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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF DECEMBER 13, 1982.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Meryl W. Berman, the President (hereafter referred to as the Chair).

The chair asked all present committee chairs to stay on in their positions during the transition period and to put their January meeting dates on the calendar by Thursday (Dec. 16) in order that the dates are reflected in the Agenda.

The chair announced that Betsy Naylor has agreed to stay on as Fundraising Chair and that Neil Getnick has agreed to remain as Environment Committee Chair. The chair also announced the formation of a Constitutional Committee to supervise and set up the structure of proposed and prospective amendments to the V.I.D. Constitution. This appointment was unanimously approved. *(of Ed Ortiz as chair of that Comm)*

Anthony S. Hoffmann, the Male District Leader (hereafter referred to as Tony) asked the chair whether a call should be made for volunteers for the Constitution Revision Committee. The chair replied that there will be a note in the January Agenda asking the entire membership to volunteer and offer their input.

William van Felix (hereafter referred to as Bill) asked whether the entire membership wouldn't be involved through having to approve the amendments. The chair agreed and then announced that Daniel M. Roskoff, the past President (hereafter referred to as Dan) would be the new membership chair. An unanimous approval was given to this appointment as well as to Neil's re-appointment.

Tony then gave the Male District Leader report. He started off by congratulating both club presidential candidates for waging an excellent campaign and urging that it is time for all of us to work together on common goals.

Tony then reported on the situation with regard to the W. 3rd St. housing crisis. Cong. Weiss, State Sen. Ohrenstein, Assemblyman Passannante and Councilwoman Greitzer had signed a letter to NYU Pres. Brademas stating that they would like to discuss NYU's expansion plans with him. As of the present time, <sup>no</sup> response has been received <sup>from</sup> Brademas. An organizational meeting will occur on December 14 at 8 PM at VID with regard to NYU's callous treatment of the W. 3rd St. tenants and ways in which we can fight.

The chair discussed the possibility of creating an arts and a lobbying committee. She then directed that all resolutions for the Executive Committee's approval are to be typed and, if possible, photocopied. The chair discussed possible speakers for the January meeting and suggested Tom DeLuca from Mobilization for Survival (MOBE) to discuss the proposed anti-nuclear referendum.

Ilene Zucker (hereafter referred to as Ilene) asked whether the January meeting, with several elections planned for that night, might not be too hectic for a speaker.

Tony said that this would not be a problem if we limit everyone to a set period.

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The Chair asked for suggestion for other speakers.

Camille Abate, the Treasurer (hereafter referred to as Camille) stated that we've always had forums even during election meetings and that this has never posed a problem.

The Chair asked if there were any more speakers; hearing none, she requested that this question be put to a vote. Camille move the question and was seconded by Rick Hartzman. The motion that Tom DeLuca be our speaker at the January meeting was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

The Chair discussed the logistics for the January elections. The following Executive Committee members' terms expire at that time: Betsy Bassan, Mary Bluzer, David Brownstein, John Cataldo, Keith Crandall, Chad Elson, Edward Gold, Harry Middendorf, Betsy Naylor, Star Sandow, Liz Schollengerger, Phil Schwartz, Arthur Stoliar, Clarence Thompson, and Bill van Felix. Also up are the offices of Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary (2) and Recording Secretary.

The Chair announced that Phil Schwartz, the State Committeeman from the 61st A.D. will resign from the State Committee effective upon our endorsing a successor. Phil Schwartz' (hereafter referred to as Phil) resignation is due to his moving out of the state, thus requiring him to resign pursuant to Section 2-102 of the N.Y.S. Election Law. The question of setting up a meeting to endorse a successor who would then be chosen by the State Committee pursuant to Section ~~2-118~~ 2-118 of the Election Law was <sup>laid on</sup> ~~put~~ the floor.

Herman Gerson (hereafter referred to as Herman) asked who fills the seat; doesn't the County Committee take this action?

