

YOUNG SOCIALIST EDITORIAL BOARD MINUTES - Dec. 14, 1958

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Members present: Voting: Bert, Tim, Mike, George P. (pts 4-6), Jim (pts 4-6).  
Non-voting: Martha, Allen. Absent: Dick. Observers: Nora, Joan. Sec: Tim.

1. TOUR: Philadelphia: Meetings were held at Haverford College, Univ. of Penn., and Swarthmore College. Also a social was held at which a talk was given and a YS supporters meeting was held. At both Haverford and Swarthmore we made some very good contacts and opened up the possibility of setting up a socialist club on the campuses.

We have one person at Penn and have a possibility of a club there. The social was a success. We have 8 supporters in the area now with the potentiality of adding to this in the coming period. Our forces are conducting modest but well organized activities and are growing.

Boston: The Boston situation is one of the best new areas opening to us in the whole country. I spoke at Brandeis, Boston U., and Harvard. Socialist activity has taken a big spurt in the area recently. There is a 40-member club at Harvard this semester, a new club at MIT, the basis for a club in the immediate future at Brandeis, socialist contacts at Boston U, Radcliff and several other campuses.

The key person working for us there is Pete C, a highly energetic freshman at MIT. We held a special meeting with leading socialist youth in the area who are interested in a left wing socialist youth organization built around the YS. They included Pete and a friend from MIT, two people from Harvard, including the vice-pres of the Harvard group, and one from Brandeis. These people are planning a conference in February to which I am invited to speak to set up an area-wide club. We got four subs, sold 10 papers and got a one-year sustainer to the YS.

2. JAN. ISSUE: Articles on hand or in preparation:

Why Prejudice? - Evelyn Sell  
France: Why Reaction Won - Shane Mage  
College integration fight - Ed Calnek  
Conference report - Tim

Monroe case - Joan Garrett  
Editorial on Conference or Monroe case  
Venezuela elections - Pete Camejo  
SDA on YPSL box

Copy deadline: Dec. 29, to printer: Jan. 2, off press: Jan. 9.

For future issues: Italy, Jugoslavia, Bertolt Brecht - Erica Mank. Approved unan.

3. YS SUPPORTERS: It was reported that two NY youth, not members of the YSA, have requested YS supporter cards and permission to attend the Conference. Motion: We accept the two persons as YS supporters and urge them to join the YSA. Passed unan.

Statement by Mike on change of vote from "for" to "against": "It is generally inadvisable, a terrible precedent to accept individuals as YS supporters who refuse to become members of the local club supporting the YS. Exceptions can be made in special cases, however in this case there is no acceptable reason for making exception"

4. YS CONFERENCE: a) Arrangements: A report was made on arrangements being made by the Detroit comrades (to be sent out separately). Motion: We commend the Detroit comrades for the fine job they are doing. Passed unan. Plans were laid for a delegates kit to be prepared in New York. Delegates are again urged to bring their copies of YS Forum #5 as it contains resolutions to be voted upon.

As yet only two areas have sent registration forms to the Ed. Bd. All areas are urged to immediately send registration forms, YS dues, and Conference assessments to Allen Taplin, 342 E. 8 St, NYC 9. To enable Detroit to make adequate housing arrangements all areas should immediately notify Edith Gbur, 2918 Monterey, Detroit 6, Mich. of the number that want hotel rooms and the number that require house accommodations.

- b) Agenda: Agenda with time schedules and reporters for the editorial board was approved and will be submitted to the Conference for final approval.
- c) Organization motion: Motion as amended was passed unanimously (attached).
- d) Finances: Allen presented a financial statement for the past year and a budget for the coming year. They were approved, to be submitted to the Conference.
- e) Tasks and Perspectives: Motion by Tim: The editorial board submit its motion on campus work (see Aug. 2 minutes) to the Conference under this point, as well as the Memorandum. Passed: For-Tim, Bert, Jim, George. Against-Mike. The motion will be included in the delegate's kit.

f) Preliminary Organizing Committee and Steering Committee: The editorial board set up a preliminary organizing committee to function as its representative until the official opening of the Conference. This committee will, among other things, deal with credentials matters and come in to the opening session with any necessary proposals for the approval of the Conference. This committee is to be composed of Tim Wohlforth, Allen Taplin, Jim Robertson, and one person chosen by the Detroit organizing group.

