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MINUTES OF THE RESIST STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 29, 1970

Steering Committee, Staff, and Area People present: Mitch Goodman, Carrie Hatch, Florence Howe, Frank Joyce, Paul Lauter, Doug McCay, Todd Manley, Hugh Matthews, Bob Parsons, Claudette Piper, Arlene Siegel, Dan Stern

Guests: Greg Finger, Vito Finger, Denise Levertov, Bob Rosenthal, Greg ~~Hand~~ sandow

FINANCIAL REPORT

The report consisted mainly of Todd telling everyone that we had an unencumbered balance of -1863.79. This sobering determinant was incorporated into the mathematical formula used to calculate the amount available for granting, and it was decided that \$2000 could be given away this month. Dan Stern asked why more people were not at the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

As usual, the minutes of the previous meeting were not read, discussed or approved.

POLITICAL PRISONER SURVEY

Resist has not had an exactly overwhelming response to the questionnaires which have been distributed, and it was suggested that we either do the job thoroughly or not at all. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that Resist would help CLLDF hold a conference to which people who are or might become involved in such a project would be invited. If the conference confirms that the project is necessary, it was suggested that the CLLDF add a staff person to tabulate and follow-up on responses. Dan wanted to know why more steering committee members were 'nt there.

HIGH SCHOOL KIT, 2nd EDITION

Bob Parsons reported that most of the High School Committee had met on March 25 and had decided that Resist should produce one basic kit plus four topical kits on the draft, racism, high school problems and alternatives, and heavy revolutionary. The proposed contents are:

1. The Right to Distribute Leaflets at High Schools. Legal brief by Jerry Gordon
2. How to Start a High School Underground. John Schaller
3. Getting and Keeping People Together by Alan McSurely of SCEF
4. Huey Newton Speaks to the Movement
5. Pattie's Paper. Analysis of organizing alternatives in High Schools
6. Tracking. Excerpt from Florence and Paul's book analyzing the class nature of tracking.
7. High School Women. by Jenny Bull
8. Vietnam: A Thousand Years of Struggle. Terry Cannon.
9. High School. Movie review by Pauline Kael
10. A Draft Law Primer. by John Reints

Dan Stern felt that the discussion on the kit would be more profitable if more people had attended the Steering Committee meeting. He also felt that the "how to" articles (1,2,3, and 10) were unnecessary and that the kit should contain more political analysis relevant to working class youth.

Dan and others pointed out that the kit would sell better if it contained drug and sex articles and unresolved discussion took place on whether such pieces should be how to or analysis. Everyone finally agreed that the kit reflected our middle class bias, and it was decided that several analytical articles on working class organizing would be included, and that those who already had the know-how could throw away the "how to's".

FUNDRAISING

Recognizing that a low bank balance prevents war-mongering avaricious pig bankers from making money, it was nevertheless felt that Resist must strengthen its pledge constituency. Several such projects, as well as others which would raise immediate cash, were discussed.

1. Florence reported that Wang Hui Ming, famed artist of Erotic Woodcuts, will soon produce another portfolio and will give some to Resist to sell. Florence will write New York Review of Books, Playboy, Evergreen, and Avant-Garde to notify their sexist readers when the portfolios are available.
2. Robert Bly will give us copies of his specially printed poem, "The Teeth Mother Naked at Last". The staff will send the poem, with a cover letter, as a thank you to all regular pledges.
3. Florence reported that several friendly poets have offered to charge an extra \$100 for their readings and donate the money to Resist. She will write to other poets asking them to also do this.
4. The mailing to 3000 names from the Hard Times list can probably go out at the end of April. Paul will write the appeal letter.
5. Florence said she would not organize another poetry reading tour, but thought the project was worthwhile. The staff will decide if it is possible to do from the office or if we might find someone else to organize the tour.
6. The steering committee will write and follow-up by telephone people who are potential regular pledges. The names will come from three sources:
 - a) Anyone who has ever given us \$25 or more. The staff will pull these names from the mailing list, & Greg Finger will determine if they are fat cats.
 - b) Irregular pledges
 - c) Signers of the new call, particularly writers and artists, who have the resources to give substantial amounts. Denise Levertov and Mitch will review these names before they are approached.
7. The staff will investigate the possibilities of producing either a 1971 or a Sept. 70 to July 71 calendar featuring political cartoons or drawings by Wang. Florence also suggested that a calendar might feature anti-war poetry selections.
8. The staff will see if it is feasible to produce a record or a tape of one of last years poetry readings.
9. The staff will send a fund appeal to everyone who signed the New Call who is not already on our mailing list.
10. Florence will report at the April steering committee meeting about the possibility of printing an anthology of poetry and art by high school students.
11. Resist should try to obtain more mailing lists. The staff will try to rip off those of New England Resistance, BDRG, Boston Support. Dan, while disappointed with the turn-out for the meeting, will try to get the CADRE list.

