

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, July 12, 1961

Absent: Burton White

1. A.C.L.U. Lawsuit

It was decided to abandon the legal fight against Operation Abolition, because A.C.L.U. advised that a suit against the makers of the film, charging invasion of privacy, would probably lose.

The suit proposed against those individuals displaying the mug shots for damages for invasion of privacy was given the enthusiastic support of A.C.L.U., and it was decided to proceed with formal legal proceedings. The names of Jerry Gray, Bob Meisenbach, Irving Hall and George Murray were passed by XCOM as plaintiffs if they are willing to serve.

2. Donner's, The Un-Americans

It was moved and passed that we stock 100 copies of this book as an initial investment.

3. Future Executive Committee Meetings

It was moved and passed to have weekly meetings of EXCOM, on Wednesday night, subject to discretion of EXCOM chairman.

4. Creed

A discussion of the creed was postponed until Burton White can be present.

5. Hoover Report

Larry Chase agreed to coordinate work completed by Scott Keetch, and others, and prepare a completed Hoover Report.

6. Copies of Barenblatt decision

Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights cannot fill our order for this publication, but will provide us with plates to run our own. Thus the cost for printing would be only paper involved. EXCOM accepted Chicago Committee's offer, and formally requested plates.

7. Studies on the Left

It was decided that we not formally publicize this article in national mailing, but perhaps mention it in the Newsletter. Any statement of bibliography should also include a statement that we do not necessarily endorse the material.

8. Publicity for Meisenbach

It was decided to send letters to those challenged in the Californian article and ask them to retract their statements in light of the Meisenbach trial. A formal motion read: to extend challenges in trial article and publicize two pamphlets in following manner: letters to those challenged, complimentary copies to key individuals and organizations, press release to news media, and complimentary copies to all. The motion passed.

9. Irving went on record as notifying EXCOM that he may take a job at Hawaii in September if offered, although chances are slim.
10. The petition for Wilkinson-Braden from Clarence Pickett was postponed until the end of the agenda.
11. A motion was passed to send a birthday card to Frank Wilkinson.
12. A representative from Slate conference wanted Irving to speak on HUAC; would elaborate situation in fight against HUAC and outline proposed tactics. Leslie will man literature booth.
13. National Mailing  
will include: letter, publicity pamphlet, bibliography, newsletter
14. Newsletter

It was decided that the newsletter will be published monthly and is to be approved by EXCOM.

Criticism of newsletter by Larry: was too chatty and out of line with aims of organization. A motion was passed to approve of topics discussed and to have newsletter polished up by Leslie, Larry and Patty.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, July 24, 1961

Absent: Burton White  
Larry Chase

1. National Mailing

The Executive Committee will assume responsibility for the beginning work of the national mailing.

The duplicating machine is broken; George Murray will investigate and determine whether trouble is due to negligence or wear as a preliminary to a discussion about repair responsibility.

2. Certain police reports and other miscellaneous information in the possession of Charles Fox were brought to the attention of the Chairman. This material was photographed and may prove of interest in the coming ACLU trial.

3. ~~CIIC Bill~~ *State Bill*

A letter was written to Slate regarding the ~~200.00~~ we owe Slate from Records Sale. *It is not assumed that because Slate owes us*

4. Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand: \$469.44  
Outstanding debts: \$200-300

5. A Mr. William Carr of Pasadena, California made a single donation to BASCAHUAC of \$100; he also donated \$100 to Irving and Patty.

6. Button Report

It was decided to order 1,000 1" buttons, white with blue letters, "Abolish HUAC" which will cost roughly 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ ea. to be sold for 15¢ each, or in bulk for 10¢ each.

7. The Meisenbach Challenges have gone out, as discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting.
8. A General Membership meeting was set for Sunday, August 6 at 2 PM, Plymouth House. Patty and Leslie will re-write Creed.
9. A letter has been written to Rep. Roosevelt asking for all information in Congressional Record about Operation Abolition.
10. Studies on the Left will have Irv do an ~~article~~ (review) on Un-Americans.

11. Studies on the Left has offered BASCAHUAC a full-page ad in a coming issue. The Literature Chairman will work up the ad.
12. EXCOM authorized the addition of Grand Inquest; 100 copies have been ordered.

The pamphlet "Freedom of Speech in Illinois" was adopted.

The Plymouth Meeting controversy will be reviewed by Patty and Clark.

13. Regarding inquiries from those who would like to join but who live long distances: Should join local ACLU organizations. They may contribute to our activities. We would be glad to give them advice about starting their own group.
14. We will order Library of House Committee's Publications.
15. Phone bills

All those using BASCAHUAC phone please make a note of call: to whom, where and what about.

16. Aubrey Williams has offered to reprint the Californian article for \$5,1000. EXCOM after debate ordered 10,000 for national mailing.
17. Barenblatt Plates

The plates from the Chicago Committee have arrived and can be used on our machine. It was decided to expand the article, perhaps to include a statement by Alexander Meikeljohn or Ann Ginger.

18. EXCOM authorized the sub-committee to take final action on the office and to rent a place if one is found.

THE BAY AREA STUDENT COMMITTEE FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE HOUSE  
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

6 August 1961

MEMO:

To: all members

From: Burton White, Chairman

Re: membership meeting and organizational structure

You will receive a notice informing you of the next meeting of the Bay Area Student Committee to Abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities. I am writing this additional notice on my own to urge you to attend. The meeting will be on August \_\_\_\_\_, 1961, at the \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ P. M.

For a long time, BASCAHCUA has been in a state of transformation; there has been an uncertainty about just how its organizational structure should be formed in order, realistically, to give us the best means whereby the House Committee could be fought. Particularly since the establishment of an office, the tendency has been for the organization to become a small committee run by a volunteer crew of three full-time people. The Executive Committee and, to an even greater extent, the membership, have been increasingly cut off from the day to day decisions and responsibilities necessary for full democratic membership participation. Those members who have volunteered spare hours have been utilized in office tasks which help maintain our activities and effectiveness, but which have not been on the responsible decision-making level. As a result, there has been a quite understandable atrophy on the part of membership participation and interest.

Because of this, there has developed an attitude on the part of some that the organization of BASCAHCUA on a membership basis was unrealistic, that decisions by non-participating members was a detriment to efficient operations. Others, including myself, have maintained that the attitude of the membership was quite understandable and justified; that unless members were really brought into full and meaningful participation on all levels of our activities, that unless our activities were broadened to make possible such participation, no membership interest and activity could be maintained or should be expected.

