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MINUTES - RESIST Steering Committee Meeting, July 10, 1970, Room 4-156,  
M.I.T., Cambridge, Massachusetts, 11 a.m. - 9:15 p.m.

Present: Tony Avirgan, Noam Chomsky, Bill Davidon, Mitch Goodman, George Hein, Hilde Hein, Archie Hobson, Florence Howe, Frank Joyce, Louis Kampf, Hans Koningsberger, Paul Lauter, Doug McCay, Hugh Matthews, Todd Manley, Dick Ohmann, Wayne O'Neil, Grace Paley, Claudette Piper, Bob Rothstein, Arlene Siegel, Dan Stern, Bob Zevin.

#### FINANCES

Todd reported that RESIST has an unencumbered balance of -\$3025.05. He said we could grant no more than \$1500, noting that because of summer the pledges and contributions were down.

Noam said he would get a list of university professors who had given one day of their salary to peace candidates, and a letter to these will be drafted. Mitch noted that it should stress that a little will go a long way for RESIST. Paul read two drafts of letters to New Politics types, and a discussion of the merits of the two ended with a feeling that they should be combined and distilled.

The staff noted that personal fundraising has been fruitful. Many Steering Committee members admitted that they had not finished their lists, but they promised to do so.

Hans interjected a pessimistic note about the balance of income and outgo that RESIST maintains and complained about the new travel expense sharing plan. A cost analysis of the former will be forthcoming. The Steering Committee agreed again to participate in the travel sharing program.

#### TAX RESISTANCE

Office tax policy was debated, and it was decided that the 10% telephone surcharge will not be paid to the telephone company but will be put into a separate bank account. A split between those who thought staff should not have taxes withheld involuntarily and those who did not want to give IRS cause for closing RESIST was averted by Frank's suggestion of a technicality by which office workers could be fired and rehired as consultants, and thus be responsible for their own taxation.

#### FUNDING

Twelve of the 18 requests were granted funds; \$1800 is to be paid in July and \$600 was given in continuing grants. The first request, from the Boston Black Panther Party for \$650 to charter a bus to the Revolutionary Peoples Constitutional Convention, was denied, but was followed by a lengthy discussion on RESIST's relationship and that of the movement in general to the Panthers. Paul and Dan stressed that Panther idolatry is dangerous and that any sector of the movement must be able to constructively criticize the politics and tactics of any other sector. Frank noted that RESIST should relate to other black movement groups such as the Revolutionary Union Movement. Frank agreed to write an article on this subject for the next Newsletter.

## FUNDING, con't.

	Total	July	Aug.	Sept.
1. Boston Black Panther Party	denied			
2. Referendum '70 - Boston	denied			
3. Mother Jones Collective - Baltimore	\$300	\$200	\$100	
4. American Veterans for Peace - Syracuse	50	50	(earmarked for non-electoral use)	
5. WRL Delaware	100	100		
6. A Different Drummer - Little Rock	400	200	200	
7. Jim Grant	100	100		
8. Alabama Movement Press	300	300		
9. Citizens Committee of Inquiry	denied	(but publicize and help find funds)		
10. Southwest Georgia Brigade	denied			
11. Vocations for Social Change	200	200	(and help arrange loan if necessary)	
12. The Rap - N.Y.C.	100	100		
13. AFSC Southwest Counseling Service	denied			
14. People's Press - San Francisco	denied	(reconsider with more info.)		
15. Vietnam GI - Chicago	300	150	75	75
16. Wildcat - Chicago	150	150		
17. Young Patriots Health Service - Chicago	300	150	150	
18. East Boston High School Organ- izing Project	100	100		
	<u>\$2400</u>	<u>\$1800</u>	<u>\$525</u>	<u>\$75</u>

## RESIST AND DRAFT REPEAL

The question of RESIST's position on the end of the draft was raised, and Hans and Tony said they would write articles for the next Newsletter debating the effect of the end of the draft on the movement.

## WILMINGTON

A brief travelogue of Wilmington, Delaware was shown.

