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YOUNG SOCIALIST EDITORIAL BOARD MINUTES - Nov. 2, 1958

- Agenda: 1. Business Mgr's. report      4. YS Conference  
 2. Area reports                              5. Evaluation of Nov. issue  
 3. Tour report                                6. Dec. issue

Members present: Voting: Bert, Dick, Mike, George. Non-voting: Martha, Allen.  
Absent: Tim, Jim. Observers: Delores, Nora, Joan. Secretary: Allen.

1. Business Mgr's report: Subscriptions: Barbara reported that 90 new and renewal subs were received in Oct. Total subs dropped by 34 during Oct. however, due to the large number of expirations at the end of the first year of publication. Most local groups have not yet answered the sub campaign letter - all are urged to do so, now!

Fund drive: The fund drive remains on schedule with \$630.50 received and 1/2 of the campaign period gone by. Special commendation is due the Bay Area, Los Angeles and New York for sending in the big payments which enabled the Oct. YS to come out on time.

<u>Area</u>	<u>Quota</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Quota</u>	<u>Paid</u>
Baltimore	\$ 15	\$ 2.00	Twin Cities	\$50	\$42.00
BAY AREA	150	156.00	Vancouver	15	11.50
Chicago	90	62.00	General	25	10.50
CLEVELAND	15	15.00	Boston	15	-
Detroit	115	19.00	Buffalo	15	-
Los Angeles	250	105.00	Denver	30	-
New York	300	180.50	Milwaukee	15	-
PHILADELPHIA	25	25.00	Seattle	50	-
St. Louis	10	2.00	Toronto	15	-

2. Area reports: New York: The last two YSA Newsletters are appended. 386 (!) copies of the Nov. Ys were sold at the Washington Youth March, the biggest single-day sale ever.

Baltimore, Philly, A.napolis: Participated in social, reported in Newsletter.  
Bay Area: Minutes of the YS Committee received.

Philadelphia: \$8.25 received for supporter cards for Oct. 20 papers sold Oct 17.

Oberlin: A request for written material was received from the Oberlin Socialist Club. The discussion indicated a need for literature on socialism for newly interested people; the YS Forum is not too suitable for this. Motion: To recommend to the YS Conference that it arrange for such publications. Passed-unan.

3. Tour: A report received from Tim is appended to the minutes.

4. YS Conference: The minutes of 10/19/58 are in error on point #6 of the Draft Motion on Editorial Policy, in that Mike's amendment was not defeated but rather was tabled on a motion by Bert. The vote was: For-Dick, Bert. Against-Mike.

Comments and questions on the Draft Motion have been received from Los Angeles and Chicago. Anyone wishing comments to be printed should submit them to the Forum.

Motion: We request Jim R. to let us know when the next YS Forum will be published. If it cannot be done within a week, arrangements should be made to publish elsewhere. Passed-unan.

5. Evaluation of Nov. issue: Motion by Mike: To run a "Labor Notes" column as a regular feature, similar to the "Youth Notes" column. Filed: For-Mike. Against-Bert, Dick. Abstain-George. Motion by Bert: To make intensive effort to seek out material for "Youth Notes" column pertaining to young workers, and to continue the general policy of covering developments in the labor movement. Passed-unan.

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6. Dec. issue: Copy deadline: Fri, Nov. 14  
To printer: Fri, Nov. 22  
Off press: Fri, Nov. 28

Articles: Report on Yugoslavia - Wolfgang Kaiser (Germany)

Tour report - Tim

Youth Merch - Fred M (NYC)

Why Prejudice? - Evelyn S (Detroit)

Bertold Brecht - Erika Mank (Portland)

Labor and Integration in the South - Jerry Henderson (Denver)

SLATE Elections - A Berkeley student

Should Teachers Inform on Students? - Dick

Youth Notes

Letters to Editor

Editorials: Elections - Bert

Pasternak - Dick

Jan. or future issue: Roundup on Loyalty Oaths for Teachers and Students - Jerry  
View from the Shop - Vincent, Mae Barrett

Memo to Corresponding Editors: Please be on the lookout for local material for Youth Notes: Student activities, academic freedom, etc; Socialist and other political activities, club plans, etc; Labor news, statistics on number of young workers unemployed, etc; Integration news. An easy way to do this is to send us clippings from campus and local or union papers. Thank you - M. Curti.

