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MINUTES OF THE RESIST STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
July 27, Cambridge

NOTE WELL: THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE
HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPT 7th, TIME & PLACE TO
BE ANNOUNCED.

Attending

Members: Paul Lauter, Florence Howe, Dan Stern, Bill Davidon,
Frank Joyce, Robert Zevin, Dick Mumma, Noam Chomsky.
Area People: Wayne O'Neil, Doug McCay, Saul Slapikoff,
Hilde Hein, Heather Lechtman, Ken Hale.
Guests: William Homans, Attorney for Mike Ferber; Bob
Rosenthal, Chmn. of the Board - Civil Liberties Legal
Defense Fund; Nik Goodman, representing Mitch and
"Extra!" in Providence.
Staff: Bob Parsons, Carrie Hatch, Arlene Siegel, Chris Stevens.

Finances

- 1) An updated financial report was accepted.
- 2) Brother Stern went on record as being opposed to our
spending large sums of money in direct-mail fund raising.
- 3) The staff was asked to prepare a special financial
report which would show the ratio of grant disbursements
to total income.

Office

- 1) The staff will reconsider its plan to have protective
grills mounted over the interior windows. (It has since
decided to settle for heavy plywood covers.)
- 2) Members of the Committee were asked to keep alert for
possible new staff members to replace those leaving in the fall.

Discussion

There ensued a long discussion on what is being called
the "fall offensive." Long discussions are a drag to listen
to, even more of a drag to summarize, so we'll skip it.

Direct mail

The next direct mail funding letter will go out in the
middle of September. The mailing will include a list and
description of projects funded by Resist, possibly a précis
of the new Call, an appeal for funds, and other material
designed to make people reach for their checkbooks.

New Call.

Apparently it's almost baked. Florence will tighten up
the literary style. It will be mailed out to the Resist
list and later printed in appropriate journals. A press
conference will be called to announce it. The first large
mailing of the new call will be accompanied by a cover
letter that explains the history of it.

Other business

- 1) Bill Homans presented his interpretation of the Court
of Appeals decision in the case of the Boston Four.
- 2) The following people will be invited to join the
Steering Committee: Tony Avirgan (has accepted), John Wilhelm,
Franz Schurmann (has accepted), and John McDermott.



July 22, Cambridge

NOTE WELL: THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE
HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPT 26TH, 11 A.M. PLACE TO
BE ANNOUNCED

Wayne,

Brian Foye, College Sta. Texas,

has moved to Urbana Ill. Please remove
him from your contact lists. Thanks. RP 10-18

Financial Statement---July 27, 1969

Balance for July 11, 1969 4112.22

Deposits, July 14-25, 1969 3011.15
7123.37

Disbursements

Grants

Detroit Resistance (emergency)	100.00
East Boston Coffee House	100.00
Pat Burg (Chicago)	200.00
Vietnam GI	250.00
N.E. Portsmouth Action Council (emergency)	<u>40.00</u>

Other Expenses

690.00
2435.74

Total Disbursements 3125.74

Balance for July 25, 1969 3997.63

Incumberments - Sept. 1st.

Grants

Pat Burg	200.00
PISS	75.00
Peacemakers	100.00
Rent	130.00
Phone	300.00
Direct Mail	
Project #1	100.00
Project #2	500.00
Payroll	<u>1610.00-</u>
	3115.00

Unincumbered Balance 882.63

Projected Deposits through Sept. 1st.

Fledges	2800.00
Contributions	<u>1000.00</u>
	3800.00

4682.63

Note on Direct Mail: Since the Steering Committee Meeting of July 14, We have received 541.00 in additional returns, giving a current profit of \$1875.66.

