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Workers' Victory!

A protest organized by the Durham Health Collective NAM Chapter (formerly Margaret Sanger NAM) forced the management of the Duke Medical Center to back off of its proposal to change the pay schedule so that hospital workers would finish the year with a week's less pay. The successful protest represented a significant advance in a five month effort to organize Duke hospital workers in which NAM has played a key role.

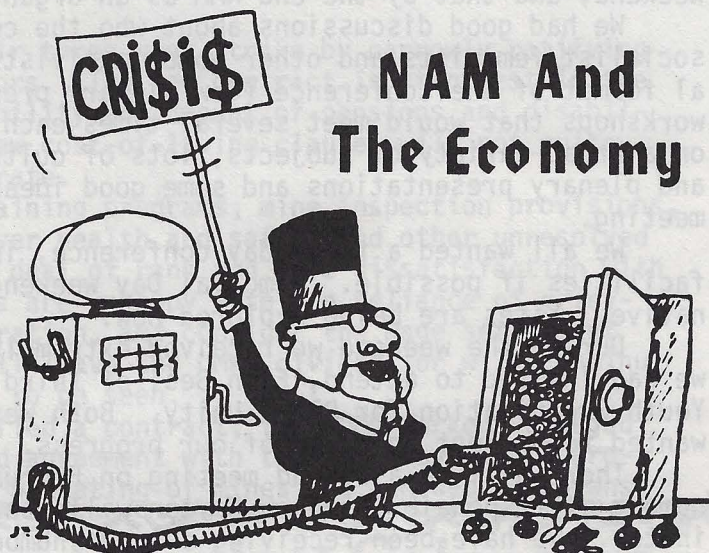
Upon hearing of the proposed pay plan, the Durham Health Collective put out a memo informing workers of the plan, conducted a petition drive that resulted in 1300 signatures protesting the move, held a mass meeting of 200 workers, organized lunch hour picketing and succeeded in getting black and white workers to act together for the first time.

Durham Health Collective's participation in the five month old organizing drive has included a weekly newsletter, assistance in organizing around a number of anti-worker actions on the part of Duke and the formation of a militant rank and file caucus.

The Durham Health Collective has also initiated a free health screening project as a service component for their organizing work.



NAM And The Economy



The NIC Economy Committee is currently developing a program for organizing around national economic issues. This development will begin with a "Week of Teach-ins and Community Forums on the Economy" to be held Feb. 2-9. The forums and teach-ins will be designed to relate to local chapter practice so that they may be used as a beginning for related organizing activities thereafter.

In early January chapters should receive packets of information containing a speakers' list, an article presenting a general ideological thrust for the teach-ins/forums, ideas about how to organize them, and references for background information.

The packets will also include ideas on how to utilize the teach-ins/forums as a basis for longer range organizing activities. Among these will be information on unemployment counseling, utility organizing, actions on food prices, and a program on national health insurance.

The information will be coordinated by Judy McLean and the Pittsburgh chapter. All inquiries should be sent to her at 6861 Pennsylvania Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15208.

S-F Conference

Concrete planning for the Socialist/Feminist Conference began the weekend of Nov. 16-17, when the first steering committee meeting took place in Dayton. There were representatives from the Twin Cities Women's Union (Minneapolis-St. Paul), Boston Area Socialist/Feminist organization, Valley Women's Union (Northampton, Mass.), Radical Women (Seattle), Lexington Socialist/Feminist groups and NAM Women's Caucus. Though those of us in NAM had a lot of advance fears, we all felt the weekend went very well and was very productive. Everyone shared a serious, nonsectarian attitude toward making the conference a reality and there was a surprising level of political unity.

There was strong agreement about making the conference a working meeting of organizers and activists to discuss strategy and concrete organizing around specific programs, as well as the broad theoretical implications of socialist/feminism. No one wanted a conference only on theory, as had been feared by some NAM members. It was decided that the conference would not be in any way an attempt to launch a national organization, although various kinds of follow-up were discussed. There were apparently no bad feelings toward NAM's initiating role. In fact, we felt the NAM representatives offered a great deal of leadership during the whole weekend, and that by the end NAM as an organization was very well respected.

We had good discussions about who the conference should attempt to speak to (basically socialist/feminists and other women activists who may or may not be s/f), and about the general format of the conference (few plenary presentations, a small number of strategy/program workshops that would meet several times each, a large number of workshops meeting once each on a broad variety of subjects, lots of cultural events). We brainstormed about workshops and plenary presentations and some good ideas came out. Decisions will be made at the next meeting.

