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MINUTES, N.Y. LOCAL.....10 February 1966

Present: Jim, Ron, Lynne, Hammett, Helen, Shirley, Harry, Hugh, Dave, Roger, Price, Paul, Danny(late), Sam(late), Jack(late), Lyndon(late) Others: Shelly  
Absent: Phil, Shane, Winnie(exc.), Al(on assign.), Tippy(l.o.a.)

Meeting convened at 8:30 p.m.

- 1. Organization of Meeting: (a) Chairman - Price  
(b) Agenda adopted  
(c) Minutes of 27 Jan. 66 adopted

- 2. Membership:  
Motion: To transfer Jim M. out of N.Y.local (to Baltimore) with thanks for his work while here. Passed

- 3. General Information and Correspondence:
  - (a) Nelson Tour: Nelson was first Communist speaker ever at La. State Univ. Mayor of Baton Rouge sent telegram to Gov. of La. who called President about arresting Al and getting FBI investigation. AP called for background for wire announcement. Phil of South is rejoining, has many contacts through his work there. Other recruits pending in New Orleans. PL organizer, Ed C., has been moved out of our study group which he had infiltrated.
  - (b) Letter read from our friend abroad, indicates low theoretical level of YS.
  - (c) Castro has attacked Trotskyism. Indicates internal problems solved, Guevara out, and Chinese line attacked. Vindicates our line of several years.
  - (d) Judy Mage read our N.Y.local minutes reporting situation in Welfare Union, feels "very distorted." She has been elected Pres. of Union.
  - (e) Exchange of letters with Hainline available.
  - (f) Letter from H. Has no anxiety over snags in progress of unity negotiations. Will send literature requested.
  - (g) Rose of B.A.: will be in NY several days in March.
  - (h) Letter from John Sw. of Austin: resuming activity.
  - (i) Resignation of Al Appel from SWP: leading Swabekite is joining PL, attacks Trotskyism as well as SWP. Attacks SWP for violating Democratic Centralism by expelling us and Wohlforthites.
  - (j) Columbus: Recent extensive newspaper coverage of our comrades available.

- 4. Welfare (SSEU) - Lynne  
Mage slate won election, 6 out of 7 offices, but in process came out against organization of clients, against union adopting position opposing Vietnam War, etc., now refers to certain Democratic politicians as Friends of the Union. Since her election, Mage has dealt with problem of increasing attacks upon Harlem Welfare workers with demand, among others, of more police to the ghetto.  
Disc: Dave, Harry, Helen, Hammett, Lyndon, Jim, Hugh, Paul, Shirley, Helen, Roger, Dave, Lyndon, Harry, Lynne, Hammett, Helen, Shirley, Jim, Jack, Lynne, Shirley

Motion: To refer discussion on action to welfare fraction. Passed

5. Lower East Side Fraction - Sam  
Attendance at Tompkins Sq. Peace Committee will rotate, with Price attending regularly. SWP and ACFI have fractions, with domination of particular meetings alternating. Group sponsoring March and Rally Sat. at St. Mark's church.  
Disc: Price, Ron, Helen, Hammett, Lynne, Price
6. HOC:  
Motion: To table report till next meeting. Passed
7. Sales:  
(a) Sat., Free Univ. Forum, Aronowitz and Glass on Existentialism  
(b) Sun., 2/13, Chris Koch with slides on N. Vietnam at Woodstock Hotel  
(c) Friday, 2/11, SWP Malcolm X Memorial - Harry and Helen  
(d) Tompkins Sq. Rally, 1:00 - Ron  
(e) Hootnanny for Free Speech (YSA-SWP) - Palm Gardens, Sat., for Bloomington Defendants - Danny  
(f) National Guardian, 2/24, Riverside Plaza - Hugh, Sam, Harry, Ron  
(g) CP Rally, 2/25, 7:30 - Sam, Bob, Helen  
(h) 2/18, second Malcolm X Memorial meeting
8. Announcements:  
(a) SWP via Boutelle setting up Afro-Americans against the War in Vietnam, will have Benefit plus film on Angola freedom struggle.  
(b) WMCA - program on slumlords, 6:30 Friday.  
(c) Rader has flunked several courses, may be coming to N.Y. permanently.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.