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GREETINGS: The next meeting (or continuation of this one just past) will be held on SUNDAY, JULY 27, at 11:00. It will be at MIT, room 473 in the Student Center. (The Student Center is a large, modern, concrete building directly across Massachusetts Ave. from the domed entrance hall to MIT.) It is reported to be air conditioned throughout. Once again, I urge promptness.

#### MINUTES OF RESIST STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, July 14, 1969, New York

Members present: Paul Lauter, Dick Ohmann, Florence Howe, Dick Mumma, Robert Zevin, Louis Kampf, Frank Joyce, Dan Stern, and Noam Chomsky. Area Person, Doug Mc Cay. Guests: Tony Avirgan, Philadelphia Resistance; Arthur Waskow, Institute for Policy Studies; John Wilhelm, American Independent Movement (New Haven); Bob Rosenthal, Civil Liberties Legal Defense Fund; Harry Bracken, Montreal Council to Aid War Resisters; James Shenton, Columbia University. Office Staff: Arlene Siegel, Chris Stevens, Bob Parsons.

Our thanks to the Zevins for hospitality and a fine lunch.

#### FINANCES

The monthly financial report was presented and accepted.

A special report on the direct mail fund raising project was also OK. The Committee accepted Carrie Hatch's suggestion for mailing to more people on the most profitable lists, SNCC and "Donors to a Peace Appeal." Dan will be seeking other, more radical lists for us to try. This mailing is scheduled to go out in the middle of Sept.

Florence reported on the art portfolios that have been donated to Resist for fund raising.

**NEW STATEMENT OF RESIST'S POLITICAL ANALYSIS** Roughly seven hours were spent discussing the content and use of the new statement that we have been considering since last winter. The discussion concentrated on the latest draft, composed by Dick Ohmann on the basis of comments received since the previous draft was discussed in June. The discussion brought out several disagreements as to the correct content of the statement and its proper use. The general issues under contention are listed below.

- Statement weakens its thrust by being too broad in scope. It should concentrate on the police and military while also referring to the other issues.
- It should concentrate on defining and explicating why institutions are illegitimate.
- It should concentrate more on class analysis.
- Racism is not necessarily <sup>the</sup> cause of U.S. exploitation of and attacks upon people of color.
- The institutions of the establishment, both governmental and private, are illegitimate because they maintain private ownership and are inherently undemocratic.
- The statement should not say we "encourage" people to take actions that may be (are) illegal.
- There should be some statement of positive program as distinct from criticism of contemporary society.

(concerning uses of the statement:)

- Statement does not "call" upon people to do anything; it should be a "reaffirmation".
- Statement should test how far our middle class constituency has come with us politically and how much support we can expect.
- Statement should accurately reflect the broadened scope of our work.
- Statement should educate our constituency.
- Statement should "re-vitalize" the movement.
- Statement should be promulgated in a press conference and should be tied in with a political explanation of the decision in the case of the Boston Four.



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- We should be secure enough about our leadership to avoid the rhetoric of "vanguardism". Ordinary leadership is very useful at this time.
- Statement is not worth devoting major resources to.
- Signing the statement should in itself be an illegal act, ie. the statement should contain language that the courts have indicated is evidence of an illegal act.
- Statement must demonstrate that Resist is accepting what the movement is doing at this time, ie. Resist is keeping up with the rest of the movement.
- A lot of bullshit language on a new statement isn't worth much, especially if it is an obstacle to carrying out a direct action.

The disagreement on how the statement should be used was not resolved. A new draft reflecting this latest discussion will be mailed to members early next week, and the discussion will continue at the next meeting. In the interim, members are asked to talk with their political colleagues about the potential usefulness of the statement. Noam has drafted a proposed cover letter to accompany the statement when it is finally mailed to possible signers.

#### FUNDING

Due to the late hour and general exhaustion, in addition to the fact that several people had left the meeting, only emergency funding requests were dealt with. The others will be considered at the next meeting.

Vietnam GI - \$250 for printing July issue; we'll consider another request for funds to distribute it, if they can't find other sources.

Coffeehouse in East Boston - \$100 for equipment.

Patricia Burg: black draft counseling in Chicago - \$200 for each of two months to help with cost of child care while she organizes this.

Grace Paley - \$200 travel expenses for trip to Hanoi to meet American POW's who are being released.

**OTHER BUSINESS** A "Worldwide Call to Support Resistance to the U.S. War Against Vietnam" was presented and accepted with a few suggestions for change in the language. Members are requested to suggest names of signers to Noam.