It is my strong conviction that members of BASCAHCUA would like to increase their participation, but feel that they have been left out of our activities and decisions. That this is the case is true, that it is true is unfortunate. I do not agree with the contention that since the office activities have resulted in such a magnificent contribution to the fight against the HCUA that our organization can only seek to continue in these limited areas. I do not agree with the argument that the decisions of our organization should be left mainly in the hands of those free and willing to make the sacrifice of time and effort to devote themselves full or nearly full time to the organization. While members, most of them carrying full-time student loads, cannot give of time and effort to the extent a full-time worker can, I am convinced that many members would be willing to contribute effort towards our activities so long as the attitude which has enabled them to do only routine office work is no longer maintained. Consequently, it is my intention to move in this next meeting toward the creation of a situation in which full membership participation on all levels of work and activities and decisions is achieved. No longer should members feel because they are cut off from this participation that there is

really no significant place for them in the organization.

If my opinion on this matter is in agreement with yours, your presence and support on this issue is essential. No significant decision can--or ought--be made without the fullest participation in the debate on the part of all members. Those who disagree with my position point to the increasing lack of interest and participation on the part of members as proof that there is no interest here in a membership organization devoted to the fight against the HCUA. Th this, I can only reply that the membership cannot be expected to act otherwise so long as they are not taken into real participation in the organization's activities.

Whether you share my opinions on this matter or not, I feel it essential that the debate and the decision on this issue be attended by as many persons as is possible. Whatever the decision, it is essential that it be made by the members and not by default.

I recognize that the scheduling of a meeting during the summer is not the best time to rally a student membership. I recognize that an appeal for attendance is a great imposition upon the time of members who have been already so imposed upon by being excluded from decisions. Nevertheless, I would like to urge you to attend. I enlist your support for my point of view, but whether or not you agree, I would like whatever decision which comes out of the meeting to be a decision of the membership, not of a few or merely of the Executive Committee or of the office staff.

In addition to this issue, other items of business include the formulation of our creed statement on the basis for our opposition to the HCUA, research projects leading us to a more informed and effective fight against the HCUA, and other matters. I will have several suggestions of projects for your participation which I hope will meet with your approval. I would greatly appreciate it if you, too, would come with suggestions for our more efficient operation.

Sincerely yours,

  
Burton White

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The Proposed Constitution And Reorganization had arguments in its favor presented by Hall. A discussion followed, in which nothing of note was said. The agenda was moved with relief.

The Imminent General Meeting was discussed. Smith reported briefly on the problem of location: Plymouth Hall is difficult to obtain, but Stiles Hall only costs \$1.50 to rent. This was discussed, and opinion swung to Stiles Hall. White suggested postponing the G.M. until school begins in September, and suggested a special meeting for the new signees at our Mall table, who are largely out-of-staters, at which meeting issues and abolition would be discussed, a film shown, a speaker offered up, and suchlike. A long discussion followed, concerning the relative merits of such a meeting; the advisability of, on the one hand, postponing yet again our long-overdue G.M. and, on the other, perhaps getting more of the gen'l membership in on the Big Decision by doing so. //Albert Moved: that a general meeting be scheduled 'as soon as possible' at which the above-mentioned program would be presented and, in addition, the proposed constitution would be presented to the general membership; then, that a second G.M. be hold in the first week of Registration, at which time voting would be held to determine the future structure of the organization. The motion was discussed and passed 6-1-1. The first of these two General Meetings was fixed for the sixth day following the finding of a hall to rent to hold it.

The Question Of The Treasury cum Treasurer was broached in a long two-minuted by White, who, after remarking that the present organization constitution provides that its structures and functions be nonconflictingly in accord with Sturgis' Rules Of Order, quoted the sections of Sturgis relevant to the Question and then presented this motion: "On the basis of Sturgis pp 111-113, esp. 113: a) All checks are required to bear the signature of chairman of executive committee. b) No financial obligations should be incurred unless clearly authorized; and no payments should be made without prior authorization. Authorization shall be made by the membership of the organization or by the executive board when the membership is not in session. c) All bills should be submitted to a meeting (or to the executive committee) for approval before payment is made. d) There shall be established a monthly petty-cash fund of \$25 which shall not be cumulative. At the end of every month, the monies in this account shall be accounted for, and the treasurer will be empowered to replenish the fund to the final total of the next month's petty cash fund of \$25. e) This resolution shall not be interpreted to include any funds or payments for separate bills or services (e.g. telephone) otherwise authorized by the membership or by the executive committee acting for the membership." The motion was discussed briefly. Hall moved to table it; this motion carried 7-1-1.

Our Status relative to the University was briefly discussed re participation in an ASUC Reg-Week function; the accord being, that we would participate if possible.

Meeting adjourned, 10:05 p.m.

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The Roosevelt Trailer, a 7-minute 'supplement' to 'Operation Abolition', was discussed. White moved authorization of \$10 expenditure for its acquisition at Albert's discretion. It was pointed out that, with the present state of the treasury, we should see a transcript of the film first; whereupon White withdrew his motion and stated that he would write Roosevelt and ask for same.

The Report On The Hoover Report was discussed very briefly: matters are at a standstill, and the manuscript must be retrieved from Chase before anything further can be done.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
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BASCAHUAC ExCom Meeting, 30/VIII/61: Minutes

Meeting called to order by Smith at 8 p.m. Present: White, Smith, ~~Albert~~ I. and P. Hall. Schoenfeld, Murray, and Rossman. Previous minutes read and discussed, the Recording Secretary being abjured to limit his reports to matters of fact. Agenda presented and discussed.

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## Proposed BASCAHUAC Creed:

In a time when civil liberties are more necessary than ever before, the members of the Bay Area Student Committee for the Abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee oppose any individual or group who would take these liberties from us. In particular we work to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which we feel violates both the letter and the spirit of these liberties and has stripped us of more freedom than any other agency.

The House Committee violates the letter of the Constitution by abusing its granted powers and usurping powers specifically denied it. Though the Committee claims to be a legislative body, it has been responsible for but one piece of legislation in sixteen years; instead, it has functioned illegally as a court. It examines witnesses while denying their right to confront their accusers and to have proper legal assistance. It judges and finds guilty those witnesses who are uncooperative - the great majority - on the basis of evidence never revealed and for alleged activities not illegal. It punished witnesses for relying on constitutional safeguards before it. The very vagueness of the Committee's mandate, which authorizes it to investigate "un-American propoganda activities", violates guarantees of freedom of speech and the press; yet the bulk of the Committee's activities exceed even this authorization.

The House Committee violates the spirit of the Constitution as well. It boasts its function to be "exposure for exposure's sake", though the Suopreme Court has ruled this improper. It makes public unproven accusations and confidential documents. It harrasses its witnesses and follows them outside the hearing-room to attack their jobs and reputations and often endanger their families, homes, and persons. It distorts and inflames public opinion against those who exercise their right to criticize and dissent, and attacks most strongly those who oppose the Committee itself. Rather than fulfil a legislative purpose, it persecutes those who oppose its members' views, and fights to insure its own existence.