2. Frank Joyce was asked to return from Hanoi with a piece of an American plane to be auctioned publically.

SABOTAGE AND TERRORISM (the title sounds impressive but the following isn't)

One of Resist's large contributors raised in a letter the advisability of listing acts of sabotage in the Newsletter, and it was decided that Paul would write a rationale for such listings for the next Newsletter and invite readers to respond.

UNDERGROUND PRESS PROJECT

Denise levertov suggested that Resist establish a fund to provide presses and training for underground papers. After discussion it was decided that this was a project beyond the scope of Resist, and that it would encourage contributions for a specific project at a time when we are trying to get people committed on a regular basis.

COOPERATION WITH NEW MOBE ECONOMIC TASK FORCE

It was decided to include New Mob's leaflet "Rich man's war, the people pay" in the next mailing and to put a notice about April 15 and anti-corporation demonstration in the newsletter.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Herman Heyn will be invited to become a Steering Committee member and that prick Raskin was FINALLY dropped from the Steering Committee. A brief discussion about the sexist nature of Resist ensued, and it was decided that an effort should be made to lure more women to the next Steering Committee meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next steering committee meeting will be in New York on April 26. Dan Stern expressed the fervent hope that more people would attend.

FUNDING REQUESTS

Because of the expense of producing a high school kit, the Steering Committee ~~was~~ decided that \$450 should be budgeted for that project and that only 1550 of the \$2000 available for granting be given away. In the end, however, \$1980.

Grants

	\$ Total	April	May	June
1. Salt Lake Resistance, Utah	600	200	200	200
2. The Black Community Info. Cen.	300	300		
3. Young Patriots Org. Chicago	150	150		
4. An Urban Org./Movement in Pitt.	denied			
5. Jim Grant	300	100	100	100
6. Fresno Resistance	300	100	100	100
7. Boston War Tax Resistance	denied			
8. War Tax Resistance, New York	denied			
9. New England Free Press, Boston	100	100 with an apology		
10. RYM Milwaukee	denied			
11. Red Licorice Cleveland, Ohio	postponed until next month			
12. Denis J. Adelsberger	denied			
13. RYM Racine Wisconsin	600	200	200	200
14. Black Panther Party, Boston	200	200		
15. Boston Project for Cuban Teacher Education	notice in newsletter, can resubmit			
16. New Party of Florida	need anyone ask?			
17. Repression Information Service Committee	denied			
18. Movement to Support GE Strikers	denied			
19. Baltimore GI's United	100	50	50	
20. Pittsburgh Resistance	denied			
21. Lynn Anarchy Four, Mass.	denied			
22. D.R.U.M. Detroit	250	250		
23. Frank Joyce	250	250		

RESIST FINANCIAL STATEMENT MARCH 27, 1970

Balance on Feb. 20 3004.56

Deposits to March 27, 1970

Pledges	2667.66	
Contributions	2456.26	
Jan Mailing	216.32	
New Call	24.00	
Anti-Repression Kit	28.80	
Misc.	<u>174.55</u>	
TOTAL		5567.59

Disbursements to March 27, 1970

Payroll	1251.81	
Feb Grants	3295.00	
March Installments	1575.00	
Postage	49.44	
copy/printing	101.60	
office supplies	189.28	
office maintainace	354.23	
travel expenses	845.00	
H.S. Kit	1.50	
Miscellaneous	<u>196.20</u>	
Total		7859.06
accumulated service charges	26.88	