Tony explained that while the County Committee can ~~recommend~~ recommend an interim ~~State~~ State Committeeperson, this does not have to be the case. An alterantive ~~route~~ route is for Tony and Catherine Abate (hereafter referred to as Catherine), the two District Leaders for our part, to recommend a candidate (they would bind themselves to suggesting the person endorsed by V.I.D.) to the Manhattan County Leaders - Herman "Denny" Farreal - who would recommend the person to the State Committee who would vote on that person.

Bill asked when does Phil have to quit.

Dan stated that Phil has informed us that he will serve until he is replaced but reiterated that Phil has move outside of the jurisdiction of the District; in fact, he has moved ~~out~~ outside of New York State.

Ilene move to endorse at the January meeting. (David Comacho seconded this (herafter referred to as Dave).) She argued that we need continuity in having an effective, active State Committeeperson who can be full-time and that, no matter how much Phil might intend to be active, he cannot while living outside of New York. It would be better to make the decision as to the interim State Committeeman as soon as is possible.

Meryl asked whether anyone else wanted to speak.

Chad Elson (hereafter referred to as Chad) stated that we need more time in order for candidates to appear and for the Club to listen to these candidates and make a rational decision.

Carol Feinman (hereafter referred to as Carol) argued in favor of a January meeting, that we have many important votes during the subsequent months, that possible candidates have not been silent and that we should just get the vote over with.

Herman stated that Phil can continue to effectively represent us; thus, we should take some time and wait until February to endorse.

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Edwin Ortiz (hereafter referred to as Ed) ~~stated~~ argued that since there were many things already planned for the January meeting - intraclub elections for four (4) officers and fifteen (15) Executive Committee members, a forum - we should postpone the endorsement vote.

Mel Goodstein (hereafter referred to as Mel) argued that time was of the essence; therefore, we should hold the elections in January.

Jerry Goldfeder (hereafter referred to as Jerry) stated to those people who were not already of the fact that he was a candidate for our endorsement for interim State Committeeman to replace Phil. He argued that because we have a new Party structure, we should get involved as soon as possible; this requires an ~~xxxx~~ endorsement meeting in January.

Dan moved to call the question. This proposal was passed with two objections and the motion to have the State Committeeman endorsement meeting ~~xxxx~~ during the January meeting was passed by a vote of 14-7.

Ilene ~~then~~ <sup>then</sup> stated that Phil has been doing a great job and that she wanted to emphasize that her resolution and supporting arguments were not intended to insinuate anything to the contrary.

The Chair then ~~then~~ laid on the floor the question of a date for the January meeting. Pursuant to our Constitution, the meeting must be prior to January 15, 1983.

Camille argued that we should have the meeting as close to January 15 as possible.

Ilene pointed out that January 15 will be the date of a N.Y. County Democratic Committee forum on the subject of changing politics in Manhattan; thus, it would not be advisable to have the meeting on that date ( it should be remembered that January 15th is a Saturday and we ~~have~~ do not hold weekend meetings).

Tony suggested January 11, 1983 as the date for the January meeting.

The Chair put this date to a vote and this was overwhelmingly approved with one objection. The January meeting will be held on January 11, 1983 at 8 P.M. at the Village Independent Democrats, 224 West 4 Street.

Catherine gave her District Leader report. Like Tony, she congratulated both V.I.D. Presidential candidates and stated that she will miss Man as president. One of the things that Catherine is working on is a garage on Greene Street which allegedly opening up without a license. She will keep us informed on that vital community issue.

Catherine reported on Cuomo's Criminal Justice Task Force of which she is the Chair.

Catherine has recently received a telephone call from Marcy Bienstock with regard to the proposed five cent ~~gas~~ gasoline tax. Ms. Bienstock stated that this tax would have a disproportionately harmful effect upon the poor and working class. As it would stand, four cents of the five cent tax would ~~to the~~ <sup>go to the</sup> repair of interstate highways. Only one cent would go to mass transit. An additional one cent should go to the trade-in money for Westway. Catherine talked about a telephone project wherein we would call Senator Moynihan and suggest this proposal.

