

YOUNG SOCIALIST Editorial Board Minutes— Aug. 17, 1958

Proposed Agenda:

1. Method of Representation at Conference
2. Financial Report
3. Proposed Organizational Form
4. East Coast Camp
5. Next (Oct.) issue
6. World Youth Festival
7. War Question

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM. Present: Bert, Mike K., Tin, Ellie, Jim.
Absent: Dick D., George P. Observing: Allan T., Barbara D., Danny F.

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

1. Method of Representation at Conference: Motion: The system of representation outlined in the June 17, 1958 minutes shall be replaced with the following system. Possession of a supporter card qualifies someone as a delegate to the coming Conference of YOUNG SOCIALIST supporters. A YS supporter card holder unable to attend may delegate his vote at the coming conference to another YS supporter card holder. This must be done in writing. In an area where there is a group of YS supporters and there are differences within the group on questions to be decided at the conference the supporters should delegate their votes so as to give fair representation to all points of view within the group.

--passed unan.

2. Financial Report: Allan reported that our average monthly expenses have been around \$422 and our average monthly income around \$361. We will be entering the new year (starting Sept. 1) with a debt under \$200 if a goodly portion of present bundle bills are paid in the next week or two. YS bundle bills for the months of July and August totaling \$220 have been sent out to clubs with an urgent request that these be paid in order to make it possible to get out our next issue. Allen promised a full financial report by the next meeting.

3. Proposed Organizational Form: Motion to table until a future meeting when the question can be given fuller treatment passed unan.

4. East Coast Camp: Motion by Ellie: We postpone the camp to the weekend of Sept. 12 so as not to interfere with petition work of the weekend of the 5th. Passed unan.

5. Next (Oct.) Issue: It was agreed to have an interview with Harold Davies (British MP) in the next issue. Also it was agreed that Tin should write to a student at the University of Colorado who has been outspoken in opposition to troops in Lebanon and ask for an article.

6. War Question: Tin gave a presentation of his views on the question suggesting some aspects of the question which should be presented in the YS. This was followed by a lengthy discussion. Differences arose around three questions: a) the inevitability of nuclear war; b) summit conferences; and c) conscription. Tin felt that unless the revolution developed evenly in all countries—which was doubtful—the capitalists would resort to nuclear war rather than give in peacefully. Therefore an intensification of the class struggle would not necessarily prevent war. Bert felt that it would prevent war and to hold otherwise was misleading and demoralizing. Tin urged that we reject the slogan "For a Summit Conference" as such conferences in this period could only mean a sell-

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out of the worker's interests by the Kremlin bureaucrats. Jim L. and Bert felt we should favor summits but attack the policies of the Kremlin at such meetings. Mike K. also opposed summit meetings. Tim favored using the slogan "Abolish Conscription" in the YS. Bert felt it was a pacifist slogan and preferred immediate demands for democratizing the army, Jim L. and Mike K. were undecided on the question. The Question of the method of presentation of this controversy to the coming conference was postponed to a future meeting. Ellie was unable to be present for the discussion part of the above point and requested that no action be taken until she could be present. Tim stated that in all probability he would present a full resolution for discussion to the conference but expect action only on the points of conscription and summing.

Meeting adjourned at 10 PM. Next meeting scheduled for Sunday, August 24 at 7PM. Proposed agenda will include the contents of the October YS and a full financial report and discussion dealing with a proposed budget for the coming year.

Attention: All areas are urged to place at once their orders for bulletins, accompanied by cash, with James Robertson if they have not already done so.