Our constitutional liberties were named in the belief that if they were extended to all, regardless of persuasion or position, the people would be best enabled to make the right decisions. Through its attacks on the legal and ethical rights of individuals the House Committee has helped create a climate of mistrust, prejudice, and repression; and has struck not only at those people whose ideas it disagrees with but at the basic structure of our form of government. The free circulation of ideas, and the freedoms of speech and association together with the legal protections necessary to this, have been crippled not only for the objects of the Committee's shotgun suspicions but for all citizens.

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The Mailing To The Membership went to 200 people and cost \$10 for postage alone. The inefficiency of this was agreed upon, but proper discussion was felt to be contingent on the results of the general meeting and the revamping of the organization: discussion was informally postponed indefinitely.

The Mugshot Suit was discussed briefly: the brief, which was passed around to be read, has been written; the suit will be filed 6/IX and publicized as broadly as is possible.

The Treasurer's Report noted expenditures of \$35 for office rent, \$7.15 for telephone on speaking tour, \$16.92 for 16/VIII telephone, \$1.50 for rental of Stiles Hall, \$20 for literature deposit, \$16.56 for ink, \$5.56 for beer, \$5 for copies of 'The Unamericans', \$50 for reprints on the Meisenbach trial, and \$10.31 for postage, leaving a balance of \$152.70. White presented an itemized bill for expenses on his Eastern trip, and explained the circumstances. He renewed his request for reimbursement of \$10.15 presented last week, explaining the problems of reproducing the 'Bull Manuscripts' obtained from Charles Fox. His request was granted.

The New Literature List was discussed by Hall, who moved a change of format to fit pamphlet form on multilith and cited figures re the cost of plates and paper in the old and new formats. After some discussion and the tacit understanding that the LitCom was to evaluate and winnow the list and report their findings back to ExCom, and that a list of 'recommended other sources' was to be appended if space permitted, the motion was passed 7-0-0.

The ACLU Film was brought up for discussion, and assurances were given that something is being done about it.

The Addressograph Problem was brought up again by Hall, who moved that White be authorized to purchase 6000 addresses worth of cheap addressograph roll for use on the YPSL machine. After some discussion occasioned by the revelation that we have access to the 16-year cumulative mailing lists of the Encampment For Citizenship, and the complete lists of the S.F. Comm. For Protection Foreign Born, the motion was passed 7-0-0 with the comment that we could always buy more later. The question of possibly lending BASCAHUAC mailing lists was raised and dropped when White clarified our policy on the matter: no.

An Appendix to TreasRept was offered, reporting that there has been no word from SLATE on the money they owe us. A brief discussion followed.

HUAC Pamphlets were discussed, Hall moving ExCom authorization of \$1.10 for prior purchase of selected government propaganda. Carried 7-0-0. Rossman was requested to obtain the transcript of the S.F. witchhunts from HUAC.

The Giving of \$1.30 worth of literature to Cecil Thomas under extenuating circumstances was approved unanimously.

Edisses' Request Re Cohn, who is making a film - namely, a place for Cohn to stay and someone to handle the organizational details - was presented. The film was discussed, and Albert suggested as the liason man for Cohn.

The Nat'l Assembly For Democratic Rights' form request that we become organizational sponsors was discussed. It was moved and passed 7-0-0 that we do not.

The Proposed YPSL Joint Meeting was discussed and explained as a speaker from each organization to a joint meeting. The general consensus was that it was a good idea for publicity and a good way to get on campus.

The Proposed Constitution And Reorganization had arguments in its favor presented by Hall. A discussion followed, in which nothing of note was said. The agenda was moved with relief.

The Imminent General Meeting was discussed. Smith reported briefly on the problem of location: Plymouth Hall is difficult to obtain, but Stiles Hall only costs \$1.50 to rent. This was discussed, and opinion swung to Stiles Hall. White suggested postponing the G.M. until school begins in September, and suggested a special meeting for the new signees at our Mall table, who are largely out-of-staters, at which meeting issues and abolition would be discussed, a film shown, a speaker offered up, and suchlike. A long discussion followed, concerning the relative merits of such a meeting; the advisability of, on the one hand, postponing yet again our long-overdue G.M. and, on the other, perhaps getting more of the gen'l membership in on the Big Decision by doing so. //Albert Moved: that a general meeting be scheduled 'as soon as possible' at which the above-mentioned program would be presented and, in addition, the proposed constitution would be presented to the general membership; then, that a second G.M. be held in the first week of Registration, at which time voting would be held to determine the future structure of the organization. The motion was discussed and passed 6-3-1. The first of these two General Meetings was fixed for the sixth day following the finding of a hall to rent to hold it.

The Question Of The Treasury cum Treasurer was broached in a long two-minuted by White, who, after remarking that the present organization constitution provides that its structures and functions be nonconflictingly in accord with Sturgis' Rules Of Order, quoted the sections of Sturgis relevant to the Question and then presented this motion: "On the basis of Sturgis pp 111-113, esp. 113: a) All checks are required to bear the signature of chairman of executive committee. b) No financial obligations should be incurred unless clearly authorized; and no payments should be made without prior authorization. Authorization shall be made by the membership of the organization or by the executive board when the membership is not in session. c) All bills should be submitted to a meeting (or to the executive committee) for approval before payment is made. d) There shall be established a monthly petty-cash fund of \$25 which shall not be cumulative. At the end of every month, the monies in this account shall be accounted for, and the treasurer will be empowered to replenish the fund to the final total of the next month's petty cash fund of \$25. e) This resolution shall not be interpreted to include any funds or payments for separate bills or services (e.g. telephone) otherwise authorized by the memberships or by the executive committee acting for the membership." The motion was discussed briefly. Hall moved to table it; this motion carried 7-1-1.

Our Status relative to the University was briefly discussed re participation in an ASUC Reg-Week function; the accord being, that we would participate if possible.

Meeting adjourned, 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.  
Michael Rossman,  
Recording Secretary.

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September 9, 1961

To: Burton White, Chairman

Re: resignation

I am resigning the office of Vice-Chairman of BASCAHCUA as of September 8, 1961 for the following reasons:

- 1) The demands of my school work must be met. I have been encouraged by members of the faculty to give up all political activity in order to complete the requirements for the degree I am pursuing. I have decided to regard their advice and drop all extra-curricular activity.
- 2) The current power struggle within the Executive Committee of BASCAHCUA has dissipated the energies of its members. Without assigning blame directly, I must state that this is another reason for my resignation. Because of the duplicity and the antagonisms of a perverse and petty nature that have been generated, I feel I can no longer work in good faith with those people involved in making of BASCAHCUA a battleground for their own pretensions.
- 3) While the tendency of the organization to contract into a small bureaucratically controlled clique with somewhat limited functions seemed inimical to the maintenance of the abolition campaign on its broadest front, the thought of an organization guaranteeing participation to members with flagging interests or no interest at all seemed to me equally vacuous. An imbalance in the functioning of the various spheres of organizational competency limits the effectiveness of that organization, while the refusal of responsible officers to implement their ideas or the ideas of others merely reinforces that imbalance. Furthermore, to initiate plans for action and then foist off their implementation on others who are



more responsible, seems to me dishonest and unfair. Therefore, I would urge support of constitutional changes which would redress this imbalance and assign specific competencies to officers so that specific jobs can be accomplished, as well as guaranteeing voting privileges which would narrow the gap between officer and member. The kind of organization needed must allow for the participation by interested members and allow also for organizational expansion, while realizing that interest in abolition has declined. Such interest should be measured in willingness to contribute time and energy. Consequently, as a partial solution to the current difficulties of BASCAHCUA I would urge support of the new constitution to be presented for adoption at the next membership meeting. I can offer nothing more positive to a situation which seems to me very negative, except of course, my resignation.