Rick Braun then gave a report about another telephone project. He recently represented V.I.D. and the Greenwich Village Coalition against Nuclear Armaments in a meeting with Congressman William Green. The meeting lasted 1½ hours and during that time Green was made aware of our concerns. Again, Cong. Green will be a co-sponsor of a bilateral freeze resolution. However, the Congressman believes that if there is going to be a possibility of nuclear war, the United

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States must be prepared; thus, he is in favor of the Cruise and Pershing Missile Systems. He is opposed to the B-52 and MX Systems.

Rick Braun then talked about a phone project with Moynihan and D'Amato (the two U.S. Senators from New York State). The Senate was planning to vote on the MX Missile System in a matter of days. (Only recently had the House of Representatives overwhelmingly voted down Pres. Reagan's MX Missile proposal). Neither Senator Moynihan nor Senator D'Amato had committed themselves to a side and it could not be determined how they would vote; thus, they were both susceptible to telephone pressure from constituents. This was needed tonight or tomorrow. Try to call both Senators on the MX situation. Rick then gave the Senators' telephone numbers: Moynihan - 202-224-4451; D'Amato - 202-224-6542.

Mel announced that he had just come from a ~~Community Board District #2~~ (hereafter referred to as ~~CB2~~) meeting on the proposal from Community Board #2 (hereafter referred to as CB2) that United Parcel Service's (UPS) station which is now on ~~Spring and W~~ Street be converted into a Sanitation Department Garage. Mel suggested that the V.I.D. Environment Committee study the situation and take a stand.

Catherine suggested the possibility that this is an attempt to remove the Sanitation Dept. from their present garage on Gansevoort Street so that area can be cleared for Westway.

Norman Correnthal (hereafter referred to as Norman) asked when will hearings take place on this issue.

Mel stated that hearings should take place sometime in January but that there has not been either a date or location announced.

Rick Braun suggested that in view of the possible loss of jobs resulting from the closing of the Spring Street UPS station, the V.I.D Labor Committee should be involved in this matter.

The Chair again reminded all acting and reappointed Committee Chairs to put their dates for January committee meetings on the Bulletin Board calendar in order for these dates to be reflected in the January Agenda.

The Chair then read a letter written by Councilmembers Carol Greitzer and Miriam Friedlander, Assemblyman Passannate, State Senator Manfred Ohrenstein and District Leaders Abate and Hoffmann with regard to Meals on Wheels. This excellent program which provides nutrition sustenance to the elderly and/or poor is in dire straits. While it can provide meals during the five weekdays, it cannot so provide meals during the weekends. The letter encourages private donations which should be sent to the V.I.D, 224 West 4 Street, to the attention of Ms. Stephanie Rogall. The Executive Committee approved the request that this letter be placed in the January Agenda (Unanimous approval).

Arlene Lowell (hereafter referred to as Arlene) asked why was it that Meals on Wheels had enough money to provide meals during the week (5 days) but not during the weekend (2 days), was it that it cost more to provide during these two days than during the five days? The Chair explained the situation to Arlene's satisfaction, as well as to the body's satisfaction and reiterated the need for contributions.

Ilene gave a report from the Community Affairs Committee. She began by reminding people that only three (3) people showed up at her last meeting that that nothing can be done without participation. She also talked about getting local institutions to open up space for the homeless.

Arlene and Jim Briggs (hereafter referred to as Jim) gave the Consumer Affairs Committee report. They reported on comparative pricing in supermarkets. The best supermarket was located in Hoboken, New Jersey, which is only a thirty cent (30¢) PATH train ride away from Greenwich Village (Get the PATH at Christopher or Ninth Street).

Jim announced that nominations were up for the "Worst Supermarket." His vote would go to the Met Supermarket at 8th Avenue and 14th Street which was dirty, failed to list unit prices for all goods and ejected one of the Committee's surevivors.

