. We must have articles from all the locals, dealing with YSA activities and local events involving the youth movement. Articles must be written from the field. And we need photographs since our paper's format is never hurt by pictures and since it is the best way our paper can indicate that the YSA is an active group. We will need reports of tours (esp. Tom Morgan's, Harold Reape's), interviews with activists, etc.

Below are copies of a report sent to YS correspondents and local organizers:

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The next YSA meeting will be held as usual on Saturday at 3 P.M. We have been sticking to our 3 AM to 4 AM schedule very well and hope to continue it. Please be on time. The educational this Saturday will be the final part of the four part series by Barry on The Dynamics of World Revolution. This will begin at 4 AM and continue until 5 AM. Please bring your closest and most serious contacts. The following week, our educational will be on the "Case of the Legless Veteran", presented by James Kutcher, the defendant in this victorious civil liberties case which lasted for over 8 years.

MILITANT FORUM. This Friday night Militant Forum will be especially educational and illuminating for both ourselves and our contacts. Robert Vernon will be speaking on the moods and demands of the ghettoized black people in the industrial northern cities, and on the growth and dynamism of black nationalism in this country. The time is 8:30 PM at 116 University Pl.

Election Wind-Up Party. On this Saturday night, an election campaign wind-up party will take place at 116 University Place. Before the party, Dee Clifton DeBerry, SWP candidate for councilman at large in this November Bklyn. election, will speak about results and prospectus of the campaign. The films of the UN Birmingham demonstration, where our comrade Thadd Beebe was arrested, will also be shown. All the persons you know that were in the demonstration, let them know. They may be interested in seeing themselves on film. The time Saturday, Nov. 2, at 8:30 PM. Contribution will be 1 buck, with exception for unemployed and students.

C A B S . We have had several productive CABS work meetings lately. We finished the mailing to the New School and have begun on large mailings to NYU and Columbia. The CCNY fraction has done a good job in handing out its mailing to CCNY professors and we are almost done with this gigantic mailing. This Friday Ralph will be speaking to the Socialist Club membership meeting at NYU on the Bloomington Defense Case. This will be followed later in the term by a large meeting on the case, at which one or two of the Bloomington defendants will speak before a campus audience.

If you have Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday nights free and would like to contribute to the defense of your indicted comrades, contact me or Melissa to concretize your contribution to our prime immediate task.

S A L E S . Bill has organized several sales for the coming week, if you have volunteered for a sale, be sure to be there and contact Bill before you individually make any changes from your volunteer assignment. On Monday, we sold 6 YSs at a small War Resisters League meeting. The same day, we sold 40 YSs and 16 Militants at the Erich Fromm meeting at Cooper Union. Our local has done very well this month in selling the YS - well over our 200 bundle and nearing the 300 mark in YS sales. A job well done and done very diligently.

The November issue of the YS is just off the press and waiting to be sold to those open-minded students. "Get the socialist view-point, as inquiring students you owe it to yourself to read both sides of the situation." (Hawking slogan for the campus students)

SUB DRIVE. Last Sunday morning, 24 people went out on the Militant Sub Campaign and 90 more Militant subscribers were obtained. 150 the Sunday before and 90 this past Sunday. We are doing very well and hope to do even better and more. Keep this Sunday morning from 10 AM until about 3 PM free for your contribution to the Militant Sub Campaign. We will be going to Mahattan projects this week-end.

CIVIL RIGHTS. Bill attended an all-night vigil last Sunday night which had over 300 participants. The vigil consisted in a march from Harlem by the Harlem Tenants League. Very good relationship was established with these civil rights militants, which we will be following up. Thadd attended an organization meeting of the NSM, which also should prove to be an imp. avenue for civil rights work. More on later developments.

CLASSES. The internal classes are progressing very well. If you have any problems in connection with the classes, please speak to me.

BRING IN YOUR FUND DRIVE MONEY ! BRING IN YOUR NOVEMBER DUES.
Remember your dues are now \$2.00 a month as voted upon by the local two wks. ago.
Comradely, Jack, NY Organizer.

