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N.Y. LOCAL.....7 April 1966

Present: Danny, Lynne, Shelly, Ron, Paul, Hugh, Helen, Harry, Jack, Price, Dave, Sam, Peter, Shirley, Lyndon, Roger Other: Donna
Absent: Jim(exc.), Al(exc.), Bob(exc.), Phil S., Shane, Hammett, Winnie(exc.)

Meeting started at 8:30 p.m.

- 1. Organization of Meeting: (a) Chairman - Helen
(b) Agenda adopted
(c) Minutes of last meeting not ready

Motion: To admit Donna with voice. Passed

2. Membership:

- (a) Hammett has submitted his resignation. He states that he thinks Spartacist is the only revolutionary organization, but that he feels he cannot maintain the level of activity and commitment this entails. Al has spoken with him about a possible leave-of-absence, but he still wants to resign.

Motion: To accept Hammett's resignation. Passed

- (b) A letter has been sent to Phil S. telling him of membership requirements and asking him to clarify his intentions.
- (c) The question of Shane's attack on the line of the Spartacist at our public meeting was brought up by Shelly. Jim has requested action on this point be tabled until his return.

3. International Conference - Lynne

(Reported situation as outlined in Nelson's Special Delivery "Flash" to all Locals, Organizing Committees, and Members-at-Large.)

Disc: Price, Dave, Harry, Shelly, Harry, Helen, Lyndon, Price, Harry, Hugh, Dave, Lyndon, Price, Paul, Harry, Jack, Sam, Hugh, Shirley, Harry, Dave, Roger, Lynne, Lyndon, Harry, Lynne, Shelly

Motion: To schedule a meeting tentatively for next Thursday for discussion of International Question. Passed

4. SSEU(Welfare) - Lyndon

A Tripartite Committee of Labor, City, and "impartial" representatives have arrived at an agreement stating District Council 37 will bargain for all City unions except Teachers and Transit, outlawing right to strike, excluding wages, hours, leave, lay-offs and other working conditions from areas of bargaining, setting final and compulsory arbitration of all disputes, and elimination of court appeal in grievances. This eliminates the SSEU, and in fact is aimed primarily at it, and is also an attack on all labor (see Militant Caucus leaflet, "Behind Tripartite"). SSEU is isolated from rest of labor movement as Meany, Teachers Union, etc., have endorsed agreement, as has Local 371 (Welfare supervisors and clerks). Membership is apathetic. SSEU Exec has voted to recommend strike should agreement be implemented.

Supplemental Report by Lynne - Judy Mage (SSEU president) returned from vacation today and spoke at Dyckman center. Agreement has been temporarily delayed. Mage attempting to line up Reform Democrats and certain Demo. party figures. SSEU strategy is to call for dismissal of present Tripartite Committee and appointment of another committee "to study collective bargaining". SSEU will present its own document as a substitute. Mage says implementation of agreement will not destroy SSEU, only set it back. Strike is not being proposed; most extreme action planned is having workers take one day's vaca-

tion leave to demonstrate at City Hall on day City Council considers agreement. Membership seems relieved. Our caucus held first meeting; 7 present. Decided to hand out several leaflets stressing necessity for breaking SSEU's isolation and preparing membership for strike, of which the first, "Behind Tripartite", has already been distributed at 4 centers. Tepedino, union's founder and first president, will run in Democratic Primaries for U.S. Senate, is asking SSEU endorsement and support.

Disc: Lynne, Sam, Dave, Harry, Roger, Shirley, Lyndon, Lynne, Danny, Jack, Lyndon, Hugh, Lynne, Sam, Paul, Dave, Lynne, Lyndon, Helen, Roger, Lyndon

(Harry left at this point)

Motion by Roger: (1) Resolved that during the current critical situation the entire N.Y. Local be mobilized to give whatever support necessary to the Welfare fraction;
 (2) Comrades in the Welfare Fraction be relieved to whatever extent possible of other local responsibilities;
 (3) N.O. be asked to relieve such comrades from National Office work to the extent possible.

Vote: (1) All for but Shelly, not voting.

Motion passed

(2) All for but Paul and Helen, abstaining.

Motion passed

(3) For: Shelly, Roger, Jack, Peter, Paul, Danny
 Opposed: Hugh, Helen, Sam, Lynne
 Abstaining: Shirley, Ron, Dave, Lyndon.

Motion passed

Lyndon is presently facing threat of dismissal by Dept. of Welfare for Civil Rights arrest. Disc: Roger, Shirley, Lyndon
 He will use union lawyer for Dept. appeals, hired lawyer for court appeal.

4. Workers Action and 1199 - tabled to next meeting.

5. Finances - Helen

SPARTACIST #6 will be coming out shortly after delegation returns. We need money for this as well as for Paul's pending tour.

Statement for Minutes: John and Ann S. of Austin are an excellent example of financial responsibility. They have been regular with \$25.00 monthly pledge despite low income and baby.

6. Announcements:

(a) ASOC Conference this week-end. Hammett has been asked to cover it as he knows some of the people.

(b) PL is having class series at Columbia led by Steve N; will be weekly starting 4/12. Roger will cover, Dave attend a few sessions.

(c) Mick, young SLL comrade, is in town on a visit.

(d) Friday, Militant Labor Forum, Dick Roberts on "Can U.S. Win in Vietnam?" Jack and possibly Bob will cover.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.