

YOUNG SOCIALIST Editorial Board Minutes -- Aug. 10, 1958

Proposed Agenda:

1. Business Manager
2. Report from Allen and Barbara
3. Tour report
4. United Independent Socialist Ticket
5. Conference
6. 'Supporter' card system
7. East Coast Conference and Camp
8. Area reports

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM. Present: Bert, Mike K., Tim, Ellie, Dick D. Absent: Jim L., George P. Observing: Allen T., Barbara D., Danny F.

Danny F. volunteered to take minutes. The agenda was accepted unanimously.

1. Business Manager: It was proposed that Annan T. take over the Business Manager post vacated by Virginia H. and Barbara D. take charge of YS subscriptions and promotion and do other national work. Proposals accepted unan.

2. Report from Allen and Barbara: A report was made on the activities of the Seattle, Minneapolis, Vancouver, Los Angeles and Bay Area supporters of the YS visited recently by Allen and Barbara. Special mention was made of the protests held in Los Angeles and Minneapolis against troops in Lebanon. It was also reported that the new IBM club in Detroit--Independent Socialist Youth-- was organizing a full program of activities for the near future. Around 20-50 people have been coming to meetings of the ISY or the Wayne Socialist Club which is still in existence.

3. Tour Report: Baltimore has so far sent in the best news on the prospective tour. Comrade Kaufman reported plans for getting Tim on to the Goucher, Morgan, Hopkins and a private High School campuses. Ellie reported the possibility of getting on the U. of Maryland campus. Philly feels it can get Tim on the Temple, Penn, Swarthmore and Drexel campuses. Vancouver promises a date at the University of British Columbia campus. St. Louis reports the possibility of a meeting at Washington U.

4. United Independent Socialist Ticket: Proposal: We will send out, at Dick's request, his document "Necrophiliacs" along with this set of minutes of informational purposes only. This should not be construed as meaning endorsement of said document by board, passed unan. Motion by Tim on ISP:

The YOUNG SOCIALIST reaffirms its support to the new Independent Socialist Party in New York State. We consider ourselves, along with our supporting club, the Young Socialist Alliance, to be a major constituent of the broad united coalition of differing tendencies and individuals behind the United Ticket. We view the role of the YOUNG SOCIALIST to be that of the campaign paper for the Ticket among the youth. At the same time we reserve the right to speak out on issues on which the Ticket has no position and on issues where the candidates of the Ticket have a position counter to that of the YOUNG SOCIALIST. This is the principled role for revolutionary socialists to take in a united front venture with other socialist tendencies.

--passed unan.

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5. Conference: A preliminary discussion was held on conference agenda and other arrangements. It was tentitively agreed to make no changes in the proposed agenda(see minutes--June 17, 1958) except that the Theoretical discussion should probably be held on the War Question. Two points which were not spelled out in detail in the "Memo"-- method of representation at the conference and proposed organizational form-- were briefly discussed but no decision was taken in order to afford more time to hear from other areas on their ideas. It was decided to hold a preliminary discussion on the War Question at the next meeting dealing with usch points as : conscription, summit, H-Tests, a socialist position for a future war, etc.

6. 'Supporter' Card System: Motion: W have a sustaining system in order to organize financial support for the YS among our supporters. We issue cards to YS supporters on the basis of a minimum sustaining pledge of \$,50 a month. ~~XXXX~~ After a discussion of possible symbols for such a card which covered everything from hammer and sickle, through arm andhammer, to Sherman-Williams Paint sign-- it was decided that the red flag will be our symbol. The following motto(lifted bodily from the old YPSL) was propsoed for the back of our cards: March together, work together, strike together with us, thgether we can build a warless world, a workers workd. All above motions and proposals agreed on unan.

7. East Coast Conference and Camp: It was decided tohave a weekend encampment at Mountain Spring Camp sometime after Labor Day to involve YS supporters on the East Coast(largely NYC, Philly, Baltimore). In addition the board felt that any East Coast Conference planned~~xxxxx~~ on the initiative of Philly would be all to the good and not necessarily conflict with the camp idea. A ~~xxxx~~ aname speaker such as Otto Nathan will be sought forthe encampment.

8. Area reports: Belgium-- We have recived warm congratulations from the editorial board of "La Gauche" for our work in putting out the YS. Texas-- We will be sending a regualr bundle to a supporter at the U of Houston ffrom now on. Baltimore--10 people from Philly went to Baltimore for a weekend. A meeting wasehld attended by 30 persons. A. Phelps and A. Robert Kaufman spoke. Philly-- Philly Young Socialist Club is now operating on a high level following an organizational re-organization.

Meeting ajourned at 9PM. Next meeting scheduled for Sunday, August 17 , 7PM at the office.