## SEXISM AND ELITISM

The discussion revealed some awareness among Steering Committee members that these problems exist in RESIST. What to do about them was less clear. There was some feeling that as a group meeting only once a month RESIST could not effectively grapple with elitism and sexism. Louis suggested that the Steering Committee might be disbanded and that the staff, assisted by consultants (former Steering Committee members), make decisions. The current structure was defended by Mitch and others. Claudette and Todd brought up some examples of sexism and elitism in RESIST, but there was little substantive discussion. Eventually Florence's suggestion that each man bring a woman to the next meeting was accepted (there were 18 men and four women present at this point.)

## REPORTS ON SOUTHEAST ASIA

Noam and Frank spoke about the situation in Southeast Asia as it appeared to them during their visits there. Noam described a situation in which he feels the war has come down to a U.S. - North Vietnam struggle, with the potential for the use of nuclear weapons and a "Laotian solution" very great. Bill pointed out that increased bombing with conventional weapons was a more likely escalation as it carries with it less political risk for Nixon.

## HANOI VOLUNTEERS

Hans brought up a proposal for the enlistment of "Hanoi Volunteers" which, he said, the North Vietnamese and P.R.G. delegations in Europe had for the first time this spring seemed favorable towards. Paul spoke of the potential such a project would have in defining the real enemy. Bill thought that much more preliminary work should be done before calls were issued. Frank will pursue the question with his contacts, Hans will distribute a preliminary draft of a call to the Steering Committee, and Steering Committee members will do some low-key recruiting.

## THE DAY AFTER

The New Mobe's proposed TDA (the day after a U.S. escalation of the war) program was discussed. Paul suggested that RESIST might fill a communications role. Louis pointed out, however, that the real work involved in a TDA was the organizing beforehand, as word of the event got around quickly when a response was timely. Frank defined the problem as one of raising consciousness by a campaign of "If this, then this." It was agreed that we would actively participate in planning meetings.

## LONG MARCH

The second New Mobe proposal for a Long March was discussed less enthusiastically. Concern was expressed that the march would drain energy from local organizing. Some said that the emphasis should be on the March and not on its dencuement (!) in Washington. Claudette pointed out that the marchers were likely to be radical-pacifists rather than radical-organizers.

## INFORMATION GATHERING

Paul spoke of expanding Resist's collection of sabotage information and of trying to build a chronology from recent records (the LNS files, etc.) Arlene brought up the staff's proposal that Steering Committee members and contacts around the country should be asked to keep files of local coverage of all manner of events, since it is clear that there is no national coverage for many of them. Dan wanted Resist to emphasize the statements of draft-board liberators, etc, as he felt too often the politics of an act was lost in the media coverage.

## PRISON

Bill suggested that Resist should begin to pay more attention to the prison scene; he described current conditions at Lew burg.

NEXT MEETING

The next RESIST Steering Committee meeting will be on Friday, August 28, in an air-conditioned chamber at M.I.T.

AGENDA

RESIST Steering Committee Meeting

Friday, July 10, 1970

Cambridge, Massachusetts

- A. Finances and fundraising
- B. Taxes
  - 1. Telephone
  - 2. Personal withholding
- C. Grants
- D. Political discussion
  - 1. Sexism and elitism
  - 2. RESIST's relationship to/with the Movement
  - 3. Participation in New Mobe radical caucus
  - 4. Possible programs
    - a. Long March
    - b. The Day After
    - c. Wilmington
    - d. Resistance Festival

Financial Statement of Resist as of July 9, 1970

Balance on June 7, 1970 2962.58

Deposits to July 9, 1970

Pledges 2566.27  
 Contributions 705.00  
 New Call 90.00  
 Hard Times 529.50  
 PFR 190.00  
 H.S. Kit 48.00  
 Misc. 120.50

Total 4249.27

Disbursements to July 9, 1970

Payroll 1264.93  
 Grants 3100.00  
 Postage 265.40  
 Printing/copying 95.45  
 office supplies 50.43  
 office Maintenance 643.37  
 Travel 265.00  
 H.S. Kit c 000.00  
 Miscellaneous 988.30

