

YOUNG SOCIALIST EDITORIAL BOARD MINUTES - Jan. 11, 1959

- Agenda:
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| 1. Organization of Ed. Bd.  | 8. Exchange Ads      |
| 2. Detroit Conference       | 9. YPSL Conference   |
| 3. Area Reports             | 10. Feb. issue       |
| 4. Circulation and Finances | 11. Jan. issue       |
| 5. Corresponding editors    | 12. West Coast Tour  |
| 6. Boston Conference        | 13. Kiss Case Report |
| 7. Wisconsin Journal        | 14. Next mtg.        |

Members present: Tim, Allen, Bert, Martha, Jim (pt 4 on), Dick (pt 7 on).  
Alternates: Barbara, Nora.

1. ORGANIZATION OF ED. BD.: Motions by Tim: passed unan.
- a.) a staff composed of Tim, Allen, Martha, Barbara and Nora will handle the work of the editorial board between meetings.
  - b.) all NC members and alternates are invited to attend editorial board meetings with voice. Others supporters are also invited to attend.
  - c.) regular meetings of the editorial board are to be held on alternate Sundays at 7:30 PM at a place established at preceding meeting.

2. DETROIT CONFERENCE:
- a.) The editorial board extends the warmest comradely thanks to the Detroit comrades for the fine job they did in preparing for our conference in behalf of itself, the National Committee and the whole body of YS supporters.
  - b.) All area reports received by Jim Robertson (196-A Conn. St., SF 7, Calif) by Feb. 1 will be published in the next issue of the YS forum which will contain Conference proceedings. If at all possible please put this material on stencils. The Conference bulletin will contain (1) the three documents passed by the Conference, (2) area reports, (3) Conference proceedings.
  - c.) National Committee minutes of 12/28/58 have been completed and are appended to these minutes.

3. AREA REPORTS:
- a.) Milwaukee-- "You may be interested to know that the Young Socialist Club of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee is well under way and interest has been shown among the general student body in the activities of the group"- Myrtle K., Acting Secretary.
  - b.) Philadelphia-- see appended "Newsletter"
  - c.) Baltimore-- we have received \$12 contribution from this area raised by taking advantage of the discount offer of the Liberty Book Club. Bob K. also announces that extensive plans for the tour in his area are under way.
  - d.) Chicago-- Jack H. reports having sold 100 copies of the YS in Dec. Ed C. reports extensive plans for activity around the "Kiss Case"
  - e.) New York-- Martha C. spoke before a high school forum group in Great Neck, L.I. 40 student attended, a number of YSs were sold and distributed. YSA plans a movie showing (Eisenstein's Time in the Sun) plus a talk on Mexico soon for the benefit of the YS.

4. CIRCULATION AND FINANCES:
- Circulation: Barbara reporting: Philly has exceeded its sub drive quota and should be commended for the fine job it is doing. We have 529 subs as of Jan. 10, the record high for the YS. Special effort should be made to promote the January issue. The conference material is especially suitable for politicalized youth (esp. YPSL), "Kiss Case" material should be brought to the attention of Negro youth, and the editorial should be called to the attention of all YPSLizers, and sympathizers.

Finances: Allen reporting: At present we seem to have the financial resources to get through the coming month as long as regular payments are made. We will need the additional funds reported to the Conference in order to get through the following month. We note that NYC has already laid plans to raise its share of this additional fund. Anyone wishing to order films to show to raise funds for the YS should write the following firms for catalogs: Brandon Films, Inc., 200 W. 57 St., NYC, and Contemporary Films, Inc., 267 W. 25 St., NYC.

5. CORRESPONDING EDITOR: The new edit bd has been added to the masthead of the Jan. issue. Also two previously agreed on corresponding editors were added Boston-Pete Camejo and Germany-Wolfgang Kaiser. It was agreed to communicate with supporters and friends in the following places to arrange for new corresponding editors: Cleveland, Ypsilanti, Earlham, Annapolis, Montreal, Vancouver. All areas who wish to change existing corresponding editors should inform the edit board by Jan. 26 in order for the new names to be included on the masthead of the next issue. Also all areas who have not yet sent in addresses for listing in the paper be sure to do so by Jan. 26.

