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Minutes of the RESIST Steering Committee Meeting  
December 7, 1969, Philadelphia

Attending

Steering Committee: Paul Lauter, Florence Howe, Louis Kemp, Dan Stern, Frank Joyce, 
Tony Avirgan, Bill Davidson  
Office: Carrie Hatch, Bob Parsons, Arlene Siegel  
Guests: David Hawk, Lisa Schiller, Claudette Piper, Pam Turner, Candy Potter, Josh 
Markel, and some of the Philadelphia Resistance people

Financial Report

For the first time in many, many months, well over half of the month's expenditures 
were in grants. Although many new signatures to the New Call have been obtained, 
the ads in the New Republic and The New York Review of Books have, to date, been 
losing financial ventures. Both Resists and Evergreen have approached us about 
placing the New Call in these publications as an ad. However, even at the "gener-
ous reduced prices" they offered, we cannot afford the ads. We will suggest that 
they could make a contribution to the movement by printing the ads at cost.

Office

Carrie will be leaving in a few weeks to return to school. For various reasons 
Bob, Arlene, Chris, and Todd are uncertain right now as to how much longer they 
will be working for RESIST. A few people have inquired about working for RESIST, 
and others are being approached.

David Hawk on the Moratorium

Noting that the moratorium was devised as a strategy rather than as an organization, 
David Hawk spoke about plans to remove the emphasis from monthly actions on certain 
days and to attempt to build organizing in every community. Under consideration are 
relating to the primaries in 1970 and a "Stop the Draft Week" in early February that 
would include civil disobedience at draft boards and induction centers and would be 
followed by some action such as the donating of blood by participants. David thinks 
that the moratorium's constituency is ready to take part in civil disobedience; he 
is polling contacts to check this and to determine the structure through which it 
could be organized. Possibilities are the moratorium national office, an ad hoc 
committee, or a coalition of anti-war movement groups.

Philadelphia Resistance Draft Card Turn-In

Tony Avirgan reported on the November 14 attempt to turn in draft cards to the Justice 
Department. As a follow-up, the Philadelphia Resistance is issuing a call for non-
cooperation with the draft and is trying to obtain another appointment at which the 
cards received can be presented. Paul suggested that RESIST co-sponsor this action 
around a focus such as send draft cards to Dr. Spock for Christmas." This idea was 
passed over but we will print the Philadelphia Resistance's call in the next issue 
of the Newsletter.
Weekly Action Projects

Candy and Josh outlined plans for sustained national and coordinated local actions to take place on a weekly basis. This is being begun in Philadelphia and New York with teach-ins, speak-ins, rallies, and demonstrations. The initial focus would be the draft but it would move into other areas, demonstrating the relationships laid out in the New Call. There is an effort to extend this project to other cities.

Paul proposed that RESIST help to do this through contact mailings, newsletter articles, and financing. No decision was reached on this.

Report on the Panthers

Frank gave a report and analysis of the Hampton assassination and the position of the Panthers. He saw the Hampton assassination as a blatantly transparent murder, committed by uniformed cops under government orders. He noted the remarkable resilience of the Panthers, illustrated by their ability to rebuild their leadership several times in the past few years. However, the Panthers are now in danger of being destroyed in the next few weeks. Frank outlined several things the white peace movement could do to attempt to prevent this. The first of these was to demand that the government create a committee to investigate the assassination and act upon its findings or that the movement establish its own investigatory commission made up of prestigious people. Another would be to act quickly in circulating documentation of the murder through papers, posters, and the regular press. Third was participation in the physical protection of Panther offices over a period of about six months. RESIST will cooperate in circulating a well-posted and tear-off petition calling for public investigation. It will be prepared and printed by the Philadelphia Resistance; returns will go to the PAN (People Against Racism) office in Detroit. Up to $1000 was appropriated for this project. Also, Frank, Dan, and anyone else from RESIST who can get there will attend the memorial service and conference in Chicago on Tuesday night. RESIST members who will be attending the HMO steering committee meeting in Cleveland next week-end will meet first and make plans to present these proposals for their consideration and action.

Discussion of RESIST Problems

Most of the meeting was taken up by a long, often angry discussion of the ways in which decisions are made and executed in RESIST. Since the office staff was as subjectively involved in this argument as anyone else, we don't feel that we can provide an absolutely fair synopsis of the positions taken. We will say that the topics discussed were the following: the responsiveness of the staff and area people to decisions of the Steering Committee; whether or not the staff has "sabotaged and undermined" these decisions; the participation of area people and staff in debate at Steering Committee meetings; the appropriateness of "national programs" in the work of RESIST; the extent of the National Director's authority between meetings; whether, given the extent of disagreement, RESIST should continue to exist; the political decisions that are made in the course of carrying out decisions arrived at in Steering Committee meetings; and the obligation of everyone not only to criticize but also to offer alternative proposals.

Grants

At this point in the meeting very few of the few people who had been there in the first place could stay any longer, and funding was deferred until the next meeting. Two grants were made to groups needing funds right away: El Punto del Norte, $200; Northern Virginia Resistance, $100.
Special Steering Committee Meeting

A special meeting open only to Steering Committee members will be held in New York on December 21. This was deemed necessary by Paul and agreed to by the other people present. It is essential that every steering committee member attend.