We all wanted a three-day conference, in an informal setting with recreational and sports facilities if possible. Memorial Day weekend was the preferred date, with late June an alternative. Sites are being explored now.

During the weekend we received extremely supportive letters from two Third World women we had invited to attend, Fran Beal of Third World Women's Alliance and Joyce Johnson of Youth Organization for Black Unity. Both were in agreement with plans for the conference and wanted to be kept informed of our progress.

There will be a second meeting on February 8-9 in Lexington. Meanwhile each group has a number of responsibilities. Dayton will continue to be the correspondence center and co-ordinator. We have been receiving a large number of letters--both from inside and outside NAM. Still, we have the general feeling that people in NAM are perhaps not taking the conference seriously enough, or understanding its strategic significance to NAM and the left. We hope to hear from more women in NAM about what they would like to see happen at the conference, what needs of theirs it might fill, and what work they are doing now within NAM. If any individual or chapter has had a good deal of organizing experience that they feel would be valuable to share and evaluate at the conference, let us know about it. We want more input from NAM members!

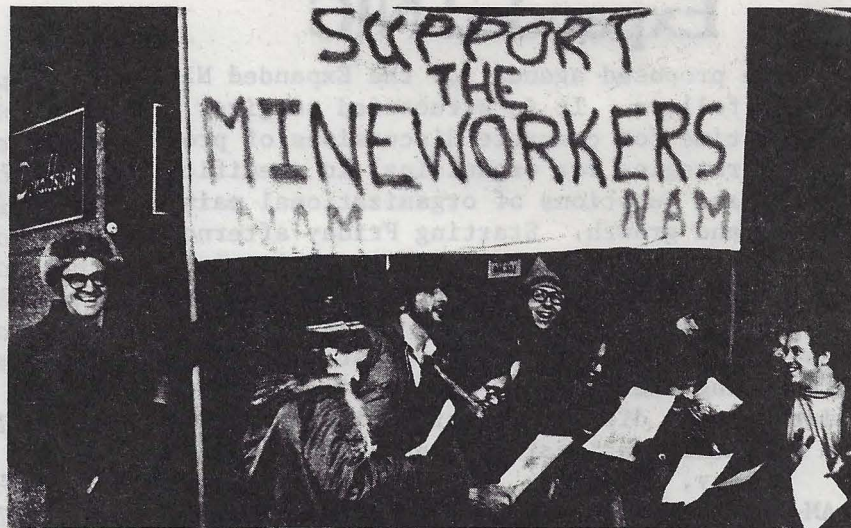
Finally, massive publicity will not begin until after our next meeting. There should not be anything printed in mass publications yet. A letter that describes the planning for the conference to date is being prepared for limited distribution in the interim.

For more information, write Socialist/Feminist Conference, Dayton Women's Center, 1309 North Main, Dayton, OH 45405.

--Julia Reichert



NAM SUPPORTS MINEWORKERS



NAM played a significant national role in mobilizing support of the miners' strike. Chapters in Pittsburgh, Durham-Chapel Hill, Boston, Minneapolis, the Bay area, Los Angeles, Dayton, Columbia, Providence, Philadelphia, Chicago, Ann Arbor and Amherst helped organize picketing, speaking events, press conferences, fund-raising and leafleting. NAM efforts in supporting the UMWA focused on gaining publicity for the miners' side of the strike, and building unity among working people around their strike.

The United Mineworkers of America settled their three week strike by narrowly ratifying the second proposed contract presented by negotiators. The new contract is strongest in the area of benefits, with greatly increased eligibility and amount of pensions and disability insurance. The wage settlement, including a new cost-of-living clause, will not quite keep most miners up with inflation at the present rate.

The contract also contains improved safety training programs, mine inspection provisions, and a streamlined grievance procedure. Disputes over health and safety and other unresolved grievances will culminate in arbitration. A great deal of rank and file dissatisfaction with the pact has surfaced in the last week. Many mines are unhappy with the reliance of grievance procedures and safety determinations on arbitration, and consider the wage settlement too low. Whether this militancy and opposition will leave the UMWA divided, or will continue to strengthen it as a rank and file union, remains to be seen.

Though the main body of UMWA members has ratified a contract, the 4000 workers engaged in mining-related construction have not yet reached agreement with their employers. A prolonged impasse in these negotiations could lead to picketing of mines and renewed shutdowns.