Arlene talked about a new ~~super~~market on ~~Grin~~ Carmine and Bedford~~X~~ Street which had very reasonable prices.

Kathy Donaldson (hereafter referred to as Kathy) gave the Education Committee's report. She stated that there would be a meeting on Wednesday, December 15, 1982, on the question of Special Education, during which meeting Denny Farrell or a representative from his office, would attend. Kathy requested that because of the sensitivity of this issue, particularly because some of the attendees, employees of the Board of Education, were fearful of openly criticizing the Board, that the meeting be held at Estelle Levy's home.

Tony spoke against this recommendation and pointed out that we never have committee meetings away from the Club.

Camille argued that in view of the need for secrecy, the alternative location should be approved and she moved to that effect.

Catherine stated that she agreed with both Camille and Tony and seconded Camille's resolution.

Ilene asked Kathy whether the meeting was ever announced? She took objection to the concept of closed meetings and asked that her objection be put in the record.

Mel asked whether the meeting would be open to the V.I.D. or ~~is~~ was it to be a secret meeting?

Nathy extended an invitation to the meeting to all members of the Executive Committee and stated that the only reason why the meeting was not being publicized was because of space limitation.

Rick Braun asked which person asked that the meeting be held at Estelle Levy's?

Nathy stated that she had so asked.

Ilene reiterated that VID tradition has been that we do not have meetings which are not open to the whole membership. She was stating this for future reference and did not intend to vote against allowing this meeting to be held outside the Club. This meeting, however, would be a bad precedent to support closed meetings.

Catherine proposed that if the meeting is held at Estelle Levy's, no resolution be made or official V.ID. business be conducted there. This should only be done at the next meeting. This meeting should be for informational purposes only.

Bill moved for the adoption of Catherine and Camille's resolutions (Camille had accepted Catherine's proposal as a friendly amendment) and Tony seconded the motion.

Neil Getnick (hereafter referred to as Neil) called the question. The question being so called, Catherine and Camille's motion was adopted with one objection.

Neil then gave the report of the Environment Committee. He talked about the progress with regard to the Toxic Waste Project and gave credit to Richard Willstatter and Richard Weinstein. It was now time to take the information which has been gathered on this subject and put in into a concrete plan. Neil then talked about the work which Rick Hartzman has done on Indian Point.



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at all, there would not have been such a problem.

Herman argued that in order for self-determination to occur there must be a homeland.

Bob Cohen argued that the resolution as it now stands is properly innocuous.

Mel stated that he cannot vote for the resolution and made a ~~sub~~-substitute ~~an~~ resolution that #3 be struck out. Norman seconded this resolution.

Rick Braun argued that #s 1,2,3 are equal in their importance. The resolution arose out of the Lebanon crisis, Israel must exist and the Palestinian people has a right to a place of their own.

Dan agreed with Rick. He called the question. This was approved and the Substitute resolution proposed by Mel was not approved.

Keith called the question on the resolution and Neil seconded. The question was called by a vote of 14-4-1.

The resolution as amended was approved with six votes in opposition.

Betsy Naylor gave the report from the Fundraising Committee. She reiterated that the V.I.D. Holiday Party was to be held at the home of Tony Hoffmann and Nadine Katz Hoffmann on Friday, December 17, 1982 at 8 P.M.

Rick Braun gave the report of the Housing Committee. He talked about Housing Energy Conservation. A resolution on that matter was approved unanimously. Rick announced that the next meeting of the Housing Committee would be on Thursday, December 16, 1982 at 8 P.M.

Bill gave the report from the Labor Committee. He talked about proposed future projects, including a study of the impact of the proposed five cent (5¢) gasoline tax. He also proposed that at the February meeting we have a fifteen (15) minute film on OSHA. Bill has already seen the film and reported that it was very informative. The Chair asked Bill to bring this up at a future meeting when we would be setting up the February General Meeting.

