

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF DR. W.E.B. DU BOIS AND HIS ASSOCIATES  
in the Peace Information Center

MINUTES  
May 16, 1951

16-18 West 29 Street  
New York 1, N.Y.

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Present: Rev. Vertanes, Mr. Schutzer, Mr. Stern, Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Moos,  
Mr. McCanns, Miss Citron, Miss Soloff, Mr. Smith, Mr. Kahn, Mr. Elkin,  
Mr. Kranz, Mr. Wilkerson

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REPORT BY MR. SCHUTZER, AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

Mr. Schutzer presented to the body an inspiring report of activities the A.L.P. has outlined on this case.

- a. It will be a major issue
  - b. Dr. Du Bois will speak at a conference of A.L.P. leaders on Friday, May 18, 1951 to launch the campaign.  
A collection will be taken at the meeting to help our committee.
  - c. A three page fact sheet based on material from our committee will be prepared on this case.
  - d. The A.L.P. Clubs will organize neighborhood activities to send wires of protest; contact local leaders for support; collect funds; invite speakers from the committee to club meetings.
- Mr. Schutzer proposed that the broadest type of meeting be organized for September with a small admission fee and on a large scale.

REPORT ON TOUR FOR DR. W.E.B. DU BOIS

Information was received at this meeting that the Progressive Party has undertaken to organize meetings nationally during the summer for Dr. Du Bois to address.

Other Meetings: Dr. & Mrs. Du Bois will speak at two events in Chicago in June.

ASP has sent a statement to 2,000 professionals.  
It has also communicated with its branches to get into activity.

The ASP is also planning a Town Hall meeting in its series of debates. This will be debate No. 2 and the issue will be the indictment of the defendants.

Mr. McCanns reported that the United Negro People's Committee for Peace and Freedom is planning a social at Small's Paradise on June 17th, where this will be a featured issue.

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## FUND RAISING

Suggested that a house affair be organized and that Mrs. Rubenberg be asked whether she could undertake it.

That individuals with summer homes be asked to have socials during the summer.

## PUBLICITY

Report was made on two ads inserted by the committee.

- a. Full page in the NAACP Souvenir Journal for Josephine Baker Day.
- b.  $\frac{1}{2}$  page ad was shown to the committee from the Afro-American.

Mr. Kahn reported on a pamphlet that he has written giving the background of the peace movement in our country. He also has devoted considerable space to the indictment. It was decided to send a wide mailing of this pamphlet and take orders for it.

Mrs. Moos submitted a leaflet for wide distribution. It was decided that 25,000 shall be ordered at once.

Other matters: The secretary reported that responses to our communications are very enthusiastic. Groups in other parts of the country have undertaken activity.

The secretary also reported that financial books have been set up by an accountant and books will be audited regularly.