

Minutes of the Central Committee

The Central Committee met on October 7, 1941.

Those present were: Mrs. Garrett, Ann Mills, Eleanor Metcalf, Theodora Boothby, Teressa Blumber, and Lucile Bloch.

Parking

At the last meeting there was some question as to hours for parking in the student driveways. The Committee thought parking was to be allowed until 10 P.M. though parking signs set 7 P.M. as the deadline. Teressa Blumberg spoke to Mr. Tschorn who will correct the signs to read 10 o'clock. However, Mr. Tschorn insists that the gates be closed at 7 P.M. to prevent visitors from wandering to the houses. This did not seem a legitimate reason for barring the drives before parking hours are over. Mr. Tschorn will be asked to attend a meeting and explain his reasons.

Phyllis Shields

A report was received from the night watchman on October 6. "Phyllis Shields signed in at 1:30 A.M. with three boy friends. When the watchman came back from his third round, he said that there was no one in the houses. I knew that the three boys had not left, and we went down to see if we could find them. I did not want to go through the rooms alone so we got the house girl up, Miss Boothby, and we found the three in Wooley #1. They

had their clothes off. Two were lying on the floor, and one was lying on a cot. They were Dartmouth fellows."

Phyllis shares a suite with Nancy Hirose. One room has been made into a living room. The boys slept there. Nancy did not know about this until the following morning.

Phyllis and Nancy were asked to attend the Central Committee meeting. Theodora Boothby summarized the report. The boys had stayed because they had used up gas taking a girl back to Northampton and did not have enough to take them to Dartmouth. Filling stations of course were closed. It was suggested that the boys knowing they couldn't reach Dartmouth might have gone to one of several hotels or tourist houses rather than staying in a student room. Phyllis had not thought of this. At the time she had seen an emergency and she felt the action was justified, though she realized later its implications both to herself and to the college.

It was explained that students living in suites or apartments have been granted special privileges on the grounds that they are responsible persons. If the students are proved incapable of shouldering this responsibility the college is free to retract the privilege. It was suggested that Phyllis be removed from the suite and placed with the rest of the group. Phyllis felt this to be unnecessary; she will learn from this experience; the specific incident will clarify future behavior.

The Committee talked with her about the general effects of her behavior, or her position in the college group, and of the results the Committee hoped to achieve, stressing the fact that it is not a punitive force to be feared but a group to clarify and help find a solution for just such cases.

Driving licenses

The following girls were given the driving test and were granted licenses:

Joan Merriss

Betty Uptegrove (to drive Joan's car. She must have weekly X-ray treatments in Cambridge.)

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Secretary, Central Committee