Arlene made a resolution with regard to the already passed Lebanon resolution - that we send copies of the resolution to the U.N. Secretary General and UN. Pres. of the Security Council. This was passed with one opposition and one abstention.

Ed Ortiz gave ~~the~~ a report from the recently created Constitution Revision Comm. and announced a meeting on December 20, at 8 P.M. He asked that people submit proposed revisions in writing.

Dan brought up the NYT December 12, 1982 article with regard to Mayor Koch's relationship with City Council President Carol Bellamy and Comptroller Jay Goldin. That article had referred to Koch's buying Bellamy lunch but not paying for Goldin's lunch. He had rationalized this act by stating - that there's nothing wrong with sexism in its best sense. Dan asked the Chair to write a letter to Mayor Koch expressing V.I.D.'s sense of outrage over this act and reiterating to the Mayor that there is nothing like a ~~XXXXXX~~ "sexism in its best ~~XXXX~~ sense". This was agreed to by the body and the Chair.

The ~~the~~ ~~General~~ Executive Committee was adjourned to its next meeting on December 27, 1982 at 7:30 P.M. at the Village Independent Democrats.

The meeting was gavelled to order at 7:50 P.M. by Meryl Berman, president of the Village Independent Democrats (hereafter referred to as the Chair).

The Chair thanked Rick Braun, ~~one~~ of the vice-presidents of the V.I.D., (hereafter referred to as Rick) for acting as president during the past week while the Chair was on a well deserved vacation.

The January 11, 1983 General Meeting was discussed and time structures were set for~~xxx~~ the races occurring that night. Candidates for officer positions will ~~each~~ have two minutes apiece for themselves or their speakers, candidates for the Executive Committee~~x~~ - one minutes and candidates for the endorsement for State Committeeman for the 61st A.D. - five minutes each.

The Chair announced that Tom Delucca of the N.Y. Mobilization for Survival will be speaking at the January General Meeting on "Jobs for Peace".

Anthony S. Hoffmann, male District Leader of the 61st A.D., Part A, (hereafter referred to as Tony) gave the District Leader's report. He informed the Committee that a meeting has been set up between a group of elected officials and community representatives and John Brademas, president of N.Y.U. with regard to N.Y.U.'s intended eviction of residents on W. Third Street. The participants at the meeting will be Cong. Ted Weiss, State Sen. Manfred Ohrenstein, Assemblyman William Passannante, Councilwoman Carol Greitzer and two community representatives - one from V.I.D. and one from Community Board 2 (hereafter referred to as CB2). The number of participants, however, has not been finalized. The meeting will take place on February 11, 1983 at 11 A.M. The group does not include any representative of the tenants who will be effected by the final decision. That N.Y.U. would even meet ~~with~~ this group of people is in itself a concession. Rick asked what about a proposal that John Mazzarella had told him about - that N.Y.U. was looking into the possibility of buying a building on Mullberry Street in which the tenants would be relocated. Tony knew nothing about this but said he would check out the matter.

Tony stated that a Town Meeting would occur on this issue on February 9th or 10th at 7:30 P.M. at Our Lady of Pompeii Church. This forum will be sponsored by the V.I.D. and the South Village Community led by Peter Gatto and John Mazzarella. There would be a second planning meeting for the forum on Wednesday, December 29, 1982 at 8 P.M. at the V.I.D..

Tony informed the meeting ~~that~~ the N.Y. Democratic County Committee was sponsoring a forum on February 13, 1983 from 6-8 P.M. at the 60 East Club, 60 E. 42 St., ~~7th~~ 27th Floor, entitled "Politics of Change in Manhattan - Jobs, Gentrification and Housing". This would revolve around ~~the~~ how Manhattan is changing with gentrification and lack of housing for middle<sup>and</sup> and poor people. The speakers will be Kenneth Clark - the noted sociologist - and Herbert Bienstock.

The Chair announced that NARAL, the National Abortion Rights Association, has asked for the use of V.I.D. on January 8, 1983 at 10 AM. for a training session on parental consent for abourtion.

