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VDC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

December 7, 1965

University of California
204 Engineering Bldg.

7:30 - 11:30 PM

Approximate Attendance - 250

Chairman - Bob Hurwitt

Persons Mentioned in Report:

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| 1) Bob Hurwitt | 8) Jerry Rubin |
| 2) Mo Hirsh | 9) Windy Smith |
| 3) Bill Miller | 10) Mike Delacour |
| 4) John Reed | 11) Willard Blank |
| 5) Bettina Apetheker | 12) Gene Eagle |
| 6) Marv Davidoff | 13) Jack Weinberg |
| 7) Cathy Taylor | 14) Steve Cherkoss |

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VDC Agenda

I. Announcements

1. Jabberwak - VDC Benefit to be held December 13 and every Monday night thereafter.
2. VDC campus education this Thursday night - VDC office
3. Organization of Free University at MO HIRSH's house, 841 Coventry Rd. - 8:30 PM.
4. Finance report by BILL MILLER - Finances getting much better, more pledges coming in everyday.
5. Christmas Eve leafleting of all churches possible in Bay Area. JOHN REED will head this project, and will concentrate mostly on the midnight masses and morning church services.
6. San Mateo rally - Thursday. BETTINA APETHEKER spoke about this being another FSM. SDS, VDC, DUBOIS CLUB and FSU delegations are going to San Mateo Thursday.
7. MARV DAVIDOFF and CATHY TAYLOR added to VDC paid staff.
8. ASUC poll will be held to show how many people on campus of University of California are opposed to the war.
9. VDC picket of Vice President Humphrey at the San Francisco Airport Friday. Time to be announced later.

II. NCC Convention report given by JERRY RUBIN.

Jerry explained in detail the problems that arose at the convention. He then began to illustrate what the

National Coordinating Committee should do to build an effective peace movement in the U. S. and abroad.

Jerry's proposal was as follows:

1. "Myself and some other people from Berkeley VDC like WINDY SMITH and MIKE DELACOUR should go to Madison, Wisconsin and help in setting up an efficient and effective NCC."
2. Budget for the NCC should be around 60 to 1000,000 dollars per year.
3. A very large organization
4. 20 - 25 full-time paid staff workers
5. Four regional sections
6. 3 - 5 travelling organizers
7. Two full-time financial organizers
8. Full-time person to organize travelling teach-in speakers.
9. Move NCC from Madison to Chicago

Jerry points out these are only a few of the things that he would try to enact.

January 28-29 the NCC Steering Committee will meet and will decide then where the NCC will move.

Next International days of protest are March 25-26.

III. AFL-CIO Convention

WILLARD BLANK (ph. sp.) from WUPA spoke about the demonstration to be held outside the convention Saturday. The demonstration will be in Civic Center Plaza starting at 2:00 PM. After rally, the demonstrators will march over to the convention hall and submit a

petition to demand the Union to come out strongly against the U. S. intervention in Vietnam.

WUPA wants VDC to support the demonstration as an organization and to help leaflet the delegates (demanding the delegates vote against Meeney's proposal that the AFL-CIO support very strongly the administration's policy in Vietnam). WUPA also wants VDC to help write the leaflets, make picket signs and furnish at least one speaker. VDC agreed to do all this.

MR. WILLARD BLANK also pointed out to VDC that they face a lot of physical danger when they give out the leaflets and attend the rally. Mr. Blank stated that he had been warned by many union people that WUPA or anybody else had better not turn out for any type of demonstration or leafleting. VDC members reacted as though this added excitement to the whole demonstration.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. GENE EAGLE spoke out very strongly against JERRY RUBIN as to his being a self-centered egotistical bastard. During his talk the point was once again brought out that JACK WEINBERG wrote the Soldier Leaflet. After this was said, BOB HURWITT spoke up and said for the benefit of any agents who are here, the Soldier Leaflet was not written by one person and let this be final. It was written by a

group of people whom we can't even remember.

(Everyone laughed at this point.)

2. After discussion of the WUPA demonstration by MR. WILLARD BLANK, STEVE CHERKOSS and MR. WILLARD BLANK went outside of the room with their arms around each other and talked for about thirty minutes.