AIM Tour

Ellen Moves Camp, chairperson of the Wounded Knee Legal Defense/Offense Committee, is currently on a speaking tour of six NAM chapters in Durham, the Boston area, Ithaca, Providence, and Chicago.

Gladys Bissonette was originally scheduled for the tour, but had to testify in Lincoln, Neb., in a hearing on the validity of the 1868 Fort Laramie Treaty between the Sioux Nation and the US Government. The treaty issue was raised during the St. Paul trial of Dennis Banks and Russell Means but was never resolved because the charges were dismissed on other grounds--specifically, government misconduct. The trials of other Wounded Knee defendants in Lincoln have raised the treaty issue again, and a hearing has been scheduled to begin the 16th of this month to determine the treaty's validity.

Another speaking tour from AIM for NAM chapters will be scheduled after the first of the year. Write the Wounded Knee Taskforce of the Mpls. chapter, 2421 E. Franklin Av., for more information.

--Tom Schade

Peoples' Calendars

Aren't you tired of calendars that only say: 1,2,3,4, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Christmas? Don't you wonder why your calendar has nothing to say about all those days when people did things worth remembering?

Well, this year, by george, you can have a real calendar, a calendar that takes a stand and puts its politics where its dates are. This year you can have a calendar that tells you about other people and other times because the revolution's consumer products division has prepared three exciting people's history calendars. Order some today. They really really work!

The Pittsburgh People's History Calendar, \$3 plus 25¢ for postage from NAM, POB 8224, Pittsburgh, PA. 15217.

The Minnesota Homefires Calendar, \$2 from the Minnesota People's History Project, 123 E. 26th. St., Minneapolis, MN., 55404.

The Wisconsin People's History Calendar, \$2.50 from the History of Wisconsin's People Project, 121 Corry Street, Madison, Wis. 53704.

Expanded NIC

The proposed agenda for the Expanded NIC meeting follows. It is structured to give maximum time for concrete discussions of program (strategies for organizing) in specific arenas, and questions of organizational maintenance and growth. Starting Friday afternoon, three committees are scheduled to begin meeting: "national program," workplace/trade union organizing, and community organizing. These committees will also meet at least twice more during the weekend, integrating questions raised in the discussions of socialist feminism and multi-national movement building.

Friday, January 4

- 9 AM--informal discussions and socializing for people who arrive early
- Noon--overview report and discussion of national and international trends and the state of the organization: a general discussion of developments in the society, NAM and the left, including prospects for the party
- 2 PM--small group discussions in 3 groups: national program, community and workplace organizing*
- 4:30 PM--supper and free time
- 7 PM--evaluation of regional structures and regional leadership
- 8:30 PM--report from the National Office and discussion of national organizational needs and tasks

Saturday, January 5

- 9 AM--political economy: two overviews and discussion of the current economic crisis and evaluation of NAM's program work around the coal strike, unemployment and labor
- 11 AM--meeting of the 3 committees*
- 12:30 PM--lunch
- 2 PM--women's and men's caucuses
- 4 PM--a plenary and report evaluating NAM's practice in building a multi-national organization
- 5 PM--meeting of the 3 committees*
- 7 PM--supper, discussions (informal) of politics and culture, free time

Sunday, January 6

- 9 AM--administrative committees, and a regional structure committee of representatives from each region
- 11 AM--committee reports
- 1 PM--lunch
- 2:30 PM--final plenary, decisions

*other committees can meet as needed

NIC, RIC and regional representatives, NAM folks and observers planning to attend the Expanded NIC meeting in Pittsburgh should write Bob Nelson, c/o Pittsburgh NAM, P.O. Box 8224, Pittsburgh, PA 15217, at least one week in advance so that housing can be arranged. They should also send their names to the NO in order to receive any pre-ExNIC mailings.

NAMLIT

Just in time for that last minute Christmas shopping, the NAM Political Perspective has been restored to the shelves of the National Office. We've been out since mid-October (hence our delay in filling literature orders), while the final draft of the revised Racism section (passed at the last convention) wound its way through the NIC. We then laid it out anew, with many more stunning graphics and collages, and are poised now to ship it to the four corners of the earth in response to the wild demand. Suitably red, it is the correct gift to stuff in the stocking of the socialist of your choice.

The cost is still two bits a copy, but due to inflation the bulk rate is now 15¢ apiece for ten or more.

Other sure-fire Christmas pleasers from the National Office:

Revolution and Democracy--pamphlet by Frank Ackerman and Harry Boyte. 50¢ a copy; 30¢ @ ten or more.