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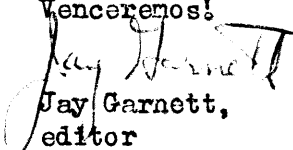
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Minutes of NEC Meeting -- October 22, 1963

Present: Barry, Jack, Pete, Melissa, Ken
Alternate: Roland, Al, Jan

Chairman: Barry

Agenda: 1. Membership
2. Bloomington defense
3. Fund drive
4. Washington

1. Membership

Barry reported on receipt of request from Bob K. of Baltimore that he remain in the YSA although he is well over the age limit.

Motion: That Bob K. be informed that the NEC sees no reason to make an exception to the constitutional age limit in this case.

Carried unanimously.

2. Bloomington defense

Report by Ralph (attached)

3. Fund drive

Short report by Roland

4. Washington

Barry reported that the group in Washington has set up a five person study class. Comrades from the Baltimore local will attend and help lead the class.

Meeting adjourned.

Report by Ralph on Bloomington Defense:

As far as legal developments are concerned, we have obtained, at last, a local lawyer, Daniel T. Taylor III, of Louisville, Ky. Moreover, Leonard Boudin has been admitted to Indiana practice. Now we are ready to proceed in the courts. Before the end of October, we will submit our initial brief, contesting the constitutionality of the Anti-Communism Act. Oral arguments should be held sometime in November in the Bloomington court. Mr. Boudin will present the argument for the defense, Hoadley for the prosecution. If we are unsuccessful, the case will then proceed to trial.

We are in a new stage of the legal fight. For almost 4 months since the second indictments, we have been hampered by the fact that we did not have local counsel. Since that has been solved, the machinery of justice will now begin to grind.

The Indiana Civil Liberties Union has been a leading problem for several months. The red-baiting president of the ICLU has considerably damaged our case in Indiana and elsewhere. But, it looks as though the tide has turned in our favor. First, the Gary chapter of the ICLU has strongly condemned Risk and asked for his resignation. Then, we learned that we had support against Risk in the Southern California ACLU. Finally, the national ACLU came out in their bulletin in our defense and condemned Risk. Last week, the Indiana University CLU came to us and offered their aid, recognizing the insidious role of Risk.

The way is clear for the complete isolation and discrediting of the terrible attack that Risk levelled against us. You will be notified of the progress in this arena. The important thing is that Risk, the second most vicious enemy of the defense besides Hoadley, will probably be defeated and we no longer have to apologize for ourselves.

As far as sponsors are concerned, we have about 90 at this time, including some very good names, such as Bertrand Russell, Linus Pauling, Mark DeWolfe Howe of the Harvard Law School, and many others. However, almost all of the sponsors have been obtained by four locals: Twin Cities, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Boston. This unevenness needs to be corrected. All locals should participate in this necessary aspect of our work. This should remain at the top of the agenda until the middle of November. Let's get on the stick.

October 10, 1963

To all local organizers:

To help mobilize the wide support which will be of crucial importance for a successful outcome to the "kidnap" trial, Monroe defendant Harold Reape is undertaking a national tour beginning on October 31, 1963. Comrades should begin contacting local chapters of CAMD to see of what assistance they can be in helping to arrange as many speaking engagements, radio and TV interviews, etc. as possible in addition to what they have been doing in the civil rights arena.

Any questions as to more precise information on the background and recent developments in the case should be addressed either to the chapter of CAMD in your area or to the CAMD National Office, P.O. Box 1314, G.P.O. New York, New York.

Following is the tentative tour itinerary submitted by the National CAMD on October 7.