Clark Smith

BAY AREA STUDENT COMMITTEE FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

TREASURER'S REPORT (FOURTH QUARTER 1960-1961)

19 SEPTEMBER 1961

INCOME.

A. MEMBERSHIP FEES AND DUES.	31.50
B. CONTRIBUTIONS (GENERAL).	152.00
C. SALES OF LITERATURE AND CONTRIBUTIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH SALES OF LITERATURE.	1496.81
D. SALES OF LITERATURE AT CAMPUS BOOTH.	48.18
E. ACTIVITIES OF FORUM COMMITTEE AND SPEAKING TOURS.	<u>425.70</u>
TOTAL INCOME.	2154.19

EXPENSES.

A. RENTAL OF MEETING HALLS, PUBLICITY FOR THE ORGANIZATION, BAY AREA STUDENT COMMITTEE LIBRARY.	39.80
B. OFFICE SUPPLIES AND STATIONERY FOR MEMBERSHIP MAILINGS.	119.83
C. POSTAGE STAMPS FOR LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION AND MEMBERSHIP MAILINGS.	221.32
D. RENT FOR OFFICE.	140.00
E. TRANSPORTATION.	24.02
F. TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAMS.	201.50
G. UTILITIES.	31.53
H. BANK CHARGES.	4.53
I. LITERATURE (INCLUDING PUBLICITY AND FREIGHT).	1023.37
J. MULTILITH MACHINE (SUPPLIES AND PARTS).	49.76
K. SUMMER NATIONAL MAILING.	212.44
L. FORUM (INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION; EXCLUDING TELEPHONE).	<u>263.12</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES.	2331.22

REFUND OF PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES.

A. TRAFFIC TICKETS. (BURTON WHITE)	8.00
B. BARENBLATT REPRINTS. (RICHARD CRILEY)	100.00
C. FRANK WILKINSON'S SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. (SLATE POLITICAL PARTY)	10.00
TOTAL REFUNDS.	118.00

PREVIOUS BALANCE. (11 MAY 1961) 252.44  
REFUNDS. 118.00

INCOME. 370.44  
2154.19

EXPENSES. 2524.63  
2331.22

PRESENT BALANCE. (17 SEPTEMBER 1961) 193.41

STUDENTS EMERGENCY DEFENSE FUND

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19 SEPTEMBER 1961

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IRVING HALL, TREASURER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White at 8 p.m.

Minutes were read, corrected, and approved, said minutes summarizing the previous six ExCom meetings.

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Forum Chairmanship: Albert outlined his position and reasons for withdrawing from the post. As no replacement could be found, he volunteered to remain until such time as one could be, and to handle arrangements for the tour in concert with such volunteers as might present themselves. Hensley presented himself. It was moved to postpone indefinitely discussion of the subject; motion carried.

Creed: It was moved to postpone discussion of the creed until next week; carried.

Multilith Machine Purchase: It was moved, that the Treasurer be authorized to spend not over two hundred dollars for a multilith machine contingent upon the approval of said machine by the two operators in the organization. A brief outline of reasons was given. The motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary: The post is still vacant. It was moved to postpone election indefinitely; carried. It was moved that Pat Hall be recognized as temporary corresponding secretary; carried.

#### New business:

White reports that he wrote a discussion review of The Un-Americans that will be published in Studies On The Left. He assumes his organizational connection will be mentioned.

Operation Correction will not be changed much, though Bessig's being pressured by the ACLU to redo the whole script.

A mailing party was set for Saturday night, and pledges taken to insure attendance.

Brewer offered his house as a future meeting place. After some discussion, it was moved that the next meeting and subsequent meetings be held there, and that the legal members be informed immediately. The motion carried. His address is: 2267 Hearst, Apartment 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Rossman  
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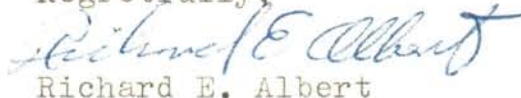
Sept. 27, 1961

BASFAHCUA  
1732 Francisco  
Berkeley 3, Calif.

Because of the recent setback in my efforts to obtain a Masters Degree, I am submitting my resignation as Forum Administrator, to be effective this date. It is not possible for me to fulfill this position competently at this time if I am to succeed in finishing my studies this semester. Besides studying for the Masters oral examination, I am taking six units in which it is imperative that I receive A's, a talent which does not seem to come naturally to me. In addition, I will have the duties of two Readerships, and may have to obtain other part time work.

If the membership is reluctant to accept my resignation, or if no replacement is forthcoming, I would be happy to continue as Forum Administrator, but my efforts in fulfilling the job would be quite limited. If there is any member of the organization willing to assume this position, I feel that he should be encouraged to do so. It is definitely impossible for me to work on any substantial undertakings, such as the organization of the national tour, or the development of any other large projects. I will of course remain as active as my studies permit me to, and will render every assistance I can to whoever assumes the position of Forum Administrator.

Regretfully,



Richard E. Albert



BASCAHUAC Meeting, 4/X/61: 8 present, 5 members; Hall, Hall, Brewer and Rossman from SCom.

No new members were announced.

Minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

Annos. Received and passed around were a SCDCL letter; a CCPAF letter relating to the formation of a national 'united front' organization, together with Hall's personal reply; and 2 SLU letters. The previous mailing party turned out 1300; the present total on the national mailing is 3100 with only 150 or so to go. Hearsay comments were given re a Bonzell-narrated right-wing film currently showing at the Telenews; Brewer will try to attend it and report further. Scott Keech, currently PR director for USNSA, may be able to get contacts to help distribute the Hoover reply. Dick Criley has ordered from Williams 5000 Meisenbach articles.