Norman Correnthal moved that the question be called on this request and the ~~pr~~ requested use was unanimously approved.

The meeting moved into Committee Reports. The following committees were called but no representative was present - Community Affairs, Consumer Affairs and Environment.

Keith Crandell (hereafter referred to as Keith) reported on the Foreign Affairs and Peace Committee. He requested that a letter be sent to Governor-Elect Mario M. Cuomo, requesting him to mention the need for a State-wide referendum for a nuclear freeze in his inaugural address. Keith announced that the next Committee meeting would be on January 18, 1983 at 8 P.M.

Betsy Naylor (hereafter referred to as Betsy) gave the Fundraising Committee report. She announced that the December 17th holiday fundraiser was very successful and thanked Tony Hoffmann and Nadine Katz Hoffmann for allowing the use of their apartment for the party. Betsy then thanked everybody who brought something to the party.

The next important fundraising event will be V.I.D.'s annual dinner. The two Dinner Chairs will be David Commacho (hereafter referred to as Dave) and Anita Kramer (hereafter referred to as Anita). The first Dinner Meeting will be on January 13, 1983 at 8:30 P.M. following the County Committee forum. At that time we will be beginning to make some decisions in the area of early planning for the dinner.

Rick Braun gave the Housing Committee report. He talked about the situation on 97 Horatio Street where the Landlord has requested the conversion of the building to a luxury use. CB2 has gone in opposition to this proposed action. Rick announced that a forum will be set up in the near future in the East Village with a speaker from the "Good Old Lower East Side", an anti-gentrification group. The forum will take the form of advising tenants on their housing rights. Rick then read a proposed resolution on J-51 tax abatements which had been approved at the last Housing Committee meeting. He went into the background on J-51 abatement and explained that there has been an abuse of the program. The proposed State Legislature Bill which the resolution supports addresses most of the abuses. The resolution had been drafted by Mel Goodstein (hereafter referred to as Mel). Rick stated that in reports done by NYPIRG (N.Y. Public Interest Research Group) and by Councilmember Ruth Messinger a very substantial amount of money was shown to have gone to a small group of developers such as ROCKrose. In 1983, it and 11 other major developers will get \$10.5 million under J-51. These developers have gotten \$210 Billion during the lifetime of the program. It is abominable that a program which is set to develop low and middle income housing is going to support income developers.

Rick read the resolution, see annexed copy. He proposed that after the Bill # the following be added "and any corresponding City Council legislation". This was accepted as a friendly amendment. Rick then described the bill - certified costs - certified by HPD. When landlords, operating under J-51, state how much their development will cost HPD will check the cost against its list. The grand total for one apartment must not exceed \$15,000.

Arthur Stoliar (hereafter referred to as Arthur) stated that J-51 is used for improvements of existing buildings, not merely for development of new buildings. For example a rent controlled building with boiler problems can use J-51. This would protect the rent controlled tenants from rent raises.

Rick stated that the Bill will protect SRO occupants from eviction. He would accept a friendly amendment subject to checking the law that money should be utilized within SRO buildings for repairs.

Dave asked why is the term "reputedly increase" used? <sup>Heard of unconscious</sup> Didn't increases occur?

Rick replied that the term protects us against wrong figures.

Keith moved to call the question and the question was unanimously called and the resolution approved.

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Rick announced that a new schedule of Landlord-Tenant advice nights wereready and also stated that the next Housing Committee meeting would be on January 25, 1983.

Catherine Abate, the Female District Leader for the 61 A.D., Pt. A, (hereafter referred to as Catherine) gave her District Leader's report. She stated that a meeting was being set up with Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado who is a protential Presidential candidate for the 1984 race. He would be extended an invitation to a future meeting.

Keith asked why Hart and Catherine informed him that the Hart people had approached her. Catherine was asked and agreed that the invitation would make it clear that this was not a V.I.D. endorsement nor was it a promise for a future endorsement.