Next meeting: Sun, Nov. 16.

In general one can say that this leg of the tour has continued to be as successful as the preceding one. One of the most important aspects of the tour, however, became clearer during this part of the tour. The role of the tour in helping to reorganize and start up again on a new level our activity in various local areas was especially important. This is true of Seattle, Vancouver and Denver. It is also true of the Twin Cities which I shall report on at a later date.

SEATTLE: We presently have 10 YS supporters in Seattle. These comrades plan to raise at least \$10 a month sustainer to begin with. They feel that the recruitment of another 10 YS supporters should be possible by the time of the Christmas Conference. There are some 40 people presently committed to working for the Barrett campaign. The feeling is that these people can be brought into the Progressive Youth alliance following the campaign and function as the major youth formation in the city.

The Barrett campaign is the major youth activity of the YS supporters at the present time. This campaign has great potential for us. Jerry Barrett very much identifies himself with the YS and expressed himself several times as being very grateful for the support the tour was giving his candidacy. Our supporters are planning to distribute some 1,000 copies of the next YS on campus in support of the campaign. Jerry has a separate youth headquarters in the University area and the campaign should have quite an impact on the campus.

The FYA has not been very active over the summer months. It lacks any real organizational structure at the moment. The YS supporters who are the major constituent of the club at the present time, are planning to suggest a firmer organizational structure to the club and to change the name of the club so as to give it a socialist character. Those who originally opposed a socialist name or any real organization have since left the club. It has some 20 members or so with a considerably larger periphery. The strength of this periphery was shown by the highly successful parties we had while I was in town. We had two parties, one evening after the other, each drawing some 50 people. I spoke at the second one, which was composed largely of University students, along with Barrett, and there was considerable interest in the talks.

In addition to our activity there exists in the area a group of young teenagers (I mean young) primarily of CP parents called the Young Political Explorers. I spoke before this group along with Barrett and another of the candidates. This was the first time that a non-CP speaker had addressed the group and was a sign of the breaking out of these young people from strict CP domination. This group is potentially very important to us. It has some 15 members or so.

The YPSL just organized itself while I was in town. It is not particularly large but it does exert considerable influence in the anvil club on campus. However the majority of the members of the club are not really social democrats of any hard variety. A number of them are more sympathetic to the YS than to the YPSL. However we are hampered at the moment having no organized forces on the campus. Our potential influence is great though.

Some 40-50 persons showed up for the debate I had with Arlon Tussing. This had an effect similar to the one in the Bay Area illustrating to the radical youth in attendance the basic difference between a militant socialist and a right wing socialist point of view. The struggle of the YPSL for "respectability" came out very clearly. Arlon Tussing advised against any socialist electoral action or the distribution of socialist material in this period.

While I was in Seattle, our supporters laid plans to increase their organizational cohesiveness and to broaden their ranks with new forces around the YS. With the Barrett campaign behind us, with an organized and openly socialist non-exclusive club to

promote, and with greater organization of YS supporters we will be facing the future with considerable optimism.

VANCOUVER: British Columbia is very different in many ways from the U.S. (except for the climate which is just as wet as in neighboring Washington.) There exists a major workers party, the CCF, which gets some 35% of the vote in the province. In addition the LPP (stalinists) have a very strong and reasonably cohesive party with a BC paper of its own. The CCF for all its size has no youth organization except for a campus club at the University of British Columbia. They dissolved their youth movement some time ago because it was too left wing. The LPP have a youth group called the Socialist Youth League (SYL) though it is not too big.

I spoke to the Stanley Park Club of the CCF while in Vancouver with over 50 people in attendance. It was pleasant to speak before a socialist party large enough to have a dozen such groups just within the city of Vancouver.