Balance on March 27, 1970 686.21

Breakdown of Grants

Pittsburgh Peace and Freedom	300.00
Black Panther Party	500.00
Philadelphia Resistance	150.00
Young Lords Org.	200.00
LNS	500.00
Chinatown-Manila Town Draft	350.00
Armadillo Press	300.00
Washington Draft Info. Center	200.00
Spark	100.00
Military Counseling Service	550.00
Red Pencil	50.00
Ed Cox (emergency)	<u>95.00</u>
Total	3295.00

March Installments

AFB	25.00
Jim Grant	100.00
Club Voltaire	200.00
Evansville Draft	50.00
Black Panther Party	500.00
Young Lords	200.00
Armadillo Press	300.00
Spark	100.00
Peacemaker	<u>100.00</u>
	1575.00

Total amount of grants and installments \$4870.00

Encumberments

Payroll and Taxes	1320.00
Phone	200.00
Rent	130.00
Travel	200.00
Grants	

Peacemaker	100.00
Young Lords Org.	200.00
Armadillo Press	300.00
Spark	100.00

Total encumberments	<u>2550.00</u>
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Unencumbered Balance

-1863.79

FUNDING REQUESTS - MARCH 1970

1. SALT LAKE RESISTANCE. \$250 a month to fund full time draft counselor (\$50 a week salary) and to reproduce materials for distribution to students.
2. THE BLACK COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTER. ^{Harrisbury} ✓ To buy "mimeograph machine, stenciling equipment, paper, camera and flash unit." At least \$750.
3. YOUNG PATRIOTS ORGANIZATION. ^{Chicago} ✓ Toward purchase of VW bus (\$3000), mimeograph machine (\$150) and office expenses (\$200).
4. AN URBAN ORGANIZATION/MOVEMENT GROWING IN PITTSBURGH. To support research on "city politics, resistance style."
5. JIM GRANT. Extension of grant for six months; total of \$600.
6. FRESNO RESISTANCE. To provide sound financial basis for expanded operations. \$300 to \$500.
7. BOSTON WAR TAX RESISTANCE. \$50 for ongoing expenses.
8. WAR TAX RESISTANCE. \$160-\$180 for reprinting 2000 pamphlets.
9. NEW ENGLAND FREE PRESS. Toward repairing small press and buying second-hand large press.
10. RYM MILWAUKEE. \$174 for printing 2000 city-wide newspapers.
11. RED LICORICE. Seed money to stock radical bookstore in Cleveland.
12. DENIS J. ADELSBERGER. \$150 a month for four months to hire assistant to help finish handbook for military resisters and anti-war GIs.
13. RYM RACINE. \$150 to stock bookstore; \$200 for community health program; \$50 to tutor street kids for high school equivalency exam; \$250 for equipment to print newsletter; \$150 to establish bail fund. This adds up to \$800. They say they are \$500 in debt, and request total grant of \$900.
14. BOSTON BLACK PANTHER PARTY. Ongoing grant of \$168 a week to publish newspaper with 10,000 circulation.
15. BOSTON PROJECT FOR CUBAN TEACHER EDUCATION. To purchase books and curriculum aids, to be sent to the Cuban Ministry of Education.
16. NEW PARTY OF FLORIDA. \$180 to buy 100,000 sheets of paper.
17. REPRESSION INFORMATION SERVICE COMMITTEE, Pittsburgh. (Continued from February.) Seed money and funds to buy 11 x 17 press and a stock of lit. (\$2000). Also request \$1500 for another repression program. Seed money totals about \$600.
18. MOVEMENT TO SUPPORT GE STRIKERS, New York. Requests funds for salaries, phone, travel and mailings, budgetted for three months at \$1620. (Continued from February.)

PLEASE NOTE:

The accompanying minutes from the March RESIST meeting are being sent to you air mail special delivery to give us an opportunity to call your momentarily undivided attention to the fact that the April 26 meeting will begin promptly at 11:00 A.M. at Bob Zevin's, 430 West 250th Street, The Bronx (212/884-8508).