JULY FUNDING REQUESTS

- ✓ 1. American Deserters Committee, France: \$350/month to meet their deficit in monthly operating expenses \$350 for 3 mos
- ✓ 2. Toronto Anti-Draft Programme: A monthly stipend (of a few hundred dollars) \$150 for 2 mos
- ✓ 3. Vietnam GI: Taken care of at the July 14 meeting
- ✓ 4. David Bolduc, The Resistance, Colorado: \$100/month for rent (\$55) and the phone bill (\$45)
- ✓ 5. Puerto Rican Peace Center, San Juan, Puerto Rico: General appeal for funds to help them continue their counselling work \$700 for 2
- ✓ 6. Randy Forbess, Brownwood, Texas: Toward rent and an offset printing press for an underground paper
- ✓ 7. D.A.W.R.L.F.O.R.: Money to send out their first fund-raising mailing
- ✓ 8. Detroit Draft Counselling Center: Funds for postage for a high school mailing
- ✓ 9. Waterbury Peace and Freedom, Waterbury, Conn.: Seed money for a draft counselling center \$100 for 3 mos.
- ✓ 10. Training for Community Action, Cambridge, Mass.: Needs up to \$12,000 to set up a training program for students volunteering to do social work
- ✓ 11. Committee to Support Resistance, St. Louis, Mo.: \$980 toward their research project on the military-industrial-academic complex in St. Louis \$200
- ✓ 12. Coffeehouse, East Boston, Mass.: Taken care of at the July 14 meeting
- ✓ 13. Pat Burg, Chicago, Illinois: Taken care of at the July 14 meeting
- ✓ 14. Young Patriots, Chicago, Illinois: \$407/month for 3 months for office expenses; \$550 right away for office equipment; \$200 for a mimeo \$200 + \$200 for 3 mos.
- ✓ 15. The Resistance, Detroit: Taken care of as an emergency grant

✓ 16. New England - Portsmouth Action Council: taken care of as emergency grant of \$40. They may be submitting another request today (Sunday).

✓ 17. Chicago North Side high school organizing project (SDS, non-PL/WSA) : Monthly \$\$\$
Rent \$125 - Literature \$300 - Salaries (6) \$840. Also \$500 more for film.

✓ 18. Support in London, England! for operations in support of American political exiles.

✓ 19. Committee to End the War in Viet Nam Univ. of Ill., Campaign: for production of "AFB" GI paper, \$55-\$90/issue for next 4 issues.
NB. Hugh Matthews has already given them \$100.

\$100

20. "EXTRA!" Underground paper in Providence: \$335/month to cover deficit in total operations.

Up to \$300/2 mos

21. SDS National

\$400

22. RAT

Up to \$300

23. Phila. Resistance

\$100/2 mos

FUNDING GRANTS July '69

group	July	Aug.	Sept.	Total
1) Detroit Resistance For organizing around trial of Tom Sincavitch	emergency \$100			\$100
2) East Boston Coffeehouse For repairs & equipment	(July 14) \$100			100
3) Pat Burg For child care while she works on counseling programs	(July 14) \$400	400		800
4) Vietnam GI For printing & typesetting July issue	(July 14) \$250			250
5) New England-Portsmouth Action Group For expenses of rally in support of Daniels & Harvey	emergency \$40			40
6) American Deserters Committee, Paris For general program expenses	\$350	350	350	1,050
7) Toronto Anti-Draft Programme For general program expenses	\$150	150		300
8) Puerto Rican Peace Center For general program expenses	\$200	200		400
9) Waterbury, Conn. Peace & Freedom For seed money for draft counseling	\$100	100	100	300
10) Committee to Support Resistance, St. Louis For research on military-industrial-university consortium	\$200			200
11) Young Patriots, Chicago For general program expenses and office repairs	\$400	200	200	800
12) Committee to End the War in Vietnam Champaign, Ill. For publishing "A.F.B."	\$100	100		100
13) "EXTRA!", Providence For general program expenses	\$200	authorization to....		600
14) SDS, Chicago NO For expenses of rally for Conspiracy #8*	\$400			400
15) Philadelphia Resistance For courses on political analysis	\$100	100		200

Requests Pending: Detroit Draft Counseling Center; "RAT", authorization to \$300, wait for word from Paul; Colorado Resistance; Brownwood, Texas Draft Info. Center.; (SUPPORT, London, England.

Requests Denied: Detroit Area WRL & FHR; Training for Community Action, Cambridge, Mass.; Chicago North Side High School Project (SDS)

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**National
Office**

July 8, 1969

Dear Paul,

Bill Ayers told me that he spoke to you about the fund-raising that we are involved in to cover the expenses of the National Action in the fall. I am enclosing an itemized list that we have prepared to explain why we need money.