Our two supporters in the area, who are young CCFers, have been promoting the concept of an independent youth forum which could attract people neither the LPP nor CCF could attract in their own right and would give youth freedom to work out their own ideas. An initial meeting of such a youth forum was held at the Hillcrest CCF Club hall with some 10 or so people present. Among those present were some leaders of the campus LPP youth club. A couple of them got subs to the YS and have promised to send material into the paper. Plans have been laid to continue the activities of the youth forum which is the only independent youth formation in Western Canada.

THE SECOND COMINT: The return trip to the Bay Area was a very hectic but successful event. I spoke at three meetings on three different campuses in the area within a 24 hour period. I spoke to some 40 students just off the Cal campus in the evening. A good discussion followed the talk, and we made a number of contacts. We also reached several students who had been influenced by the rather extensive activities of the YPSL on the campus. As a result we are stepping up activities in the East Bay.

Some 35 students turned out to our meeting at San Francisco State. This meeting was sponsored by the Political Union. The socialists in the PU are to one degree or another influenced by the YS and look to it as the voice of socialist youth. In other words, presently we've got a monopoly on this campus. Close to 30 persons attended the Political Union meeting held at Stanford U. We got there only after blowing out two tires racing from the State meeting and being rescued in another car. This campus is not too hopeful for us at the moment but we are known, we have friends there, and we are considered to be the socialist youth tendency by anyone interested in socialism there, also.

Since I had been in the Bay Area last, (less than two weeks earlier) headway had been made. We have influence on another campus, SF City College, through a YS supporter there, etc. We are organizing a Eugene V. Debs Club in Berkeley and have been conducting a successful series of classes around Baran's book on both sides of the Bay. All in all, this area is probably the best youth situation we have nationally outside of New York.

DENVER: In this area I had probably the best student meetings since Reed College. At Denver U. some 60 people turned out to hear the "Marxism" talk. This compares with the largest previous political meeting on campus - 20. We got some very fine contacts out of the meeting that could potentially do us a great deal of good in the area. One, a young white worker from the South, is extremely militant about trade unionism and integration and has agreed to write an article for the YS. In the evening a reception for me was held at which the creator of the song "Ole Man Atom" was present and entertained us. Sunday night I spoke to some 70 students at the University of Colorado, again one of their largest political meetings. Earlier in the day

Harrington tried to hold a meeting to steal some of our publicity. He got only 15 people at his affair.

Quite typically, the YPSL members present at the C.U. meeting blended in with the hostile conservative frat boys. They attempted to "red bait" me but succeeded only in discrediting themselves with the decent elements in the audience. We again got some fine contacts out of this meeting.

The YS supporters are planning on the basis of these successful meetings to reorganize the Denver Young Socialist Club and to resume regular weekly meetings. The YPSL is really very weak in the area having only one semi-effective person. We should shortly be in a pretty good position in the area and it should be one of our best youth situations in the country.

THE MEMORANDUM AND THE YS: The comrades in all the above areas expressed their solid agreement with the Memorandum and with the type of conference we are planning. They will all try to make the conference especially if it is held no further East than Detroit. Progress is being made also in each area in finances and greater amounts of money can be expected in, due to better organization and experience.

The power of the YOUNG SOCIALIST becomes increasingly clearer as one reaches the smaller areas where we are functioning. Here the existence of the YS gives them the ability to reach out to new people, and to build local youth formations. In each area the comrades expressed to me their firm conviction of the necessity to continue and to further expand the YS.

Y. S. A. NEWSLETTER

Sunday, October 26

The Youth March for Integration - special report.

For news of the march itself most of us have read the daily press. This is a special report on the activities of socialist youth - from NY, Philly & Baltimore - on the March itself and later that night in Baltimore. Exactly 386 copies of the YOUNG SOCIALIST were sold to the marchers, 90% of them to Negro youth. YS salesmen made many friends among Negro participants, and three carloads of these accompanied us to Baltimore for the party sponsored by the Socialist Study Group there, an organization of young socialists. 48 people attended, including 23 Negro youth from the March. The party was an absolute success.

Thursday, October 30th: ISP final election rally, Palm Gardens, 306 W. 52nd St., at 8:30 PM. Speakers: Rockwell Kent, Charlotta Bass (Progressive Party candidate for Vice-President in 1952) plus all the candidates. Buy tickets from YSA or at the door. \$1.00 cont.