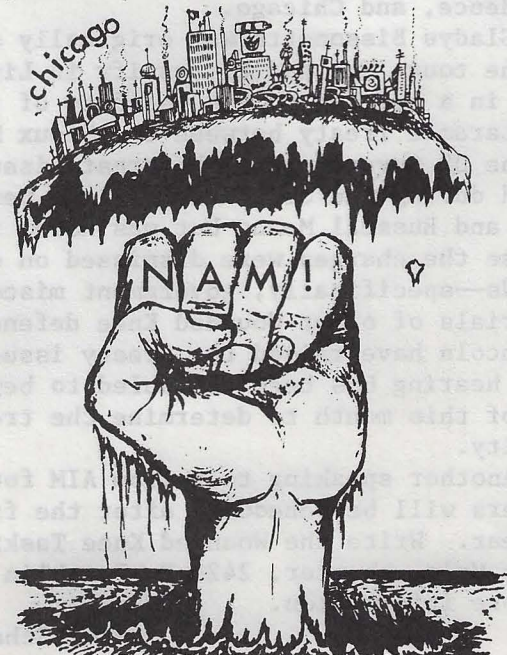
Discussion Bulletin #2 (50¢), 4, 7 & 8 -- bimonthly compilation of articles and reports on a wide range of topics important to NAM. \$1 per copy.

Attica--pamphlet prepared by Amherst, Dayton and Hocking Valley chapters. 25¢ per copy; 10¢ for 10 or more.

On Integrating the Personal and the Political - paper written by Judy Henderson for 1972 Thanksgiving Socialist/Feminist conference. 10¢.

Party & Class--reprint of the Boyte/Ackerman-Silber debate in the Guardian, with summations and the Lexington party-building resolution. 50¢ a copy; 30¢ @ for 10 or more.

New American Movement--monthly newspaper of NAM, providing a Left analysis of the news and debates on strategy for the socialist movement. 35¢ apiece, or a 1-year subscription for \$4. Available from 6025 Shattuck Av., Oakland, CA 94609.



Save The Peace Agreement

January 27th marks the second anniversary of the signing of the Paris Peace Agreement. Recent dramatic events could signal a new turning point in Indochina. In South Vietnam the Third Force has been organizing public demonstrations against corruption, repression, poverty and war. The rise of urban resistance, a collapsing economy and cut backs in U.S. aid (due to pressure from anti-war forces) have combined to seriously threaten the continuation of the Thieu regime. Thieu has responded with violent police repression of the demonstrations and threats to implement the "Comet Plan" which would physically annihilate the leadership and organizations of the Third Force. The Lon Nol regime in Cambodia has even less legitimacy and viability despite the failure to unseat the Lon Nol UN delegation. This is a time when action in the U.S. and among concerned people throughout the world can be decisive.

The United Campaign for Peace in Indochina is organizing an Assembly to Save the Peace Agreement in Washington, January 25-27, in order to 1) visibly protest U.S. responsibility for prolonging the war in Cambodia and South Vietnam, 2) put pressure on Congress to counteract expected Pentagon requests for supplemental military aid, 3) give active support for the struggles of Vietnamese people to implement the Peace Agreement, 4) help to organize campaigns for reconstruction, and 5) call attention to the distortion of economic priorities which place defense of empire above human needs.

The program includes a conference with plenaries and workshops on the situation in Indochina today, the strategy to end the war, and the nuts and bolts of local and statewide organizing against the war. Leading Indochina



NEWSPAPERS BEING BURNED IN PROTEST AGAINST CENSORSHIP IN SAIGON

specialists will serve as resource people, and American and Vietnamese cultural presentations will occur. Following the conference will be a major public convocation in the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church with a Third Force Vietnamese among those speaking. At the close of the convocation, a march will go from the church to the White House. On Monday morning members of Congress and experts on Indochina Legislation will conduct briefings to prepare participants to lobby Congress to cut aid.

NAM members and contacts are strongly encouraged to attend the Assembly or organize events in their own areas. For more information contact Peace Assembly, 120 Maryland Ave. NE, Washington, Columbia.20002. Tel. (202) 546-8646

WELCOME TO NAM!
**four new chapters & one pre-chapter
joined NAM last month:**

DUKE UNIVERSITY
UNIV. OF PENN.
PROVIDENCE
N.Y. METROPOLITAN
SUFFOLK COUNTY (pre)

JOIN NAM!