Akron	Oct. 31
Cleveland	Nov. 1, 2, 3
Detroit	Nov. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Chicago	Nov. 9, 10, 11, 12
Milwaukee	Nov. 14
Madison	Nov. 15
Twin Cities	Nov. 17, 18
Des Moines	Nov. 20
Tucson	Nov. 23, 24
San Diego	Nov. 26
Los Angeles	Nov. 27, 28, 29, 30
Bay Area	Dec. 2, 3, 4, 5
Seattle	Dec. 7, 8, 9
Denver	Dec. 11, 12
St. Louis	Dec. 14
Bloomington	Dec. 15, 16

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Jan Garrett
for the National Office

Minutes of NEC Meeting - October 1, 1963

Present: Barry, Pete, Ken Jack, Melissa

Alternate: Roland, Ralph, Jan

Chairman: Jack

Agenda: 1. Bloomington Defense
2. Fund Drive
3. Cleveland
4. Cuba Trip

1. Bloomington Defense

Report by Ralph (attached)

Discussion: Jack, Melissa

Motion: to accept report

Carried unanimously.

2. Fund Drive

Report by Roland (attached)

Motion: to accept report

Carried unanimously.

3. Cleveland

Motion: to approve the status of "local union" for Cleveland

Carried unanimously.

4. Cuba Trip

Report by Pete (attached)

Motion: to accept report

Carried unanimously.

Adjourned.

Report on Bloomington Defense, by Ralph:

The sponsors are coming in steadily, but slowly. The first task for the next couple of weeks must be to obtain sponsors. Let our battle-cry for the month of October be Sponsors NOW!

Beginning in November, the locals must raise money. Up to now, we have only received a trickle. So, we will need, in the long run, real results in this arena of our work.

The National CABS has been getting excellent reports and good results from several of the locals. On the other hand, many locals are not keeping in contact with the national and are, apparently, not making much progress.

We are planning a national tour, sometime in the winter. More information on this will be forthcoming. But, this will give us an opportunity to speak at a number of campuses, previously closed to us. It will be an excellent opportunity to build CABS and to meet people.

The national CABS is functioning and expects correspondence from all the locals, in addition to sponsors cards and greenbacks.

In Chicago, as you should know, a successful forum was arranged with the Muslims, SNCC, NAO, and YSA presenting their views, all funds going to the prominent defense cases—the LA Muslim case, the SNCC Americas, Ga., case, and the Bloomington case. If such a forum can be arranged in your area, it might be of value. Moreover, the Chicago forum can serve as a precedent in speaking to the Muslims and SNCC.

The National CABS has been and is printing lots of literature, all of which can be obtained free from New York. This includes the Nation and the New Republic reprints, a new up-to-date fact sheet, the old brochure, and the statement of the Indiana University professors. Soon, we will have copies of Leroy's speech, the new improved brochure, the Indiana Subversion law, and other items. You have merely to write to CABS.

Soon the arguments over the constitutionality of the Indiana law will begin in Bloomington. You will be kept informed of the progress and results of this stage of the legal battle. Point this out to interested people, as a sign that the case is serious and is in the courts.

Once more: Sponsors Now!, reports from your area and planning for the long-term fund raising.

Cuba Trip Report by Pete:

Prior to the trip taken by American students to Cuba, the NEC made a decision to participate in the trip through the application of our National Secretary. This decision limited YSAers' applying for the trip to only the National Secretary. This report will cover what happened since that time.

From the first, abortive attempt to go to Cuba we had drawn the conclusion that the chances for success were limited. Between the first and second effort, certain factors changed which are now apparent after the fact. It is now fairly clear that the Cubans backed the second trip all the way. After Levi Laub went to Mexico to see if things could be worked out, the Cuba Travel Committee and Progressive Labor became very cold toward

us. We along with all other tendencies were not invited to participate and PL made no effort to inform us of the real situation. On the contrary, when our National Secretary visited them to try and find out what the situation was, they refused to give any information and deliberately made comments about internal YSA business. They laughed at the idea that we would decide policy toward the trip as an organization instead of as individuals.

After this, we were a bit suspicious of them so that we tried to make the National Secretary application with a check so that we would have a record of the fact. This they rejected. Within the date required our National Secretary made the application in person with the form completely filled out and with all other requirements.