A brief written report was read on Jerry Gray's trip to Sweden and subsequent fund-raising efforts in Europe.

Don Kalish and Richard Popkin will be asked to represent Resist at the conference for a United Front Against Fascism to be held in Oakland: July 18-21.

NB: OFFICIALLY (ESPECIALLY TO MIT PERSONNEL) THE MEETING IN THE STUDENT CENTER IS SPONSORED BY MIT SUPPORT. DO NOT ASK FOR "RESIST MEETING".

# Financial Statement---July 11, 1969

Balance on June 6, 1969

adjustments by accountant

4573.76  
+ 1773.59  
6347.35

## Deposits

Pledges	2875.93
Contributions	956.12
Resubscribes	127.00
High School Kit	45.25
Direct Mail*	<u>4801.90</u>
Total Deposits	<u>8806.20</u>

## Disbursements

15,153.55

### Grants

FRED	250.00 (50 & 200) - ?
Ill. Black Panter Party	350.00
Vietnam GI	200.00
People's Park	78.50
Charlotte SSOC	200.00
Arkansas SSOC	200.00
Young Patriots	100.00
El Grito Del Norte	350.00
Bloomington Draft Project	150.00 (75 & 75) ?
Peace Center at St. Louis	400.00 (200 & 200) ?
Young Lords	600.00 (400 & 200)
Committee for the 27	50.00
PISS	75.00
Peacemakers	<u>100.00</u>
Total Grants	<u>3303.50</u>

### Operating expenses

Payroll	1038.53
Postage	200.00
Copying/Printing	121.07
Office Supplies	96.56
Office Maintenance	495.10
Travel Expenses	422.55
High School Kit	15.00
Direct Mail	2694.35
Subscriptions	43.00
Reimbursements**	1386.30
Pamflets	6.25
Loan to Carrie for Washington (repaid)	20.00
Taxes	904.27
Newsletter	90.00
Post Travel Expenses	148.85
Black Panther Conference	4.00
Petty Cash	<u>52.00</u>
	<u>7737.83</u>

Total Disbursements

11,041.33

\*Report on Direct Mail Project Follows this Statement

\*\*Includes 1250.00 partial repayment to Dick Manna for D.M. (not from CLLDF)



Balance for July 11, 1969

4112.22

Encumbrments for July/August

Grants

PISS

75.00

Peacemakers

100.00

Rent

130.00

Payroll

1250.00

Phone

300.00

Direct Mail

403.12\*

Repayment to Dick Musma

1250.00

Total Encumbrments

3594.12

Unencumbered Balance

518.10

Figures, not deductible

SA returns

Contributions

Money returns

Profit

Report Figures for Individual Items

Encumbrments based on \$ amount from that list

Item

100

July, Against Crisis of Silence

50

Low Back Review of Books

57

Contribution

50

Collection for Maria Salas

53

Change in a House Appeal (cont.)

100

Propaganda Material

50

75

10

41

50

53

100

50

2.37

2.3

1.5

0.4

0.4

3.13

2.1

75.00

50.00

410.00

500.00

34.00

1000.00

50.00

One of the items, National Committee for New Politics, 4414 of Nashville 2200, has not yet been called. This was the only list for which we could not obtain a copy. Making it necessary to ship 4000 envelopes and freight to Nashville. And we are not sure because with the mailing house, this probably would have gone out with out a hitch. And during the time we last 2200 moved to a new house and the envelopes had to be kept in Nashville until we notified them of a new address. That was a problem that took three days to solve for many reasons (but one explains most of them). I have had no further word from Railway Express and assume that the envelopes have reached their people and that any further delay is due to the postmaster's office of 2200 group. I have that this group does plan to contribute to the list, but have had no response in a letter written to them about four days ago. At this point, I have no idea whether this list will make it through. If it does not, the total unpaid balance will be up to about \$210.00 and a total of \$24.00 will be due us from the mailing house, making an effective amount owed by us of \$28.00.

A copy of the letter to respondents is attached.

# Direct Mail Fund Raising Report---July 12, 1969

## Expenses

	amount	paid	unpaid
List Rental	716.00	439.00	277.00
Printing of Inside Material	432.60	432.60	-----
Envelopes	478.94	478.94	-----
Mailing House			
shipping	57.12		
postage	1800.00	2112.12	1900.00
stuff, seal	255.00		212.12
shipping advance to SSOC	16.70	16.70	-----
Deposit for BRM indetia	100.00	100.00	-----
	<u>3865.36</u>	<u>3367.24</u>	<u>(489.12)</u>

see explanation at  
end of report.