Total 6672.88

less service charges 13.02

Balance on July 9, 1970 525.95

Breakdown of grants

June Grants

We Got the Brass 200.00  
 Montreal ADC 200.00  
 The Spark 100.00  
 Phila. Resistance 300.00  
 Yellow Springs W.L. 350.00  
 Cleveland W.L. 150.00  
 Beacon Hill R.A.G. 50.00  
 El Grito del Norte 250.00  
 Peoples Com. Info. Cntr 200.00  
 Patriot Party 300.00  
 The Rap 100.00  
 New Organizing Proj. 150.00  
 Peacemaker 100.00

Total 2450.00

June Installments

Fresno Resistance 100.00  
 RYM Racine 200.00  
 Salt Lake Resistance 200.00  
 Jim Grant 100.00

Total 600.00

Emergency Grant to Alternative Media Project 50.00

Total Grants 3100.00

Breakdown of Miscellaneous

Payback of Loan	500.00
Loan	178.00
Taxes	310.30

Encumberments

Salary and Taxes	1360.00
Rent	130.00
Phone	200.00
Travel	200.00
Grants	
Peacemaker	100.00
We Got the Brass x	200.00
Montreal ADC	200.00
The Spark	50.00
Yellow Springs	200.00
Cleveland Women	75.00
Beacon Hill RAG	50.00
El Grito del Norte	250.00
Peoples Community Info. Cntr	100.00
New Organizing Project	<u>150.00</u>
	1375.00
Postage	200.00
Printing	<u>100.00</u>
Total encumberments	3565.00
Unencumbered Balance	-3025.05



JULY FUNDING REQUESTS

- No* 1. BOSTON BLACK PANTHER PARTY - \$650 to charter one bus from Boston to Revolutionary People's Convention.
- No* 2. REFERENDUM '70 (Boston) - up to \$155,000 for campaign expenses.
- 200 + 100* 3. THE MOTHER JONES COLLECTIVE (Baltimore) - \$300 for ongoing expenses.
- \$ 50 to new* 4. AMERICAN VETERANS FOR PEACE (Syracuse) - \$500 minimum for telephone, printing and buttons.
- \$100* 5. WRL DELAWARE (Newark) - \$300 operating capital to support movement bookstore during summer.
- 200 + 200* 6. A DIFFERENT DRUMMER (Little Rock, Ark.) - at least \$400 seed money.
- 100* 7. JIM GRANT (Charlotte, N.C.) - continuation of \$100/month grant.
- 300* 8. ALABAMA MOVEMENT PRESS (Oneonta) - \$500 to recondition press and move it to Birmingham; \$100 rent. (Discussion: electoral politics?)
- Ref. to Mother Jones* 9. CITIZENS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (Schoenman) - \$200 for national inquiry on war crimes this fall.
- No* 10. SOUTHWEST GEORGIA BRIGADE (Cambridge Institute) - up to \$4000 to send work brigades south.
- 200* 11. VOCATIONS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE (Canyon, Calif.) - up to \$900 for printing expenses.
- 100* 12. THE RAP (New York) - \$200-\$300 toward conference expenses.
- No* 13. A.F.S.C. Military Counseling (Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas) - up to \$6000 toward expansion of program.
- Postpone* 14. PEOPLE'S PRESS (San Francisco) - \$1000 for printing Terry Cannon pamphlet on the Black Panthers.
- 150/75/75* 15. VIETNAM GI (Chicago) - \$200 now and \$75/month.
- 150* 16. WILDCAT (Chicago) - \$250 to print labor organizing paper.
- 150 + 150* 17. YOUNG PATRIOTS COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE (Chicago) - up to \$500 to help run things.
- 100* 18. THE BEGINNING OF THE END (East Boston) - Bread and Roses collective needs \$ for work with high school students.
- ~~19. STUDENT STEERING COMMITTEE (Storrs, Conn.) - up to \$ for students "trying to work within the system".~~