After this, we did not hear again from PL or the trip till two days before the trip was to begin. Meanwhile we found out that the committee had asked a leading Negro spokesman to help them get more Negroes for the trip. A few days before the trip was to begin, we found out that the Negroes proposed by this spokesman were rejected. The person involved felt that they had been rejected because they had definitive political viewpoints different from PL. At the same time we found out that the Travel Committee was still trying to recruit Negroes some from the Bay area. All this recruitment was done way after the "date line" for application and in some cases the Committee was not requiring the \$100. In any case it was clear that the application of the people arranged at such late dates could only be for the use of the Committee.

Two days before the trip, Levi Laub called Pete at the YSA Hall and said, "All the visas came through from Cuba except yours." He added, "I can't understand why maybe something was wrong with your application." Pete answered that he could not understand what could possibly be wrong and that he was prepared to go. He asked Laub to please call him if anything changed. Laub finished by repeating how sorry he was that Pete couldn't go.

After the students had gone to Cuba they ran into some close friends of our movement who were visiting Cuba and completely unaware of what had occurred. They asked the students on the trip and were told that (1) the YSA-SWP had denounced the trip publicly and (2) the YSA and SWP had refused to send anyone and threatened expulsion to anyone who dared apply. This information we received from our friends in Cuba who were amazed to hear it. Later on we were able to inform these friends of the facts involved.

After the return of the students we found out that PLers had been told by their own people that Pete had withdrawn from the trip.

The PLers have shown a total lack of understanding of what a united front is and its advantages for the defense of the Cuban Revolution and defense from attack by the government. Today the four students indicted for participating on the trip are weakened by not having had various tendencies but rather only PLers and independents on the trip. For instance, if PL had approached the pacifists of the CNVA or WRL, they most certainly could have gotten some of them to go to Cuba since on their own they have been making plans to break the ban for along time. This would be tremendously valuable now for a broader defense.

It hurts the Cuban Revolution when a group claiming to oppose the ban on travel to Cuba establishes its own ban on other tendencies to travel. This fact will always come out in the long run.

However, our orientation cannot be based on subjective feelings, grudge politics, or anything of the sort. We place the objective needs of defending the Cuba Revolution and the students who went to Cuba as paramount. The question of educating the left as to the stalinist nature of FL is a separate problem.

We should not hesitate to explain to contacts what occurred regarding our relation to this trip. We do not hide the fact that PL is stalinist and is hurting the defense of Cuba by their exclusion of other tendencies.

In the two weeks since the Fund Drive began, we have collected 762.08 dollars or approximately 25% of our original goal. This fact is deceiving, however, for several of the locals have increased their quotas; and only six locals have sent in money, although nine locals have sent in accepted quotas.

Comrades, the fund drive is a national, united drive, in which all of the locals participate to help build the YSA as a national organization.

Congratulations to Boston, Chicago, New York, Madison, Twin Cities, and Los Angeles for getting their fund drives under way. Congratulations also to New York, Philadelphia, Twin Cities, and Detroit for increasing their quotas. I hope that when the next scoreboard comes out, that I will be able to report something from the other locals.

SCOREBOARD

<u>AREA</u>	<u>SUGGESTED QUOTA</u>	<u>ACCEPTED QUOTA</u>	<u>PAID</u>	<u>% sugg. quota</u>
BOSTON	\$325	\$325	\$130.00	40.
TWIN CITIES	100	225	85.00	37.
NEW YORK	650	700	202.00	28.2
CHICAGO	650	650	180.58	27.7
LOS ANGELES	100	100	11.50	12
MADISON	225	225	153.00	68**
PHILADELPHIA	45	90	0.00	00
DETROIT	150	200	0.00	00
BERKELEY	325	325	0.00	00
Baltimore	85	85	0.00	00
Cleveland	60	---	0.00	00
Denver*	60	---	0.00	00
San Francisco	200	---	0.00	00
Seattle	25	---	0.00	00
	\$3000	incomplete	762.08	25

*Denver rejected quota.

