

SPRING MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE TO END THE WAR IN VIETNAM

Meeting of the Administrative Committee -- JUNE 4, 1967 (in New York)

PRESENT: Sidney Peck (chairman); Al Evanoff, Robert Greenblatt, Linda Dannenberg, Kipp Dawson, Jack Spiegel, Abner Grunauer, Jim Bevel, Tom Hayes, Barbara Webster, Eric Weinberger, Irving Beinlin, Bruce Hartford, Lenny Brody, Peter Buch, Herb Kelsey, Linda Wetter, Nancy Strebe, Pearl Chertov, Eric Reinthaler, Lew Jones, Jim Bristol, James G. Holland, Jack O'Dell, Arthur Tuden, Fred Halstead, Karl Bernhard, Harry Ring, Keith Lampe, Peg Eberbach, Evelyn Sell, Ruth Gage-Colby, Arnold Johnson, Deborah Weisburd, JoLeigh Lockett, Abe Weisburd, Barbara Bick, Brad Lyttle, Otto Nathan, Alex Chernowitz, Harriet Tanzman, Sam Marcy, Ron Clark, Bill Yates, Jose Ristorucci, Paul Friedman, Don Newton, Susan Sutheim, Colia Lafayette, Allen Taplin, Carole Powell, Mike Klare

AGENDA: (1) Financial Report (2) Staff Report/ (3) Structure (4) Program (5) Political Action

1. Financial Report: Eric Weinberger reported as follows:

Bills Payable	\$ 6,646.81
Loans Payable	4,500.00
Total Debt	<u>11,546.81</u>
Less funds on hand	- 602.51
CURRENT DEFICIT	\$ <u>10,944.30</u>

Of the above deficit, the bills that must be paid at once come to \$4175. The projected on-going expenses for the next month: \$3800. Conclusion: a minimum of about \$8000 must be raised in the next four weeks in order to survive.

It was pointed out that, since April 15th, the weekly income has been about \$1500, but that this has been just enough to pay on-going expenses for staff, office overhead, etc. Those in attendance made specific pledges to help meet the \$8000 deficit. Jack O'Dell agreed to follow up these pledges.

2. Staff Report: Robert Greenblatt reported that staff had been retained until June 1. In discussions with staff, he found that most are available to stay on if needed and that about half are willing to relocate if the national office is moved.

It was agreed that the national office shall remain open, beginning Monday morning, and that the officers shall meet immediately to act on decisions regarding the staff.

3. Structure: After considerable discussion, the following proposal on structure was agreed upon with regard to categories of officers:

- A. Co-chairmen --- to be actively in touch with day-to-day activities and decision-making
- B. Honorary Chairmen --- (possibly a different designation may be chosen) prestigious individuals who are not expected to be closely involved in activities or decision-making
- C. National Director
- D. Project Directors --- to head up specific projects; these posts could be filled from among the officers or new people.
- E. National Coordinator

On specific names, it was agreed:

- a. The present Vice-chairmen will be asked to serve as Co-chairmen. The list includes: Rev. Ralph Abernathy, David Dellinger, Edward Keating, Robert Greenblatt, Sidney Peck, Mrs. Dagmar Wilson, Cleveland Robinson
- b. Al Evanoff will be added as a Co-chairman.
- c. James Bevel will continue as National Director
- d. Sidney Peck will serve as National Coordinator, with the understanding that this may be on a temporary basis because he has to remain in Cleveland and also may not be free in the fall.
- e. One person from SNCC and one from CORE, to be designated by these organizations, will be added as Co-chairmen.

Discussion of adding other Co-chairmen and the Honorary Chairmen was referred to the present Co-chairmen, with instructions to bring specific proposals to the next Administrative Committee meeting.

TABLED TO NEXT MEETING:

- a. Discussion of moving the national office to another city
- b. Composition of the Working Committee
- c. Date of the Washington mass action in the fall
- d. Discussion of political action
- e. Discussion of non-violent direct action

The Co-chairmen were asked to meet before the Administrative Committee meets again and to bring specific proposals regarding the above tabled items to that meeting.

NEXT MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

Saturday June 17 12:30 PM

in New York City

LOCATION: offices of Women Strike for Peace

799 Broadway, Room 411 (corner of 11th St.)
New York, N.Y.