Reports: Treasurer: The audit is essentially finished but needs polishing. Recent transactions include \$5 to the NCC for their pigheaded bill for their pamphlet, \$2.50 to the Southern Farmer, and an \$8.76<sup>hex 0328</sup> from SEFD for old bills. Current balance is \$263.30. Literature: We have received from the Friends 100 free copies of the Plymouth Meeting Controversy document; we have had only to pay postage, and will clear almost 25¢@. Publications: Brewer suggested a Timespeak approach to the writing of the Barenblatt introduction, stressing why students should read it, and outlined plans. He will check with Multigraph to see if they make an envelope suitable for imprinting a bulkrate indicia, which latter we will at some future time avail ourselves of if they do. All reports were approved.

The Proposed Creed was debated at length, the discussion revolving around whether the document was a creed or a brief, and also around the possibility of its being susceptible to a somewhat tightened organization and phrasing. It was moved that the document be accepted as BASCAHUAC'S creed. Discussion followed; a move to call the question was defeated. Rossman volunteered to try to write an alternate creed by the next meeting; with this in mind, a move to table the question indefinitely was passed.

Elections were impossible, there being candidates for neither the Forum nor the Corresponding Secretary posts. Accordingly, a motion to postpone discussion indefinitely passed.

Addressograf Plates were brought up again, White having been derilict in his duties. It was moved and passed that the authorization for said purchase be transferred to Hall, to be used at his discretion.

The Room Bill was explained and accepted as an extension of the Treasury Report, the gist being that we will pay \$4.93 as our share of putting our mailing in SLATE's mailing.

Brewer brought up the question of forming a front group to secure campus privileges; after brief discussion, it was moved that he be appointed a committee of one to work out the technical details, and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Rossman,  
Recording Secretary

BASCAHUAC meeting, 11/X/61. 10 present, 8 members: Hall, Hall, Brewer and Rossman from SCom.

New members: Carter Bancroft, Norm Prigge.

Minutes read, corrected, approved.

Announcements: Rossman brought up the matter of the forthcoming lecture series on Communism. Inasmuch as everyone present was both acquainted with the situation and interested in doing something about it (as no other group seemed to be), it was tentatively decided to adjourn the meeting before ten to enable a contingent to attend the SLATE meeting and try to organize some action.

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It was moved and passed to suspend the rules to permit discussion of our sponsorship of White's speaking tour. Hall moved the following: "That the BASC rescind its previous motion to sponsor Burton White on his forthcoming speaking tour and that it appoint a committee to write and dispatch a letter to the various groups within the National Committee, explaining our reasons for this action. This letter shall be honest and complete, within the limits of relevancy, and shall detail the history of our relations with Burton White in regard to the national tour and shall be sympathetic to the National Committee for the success of this tour."

Hall adduced as support for the motion the Oct. 3 newsletter of the CCDBR, of which the kernal relevant passages are: "...it is proposed that the Nat. Com. undertake to coordinate the tour and provide financial assistance....Funds (designated by the donor for such purposes) are available to the NC to pay B. White a salary of \$250 per month ... surplus funds from meetings to be kept by local groups..../Objectives/: to help launch a national campaign directed to Congress for the achievement of a maximum vote against HUAC appropriations in January 1962..."

Hall then spoke at length in favor of the motion, giving reasons and reasoning behind its various parts. A lengthy discussion followed. It was argued pro the motion that the past history of White's relations with BASCAHUAC, plus the fact that he had stated to several witnesses that he had (as of 6/X) contacted neither the CC nor the NC as to the decisions of previous meetings, plus the signal fact of this newsletter, made the motion necessary. Against this was argued that there might exist a misunderstanding somewhere; that the newsletter might be rectified; and that it was contrary to the organization's principles to try Burton in his absence without contacting him directly for an explanation, to which was replied that he was not on trial. A straw vote was taken as to the advisability of trying to phone him before passage of any final action. As the vote was negative, the question was called by communal consent, the vote being 5 to 3 with one abstention. Hall and Brewer were appointed the designated committeemen.

Due to the pressure of time, discussion of the creed was postponed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Rossman,  
Recording Secretary

Bascahuac meeting, 18/X/61

8 present, all members; H,H,B,R, from SCom. New <sup>ly active</sup> member: Tom Greene.

Minutes were read from manuscript, and approval withheld pending their final form.

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*as was the CACC, Fred Schwartz, Richfield Oil, etc.*

Reports: none from SCom. Brewer reported that our present envelopes are suitable for multilithing, and that the search for a machine goes on apace. Report approved.

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Under new business, Hall was authorized to attend the forthcoming Berkeley School Board meeting as a BASCAHUAC representative, and another authorization was made which was rendered illegible in transcript due to the recording secretary's writing with a splint on his finger. *I.e. authorize Brewer & Murray to purchase multilith.*

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Respectfully submitted,

Michael Rossman,  
Recording Secretary.

MOVED: THAT WE RESCIND THE MOTION PASSED LAST WEEK IN REGARD TO THE NATIONAL TOUR AND THAT WE DISSAND THE COMMITTEE WHICH THAT MOTION ESTABLISHED.

THAT WE SEND IMMEDIATELY THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO SCOTT KEECH OF THE NATIONAL STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION:

"PROCEED WITH PUBLICITY OF GASCARJAC REPRESENTATIVE WHITE'S TOUR.  
SUPERSEDE PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS."

THAT WE RELAY ON TO BURTON WHITE IMMEDIATELY THE NAMES OF ALL THOSE WHO RESPONDED WITH INTEREST TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TOUR IN THE NATIONAL MAILING, WITH THE REQUEST THAT THESE BE PASSED ON TO THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL CLEARING HOUSES ALONG WITH OUR REAFFIRMED INTEREST IN THE EXPANSION OF THE NATIONAL TOUR TO AS MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AS POSSIBLE.

THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE WHITE'S LETTER AND EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION OF ITS COMPREHENSIVENESS, CANDIDNESS AND HUMOR AND ENCOURAGE THE CONTINUATION OF WEEKLY LETTERS WITH THESE QUALITIES.

THAT WE RELAY TO WHITE OUR APPROVAL OF NSA'S PUBLICITY OF HIS TOUR, UNDER THE CONDITIONS STATED IN HIS LETTER.

THAT WE ASK BURTON TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE VIA RICHARD CRILEY TO ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE A GREATER PERCENTAGE OF THE PROCEEDS FROM LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS TO GO TO THE EXPENSES OF THE TOUR IN THE HOPES THAT SOME PROFIT MAY ACCRUE TO THE TREASURY OF THE BAY AREA STUDENT COMMITTEE AS A RESULT OF THE NATIONAL TOUR.

THAT WE ASK BURTON TO INCLUDE IN HIS NEXT COMMUNICATION WITH RICHARD CRILEY A REQUEST FOR A SECOND MEMORANDUM TO BE SENT TO THOSE TO WHOM THE FIRST MEMORANDUM WAS SENT, WHICH WILL SERVE TO CLARIFY AND ELIMINATE THE MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BAY AREA STUDENT COMMITTEE AND THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE WHICH HAS ARISEN OUT OF PAST DIFFICULTIES IN COMMUNICATION AND WHICH IS INDICATED BY THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE'S FIRST MEMORANDUM RE: SOURCE OF WHITE'S STIPEND AND THE AMBIGUITY IN REGARD TO SPONSORSHIP OF THE TOUR.

