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YOUNG SOCIALIST EDITORIAL BOARD MINUTES - Oct. 19, 1958

- Agenda: 1. Membership 4. Area reports
 2. Business Mgr's report 5. Ohio socialist conference
 3. Tour report 6. YS Conference

Members present: Voting: Bert, Dick, Mike. Non-voting: Martha, Allen, Danny.
Absent: Tim, George, Jim. Secretary: Allen. Mtg begun 8:20, ended 10:30 PM.

1. Membership: An oral resignation from the editorial board was received from Ellen Strong, with the statement that she would write a letter explaining her reasons. The resignation was accepted without discussion.

2. Business manager's report: Allen reported that while all other areas of national work - the newspaper, tour, correspondence, subscriptions, etc. - are proceeding satisfactorily, finances remain our major problem.

Bundle payments have been received since Oct. 1st from Baltimore, Detroit, and Boston in the amount of \$14.55.

Supporter cards have been sent to all areas. Reports have been received from New York: 21 cards issued to date, Philadelphia: 7 cards issued, pledges average \$1/mo, Bay Area: promises \$1/mo minimum average pledge.

Subscriptions to date in Oct, 60 new and renewed, have come in at a greater rate than in any month since Oct, 1957. Barbara's sub drive report is appended.

Nov. issue of the YS will appear on schedule, however at the cost of deferral of two weeks editorial expense by acting editor Martha.

Fund drive is running approximately on schedule, with 1/3 of the campaign period over. However, this is at the expense of deferred bundle payments. \$425 has been received to date. Following is each area, its minimum accepted quota, and amount paid:

Baltimore	\$ 15	\$ 2	Denver	\$ -	\$ -	St. Louis	\$ 10	\$ -
Bay Area	125	106	Detroit	115	19	Seattle	-	-
Boston	15	-	Los Angeles	250	105	Toronto	-	-
Buffalo	15	-	Milwaukee	-	-	Twin Cities	50	42
Chicago	90	62	New York	300	54	Vancouver	-	-
Cleveland	15	-	Philadelphia	25	25	General	-	10

3. Tour report: A report received from Tim is appended to the minutes. To date the tour has been very fruitful politically and has maintained itself financially.

4. Area reports: New York: The current YSA newsletter is appended. 241 copies of the Oct. YS have been sold to date. San Diego: A new group of YS supporters has ordered a regular bundle of papers. Seattle: 1000 copies of the Nov. YS has been ordered for use in the final week of the election campaign. Western Regional Office: Motion: Jim R be asked when the next YS Forum will be issued. Passed unan.

5. Ohio socialist conference: A letter has been received from Eric Reinthaler. (177 E. 316 St, Willowick, Ohio), for the Ohio Sponsoring Committee for a Socialist Conference, requesting either individual or group sponsorship of the projected conference. Scheduled for Cleveland on Nov 28-30, the committee plans "To discuss the significance of the 1958 elections and meet the question: Where do we go from here?...to study and discuss united socialist action." Motion: The YS editorial board agree to help sponsor the conference; to send greetings to the conference. Passed unanimously.

6. YS Conference: A draft resolution on editorial board policy and a proposed agenda for the coming YS conference has been received from: Peter Allan, Carl Feingold, Jim Robertson, and Tim Wohlforth. Motivation for the proposals was received from Tim:

"We feel that with the Memorandum as our main document for discussion and vote at the conference, with a statement in effect reaffirming past editorial policy and giving a

mandate to the editorial board to continue along the same lines, and with a motion on organizational form (not included at this time) we will have all the important material which the conference should act on. The 'Where We Stand' statement, we feel, is not really necessary at this time so long as we have an editorial policy motion. The Perspectives statement issued earlier is included in the present Memorandum. Any fuller discussion of program could not be effectively organized for the coming conference and therefore it is well to leave this to a fuller discussion after the conference. ...on the organization question... all we need at this time is a national board of YS supporters, elected by the supporters and to which the editorial board will be responsible. A fuller organizational structure can be set up at a later date according to the needs of the revolutionary socialist youth."

and agenda

The policy statement/follow as received in lower case, as amended by the editorial board in CAPITALS. The amended version is presented to all YS supporters for their consideration. Additional proposals or amendments should be sent to the editorial bd.

Draft Motion on Editorial Policy for the Young Socialist

This Conference of Young Socialist supporters approves the general line of the editorial policies of the Young Socialist as they have been expressed on specific issues in its editorials. The major points of policy can be summarized as follows:

1. For independent political action as promoted at present through united socialist electoral opposition to the two capitalist parties and advocacy of a labor party by the union movement. IMMEDIATE
1. FOR A LABOR PARTY BY THE UNION MOVEMENT. AS AN GOAL, FOR INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ACTION THROUGH UNITED AND INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST ELECTORAL OPPOSITION TO THE TWO CAPITALIST PARTIES. Passed unan.
2. Unconditional backing of the Negro peoples fight for full equality.
2. UNCONDITIONAL BACKING OF THE FIGHT FOR FULL EQUALITY BY THE NEGRO PEOPLE AND OTHER MINORITIES. Passed unan.
3. Militant opposition to the entire witchhunt with special focus on the witchhunt on the campus and the political screening of youth in military service.
3. Add CONNECTION WITH before "military". Passed unan. Motion by Mike to add the words, "in plants" after 'campus'. Failed: For-Mike. Against-Dick, Bert.
4. Support to the colonial peoples struggles for freedom and independence. Opposition to imperialist intervention such as the U.S. course in Lebanon, Quemoy and elsewhere, and the French war in North Africa.
4. SUPPORT TO THE COLONIAL PEOPLES STRUGGLES FOR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE. FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL IMPERIALIST TROOPS FROM FOREIGN SOIL. Passed unan.
5. Advocacy of a workers and farmers government as the only progressive alternative to the capitalist drive toward military dictatorship and fascism, a drive most recently illustrated by General deGaulle's placement in power in France.
5. ADVOCACY OF WORKERS POWER AS THE ONLY PROGRESSIVE ALTERNATIVE TO THE CAPITALIST DRIVE TOWARD MILITARY DICTATORSHIP AND FASCISM, A DRIVE RECENTLY ILLUSTRATED BY GENERAL DEGAULLE'S PLACEMENT IN POWER IN FRANCE. Passed unan.
6. Support to the struggle of workers democracy in the Soviet Union and Peoples Democracies as manifested in the Polish and Hungarian workers revolutions. Opposition to attempts of imperialism to reestablish hegemony over this section of the world.
6. SUPPORT TO STRUGGLES FOR WORKERS DEMOCRACY IN THE SOVIET UNION AND PEOPLES REPUBLICS SUCH AS THE POLISH AND HUNGARIAN WORKERS REVOLUTIONS. OPPOSITION TO ATTEMPTS OF IMPERIALISM TO REESTABLISH DOMINATION OVER THIS SECTION OF THE WORLD.
Motion by Mike to add after 'reestablish' the words, "capitalism over this section

of the world and unconditional defense of the above-mentioned degenerated workers states." Failed: For-Mike. Against-Dick, Bert.

7. Against further nuclear tests and the build-up of the U.S. war machine. The struggle against the capitalist war danger and for world peace is identical with the struggle for international socialism.

7. AGAINST FURTHER NUCLEAR TESTS AND THE BUILD-UP OF THE U.S. WAR MACHINE. THE SUCCESS OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE CAPITALIST WAR DANGER AND FOR WORLD PEACE DEPENDS UPON THE SUCCESS OF THE STRUGGLE FOR INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM.

Motion by Mike to add after 'tests' the words, "by the capitalist powers"
Motion by Bert to table this addition. Passed: For-Dick, Bert. Against-Mike.

8. Motion by Bert to add, FOR THE REGROUPMENT OF REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST YOUTH INTO AN INDEPENDENT, BROAD AND MILITANT NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION BASED ON THE EDITORIAL POLICY OF THE YOUNG SOCIALIST. Passed: For-Dick, Bert. Against-Mike. Consultative: All for. Amendment by Mike to drop the words "independent, broad and militant". Failed: For-Mike. Against-Dick, Bert. Consultative: All against.

The policy formulated in these positions should serve as a guide to the editors of the Young Socialist in the next period. It is understood that the editorial board will initiate an extended discussion with free and full participation by all YS supporters to develop a more precise and rounded program for American socialist youth.

Vote on complete policy statement: For-unan. Consultative: For-unan.
Additional statement by Mike: "I approve the above editorial policy as an attempt to formulate a revolutionary socialist youth program. Such a program however is incomplete and politically impotent without various amendments such as the ones I proposed?"

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Proposed Agenda for Conference of Young Socialist Supporters

1. National report on progress and relationship of forces.
1. NATIONAL PROGRESS AND RELATIONSHIP OF FORCES.
2. Circulation and financial report.
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3. Area reports.
4. Presentation of "Memorandum on the Building of a Revolutionary Youth Movement"
4. TASKS AND PERSPECTIVES.
5. Editorial policy motion.
5. EDITORIAL POLICY.
6. Organization of YS Supporters Motion.
6. ORGANIZATION OF YS SUPPORTERS.
7. Election of national board.

Vote on all changes in proposed agenda: For-unan. Consultative: For-unan.

Statement by Dick DeHaan as motivation of the amendments to the agenda: "The reference to particular reports or memoranda already in existence or contemplated were deleted simply so as not to exclude any other reports or memoranda which may materialize. The effect of the amendments is just to allow the introduction of the documents referred to without restricting the agenda to them."

SUB DRIVE NEWSLETTER

<u>AREA</u>	<u>RENEWAL-NEW REC'D</u>	<u>ACCEPTED QUOTA</u>	<u>PER CENT</u>
General	8	60	13
Los Angeles	13		
Bay Area	10	55	18
Cleveland	1		
Denver			
Chicago	3		
Boston	5		
Buffalo	1		
Detroit	1	40	3
Twin Cities	5		
Newark			
Philadelphia	5	25	20
New York	13	75	17
Seattle			
Milwaukee	<u>2</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Totals	67	500	13

One month of the Young Socialist subscription campaign has been completed. The above figures show that the campaign is off to a slow start. Every month subscriptions expire, and unless there is a better attempt in every area to contact these subscribers this part of our financial security will be lost.

We have two months left to meet the national quota of 500 new and renewal subs. Those areas that have not yet accepted a quota should do so by November 15th.

Each subscriber becomes a future supporter of the youth movement we are building. He helps to spread socialist ideas beyond the confines of the existing clubs.

In New York one project is already underway. Every member of the Young Socialist Alliance will be given a list of expired subs to contact personally before the end of the campaign. And from now on, every copy of the Young Socialist either sold or distributed will contain a leaflet explaining the purpose of the paper and urging support.

A good suggestion to all Young Socialist supporters; carry a few sub blanks and a few copies of the paper with you. This will help to remind you when making a new contact to ask him for a sub.

From now on the newsletter will be sent out every two weeks. Every sub director should send progress reports describing the methods they are using to meet their quota.

Please send all sub campaign material to:

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