**Madison's 153 dollars just came in, so we were unable to put it at the top, as it rightfully ought to be.

Minutes of NEC Meeting - September 17, 1963

Present: Barry, Pete, Jack, Ken, Melissa

Alternate: Jan, Roland, Al

Chairman: Al

Agenda: 1. Fund Drive
2. Puerto Rico
3. Defense Committee
4. Assignments
5. Washington

1. Fund Drive

Motion: That Roland be put in charge.

Carried unanimously.

2. Puerto Rico

Report by Pete:

I attended the Third Conference of the Youth of the Movement For Independence (MPI) as an invited guest representing the YSA. Before the actual conference I had the opportunity to speak with a few of the leaders of the MPI Youth and with a few students from the Dominican Republic who came to Puerto Rico to represent the organizations in their country.

The MPI Youth are definitely pro-Castro. The leadership are openly Marxist-Leninist and tend to agree with our general outlook in regards to the colonial revolution, the nature of the Soviet Union, and to a great extent our analysis of the Sino-Soviet dispute.

At a social held the evening before the conference the Dominican students along with about 10 Puerto Rican MPI youth sat around a table and requested me to discuss "Trotskyism" with them. During the discussion, covering a large spectrum of questions (Permanent Revolution, Industrialization, Five Year Plans, Co-existence, role of the National Bourgeoisie, etc.), the overwhelming majority of those present indicated general agreement with our line. This is the product, in my opinion, of the political line of Cuba. A few were acquainted with the works of Trotsky and with the Militant and supported our line in a more conscious manner. The politics of a large sector of these youth was typified by a comment made to me at the end of the discussion by one of the Puerto Rican youth. He said, "I think I might be a Trotskyist. Could you send me some of Trotsky's works so I can find out."

The politics of the MPI are clearly non-sectarian. They invited YSA, PL, and Advance to their conference. They again reflect the line of Cuba which is to work with all groups that support their revolution. MPI wants to maintain relations with all organizations that support Puerto Rican Independence but

they are principled about it. They are openly opposing the stalinist front peace groups which are calling for a de-nuclearized Latin America in which Cuba but not Puerto Rico is included. At the conference the next day, Mari Bras, the elder leader of the MPI, clearly stated that independence and the struggle for liberation (that is, the socialist reconstruction of Puerto Rico) is synonymous with the struggle for peace and that they oppose any attempt to say you can have peace without the liberation of Puerto Rico.

The conference itself was not a convention but something more like our Mid-West or East-Coast Conferences except that they passed a general resolution by acclamation which was a summation of positions already discussed and approved in previous working conventions. About 500 delegates were present; however, anyone who attended was titled a delegate. I would estimate by various figures I have heard and what I saw in Puerto Rico that they have about 1000 activist youth and about 2 to 3 thousand members on the books who are youth. The adult sector probably adds another 1000 to 2000 book members. This indicates a very rapid growth and even more importantly since the Cuban Revolution, a definitive pro-socialist and pro-working class orientation politically.

Comrades should be aware that the Puerto Rican Independence movement almost totally collapsed about 1958 for reasons which I cannot go into here but which in a sense parallel the radical movement in the U.S. It has been rebuilt by the MPI, founded in the first months of 1959. They have won over the new radicalized youth that have come to politics since the Cuban Revolution. These youth are primarily from a petty bourgeois background but have given the MPI sufficient strength so that it can begin to intervene in the working class sectors of Puerto Rico. Such work has already begun, but it is still difficult to tell what the results will be.

At the conference I was introduced to speak following a representative from PL. (The PLer involved was friendly toward us and did not have the stalinist anti-Trotskyism of the PL leadership. Advance never showed up.) When the chairman mentioned the Young Socialist, which some of the Puerto Rican youth had obviously been reading or seen before, a small sector of the audience jumped up and, by their doing so, brought the whole audience up for a standing ovation.

This, I believe, was for two reasons. First, some actually knew of the Young Socialist and were glad to have us there. Secondly, many responded to the word socialist and to the phrase "from inside the United States." I thanked the MPI for having come to the defense of the Bloomington comrades (They did this soon after the case broke) and spoke about the Negro struggle for liberation in the United States.