Bill van Felix (hereafter referred to as Bill) gave the Labor Committee report. Two resolutions were being proposed . The first one with regard to the Legal Aid ~~Att~~ Society Attorneys' strike was presented by Carol Feinman. She read the resolution, see annexed copy and the resolution was seconded by Dave and Tony. Tim James asked what was the impact of the strike. Carol Feinman (hereafter referred to as Carol) threw the question to Catherine, Rick and Camille Abate (hereafter referred to as Camille) who, as Legal Aid attorneys were more fully aware of the developments than was the author of the resolution. Catherine stated that she was in favor of the Society's attorneys of having the right to strike. They share an extremely heavy caseload. The first strike that she participated in as a new Legal Aid attorney was over the quality of representation. Because of that strike the quality was ~~improved~~ <sup>improved</sup>. The strike is an important part of the Legal Aid Society's ability to represent clients in the long run. In the short-run the strike is having a disasterous effect . Defendants are hurting.

The Chair reminded the meeting that the V.I.D. has already gone on record in support of the Legal Aid Society Attorney's strike.

Jerry Goldfeder (hereafter referred to as Jerry) made a friendly amendment that the first clause in the BE IT RESOLVED section - 1. "Renews, reaffirms and reiterates " be cut down to only one term. This was agreed to by the author of the resolution. He made another friendly amendment that in the same caluse neither -or should be neither - nor. This was also agreed to by the make of the resolution.

Jerry then proposed that the last Whereas clause be reworded. This was not agreed to.

Tony proposed as a friendly amendment that the last Whereas clause - "Whereas the Mayor's recent statements on the Legal Aid Attorneys' strike are merely links on the chain of his numerous anti-labor and anti-union statements." be stricken from the resolution. This was not agreed to and Tony then made it as a amendment to the resolution and was seconded by Mel

Bill stated that he was against the amendment. Koch had intensified his statements and was now the prime mover of anti-strike actions. The right to strike is an absolute right.

Liz Schollenberger (hereafter referred to as Liz) spoke in favor of the amendment. She spoke out in favor of the rights of the defendant and against the union.

Dan Roskoff (hereafter referred to as Dan) stated that Koch is trying to get rid of the Legal Aid Society and put in a public defender system. This was a union busting tactic. He stated that the attack on the Mayor was not disengenous because

if something smells like a skunk, moves like a skunk and acts like a skunk, you should call it a skunk.

Bob Cohen spoke in favor of the amendment and stated that the clause in question does not help the resolution.

Rick spoke in favor of the amendment.

Mel called the question but the body did not agree.

Camille stated that the strike would not have gone on for so long if it had not been for Koch. He could have done a lot to help the situation; instead, his rhetoric has exasperated it. She also stated that the Legal Aid Attorneys' clients have been supportive of the strike.

Eugene Prosnitz spoke in support of the amendment. It would provide for a stronger resolution. Perhaps the body of the last whereas clause should be the subject of a separate resolution. Putting it in the body of the resolution would be unnecessary criticism of the mayor and would be viewed by the public as such.

Tony rose on a point of personal privilege and stated in response to Gene's comments that he agreed with the criticism of the mayor in the resolution except for the last Whereas clause.

Dave stated that there appeared to be a lack of logic here. If the mayor is attempting to strikebust and he has done it in the past, why not attack him.

Keith stated that to make a blanket, gratuitous condemnation of the Mayor's labor record would weaken the resolution.

Stephanie Rogall (hereafter referred to as Stephanie) suggested that maybe we should be more specific, and refer to examples of Koch's anti-union behavior such as the Transit Strike of 1980. Facts do not exist in a vacuum. Koch has a history of being anti-labor.

Norman Correnthal (hereafter referred to as Norman) spoke against the amendment. What is offensive is the attitude that has been demonstrated by City Hall. The Keenan Commission was formed during the strike and in the context of the existence of the strike. The whereas clause, however, should be more specific. The fault reposes squarely on the mayor's head.