Speakers Bureau

The NAM Speakers' Bureau is still in the process of getting itself together, and the search continues for fresh faces, great raps and lively entertainment. The Bureau could put NAM on the radical speaking tour map, and provide chapters with the opportunity for fund-raising and political education.

If chapters and individuals know of anyone who ought to be a member of the Bureau, they can receive an information sheet with questions for the budding speaker/entertainer from Julia Reichert, 215 Superior, Dayton, OH 45406.

NIC NOTES

The National Interim Committee met for three days, Nov. 21-4, in Chicago. The following describes some of what transpired there, and motions passed. Some topics are covered elsewhere in this issue as well; complete notes will appear in Discussion Bulletin 9.

Friday morning opened with chapter and regional reports. Again, many of the stronger chapters were active and prospering, while others were doing little and having a hard time. Several new chapters--in Philadelphia, Durham, Providence, New York City and Los Angeles--had sprung up during October-November, and many chapters were engaged in UMWA support work (see separate article). The question was raised--but never resolved--about what the NIC and National Office could do to help struggling chapters get on their feet.

John Judis then gave a State of the World report, describing the period of capitalist expansion from WW2 to 1968, and the decline since then. He described some of the factors underlying this, and indicated the sharpening contradictions and possibilities for organizing that characterize the present period.

The afternoon was devoted to a discussion of long-range strategy. Papers were presented by Joel Blau, Mark Mericle, Patty Lee Parmalee, Frank Ackerman, Harry Boyte and Miles Mogulescu.

Summaries: Blau--we must break out of our isolation by focusing our organizing efforts on "our sector" of the working class--white collar workers--in the next 3-5 years; Mericle--we must reject strategic alliances with liberals, develop more coherent national organization and become cadre-oriented, emphasize organizing campuses and unorganized workers, and build a new party by organizing a left-wing bloc of groups around us; Parmalee--we should not focus on any one sector of the working class, reject alliances with liberal leadership, develop a more serious anti-racist focus, pick programs that emphasize activism rather than passivity, and select from the left tradition those ideas in harmony with our principles.

Ackerman--we should reject left-liberal alliances, organize in the workplace around groups already active rather than through exhortations to workplace organizing, become involved in community and workplace organizing around unemployment counseling, food stamps, public works, and not expect any left-wing bloc to emerge; Boyte--we need programs to follow UMWA work to provide chapters with organizing links, links that must be built by expanding the ways we do political education, while continuing in economic coalitions that may produce tactical alliances with liberals at the local level, and setting organizing as our primary focus; Mogulescu--because mass organization does not seem possible now, we should solidify cadre organization of organizers and work in federations with other cadre groups, while building a united front including more than socialists, leading to a mass intermediate organization or party.

Despite the range of questions addressed and the often contradictory conclusions drawn, several issues were generally shared: cadre v. mass; working class development in the next 3-5 years; what sector(s) to organize; left-liberal alliances v. doing NAM socialist organizing.

Subsequent responses were as wide-ranging and sometimes vague as the papers. They pointed up the need to clarify points of agreement and disagreement, to sharpen formulations, and to speak to concrete situations. Roberta Lynch agreed to go through the papers and begin this task.

Friday night the discussion turned to short-range strategy, focusing on the role of the NO in spurring organizational growth and development. Scott Jackson proposed that the NO move to become the political and organizing center of NAM, the day-to-day coordinator of programs and program development. To do this the NO would have to expand its staff and have three of its members elected to the NIC and NO at the next convention. Roberta Lynch proposed the Political/Administrative Committee as an immediate transition to an eventually elected office staff; the NIC-PAC would meet between NIC meetings to coordinate ongoing NIC work and make decisions necessary to the smooth functioning of NAM.

Both proposals met with general agreement, though there were questions about the abruptness and expense of Jackson's, and how quickly it could be enacted. *A motion was passed that NIC people travel to chapters after NIC meetings to discuss the national organization and to strengthen national-local ties.*

The state of the Mass Party was debated. Joel Blau, NAM liaison to the NIC-MPP, described the present situation: two functioning chapters (NYC and Columbia); not flourishing, just hanging on until things pick up; no local NAM efforts at party-building. Ted Glick, Columbia at-large member and part of the MPP group there, agreed that the Mass Party was poorly defined, with no real programmatic work, but felt that the time was still ripe and that NAM hadn't followed through on its resolution on party-building passed in Lexington. He said that the perspective in the MPP was as a cadre group which would organize a larger mass united front party.