**IMPORTANT UPDATE - DECEMBER 12, 1969**

The meeting date has been changed to December 23, 1969. Also, the meeting will be in two parts; only the first part will be for Steering Committee members only.
GEOIST Financial Statement, December 3, 1969

Balance on November 5, 1969 3904.71

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Total Disbursements 9112.89

Balance on December 3, 1969 2111.00

Encumbrances to January 4, 1970

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Total Encumbrances 2624.23

Unencumbered Balance -513.23

Estimated Income 3500.00
Peacemakers  two payments*  200.00
Jim Grant  100.00
OMEGA  20.00
DRUM  400.00
Draft Help, L.A.*  300.00
Rising Up Angry  150.00
GI's United, Balt.*  60.00
Resist Support in Action  45.00
SCEF  150.00
The Third Eye*  150.00
New York Eight Defense Committee  150.00
Springfield Area MDS*  600.00
Vietnam GI  400.00
Mass. Welfare Rights Organization  350.00
Evansville Draft Project*  250.00
Aboveground  50.00
Newsreel  250.00
Hawaii Resistance  350.00
Support(London)*  100.00
El Grito del Norte (emergency)  150.00
Waterbury Peace and Freedom  250.00
Baltimore Black Panther Party (emergency)  100.00
People for Adequate Welfare  200.00

**Total Disbursements: **

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Accounted was closed and balance transferred to our Regular account.
Updated Financial Statement for December, 1969

Corrected Balance for December 3, 1969
(Insufficient funds on deposit--has been replaced)
Unencumbered Balance

Projected deposits

This provided approximately 2500.00 for new grants

Grants paid thus far in December
Paul
Florence
No. Va. Resistance
El Grito del Norte
Jim Grant
Appalachian Movement
Press
SIL National Office
Chicago
Philly Press for
Panther Poster

About $200 is left for funding unless we make grants contingent on our having the money. This, however, would cut into the amount we could provide for January requests.

Outstanding December Funding Requests
1. El Grito del Norte, Española, New Mexico: Up to 700 a month for 4 months for expenses related to paper. (Paid in Dec., should we extend it?)
2. Jim Grant, North Carolina: Renewal of previous grant for as long as possible. (Was 100.00/3 months..emergency paid in Dec.)
3. The Defense Committee, Philadelphia, Pa: $700.00 for mailings for the Doron Macht and Beamer 55 and toward the costs of setting up an office.
5. Central Committee for Contentious Objectors, Philadelphia, Pa: Up to $500 toward the initial expense of setting up a military counselling center near Fort Dix.
6. Toronto Anti-Draft Programme, Toronto, Canada: Whatever we can give toward their general operating costs.
7. Larry Cox, Germany: Whatever we can give toward the expenses of GI organizing and putting out a GI paper.
8. Community Draft Counselling Service, Hartford, Conn.: $200 now for seed money; $75 in January for rent, phone, etc.
11. Uriah Atherley, Elgin AFS, Fla. $50/month for printing "The Paper"
1. El Grito del Norte, Española, New Mexico: Up to $700/month for 4 months for expenses related to publishing the paper.

2. Jim Grant, Charlotte, North Carolina: Renewal of previous grant for as long as possible (His last grant was $100/month for 3 months.)

3. The Defense Committee, Philadelphia, Pa.: $300 for mailings for the recent 3 and 4, and toward the cost of setting up an office for the Defense Committee.


5. Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors, Philadelphia, Pa.: Up to $500 toward the initial cost of setting up a military counseling center near Fort Dix.

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9. Activists, Inc.

10. Northern Virginia Resistance, $298

11. St. Louis, Radical Action Project $100


13. YIP

14. United Action Project

15. Philadelphia Resistance - HS

16. Philadelphia Resistance - GE

17. S. San Francisco

18. L-A American Draft Program

19. Richard Chase Def. Committee $100

20. McCullin letter

21. PAW

22. Waterbury

23. The Paper

24. NABS
The letter been great
Wider needs - Much beyond the usual. Eg. Pan-Flor poster
Total 5 divide by 50 4 50

500 Guardians

Larry Fox
Box 581-6
Hempstead
516-825
7706

Valley Stream

2. Jim Grant, Charlotte, North Carolina: $100/month for as long as possible

3. Boston Eight Defense Committee, Philadelphia: $700 toward the cost of mailings, speakers' tours, etc.

4. The National Association of Black Students, Washington, D.C.: for operational expenses for their 'freedom physical' programs in Louisiana and Mississippi

5. Waterbury Peace and Freedom, Waterbury, Connecticut: $150, which is one-half of what they still owe the Philadelphia Resistance for their press

6. Toronto Anti-Draft Programme, Toronto, Canada: for their program of assistance for deserters and resisters

7. Larry Cox, Germany: for his work with GIs in Germany

8. Community Draft Counselling Service, Hartford, Connecticut: $200 seed money

9. The Activists, Baltimore, Maryland: money to computerize 100,000 realty transactions, for legal expenses, and for organizers

10. The Paper, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida: $50/month to print issue #1 (ready to go to press) and future issues


13. Philadelphia Resistance GE Boycott, Philadelphia: $150 for paper, printing costs, and a salary for a staff person to coordinate the project

14. Latin American Draft Project, Chicago: $385/month for rent, telephone, and supplies; $360 once for equipment

15. People for Adequate Welfare, Patchogue, New York: $200/month for the next 12 months for an additional staff person
16. Jan Norris, Corvallis, Oregon: $65 to finish paying for a mimeograph machine

17. American Documentary Films, Inc., New York City: $400 to publicize and distribute twelve films from Hanoi

18. Evansville Draft Project, Evansville, Indiana: $50-60/month to support at least one counselor

19. Adventists Veterans Council on Military Service, Portland, Oregon: for printing and mailing 10,000 leaflets and reprinting 10,000 copies of an article from Ramparts

20. Syracuse Peace Council, Syracuse, New York: $50/week for 12 months ($600) for a staff person to work with high school and community college students