6. BOSTON CONFERENCE: Tim reported on discussions with Pete Camejo on plans of YS supporters in the Boston area for organizing a young socialist group through an area-wide conference in late February. The Board offered to support the project with an article in the next issue and with an extra 1,000 YSs for distribution in the area. According to present plans Tim will address the opening session of the planned conference. Discussion washeld on the report.

7. WISCONSIN JOURNAL: Tim reported on discussions with Madison students who are planning to publish a scholarly socialist journal open to all. The Board felt the YS should maintain friendly relations with the project and that YS supporters should submit material to the journal. It was reported that a number of groups and individuals had given the project a cold shoulder for fear of competition(American Socialist) or of politics(Shachtmanites).

8. EXCHANGE ADS: Proposed to continue to seek exchange ads with other publications, approved.

9. YPSL CONFERENCE: YPSL is planning a National Educational Conference in Chicago, Jan 31-Feb 1 at the U. of C. Reynolds Club. Chicago YS supporters are urged to attend and present the views of the YS. It was also urged that the current YS be distributed to the participants.

10. FEB. ISSUE:Articles on hand or in preparation: France, Why Reaction Won, Shane Mage; Cuba, Martha C.; Brecht, Erika Munk; Boston Conference, Pete C.; NC Case, Jim; SLATE, Bay Area, Unemployed youth demonstrations, Detroit; Canada student struggles, Cliff Cotton,; review of Mage work; Loyalty oath, Dick D.  
copy deadline : Jan. 26            off press: Feb. 6

11. JAN. ISSUE: discussion

12. WEST COAST TOUR: It was reported that one is being contemplated for March. Other areas are urged to consider local tours in the Spring.



# YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

.....NEWSLETTER.....

## COMMITTEE TO COMBAT RACIAL INJUSTICE

PROGRESS REPORT- On Thursday, January 8, Conrad Lynn, general counsel of the CCRI, appeared before North Carolina Superior Court Judge Francis O. Clarkson in Charlotte, N. C., to argue for a writ of habeas corpus in the case. Clarkson, heading the state's 26th Judicial District, issued the writ in a surprisingly favorable decision. He ordered that Fuzzy Simpson and Hanover Thompson be brought from the reformatory in Hoffman, N. C. for a hearing on Monday, January 12. In Wadesboro on Monday, Lynn, working in consultation with Robert Carter, general counsel of the NAACP, will pursue the legal fight in the North Carolina courts to free the 8 and 10-year old defendants in the "kiss" case. He will present the facts which he and Robert F. Williams, national chairman of the CCRI, have presented to audiences in New York and surrounding counties. He will charge that the Union County authorities never gave the boys a trial, never permitted them to face their accusers, and now detain them illegally.

Representatives of the Youth Committee of the CCRI have been conferring with the ministers of many Harlem churches for the past week, and will address a New York conference of ministers on Monday in the effort to bring news about the case to many more people in the city. Recent coverage of the case in the New York Post and N. Y. Times goes a long way toward publicizing the efforts to free Fuzzy and Hanover.

From North Carolina it is reported that Governor Luther Hodges, who is by this time beginning to feel the legal pressure and the pressure of worldwide publicity, held a press conference dealing with another aspect of the case. Hodges felt obliged to make public his reply to an English clergyman who had asked that the boys be freed. The Governor insisted that Fuzzy and Hanover had criminal records and would benefit from the reformatory; he criticized the clergyman as a publicity-seeker.

It is quickly becoming apparent that, while the boys are not yet free, it will only be a matter of time before outside pressure overturns the racist crime, successfully closing the first case undertaken by the Committee to Combat Racial Injustice.

## FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The YSA is planning a forum-social, to be held on Saturday, January 24, at 144 W. 23 St., at 8:15 P. M. The evening will consist of a talk given by a YSA member on the Cuban revolution, to be followed by a social with refreshments and informal entertainment. Watch for further details next week!

Eisenstein's "Time in the Sun", made in Mexico, is being considered as the movie the YSA will probably show in early February. If it is shown it will be coupled with a short talk on the Mexican political situation by a YSA member who recently returned from Mexico after participating in the student bus strike of the past summer.

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