John Judis said that the Bay area MPP group's perspective had been different, and that NAM should take a position on which perspective it favored. The general feeling was that the MPP was presently without substance, that NAM should build itself to build the party, and that a party would emerge from strong organizations through mutual practice rather than individual efforts.

Saturday morning was devoted to program committee reports:

Economic committee--Frank Ackerman reviewed UMWA support work: why the manual was late (shipped 4th class from Columbia by the Institute for Policy Studies, which printed it); stance toward the union (too early to determine if it had sold out); continued support for original demands and right to strike. General agreement to avoid left error of entering union to break it up, and right error of uncritical support of the leadership. A struggle orientation toward all alliances was encouraged.

The War Resisters League proposal for a demonstration in Columbia in early spring around inflation and unemployment was discussed. A coalition of old peace groups and others are working on it. *Motions: (1) Barbara Ehrenreich be a NAM representative to the coalition (has been attending meetings) (2) Patty Lee Parmalee be NIC representative (3) should consult with NIC economy committee (4) should advance NAM in coalition (5) should be high level of involvement.* It was also recommended that NAM strive for similar programs in the various coalitions on the economy it is in.

Programmatic proposals were aired--unemployment counseling, national health insurance, defense cutbacks and reconversion--and the economic teach-ins/community forums assigned to Judy McLean and Pittsburgh NAM for coordination and distribution of materials (see separate article).

Anti-imperialist committee--reported on the upcoming AIM tour (see separate article) and recommended that Tom Schade of Minneapolis NAM accompany the AIM speaker. It was accepted only on the condition that Schade and Minneapolis NAM raise the funds. *A motion to endorse the Indochina Assembly on January 27 in Columbia and encourage nearby chapters to send one or two representatives, was passed.*

Anti-racist committee--*motion that NAM select a specific program with racism as its focus, and mandate California chapters to formulate that program.*

Recent support work was reviewed. General agreement that it has been useful for education and fundraising, but that tours should be limited to a few each year. Criticisms of our PSP work were raised: lack of NIC direction and guidance, its inability to define Kevin Connors tasks (he was part-time PSP coordinator) and Joel Blau's role as NAM liaison to the Solidarity Day Committee, and its response to Interboro. *Motions: (1) L.A. NAM's pamphlet on Puerto Rico be reprinted for national distribution (2) Joel Blau, Marilyn Katz and Ted Glick be NAM representatives to the PSP Continuations Committee.*

Campus committee--"Toward a Revolutionary Student Movement" will be laid out by Radcliffe-Harvard NAM and printed if there are funds. They also want old SDS pamphlets on starting student chapters for reprinting and names of chapter campus contacts (send all campus-related information to Radcliffe-Harvard NAM, c/o Burns/Carlip, 53 Shepard St., Cambridge, MA 02138).

On Saturday afternoon the National Office debate was joined. The alternatives were presented: Scott Jackson, Ted Outwater and/or David Ranney (until June if NO moved to Chicago) in Minneapolis until June or forever; Jackson, Outwater, Ranney and/or Roberta Lynch (willing only to work with Ranney) in Chicago now or in June; Outwater, Lynch (willing only to work with McCourt) and/or Jeff McCourt in Pittsburgh now or in June. After airing the pros and cons of the proposed cities, and a brief questioning of candidates that proved them all qualified, individual NIC members indicated their preference. The first roll call produced seven for Jackson-Outwater in Minneapolis until a possible move to Chicago in June, and seven for Ranney-Lynch in Chicago now. A final decision was postponed until Sunday morning.

At that time differences were again stated--that the move was expensive, hasty and potentially disruptive, that Chicago chapters were too weak and unenthusiastic to provide much support, that creating a political center in the organization without discussing the politics of that center was backwards; versus the stimulation of an immediate move to a major political center, the necessity of taking a risk, the benefits of having a NIC member in the NO and a Political/Administrative Committee that would create a more politically coherent center to the organization (see separate article). The final score was Chicago 8 (Lynch, McLean, Larsen, Katz, Judis, Carlip, Burns and Healey--the swing vote) and Minneapolis 6 (Boyte, Ackerman, Stanley, Blau, Parmalee and the NO).