I hope that Resist will be able to help us pay for some of the projects and also that you will send me the names of any people that you know who might also be willing to make a contribution.

I am not sure how far you are from Washington D.C. but if you are in driving distance you might want me to contact you when we pull together some of the fundraising projects that we have planned there. I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours in struggle,

Lisa Meisel

Lisa Meisel, National Office
Staff

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Below is an itemized list of the expenses that we see forthcoming as we plan for the National Action in Chicago this fall. The explanation of each item will, we hope, make clear its necessity in order to organize a successful mass action to end the war in Vietnam, support the Black Liberation struggle, and demand that all political prisoners be set free.

Individuals and groups are urged to send contributions for either a specific item or a general contribution which we will use toward whichever project we feel is in need of funding most at the time.

Friends are also urged to send us lists which they have compiled of people who would be willing to aid us financially.

1. STAFF-\$2,100. A staff of ten people will be working full time on the National Action. These people are to be paid \$15 a week for 14 weeks.

2. TRAVEL-\$7,000. Five of the staff will be stationed at the Chicago office. The other five will be traveling across the country to organize for the action. Travel expenses should run about \$100 a week per person for 14 weeks.

3. PROPAGANDA-500,000 posters, wallposters, and small stickers: \$20,000
1,000,000 leaflets: \$8,000
100,000 buttons: \$5,000

Because written propaganda is such an important part of any organizing job, we feel that mass distribution of posters, wallposters (these are glued onto buildings, etc.), small stickers, leaflets, and buttons is critical.

4. FUNDRAISING MAILINGS-\$500
MEMBERSHIP MAILINGS-\$1,000

5. MASS NEWSPAPER-\$24,000. We are going to start work immediately on a newspaper that will be appropriate for mass distribution. The three issues that will come out before the National Action will be distributed to 200,000 people each month and will cost \$8,000 to produce each month.

6. OFFICE-\$7,400. The National Action office costs \$900 to rent for ^{three} months. We are having a WATS Line installed for that period because of the tremendous number of long distance phone calls that will have to be made (\$6,000). Supplies for this office will cost \$500.

7. LEGAL & MEDICAL-\$27,000. We are planning a massive peaceful demonstration, but we feel that we have a responsibility to those people who will be with us in Chicago to provide medical and legal services in the event that either would be necessary. We will have a team of doctors working with us who estimate their expenses at \$500, and a team of lawyers who have requested that they be allotted \$1,500. The lawyers also feel that a bail fund of \$25,000 should be on hand to avoid any unnecessary hardships.

All of these expenses total \$102,500, which we must raise in the next three months. We hope that people will help us to make the National Action as important as the issues warrant it be by helping us with this financial burden.

10 Lan Lea Drive
Lutherville, Md. 21093
July 8, 1969

Lisa Meisel
Bill Ayers
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Dear Lisa and Bill,

The Boston office will be sending out a check for \$400, which the steering committee voted at the last meeting. Our thought was that it might go a long way toward a fund-raising mailing; but obviously you will set your own priorities with that little piece toward the action. It's not impossible that, once it's clearer what plans are for October 11, people might be inclined to put up a little more for some specific purpose, but there's no way of knowing where we'll be financially in September or October.

People were very anxious to have some sense of what's planned for the 11th. That is, I guess, some scenario about what you expect might happen--rally, march, where, when, etc. It's not impossible that RESIST would like to co-sponsor, for what that might be worth.

Our office will also be sending you a list of Steering Committee people (somewhat different by now from what's on the left here). Please feel free to contact them about fund-raising, etc. locally. If you want to know names of good local contacts, we can get that to you, but I'm not sure if Chicago will be the sort of scene to which the kinds of folks who make up the Resist "constituency" can usefully contribute.

Yes, we're in driving distance of Washington (about an hour). We'll be gone all of August (~~that~~ once looked like a vacation), but back Sept. 1, and we'd like to be kept up on any fund-raising and other area plans. Can also put up folks coming through this way/

solidarity,

Paul Lauter

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