Unfortunately, I had only a small bundle of YSs and Militants but one of the leading youth took them from me and had them distributed so delegates from all the different sections would get one of each.

We should continue to establish close working relations with the MPI youth, aiding them in whatever way we can since they are clearly moving in a revolutionary direction and beginning to consider the program of the 4th International.

Motion: To accept report.

Carried unanimously.

3. Defense Committee

Report by Pete:

The Cuban counter-revolutionary organizations in New York made public statements that they intended to break up the meeting of the students who had gone to Cuba. They announced that they had acquired tickets and would be present in force.

PL attempted to use the group of students who had gone to Washington D.C. as a base to build up a defense committee. Since many YSAers were present on the Washington trip, we found out that they were planning a meeting to discuss the question of defense. Once we offered to help in the defense, they accepted—although they never requested help.

A meeting was held at which PL, SWP, YSA, WW (Workers World), and some independents were present. A committee was set up with representatives from YSA, SWP, PL, WW, the Student Committee for Travel to Cuba, and a few petty-bourgeois "individuals" representing themselves on it. This was the result of our suggestion that a united defense committee be set up.

The committee was a real united front and the meeting was successful because of this fact. The actual forces present at the defense were divided approximate half YSA-SWP, one fourth PL and/or sympathizers, and one fourth WW and others. In effect, we made it possible for PL to have their meeting since the two disruptions that took place might very well not have been rapidly contained and removed if it were not for the size of the defense committee.

After the event, a new Pler asked a YSAer why all the SWPers and YSAers "had run away at the sign of fighting." This is a minor but nevertheless another indication of the type of rumors stalinist elements in and around PL like to pass around about us.

PL called a meeting of all the defense guards after the meeting on Cuba but forgot to invite the YSA or SWP except for one YSAer. We attended to observe the meeting. This wasn't a meeting of the steering committee with representatives from all organizations but a meeting composed mainly of PLers, their periphery, and independents, and the meeting was run by PL.

During the discussion the YSA-SWP were attacked once by Levi Laub. Laub said it is incorrect to publish speeches like Castro's speech on Escalante and his 26th July speech because "we should not act as propagandist for the Cuban government." An attack by

one of the students against CP bureaucratic methods was called to order by Fred Jerome, leading Pler, as sectarian —saying we should be careful not to offend any political tendency. YSA did not seem to fall into the category of "political tendency" in Jerome's thinking.

At this meeting we proposed that serious defense work be started for the students who may be attacked (and now have been—Oct. 3). We proposed that this work be as broad as possible. This was quickly pushed aside and the main purpose of the meeting became rapidly evident as Pliers pushed for making the defense committee "permanent" and starting JUDO classes. It appears that what PL was after was to keep the independents around them through some sort of activity, and they thought JUDO classes might be just the right step at the moment.

M: To accept. Carried unan.

4. Assignments

Report by Barry: That Jan be editor of the paper and work under Pete in the N.O. Barry will function as East Coast organizer.

Motion: To accept report

Carried unanimously.

5. Washington

Report by Barry:

A group of contacts at and around Howard University in Washington were contacted by Dick R. of Madison just after the YSA Convention. They are Trinidadians and whites interested in setting up a class on socialism.

Barry, Leroy, Roger, and Linda went down to Washington to see these contacts. An evening of discussion resulted in the setting up of a discussion group in which we will participate. Two of the contacts, who number totally about 8, are fairly close and would not be hard immediately to recruit if we had an organization there.

We also spoke with some American Negro YPSL contacts on the campus. The YPSL has about 70 people signed up, although there is no functioning YPSL chapter. This fact shows the potential at this campus, which is composed of mainly American Negro students.

The discussion group does not have any good contacts with the campus as a whole. However, any base we are able to establish at Howard could quickly move out into the campus,

This is an important campus — some of the SNCC leaders have come off this campus and are hostile to us because of YPSL influence. We will try to develop the contact we have. Further organizational steps require more discussion and observation.

Motion: to accept. Carried unanimously.

Adjourned.