

June 1, 1969

MINUTES OF MEETING

2:00 PM

COMMITTEE REPORTSFINANCE COMMITTEE

- 1) Kabuki tickets
 - a) a block of 50 tickets has been purchased for Friday night, Sept. 12, 1969
 - b) \$4.00 tickets (first balcony, center) to be sold for \$5.00
- 2) Treasurer's report
 - a) balance of \$78.00 in the treasury
 - b) special checking account for an organization or business cannot be obtained at Amalgamated
 - c) it was suggested to inquire at Irving Federal Trust for an account

INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

- 1) letter from Shoshana Arai of Berkeley A.A.P.A. read
 - a) it was requested and approved that \$15.00 contribution to Conspiracy be redirected to Berkeley A.A.P.A. for bail
- 2) it was decided that Mary Ikeda's address will be used temporarily for the information-greeting cards
 - a) Don Y. and Yiu Man will ditto off the cards

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

- 1) publication of newsletter has been further delayed
- 2) it was decided that photo-offset would be too expensive for first issue
- 3) reading of newsletter contents

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

- 1) waiting for letter from Toho films
- 2) Yiu Man suggested some Chinese films for possible viewing

AGENDA

WOMENS CONFERENCE

- 1) it was suggested and approved that we send one older woman from our group as a representative to the Conference
- 2) Kazu will call Mary Kochiyama for more information

AIKIDO

- 1) Taxie reported that an instructor is at Aikikai every day except Fridays and Saturdays
- 2) and the master is there Saturdays & Sundays (1-4 pm) and Mondays--Thursdays (6-8:30 pm)
- 3) tentatively agreed to hold the Aikido demonstration on Sunday, June 15th at 2:00 pm

JUNE 9TH MEETING

- 1) delegation to attend public meeting on Monday night
 - a) volunteers--Chris, Judy, Lynne, Don, Min, Yiu Man, Yiu Hung
- 2) it was suggested that we invite the two speakers from Japan to dinner at Suehiro's or Aki's Sunday night
 - a) Kazu to check...

STRUCTURE

- 1) it was moved that we elect two recording secretaries for a period of 2 months
 - a) Chris and Lynne
- 2) it was approved that we elect a permanent chairman for 2 months
 - a) Yiu Man
- 3) a reorganization of committee structure was also suggested and approved
 - a) each committee to determine its own structure-- chairman, secretary, articulated responsibilities
- 4) amendment passed that chairman be responsible for new members being absorbed into committees

OFFICE

- 1) Yiu Man, Yiu Hung, and Don Y. offered to put in more money towards an office
 - a) also volunteered to help look for a place

ISSUES

- 1) position statements on U.S. foreign policy, U.S. domestic policy, the draft, and the labor movement were read, amended, and approved by general assembly

- 2) U.S. foreign policy

We See:

- a) that U.S. foreign policy is economically motivated
 - b) that this motivation is based upon the amount of profit the U.S. industries can gain from those areas
 - c) that American foreign policy serves to protect the economic interests of the U.S.: treaties, bases, etc.
 - d) that because this interest is profit-oriented, U.S. foreign policy is determined by the private interests of the business of this country
 - e) U.S. foreign policy this as imperialistic because it is based upon the expansion of profits accrued from the people and materials of other countries, particularly countries of the third world
 - f) the denial of the integrity and resourcefulness of colored peoples and
 - g) that these racist attitudes are inherent within U.S. foreign policy and often are implemented in those terms, i.e. policeman of the world, white man's burden
- 3) U.S. domestic policy
 - a) We see that the service institutions and domestic legislation do not exist for the benefit of the poor and minorities
 - b) We see that there is no attempt by the government to deal with the problems of this country except by token, minimal gestures used as pacification devices which serve only to perpetuate the oppressed condition of the poor and minorities
 - c) We condemn the government's attempts to repress those groups and individuals who advocate meaningful change

4) the draft

- a) We see the draft as an extension of exploitative U.S. foreign policy
- b) We as Asians see the U.S. in conflict with developing nations in the third world
- c) We support the refusal of Asian Americans to participate in armed struggle against the interests of their own people and people of the third world

5) labor movement

- a) The economic system in the U.S. is irrelevant to the needs of its people
- b) There are vast differences in wealth and privilege in this country, particularly between the white and colored
- c) We see the union movement in the U.S. as not addressing itself to the unique oppression of the colored peoples, but rather working with big business to continue this social, political, and economic exploitation of colored people
- d) We call for a real labor movement which is against racism and recognizes its effects in this country and around the world. We believe that only then it will be able to deal with changing the exploited condition of all working people, colored and white