Arthur spoke in favor of the amendment. Nothing should be present in the resolution which could be interpreted as a cheap shot.

Jerry spoke in opposition to the amendment. The mayor's actions have led to the length of the strike.

Catherine spoke in favor of the amendment. She expressed fear about the situation and the danger that a public defender's system could be set up, thus destroying the present Legal Aid Society.

Chad Elson (hereafter referred to as Chad) called the question. This move was voted on 14-7 which was sufficient to call the question. The amendment was then voted upon and was overwhelmingly passed.

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Rick offered a friendly amendment to change the term defendants to litigants. This was agreed to. He then proposed the the last sentence in the BE IT RESOLVED part - "The right to strike is at the bedrock of any employe~~e~~-employer relationship# be removed and become the last Whereas clause. This was notaccepted by the maker.

Keith asked what about the plight of the defendants?

Dave called the question and Tony seconded it. ~~EMERGENCY~~ The resolution was passed overwhelmingly with one vote in opposition.

Toney moved that the resolution be an emergency nature and be sent out immediately. Tim was opposed to this. The basic issues must be discussed at the General Meeting. VID resolution ~~never make~~ won't make a difference.

Catheine stated that we have an obligation to present this to legislators immedately. It is incumbent to us to educate and change their minds on this issue. The next two weeks could be crucial.

Liz asked whether the resolution would still be brought up at the General Meeting and the Chair informed her that it would.

Chad stated that it was wrong of us to commit at this time and that further discussion, particularly about the state of the defendants effected by the strike, must be held.

Camille stated that public pressure in the form of the present resolution would expediate help.

Jerry moved to call the question. The question was called and the emergency nature was agreed to with one objection.

Bill THEN Read another resolution supporting a National job march on Washington, citing the serious unemployment problem facing the United States. Disucssion resulted and the resolution was passed.

Bill announced that the next Labor Committee meeting will take place on January 19, 1983 at 8 P.M. at V.I.D.

Carol gave a report of the Political Outreach Committee. She announced that the next meeting will be on January 18, 1983 at 8 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to set up liasons to other political groups in an attempt to work more closely together and, thus, help strengthen the reform movement in New York City.

Jerry Goldfeder proposed a resolution to co-sponsor the JOBS WITH PEACE campaign in New York. This was agreed to and Jerry stated that the next Jobs with Peace meeting would be sometime in the end of January, 1983.

Stephanie gave the report of the Human Rights Committee. She stated that on January 5, 1983 the Council Committees will be choosen. This is important in regard to the future of a Gay Rights Bill which already has 16 sponsors. Each person should call his/her councilmember and ask what they are doing to support the bill.

Norman asked that a letter be sent to the Sixth Precinct praising the actions of a certain Politce Officer who rescued a drowning man from the Hudson. He aslo asked that we go on record in praising the man who rescued the blind guy from the subway tracks several weeks ago. These were both agreed to unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned. until January 10, 1983 at 7:30.

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The following people were present at the December 27, 1982 Executive Committee Meeting: ~~XXXX~~ Meryl Berman, Rick Braun, Jerry Goldfeder, Camille Abate, Carol Feinman, John Mark, Anothony Hoffmann, Catherine Abate, Daniel Roskoff, ~~Betsy~~ Lisa Briskman, David Comacho, John Cataldo, John Colangelo, Norman Correnthal, Keith Crandell, Chad Elson, Mel Goodstein, John Howe, Rose James, Harry Midden-dorf, Betsy Naylor, Liz Schollenberger, Ruth Sherlip, Arthur Stoliar, Bill van Felix.

The following members were absent: Ilene Zucker, Betsy Bassan, Mary Bluzer, Jim Briggs, David Brownstein, Herman Gerson, Neil Gettnick, Ed Gold, Rick Hartzman, Arlene Lowell, Star Sandow, Phil Schwartz, Clarence Thompson, Amy Wyman.