It was also decided to suggest to the Conference the setting up of a steering committee composed of Tim and Allen from the editorial board, plus one person from each local group including the YSA.

5. AREA REPORTS: This point was postponed to the Conference.

6. FUND DRIVE REPORT: In full and on time!!

With the conclusion of the 3-month fund drive on Dec. 15 the national quota has been oversubscribed by \$20.75. While a few areas have not yet met their quotas (the payments are probably in the mail) a number of groups have gone over the top. The contributions of the New York, Los Angeles, and Bay Area supporters are specially noteworthy. These three areas account for 64% of the total income. Commendation is also due the group in San Diego which was not in existence when the drive began. Also special thanks to comrade George P, who contributed the majority of the "general" category.

| <u>Area</u> | <u>Quota</u> | <u>Paid</u> | <u>Area</u>  | <u>Quota</u> | <u>Paid</u> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Baltimore   | \$ 15        | \$ 2.25     | New York     | \$300        | \$330.00    |
| Bay Area    | 125          | 196.00      | Philadelphia | 25           | 25.00       |
| Boston      | 15           | 8.50        | St. Louis    | 10           | 4.00        |
| Buffalo     | 15           | 15.00       | San Diego    | -            | 20.00       |
| Chicago     | 90           | 85.00       | Twin Cities  | 50           | 50.00       |
| Cleveland   | 15           | 15.00       | Vancouver    | 15           | 11.50       |
| Denver      | 40           | 25.00       | General      | 25           | 74.50       |
| Detroit     | 115          | 89.00       | Seattle      | 50           | -           |
| Los Angeles | 250          | 255.00      | South        | 15           | -           |
| Milwaukee   | 15           | 15.00       | Toronto      | 15           | -           |

SPECIAL NOTE: The Dec. 15 issue of the National Guardian contains an article by Nora Roberts on her visit to Monroe, N.C., as a YS reporter. Everyone is urged to bring this article to the attention of people in their area and to utilize it as a means of getting subs for the YS.

## INTERIM MOTION ON ORGANIZATION

### 1. Young Socialist Supporters

- a) The basic direction of the Young Socialist and its work shall rest in the hands of its Supporters.
- b) A YS Supporter is any young person who seeks to further the aims and work of the Young Socialist in common with other Supporters and who contributes financially to the support of the YS to the extent of at least fifty cents a month.
- c) A local club, committee, or group of three or more Supporters can affiliate directly to the YS Supporters by application to the Editorial Board.
- d) A majority vote by the local body of YS Supporters will grant a young applicant the status of YS Supporter. Where no local body exists decision rests with the YS Editorial Board.
- e) Any YS Supporter more than three months in arrears in financial contribution shall cease to be in good standing. Only Supporters in good standing may vote in any meeting of YS Supporters.
- f) Supporters can express views contrary to those of the YS as long as these views are not represented as being those of the YS.

### 2. National Conference

- a) The YS Supporters shall meet annually in a delegated National Conference. The Conference has the full and final power to adopt all political and organizational policies for the YS and to elect the National Committee of YS Supporters.
- b) The National Conference shall be called by the National Committee which shall allow for at least sixty days of pre-conference discussion in issuing the conference call. The sixty day period shall begin only when the principal majority resolutions have been published.
- c) The number of Conference delegates shall be elected in the local areas in such a ratio to the number of Supporters in the areas as is set by the National Committee. Delegates will be elected at the conclusion of organized pre-conference discussion held in each area among YS Supporters.
- d) Where there is a political division in electing delegates to the Conference, election shall take place on the basis of a proportional representation system as established by the National Committee in the Conference call. A political division shall be considered established and defined by the presentation for vote of a written document as the basis for representation.
- e) In electing the National Committee by the Conference a proportional basis shall be followed if political divisions are present.