## Analysis of returns

percentages apply to pieces actually mailed so far, is 25,809

	#	%	
Returned, not deliverable	949	3.3	
BRM returns	526	2.35	
Contributions	425	1.69	
Money return	\$4801.90	137.0	} based on expense figures not including NCNP list
Profit	\$1299.62		

## Return Figures for Individual lists

percentages based on # names from that list

	total returns	contributions		\$
		#	%	
SNCC	109	95	2.37	791.50
Indiv. Against Crime of Silence	80	72	1.8	729.00
New York Review of Books	57	41	1.37	430.00
Transaction	59	24	0.6	252.00
Bulletin for Atomic Scientists	43	24	0.8	324.00
Donors to a Peace Appeal (sans)	132	125	3.13	1351.00
Progressive Magazine	46	44	1.1	924.40
				(one check 350.40)

One of the lists, National Committee for New Politics, held by Nashville SSOC, has not yet been mailed. This was the only list for which we could not obtain adress labels, making it necessary to ship 4000 envelopes air freight to Nashville. Had we not had the hassels with the mailing houses, this probably would have gone off with out a hitch, but during the time we lost SSOC moved to a new house and the envelopes had to be held in Nashville until we notified them of a new address. That was a problem that took three days to solve for many reasons (Bob can explain most of them). I have had no further word from Railway Express and assume that the envelopes have reached SSOC people and that any further delay is due to the restructuring of SSOC groups. I know that this group does plan to continue on its own, but have had no response to a letter written to them about four days ago. At this point, I have no idea whether this list will ever go through. If it does not, the total unpaid balance will be cut to about \$210.00 and a refund of \$74.96 will be due us from the mailing house, making an effective amount still owed by us of \$135.04.

A copy of the letter to responses is attatched.



# RESIST

Room 4, 763 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Mass. 02139 Phone: 617-491-8076

June 1969

Dear Friend,

RESIST thanks you for your generous expression of support. We and the many projects funded by Resist depend upon the help that you and others like you extend. We are all grateful for your kind donation.

RESIST publishes a biweekly Newsletter, a copy of which is enclosed. If you are not already receiving our Newsletter on a regular basis and would like to subscribe, please return the form below to RESIST in the envelope we have provided. Of course your previous donation pays for your subscription.

RESIST and the groups it assists are determined to continue and increase our efforts to bring an end to the war and to combat socio-economic injustices in this country. In the face of government and vigilante repression of dissent, we anticipate growing difficulty in our work. Already in evidence are Nixon's reference to war critics as "neo-isolationists", the appointment of Warren Burger to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the indictments of eight people involved in last summer's demonstrations at the Democratic National Convention, the recent victories of those mayoral candidates who hit the "law and order" theme hardest and the repeated attacks upon several Movement offices. We will not relent in our struggle.

We appreciate the contribution you recently made to the continuation of our work. We invite all of you who have not already done so to contact local groups that are working against the war, the draft, racism and economic exploitation; they need your time and moral support as well as your financial help.

Yours for peace,

*Carrie Hatch*

Carrie Hatch  
for RESIST

I would like to receive subsequent issues of the RESIST Newsletter. Please add my name to the mailing list.

\*\*\*\*(Please note any corrections or change of address on the opposite side of this form.\*\*\*\*)

"We believe . . . that every free man has a legal right and a moral duty to exert every effort to end this war, to avoid collusion with it, and to encourage others to do the same." from *A Call to Resist Illegitimate Authority*

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# ANOTHER MEETING! JOY?

RESIST STEERING  
COMMITTEE

IN Fun City

MONDAY

NOT ON  
THE WEEKEND

JULY 14TH

AT 11:00 A.M. SHARP

DOOR PRIZE GIVEN AWAY AT 11:00 - YOU MUST  
BE PRESENT TO WIN!

EXTRAVAGANZA TO BE HELD AT ROB ZEWIN'S  
430 WEST 250TH ST, THE BRONX  
(A FEW BLOCKS OFF WEST SIDE (H. HUDSON) PARKWAY)

If you have any major matters for the agenda, please call the Resist office (617-491-8076) this coming Monday morning. The Area People are meeting in Cambridge Monday evening and would like to discuss any major proposals.

Also, if you are bringing funding requests to the meeting, please send the office at least the name of the group making the request. We may have relevant information for the Steering Committee.

Thanks.

"SICK SIMPER BUREAUCRACY"