The Organizational Bureau was mandated to work out a transitional program for the move with the old and new office staffs. *Motion: that a committee (Lynch, Healey, Mericle and Julia Reichert, with Ranney sitting in) be set up to define the tasks of the new NIC-PAC and present a proposal to the Expanded NIC for debate and approval.*

Saturday evening the newspaper came under NIC scrutiny. Several divergent proposals were offered: that the newspaper become a news journal, moving away from news coverage toward more Marxist analyses of the world; that it focus on mass struggles and NAM activities; that it report on the status of national programs; that it have no primary focus, but emphasize a balance of analysis and practice; that it deal with the concerns of everyday life; that it embed mass struggles in a larger context, and focus on NAM's theoretical positions on larger issues; that it come out more often and become a real news paper. *Motions: (1) a better "What is NAM Doing" column (2) a larger box explaining what NAM is with names of NIC members (3) incorporate into the opinion page a monthly editorial written by NIC members, preferably on controversial subjects.* The first editorial, written by Frank Ackerman for the January issue, will address the economy; a second shorter article on the reasons behind the new editorial policy will be written by Patty Lee Parmalee.

Sunday morning, after mopping up the NO and newspaper discussions, the NIC meeting continued with reports from the women's caucus and administrative committees:

Women's caucus--the report dealt with the Socialist/Feminist Conference (see separate article). There was general agreement that the conference should open with programmatic workshops rather than theoretical debates, and that NAM act as an independent force on the steering committee. The two points of unity for the conference are support for autonomous women's groups in the revolutionary process, and that struggles around class, race, sex and sexual preference must be waged simultaneously. Questions were raised about building NAM through the conference, and the difference between planning a conference and developing socialist feminist programs.

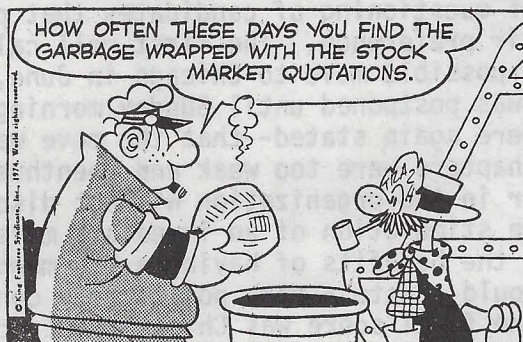
Motions: (1) use the conference for outreach, with NIC members communicating ideas to chapters and getting feedback from them (2) NIC members find out about socialist feminist practice in chapters--to be coordinated by Judy McLean (3) NAM representatives to the conference steering committee move that decisions be made on the basis of motions and majority rule rather than consensus. Marilyn Katz agreed to coordinate a CLUW newsletter intended to include people outside NAM and to write chapters about it.

Finance committee--the NO will prepare a financial report; Marilyn Katz will coordinate compiling a fundraising manual for chapters and members that will ask chapters to return a game-plan for local fundraising; and a motion to rescind the decision of the last NIC meeting to assess all local fundraising projects 25% for the national organization, substituting instead a proposal that all projects that raise money include an adequate accounting of NO input and expenses and include that in the cost of the project. Other fundraising ideas were suggested, and Roberta Lynch and David Ranney agreed to write a Christmas fundraising letter asking for money to pay for the office move.

Organizational bureau--no brilliant success yet in locating a dynamite Labor Day convention site; while the search continues Richard Healey was asked to indicate strong interest short of cash in Ravenswood Camp outside Chicago, with a lake, cabins and a tent for large meetings (other suggestions should be sent to Healey, 5731 S. Blackstone, Chicago, IL 60637).

Publications and political education committee--Roberta Lynch's introduction to the newly redone Political Perspective (see separate article) will be revised and inserted. Readings on energy and the economy will be mailed out for national political education in anticipation of the economic teach-ins/community forums. In January NIC Notes will become a two-page summary sent to chapters immediately following NIC meetings and incorporated into the next Moving On.

The NIC meeting closed on Sunday afternoon with a diffident discussion of the Expanded NIC (see separate article). Some will it be like the National meeting? Should it focus on structure, or the larger political/economic context? Emphasize large group discussion much structured time and how talking? Focus on a few areas more topics superficially? discussions? It was agreed to a general overview and the prospects. Some areas will focus on future programs. All areas will attempt to place programs within a larger analytic and strategic context. On to the Expanded NIC!



of the questions included: Council, or just a big NIC program and organizational political/economic context? Emphasize large group discussion much structured time and how talking? Focus on a few areas more topics superficially? discussions? It was agreed to a general overview and the prospects. Some areas will focus on future programs. All areas will attempt to place programs within a larger analytic and strategic context. On to the Expanded NIC!