Interim Motion on Organization 2-2-2

3. National Committee

- a) Between Conferences the National Committee of YS Supporters shall be the highest body. It shall consist of such members and numbered alternates as fixed by the National Conference.
- b) The National Committee shall elect from among its members an Editorial Board to serve as its resident sub-committee and to be responsible to it. It shall also elect the editor and other national officers.
- c) The National Committee may coopt members to itself in the event its list of alternates is exhausted; or if it is so required in order to maintain the proportional political representation established at the preceding Conference; or in order to maintain the size of the Editorial Board.
- d) The National Committee may delegate any of its authority to the Editorial Board; and as it sees fit may dispose of its business by referring it to the Editorial Board or by mail polling of the Committee members or by plenary meetings, regular or special.
- e) The National Committee shall meet at least three times yearly, including immediately after and before Conferences.

4. Editorial Board

- a) The Editorial Board shall be the body immediately responsible for the Young Socialist and for acting on its behalf as well as undertaking such work as is delegated to the Board by the National Committee.
- b) The Editorial Board shall meet at least twice monthly and shall send minutes of its meetings to all members and alternates of the National Committee.
- c) Subject to approval by the National Committee the Editorial Board may appoint as it sees fit Corresponding Editors, not necessarily themselves YS Supporters.

5. Meetings

- a) Meetings shall be held according to "Robert's Rules of Order (Revised)" except that nominations and motions shall require no second.

Editorial Board  
amended version  
Dec. 14, 1958

Y.S. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS

Friday, Dec. 26: Informal reception at 12138 Wildemere, phone TU 3-0780.

Refreshments will be available. Delegates will receive housing assignments. Those arriving by bus, train, and plane phone here for information and transportation.

Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 27-28: Conference sessions at AFL Labor Temple, 82 W. Montcalm, 4th Fl., Hall-2. Sandwich lunches will be provided.

Saturday evening: Conference social at Ken Weber's place, 112 Edison (between Woodward and 2nd, 2 blocks north of Clairmont).

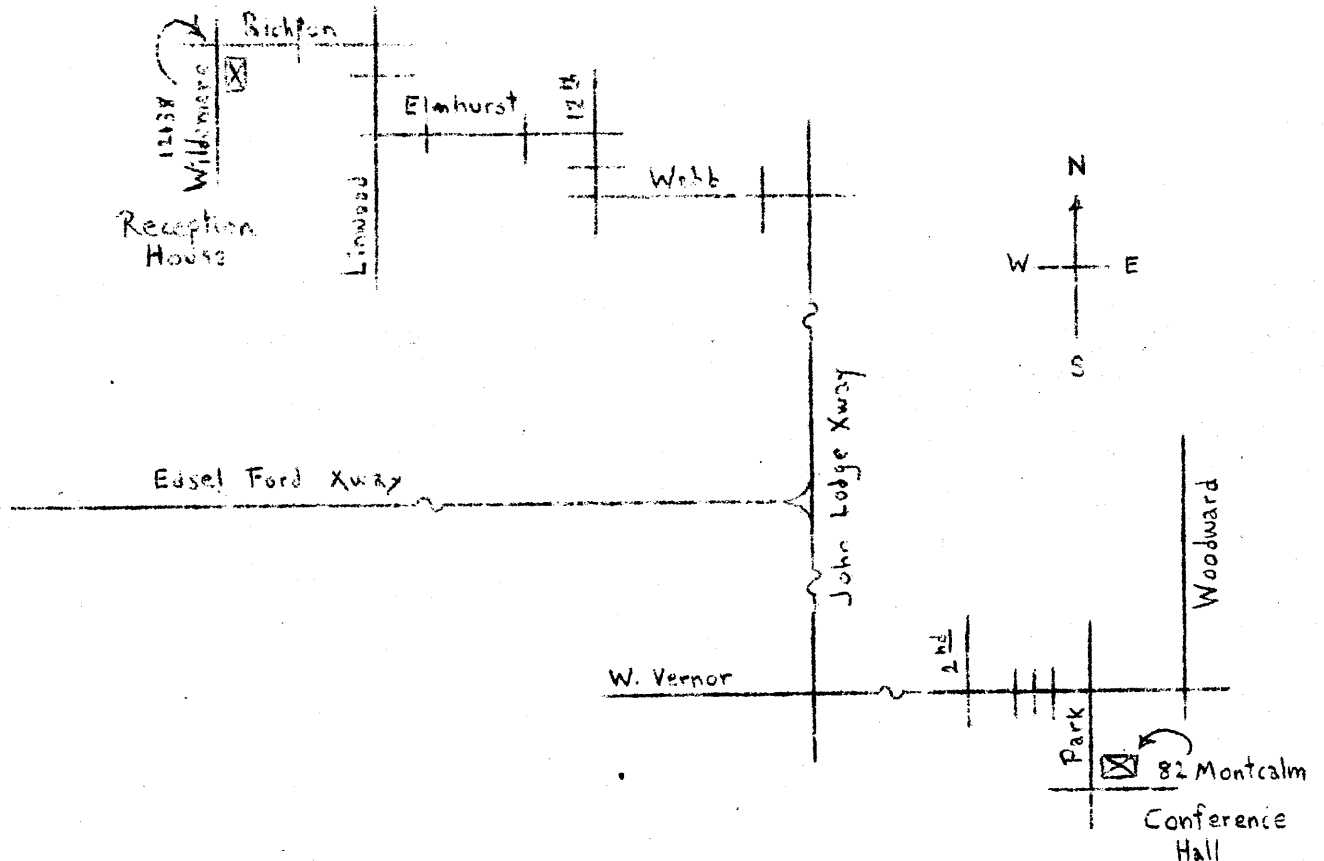
Accommodations: House accommodations are available for 40. Everyone who can should bring sleeping bags. Hotel rooms are available at the Royal Palm, located next to the Labor Temple. Rates are \$2.75 each for two, \$2.50 each for three, \$2.25 each for four. Please notify Edith Gbur, 2918 Monterey, Detroit 6, for advance hotel reservations.