THAT WE APPROVE THE BROAD OUTLINE OF WHITE'S APPROACH TO THE TOUR AS INDICATED IN HIS LETTER.

THAT WE SHARE WITH WHITE OUR PLEASURE IN THE VERY SATISFACTORY RESPONSE TO THE NATIONAL MAILING TO DATE AND THE NUMBER OF LARGE ORDERS FOR COPIES OF THE WILLIAMS REPRINT OF "THE MEISENBACH CASE" FOR MASS DISTRIBUTION AND ASK HIS OPINION ON THE VALUE OF HIS ENCOURAGING THOSE ADULT AND STUDENT GROUPS, TO WHOM HE SPEAKS, TO PURCHASE LARGE QUANTITIES FOR LOCAL DISTRIBUTION.

THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH APPRECIATION THE RECENTLY RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE FROM MRS. SYLVIA CRANE AND ASK WHITE TO CONVEY THIS APPRECIATION TO MRS. CRANE.

THAT WE EXPRESS OUR CONFIDENCE THAT PAST MISUNDERSTANDINGS CAN BE OVERCOME BY COMPLETE AND FREQUENT COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN WHITE AND THE BAY AREA STUDENT COMMITTEE FOR THE DURATION OF WHITE'S TOUR.

THAT WE APPOINT IRVING HALL A COMMITTEE OF ONE TO DISPATCH A COPY OF THIS MOTION TO WHITE ALONG WITH A BRIEF COVERING LETTER.

18 OCTOBER 1961

BASCAHUAC Meeting, 25/X/61

9 present, 8 members; Hall, Hall, Brewer and Rossman from SCom. No new members.

Minutes read, corrected, approved.

Annos: received and passed around were an AHSCCL flyer, a Burt White blurb forwarded by Criley, NYCAHUAC letter and newsletter together with Hall's reply, letters to Richfield and BASCAHUAC from a disturbed woman in Richland, and letters to and from Criley. Brewer displayed his new Gutenberg.

Treas. Report: \$5.15 multilith supplies, \$2.50 Uphouse Dissents, \$54.55 postage, \$14.82 stamps-stationery-gas; deposit 23/IX \$310.62; balance \$487.55. We are out of debt. Report approved.

Pub. Report: Brewer has found a "40" multilith for \$95; he will check it out. Suggestions were made as to specific points he should check. Report approved.

Fund Report: Meisenbach was missing, as usual,; Rossman was detailed to contact him.

'FrontCom' Report: no news.

A long discussion was held on the AdultCom (the Anticommunist Seminar Opposition), the AHSCCL, and the lecture series itself, particular attention being given to Sluice's tranquility and the ~~position~~ position of the series ~~in~~ as part of a general phenomenon and possibly even a plan.

The Creed was discussed at length, following a sketchy report by Rat Hall and Rossman as to their revision of the first version. Discussion of the revisions was followed by re-revision of certain parts. It was moved that the rerevised creed be adopted as our official creed; the motion passed 6-3.

After some discussion it was moved that we reprint 500 copies of **Dragon Slayers** to sell for 25¢, and passed. Discussion on reprinting the NCB series on the riots (or the portion thereof contained in the Congressional Record) was tabled till the following meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Rossman,  
Recording Secretary.

BASCAHUAC Meeting, 8/XI/61. 9 present members + baby; HHMBR from SCom.

Minutes were read and approved.

Annos.: rcd. and shown were a letter from Morris Watson (ILWU) to Richfield; CCPAF meeting announcement; a critical letter from Becky Jenkins in NY re the White flyer; letter from Robt. Hall, editor Cal Teacher; issue of CT; letter from Robt. Kirk Ltd. dunning White; newsletters from SLATE and NCAHUAC; and HUAC's new pamphlet. Meisenbach has been contacted and urged to attend meetings. Re the Mugshot suit: defendant Albright was refused demurrer for jury trial; Martinez may be dropped from the list of defendants to avoid complications; the American Patriots Defense Committee has been formed in LA to pimp for the defendants. It was moved to approve the following actions: a) communicate approval of actions already taken and indicate our trust in their judgement on further actions to the mugshot lawyers; b) order 30,000 run on the 2nd edition of the Meisenbach pamphlet; c) expend \$6 for the purchase and mailing of 20 of HUAC's pamphlets. Approved.

Trans. Rept.: Recent expenditures include \$6.86 for shipment of Meisdnbachs, \$25 for 200 Lathroops, \$4.33 for rehabilitation of City Hall, \$6 to Govt. printing office, \$23.88 telephone, \$1146 utilities and gas, \$6.70 for two bounced checks. Deposit 137.10; balance \$540.42. SEDF transactions in last four months: \$1 transport, \$56.97 deposit, \$8.76 to Bascahuac, \$38,50 deposit, balance \$400.28. Approved.

Lit. Rept.: 100 copies of ACLU's list of typical HUAC persecutions have been ordered. A long discussion on the advisability of reprinting the NCB articles was tabled without decision. The ordering of an undetermined number of False Witnesses was discussed and approved. Report approved.

Pub Rept: Brewer is working on the introduction to Barenblatt. The problem of obtaining a multilith is still in the air. A long discussion followed on the new HUAC pamphlet, devolving largely on the nature of a proper reply; general opinion held it that this is a crisis for us. Irving will take over responsibility for the Hoover report. He offered the opinion that White has behaved irresponsibly again in not communicating with us. It was moved to write him a suitable reminder, and passed. Report approved.

It was moved and passed that the meeting night be changed to Sunday, and the proper notifications sent. Moved and passed that we pay our bulk rate fee now rather than later. Volunteers were summoned to help clip newspapers. Hall was delegated our representative at the coming CCPAF meeting.

BACSAHUAC meeting, 15/XI/61. 6 members present, none new; HHBR from SCom.

Minutes not being typed, it was m&p to postpone till next meeting.

Annos: rcd & psd were SLATE nsletter, EBCF and CCCL nsletters, and a pamphlet from Davis called The Truth About ACLU.

CorSecRept: Roy Okert has forwarded from Akron a letter from GChristopher re the film. A letter from Ann Braden was passed around. The reminder to White was read. Report approved.

TreasRept: We no longer have nonprofit status with CrockerAnglo. Exp: \$20 mailing permit, \$21.70 for 40 copies new HUAC pamphlets I and II (in advance) plus mailing costs, \$6.10 utilities, \$43.70 postage, \$15 ACLU pamphlets. Deposit \$77.46 from lit sale. Balance 506.80. Request \$.15 for 1 copy SISSC pamphlet. Rept. approved.