Anti Racist March

"The eyes of the nation and the world are focused on Boston. The December 14 demonstration against racist violence will show that the vast majority of Bostonians, black, brown, yellow and white, stand on the side of human rights and justice and oppose mob violence against all school children.

"We also call on justice loving people from all fifty states to come to Boston and join our freedom march.

"We must link our arms, black and white, and march together for the right of all school children to go to any school in safety. Let our voices and our presence say: 'No to institutionalized racism, no to racist mob violence, no to racism in education.' Our message will be heard around the world."

--State Senator-elect William Owens
Massachusetts Legislative Black Caucus

A National Freedom March and Rally for Human Dignity/Against Racism has been called



by the Emergency Committee for a National Mobilization Against Racism in Boston on December 14. People will assemble at the Government Center at 1 p.m. NAM is one of over fifty organizations to endorse the march and rally, and chapters, members and friends are strongly encouraged to attend.

Dues & Fundraising

For a young organization, NAM has had another successful and challenging year. This year we put out even more local and national energy; energy that went into programs like the campaign to impeach wazhisname, support activities for the PSP, AIM, UFW, and UMW, and effective local organizing for community control of redevelopment, health care, rent control, utilities, and day care, to name just a few.

Internally, NAM has continued to be a democratic, non-sectarian organization. Study groups, debate and discussion go unstifled as we continue to evaluate NAM, its goals, programs and structures. The National Interim Committee has started to develop coherent organization and leadership. Regional committees have been established to facilitate communication and cooperation among neighboring chapters. And the groundwork has been laid for moving the national office to Chicago, a major political center, and a member of the NIC, Roberta Lynch, will be working in the office.

NAM remains a realistic, activist organization...one that invests its energies in programs that will build a working class movement for socialism. It's an investment in people and for people, and the profits have been gratifying: we now have over 40 chapters and 800 members!

If insecurity breeds creativity, then financially NAM is in a healthy bind. Our commitments continue to outstrip our income, aggravated by the fact that some members have yet to pay their dues. The NO has sent out reminders, but realistically dues are not enough. All of us must share responsibility for fundraising and part of that money should be earmarked for the NO.

Fundraising doesn't have to be a drag. Parties and rummage sales, benefits by local musicians, forums and speaking engagements: all of these can bring in money while raising NAM's visibility; and all of these are an opportunity to talk to new people and make new contacts.

A fundraising manual is being prepared by the NIC finance committee. Questions and suggestions should be sent to the chairperson: Marilyn Katz, 850 Hyperion Av., Los Angeles, CA 90026.

Office To Chicago

At its November meeting, the NIC voted to make some significant changes in the location and function of the National Office as it relates to the NIC.

Provisions of the NIC resolution include: moving the National Office to Chicago by February, establishing a Political/Administrative Committee of the NIC to work closely with the NO, and hiring Roberta Lynch (Pittsburgh NAM and the NIC) and David Ranney (Iowa City NAM) to staff the new office.

The idea behind this decision is to make the NO more of a political center which can assist the NIC in developing a national program and leading NAM toward greater political coherence.

To aid in the transition, Ted Outwater and John Welch are helping in the NO during December. Linda Elston, after two years of dedicated and exemplary service in the office, will leave on December 15 to put all her energy into local chapter work. Scott Jackson, full-time staffer since September, will be employed until the end of December and provide assistance to the new staff in January. David Ranney and Roberta Lynch will join the office in January.

MIDWEST ACADEMY

The Midwest Academy will hold three training sessions in 1975: on January 12-24, April 6-18 and July 6-18. The training will focus on: 1. Organizational principles--assessing the needs of constituents, developing strategies, choosing tactics, planning a successful action; 2. Organizational skills--holding and chairing meetings, press and media, fundraising, leadership development, recruitment, and researching the power structure; 3. Organizational context--understanding the economic and social forces that shape our organizing, learning from past struggles and critiquing current efforts.

Interested people should apply now for the January session. NAM members are eligible for the 2-for-1 rate (2 for \$500).

Write Midwest Academy, 600 W. Fullerton Av., Chicago, IL 60614, for further information and application forms.

DIRECT ACTION ORGANIZING

Each chapter should order at least one copy of Direct Action Organizing: A Handbook for Women by Heather Booth, numbers 1 and 2, and one copy of Direct Action Organizing 3 by Steve Max from the Midwest Academy, 600 West Fullerton, Chicago, IL 60614. \$2

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