Baby sitting arrangements will be made. Please write beforehand to Evelyn Sell, 3310 Cortland, Detroit 6 (TU 6-6889) if you are bringing children to the Conference.

Conference sessions will begin 9:30 AM Sat., 10:00 AM Sun.

*turn left (Chicago) make 2nd St, go North (left) Glen Dale turn left across Edsel Ford, Wildemere turn left right*

Detroit map - to Conference Hall and Reception House



YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

.....NEWSLETTER.....

YSA CLASSES- ABC'S OF MARXIST ECONOMICS

The second group of YSA classes begins Sunday, December 21. The instructor for this group of three classes on Marxist economics will be Bert Deck, Chairman of Education Committee, YSA, and member, editorial board of Young Socialist. Bert has made a thorough study of Capital and also has much teaching experience. The title of next Sunday's class will be "What is Value?" The class will be held at 425 E. 12th Street, Apt. 3F- Markowitz, from 2:00- 4:30 P. M.

Recommended reading for the classes on Marxist economics is "Economics for Beginners", by John Keracher (Charles H. Kerr and Co.). Additional reading material suggested will be "Wage-Labor and Capital" and "Value, Price, and Profit", by K. Marx. All of this material will be on sale at the first class.

CHRISTMAS EVE SOCIAL

Everyone is invited to an evening of food, fun, and folk-singing at a Christmas Eve party which will be held on Wednesday, December 24th, at the Village Arts Studio, 46 West 21st Street. The party will begin with cocktails at 3:30 P. M., and will continue through the evening. There will be refreshments and entertainment. The party will also be something of a sendoff to the YSA'ers going to a conference of Young Socialist supporters at Detroit on December 27-28.

"KISS CASE" (continued)

Last week the YSA began arranging speaking dates for the two girls who visited Monroe, North Carolina, where they interviewed the county NAACP leader and the mothers of the two boys who were sent to a Negro reformatory for an indefinite period after one of them was kissed by a 7 year-old white girl. A date has already been set for one of the YS reporters to speak before the Queens College chapter of the NAACP. She will speak there on Tuesday, December 23. A meeting has also been tentatively set at City College. The reporters have also written a story for the National Guardian. Although this is an excellent beginning, the reporters would like to speak before other campuses, highschools, churches, and other organizations, and work on this has already begun. We would like to see to it that the reporters get the facts to as many people of this city as possible. If you can help in any way, please fill out the following form and return it to YSA, c/o Lambrecht, 224 E. 13th St. Apt, 28, New York, N. Y.

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NAME..... I KNOW OF THE FOLLOWING CAMPUS,  
HIGH SCHOOL, OR CITYWIDE ORGANIZATION THAT WOULD LISTEN TO THE  
YS REPORTERS.....(use reverse side for other info)