Friday, October 31st: an evaluation of the march and "Where do we go from here" by Art Rosen, CCNY student, and another participant in the March. 8:30 PM, YSA Hall, 144 2nd Ave.

Saturday afternoon, November 1st. YSA business meeting, 12:30. Members: this is an extremely important meeting, during which our whole orientation towards the campus will be worked out in detail as it applies to the coming period. Non-members: welcome, if you're interested.

Saturday night, November 1st. ISP Halloween party at 144 W. 23rd St., about 9:00 PM, less or more.

Sunday, November 2nd. Class by Jim Lambrecht, YSA Chairman, on the future of the American Working Class. Time: 2:00 PM; Place: 19 Stuyvesant St. (Lucky and Sherry's) Apt. 5B.

41st ANNIVERSARY OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION, Fri. November 7th  
and again Saturday, Nov. 8th -- Eisenstein Double Feature.  
See enclosed leaflet for showing times.

Data Form: after the excellent return received from last week's mailing of the Newsletter Data Form, we thought we'd repeat it this week to give every last one of our friends a chance to participate. So far the YSA street corner meeting is way ahead as an attractive form of campus action. - - - - -

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE \_\_\_\_\_

I BELONG TO THE FOLLOWING CAMPUS CLUBS \_\_\_\_\_

TO INTEREST STUDENTS IN POLITICAL IDEAS, I THINK THE YSA SHOULD CONDUCT THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES: \_\_\_\_\_

(Fill out and return to YSA Hq., 144 2nd Ave., NYC. Thanks.)

Saturday, November 1, 1958

Sergei Eisenstein -- father of the 20th Century Renaissance.

Eisenstein came to his own artistic maturity in a period of history so full of new beginnings, of promise for the development of all mankind that one would have to go back to the Italian Renaissance of the 16th Century to match it. In full accord with the tidal wave of revolution that had just swept his own country, Eisenstein attempted to translate its historic as well as its personal, emotional meaning into the language of the general theatre. With the daring characteristic of periods of great art he combined stage with film, changed film to something close to sculpture, added re-ordered sections of newsfilm, etc. -- attempted every rearrangement of older art forms in his work toward this goal. Communication of the human revolutionary experience, in a time of revolution -- that was his subject. His highest success was achieved - by world admission - in the two films "Potemkin" and "Ten Days That Shook the World." The subject matter of both is exciting in and of itself; the form, the experimentation - these are things not only unmatched since that time, but sadly enough, unattempted. In these two films we see not just Eisenstein's artistic victory, but the first red glow of the new cultural dawn of all nations, all men. As with the great bourgeois revolutions throughout the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries, the expanding victories of today's oppressed classes will bring a new outburst of human self-expression; Eisenstein and the men around him provided us with a preview of this coming renaissance. See his films with the YSA next weekend.

Tuesday, Nov. 4th

**ELECTION DAY!** Get out and vote to keep the ISP on the ballot. 50,000 needed. Tuesday night - sit up with the rest of us and sweat it out. ISP Hall, 799 Broadway. All night, till all returns are in.

Sunday, Nov. 9th

Class at YSA Hall, 144 Second Ave. "Socialism and Revolution." Instructor: Nora Roberts. Sunday, Nov. 16th Final class of series: Role of Socialists in America. Instructor: Leo Adler. All Classes begin at 2:00 pm Sundays.

**SPECIAL:** A new class series has just been approved by the YSA. To begin in late November, this series will be divided into three parts, with several sessions in each. 1. Marxist Philosophy and Method 2. Marxist Economics 3. Major world events since 1946 - a Marxist analysis. Further news in next Newsletter.

Saturday, Nov. 8th Special YSA Business Meeting at 10:00 AM (before that day's Matinee showing of Eisenstein Films). On our orientation. This one's extremely important, centering on the material knocked off this week's agenda by the exigencies of the ISP campaign. At the YSA Hall, 144 2nd Ave., everyone invited.