SecRept: typed and typed and typed and sworn. Rept. approved.

PubRept: Letter to Murphy re new pamphlet almost complete. Discussion thereof. No progress being made on FrontCom. The following are the tentative divisions-of-labor in replying to HUAC: Hall, Hoover Rept; Miller, SLATE and Burns Rept; Rossman, progress of demonstration and semantics; Longell and Brewer, DC; Murray, research on McCarren and Registration Acts and veracity of HUAC witnesses; Edisses, self; Mandel, SCL; Benner and Chris Murray, references to persons; Smith and Joiner, OA and picture pages; Skorso, Masters of Deceit; Albert, Meisen. trial. It was moved to write Roosevelt and find when the 2nd part of the report is due out. Remarks were made re supplementary documentation to the reply, and a long discussion ensued. Brewer's report was approved.

Hall reported on the CCPAF meeting at length. HUAC has decided to confine its operations solely to WashDC, and Walter and Scherer will not run for reelection. Report approved.

Lit.Rept: 1000 small buttons were ordered, 200 are left; the Steppenwolf and Bright on Express are doing yoeman's work selling them. Moved and passed to order 1000 more with same inscription. Moved and passed to order 1000 large buttons saying 'I am not now and have never been a member of HUAC'. Moved and passed to carry up to 100 Juggernauts on lit list. Moved and passed that members hear Voices of Resistance during coming week, pursuant to putting it on lit list. The transcript of the Roosevelt trailer was read; moved and passed not to buy it.

Meeting adjourned, 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Rossman  
Recording Secretary





comments & corrections. However, he explained, the "spot quote" work was only half done, since the addresses of the persons concerned had to be obtained & envelopes addressed to those persons. Bancroft & Sue ~~Sullivan~~ volunteered to help Murray ~~research~~ address the envelopes. Brewer then called attention to the cover letter <sup>of the Assembly</sup> (appended) by Irv which, ~~was~~ though already transcribed to the stencils, had not been mimeographed. Duncan Stewart volunteered to mimeograph the cover letter on Denitch's machine.

Fund Raising: Weisenbach reported that he was corresponding with one Don Bennett <sup>of Sacramento</sup> who has suggested that BASCAHCUA & his civil liberties group jointly sponsor a folk sing. ~~When~~ Asked to appraise the amount BASCAHCUA should raise in the future, Weisenbach deprecated the ~~idea~~ <sup>idea for</sup> Student Emergency Defense Fund debts by ~~saying~~ explaining that ~~they~~ had dropped \$12,000 in Reno, & that anyone who can drop a bundle like that can afford to wait for repayment of a debt like ours. Suggestions were made from the floor for fund raising activities for the publication of the "definitive" document mentioned above. Irv suggested <sup>aligner</sup> on the week before <sup>Christmas</sup> vacation, & suggested that a good place for it may be Gene Savin's house, or, as a last resort, Green's & Hall's houses. Weisenbach was encouraged to make plans ~~now~~ <sup>his</sup> since ~~xxxxxx~~ <sup>quickly</sup> the organization may want to advertise the party in a Bay Area mailing. He was cautioned to check with other student groups in the area to determine if his tentative party date would be in conflict with any other organization's party. It was further suggested that, since the pamphlet reply is of interest to nearly all <sup>UC</sup> student groups off campus, that Weisenbach endeavor to persuade the leaders of these groups to plug the BASCAHCUA party hard.

Literature: <sup>Irv</sup> Moved that the three records "Voices of Resistance" be advertised & distributed by the organization on condition they can be obtained on consignment. Motion carried.

Old Business: <sup>if reply to a letter</sup> (By a ruling of the chair, a letter <sup>national</sup> from White reporting <sup>the assembly</sup> progress on his <sup>the</sup> tour was submitted by Pat as "old business.") ~~Pat~~ <sup>Pat</sup> White letter, ~~xxxx~~ dated Nov. 13, <sup>which</sup> dealt generally with the affects on ~~the tour~~ the tour of BASCAHCUA's action to withdraw its sponsorship of ~~the tour~~, & then to rescind this action. It also criticized the ~~xxxxxxx~~ efforts of BASCAHCUA in organizing some parts of the tour, commenting that BASCAHCUA hadn't held up its end of things. It asked some specific questions about BASCAHCUA's actions, & then closed with an account of some of White's experiences on the tour up to the date of the letter.

Pat then submitted to the assembly a copy of the November 1961 "Abolition" published by the New York Council. In it a blurb ~~xxxx~~ publicizes the tour, commenting that White is "Sponsored by the National Committee to Abolish the ~~xxxx~~ HCUA."

Pat then submitted <sup>to BASCAHCUA</sup> a letter <sup>to the assembly</sup> dated Nov. 17 from Miss Nancy Dillinham ~~xxxx~~ who described herself as a "member of the Indiana University Civil Liberties Union". In the letter she commented on a speech by White before ~~that organization~~ <sup>her</sup> which she apparently enjoyed. She then said, "We later discovered that he was no longer chairman of the Bay Area Committee, that instead he was sponsored by the Committee to Support Frank Wilkins (or some such thing), and in the midwest by a group called the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights." She asked BASCAHCUA to clarify the sponsorship question.

Pat then moved to approve the tentative outline she submitted to the assembly, which would reply to the questions asked by White. (appendixed)

Irv moved that a section concerning the dispute over contacting White before acting to withdraw from the tour be added to the letter. Motion carried.

Brewer called for a division of the question ~~on the subject~~

Irv moved that the organization, in answer to White's question about the identity of the two persons who had communicated concern to BASCAHCUA over the sponsorship business, ~~directly~~ give the names of the two persons, and that we furthermore append to the reply to ~~the~~ <sup>White</sup> the above mentioned letter from Indiana University. The argument was raised that such ~~x~~ revelations might place the two persons concerned in embarrassing spots if they were challenged by White. <sup>In reply, it was argued that White had a right to know such information.</sup> Motion carried.

Section 5: Bancroft moved that White be asked "if he communicated to 'Abolition' ~~the organizations~~ <sup>the organizations</sup> about the sponsorship of the tour before 'Abolition's' ~~press~~ <sup>met its</sup> deadline." Motion carried.

Bancroft then moved that ~~xxxx~~ the letter ask White to please contact "Abolition" and ask for a correction concerning the sponsorship of the tour. Motion carried.

Section 6: Irv moved that a few lines be added explaining that, at the time the organization made its decision to withdraw its sponsorship ~~from~~ the tour, the data we had available indicated that our concerns about the sponsorship of the tour had not been relayed on to the National Committee by White. Motion carried

Irv moved that, ~~xxxx~~ <sup>as part of the</sup> reply to White's comment that, though the organization did not ~~communicate~~ forward word of the sponsorship dispute on to him, notice was given to Scott Keech at NSA; there be included in the letter the statement that the first act of the organization, after rescinding the withdrawel motion, was to advise Keech of the organization's action by telegram. Motion carried.

