

Minutes of the Central Committee

The Central Committee met on November 11, 1941.

Those present were: Mrs. Garrett, Ann Mills, Anna Frothingham, Teressa Blumberg, and Lucile Bloch.

Applications for early leave

Three applications for early leave before Thanksgiving were considered.

Mary Patricia Anderson--Mary asked permission to leave college on November 19 at 8:00 A.M. since it is imperative that she be in Maryland by six o'clock that night. She would miss a class with Miss Patterson. However, she could attend another section of the class or make up the work. It was felt that since she could make up the work permission should be granted.

Audrey Carol Stern--Audrey asked to be excused from Tuesday and Wednesday classes since on the weekend of November 14 she is to go to Fort Lee in Virginia with her family to visit her brother. Without early leave she would have to return to Vermont for a day and a half before vacation and a return to Virginia. It was decided that if she could arrange her work with Mr. Tucker, Sedgwick and Brockway, whose classes she is missing and is given their signed approval she may be excused.

Natalie Barker--Natalie asked to be excused from two Wednesday classes. Mr. Brockway and Mrs. Phillip had both endorsed her application. Natalie, however, gave no adequate excuse for wanting to leave for Chicago (her destination) before Wednesday. Leaving Vermont Wednesday she could be home Thanksgiving day. Permission was not granted.

Mrs. Stanwood

Ann Mills reported her conversation with Mrs. Stanwood (see minutes November 3). Mrs. Stanwood said that Nika Fleshkoff was the girl with whom she had difficulty. Nika explained to Ann that she had understood Mrs. Stanwood to say that breakfast would be free for her guest and so had seen no reason for an additional charge of forty cents. She added that she had merely "held out on principle" and would of course pay now. It was felt that this was a misunderstanding between Nika and Mrs. Stanwood and that with the bill paid, the incident should be considered closed.

Emily Dimock and Ann Benjamin

Ann Mills and Anna Frothingham both reported that the girls disclaimed all part in the disturbance of November 1 (see minutes November 3). It was apparent that there had been some mistake in the nightwatchman's report. But talking to the girls still seemed a good measure, since it showed them what was expected of them as participants in community life.

House Chairman Reports

It is hoped that the reports made by the present House Chairmen may be of some use next semester to the new Central Committee. The attempt is made to offer a backlog of information in case the Committee should be confronted by problems arising out of this context.

Ann Mills reported first on Bingham.

1. Evelyn Johnson and Helen Lewis are very much together, seldom mixing with entire group. They want to share a bedroom and sitting room. It is not considered a wise choice but in trying it they may have an overdose of each other's company and so move toward the rest of the house.
2. Patricia Anderson--did not seem at first to be secure here though she has improved her attitude toward the other girls; has found friends and is better adjusted.
3. Audrey Stern--has been faced by a degree of racial prejudice on the part of Evelyn Johnson,

Helen Lewis and Jane Crowell. Audrey herself is capable of mastering the situation.

4. Eva Hegemann and Elizabeth Herriott--are together always. Neither one is sociable. It would help them both if they joined more in the house group.
5. Carol Christopher--is much better adjusted since her older sister left Bennington, and seems on her way to being settled in the community.
6. Jeanne Adler--is extremely unsettled in the house and wanted very much to move.

Anna Frothing ham reported on Welling.

1. Mary Sherwood--is not home during the day and talks with friends in the evening without doing much work. She spends a great deal of time in Kilpatrick and seems to be well established in the community at large.
2. Emily Dimock and Margaret Goodwin--seem particularly young and lead the group in being noisy and tempestuous.
3. Franziska Hempner and Heather Rosenbaum--are well adjusted and happy in their work.

This comprises the downstairs freshman suite. None of these girls mixes with the rest of the house. The group in the apartment (Mary Achilles, Ann Wickes, Ruth Kieser) remain apart from the house, too.

4. Mary Jane Wiman--is settling down since moving from Bingham and seems to be quieter and more seriously interested in her work.
5. Eleanor Wayland--is completely without interest in any field of work, and keeps impossible hours. Mrs. Garrett will work with this through the Personnel Committee.

Mary Achilles and Caroline Wanvig seem unwell due to too much work and should be reported to the infirmary.

As a group Welling does not seem to have interests in common.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Secretary, Central Comm.