Bancroft moved that ~~part of~~ the ~~letter~~ reply give as one of the reasons for rescinding the withdrawel motion, the consideration that NSA's sub-sequent withdrawel from the tour would sabotage it, as White had suggested in his ~~xxxx~~ letter. This, Bancroft explained, was pointed out to him by a letter from Scott Keech read to the assembly by Brewer just before the rescinding motion was introduced. The loyal opposition found this reason objectionable since it implicated ~~us~~ <sup>the organization</sup> in hoodwinking NSA for political reasons after having moved the week before to spare NSA the onus of plugging a National Committee project under false pretenses. ~~xxxx~~ <sup>favorable</sup> It was argued that Bancroft's consideration ~~xxxx~~ <sup>only</sup> provided impetus to a decision which was to be based on corrected data. The loyal opposition countered with the charge that only Brewer & Bancroft had considered the effects of NSA's <sup>subsequent act</sup> on the tour when the decision was made to rescind, so it could not be presented as a BASCAHCUA reason, that is, a consideration made by the majority of the group. Motion defeated.

Clay moved that the ~~letter~~ <sup>reply</sup> be as brief and tactful as possible. Only Schoenfield refused to approve tactfulness & brevity. Motion carried.

Brewer asked for nominations for forum chairman. Bancroft volunteered to serve in the capacity of forum chairman, but declined to accept the position ~~and refused to entertain the notice of his name appearing in BASCAHCUA's letterhead.~~ Bancroft's offer accepted.

New Business: No new business.

Meeting adjourned.

VENUE Location of BASCAHCUA meeting for Nov. 26 changed to 1732 Francisco St. because Brewer reported <sup>that</sup> he would be in Salt Lake City on Nov. 26, and <sup>that</sup> his apartment consequently <sup>would be</sup> not available to the organization.

No meeting Nov. 26

~~Lack of quorum~~

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Minutes read, corrected, approved.

Annos: Rc'd & shown: S.Crane pressrelease re Ist Amendment; Miller flyer re O'Conner speech, and anno of reception for Edisses and O'C, with invitations; SLATE nsltr; NCACLU nsltr announcing 'Op.Correction'; letter from Criley, and NatCom minutes; an Oakland Trib panning of 'OpCor'. Brewer expounded on Cornell and the military, and announced he'd be on leave of absence after following meeting, for a month or more.

Treas: spent: \$17.50 for 50 Juggernauts; \$35 rent; \$20.12 PTT; \$61.61 to SouthFarmer for Meisenbachs; \$2.06 stationery; deposit 1/XII \$134.20; balance \$504.71. SEDF deposit \$20; balance \$420.28. \$34.30 outstanding for freight. Approved.

Lit: False Witness (50) received, billed for 75¢; 25¢ had been quoted. Discussion: since they're returnable, we can stand the difference. Approved.

CorSec.: Moved, to rescind the CorSec motion of last week; to write instead a letter saying, in effect, you'll be home in 16 days, we'll chat then. Passed.

Pub: The StopgapRept has been submitted to Chris; stencils should be ready soon. The Spotties were sent 26/XI, 30/XI; one reply of refusal received, with a \$10 check; some calls have been made in response. There will probably be another mailing to arrestees not named in the pamphlet, asking information on: honors, academic status; actions before and during arrest; etc: the questions will be checked with the lawyer's files for necessity first.// Progress of larger report: Miller's contribution almost useless; Brewer is taking over some of the Burns report. Needed are SLATE's past public policy statements re speakers, membership. Room may do the SLATE research. Murray has reached a financial Rubicon on researching HUAC's legislation and witnesses; there is too much information available. Edisses and J.Mandell are unavailable. Smith has been contacted to select pictures; he has written 20 pp on OpAb. The Halls interviewd M Lima for 4 hours; the interview is being transcribed. Approved.

OldBus: The party is tentatively planned for 15/XII at the Stewart-Hall complex. The responsibility for advertising it lies with Meisenbach.

The multilith is still unfound, hangups having been encountered with Price. Deskind has been alerted to look for one. The small press is in the rehabilitation shop.

Since no multilith available, the following: Moved: to check with Shane in SP and w/ Root-&\*Branch for permission to run off 1000 Meisenbachs, and to make the necessary expenditure for paper. Passed. Moved: similarly, to authorize LitCom to stencil up a new litlist and run off 500 copies, anticipated cost under \$10. Passed. Moved: to run off 1000 Barneblatt dissents on RB press, with Rossman and Hall forming a committee of 2 to approve a short introduction. Passed. Moved: to expend for 1000 pieces bond and 2000 mimeo-suitable paper with letterheads as before, sans officers. Passed.

NuBus: Hall talked to Lipow; we may get NSA's tape of the Harrington-Lewis debate.

Moved: no meetings to be held 24.31/XII; the meetings of 17/XII and 6/I to be held at the Halls'. Passed. Rossman to act as protem chairman in Brewer's absence, and to try to handle problems connected with the big reply. Passed.

Respectfully submitted.

Michael Rossman  
Recording Secretary

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BASC meeting, 21/I/61. 6 members present.

Minutes read, corrected, approved.

Annos: rc'd and passed: invitation to PW benefit, CACC notice, USGPO notice, NYCAHUAC nsltr, Peacemaker nslt, WashCom nslt, ACLU nslt, announcement of a British New Left film, 6 copies of part II of the new HUAC report.

TRept: spent: 6.27 PGE, 1.00 Smith transport, 18.02 SFarmer postal bill, 68.16 multilith supplies, 6.00 traffic fine, 222.25 Slate Record Co; current balance \$184.24.

Rossman gave a brief report on the afternoon's initial meeting of the Schwartz Reception Committee.

OB: the Congressmen mailing is sent off, as per last week.

NB: Hall requested and received permission to debate on HUAC at Alameda State College on Feb.5. JoAnn Bowman wanted reactions to the suggestion of a "patriotic parade" on campus prior to the Schwartz-Mandell debate, replete with American flags and SchwartzGoHome signs; she got her reactions, which were negative. Her inquiry re contacts from our mailing list led to an unofficial policy formulation, as follows: we absolutely do not allow such contacts, save at the discretion of LitCom and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ group approval. She got a few contacts, in pursuance of the above formulation.

White's possible article for the nut newsletter was discussed. It was moved and passed, that we request White either to specifically write such an article, or to permit condensation of any article he writes.

It was moved and passed, that ~~xxx~~ we order 200 Wilkenson-Braden sheets from the Christian Century and give them away.

A brief discussion of the new HUAC pamphlet was held, the concensus being that all would have to read it first before we could adequately discuss it.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Rossman  
Recording Secretary