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Minutes: RESIST Steering Committee Meeting
20 February, 1971; New York City @ 12:00-9:00pm

Attending

Steering Committee: Bill Davidson, Paul Lauter, Noam Chomsky, Frank Joyce, Barbara Webster, Bill Chevigny
Staff: Shaun Donovan, Claudette Piper, Barry Wingard
Area: Wayne O’Neil
Guests: Peggy Duff (IDES)

Staff Report

It was announced that Barry Wingard has been hired as a new staff member. Wendy Dassen, formerly with the American Friends Service Committee in Chicago, has been working in the office for the past week and is interested in working full time.

Financial Report

This month the unencumbered balance is $1591.40; we should grant no more than $2,300.

Fund Raising

Bill Davidson suggested that we ask each Newsletter subscriber to recruit a new subscriber by enclosing a sheet in the next issue to be given by present subscribers to friends. It was suggested that we check out the availability of the UNDO mailing list for a fund raising campaign. Paul Lauter suggested that a letter be sent to each Steering Committee on both the West and East Coasts (including Richard Flacks) asking if they are willing to speak on three topics of their choice to be announced in an upcoming issue of the Newsletter with the money to go to RESIST. This letter will be sent with the date and place of the next monthly meeting. Another idea that came out of discussion was the viability of another national poetry tour with Robert Bly, Allen Ginsburg and Gary Snyder as national drawing cards but with local poets from each city visiting appearing with them. Noam Chomsky will talk to Robert Lowell about joining this tour. Profits will be split with local Peace Treaty organizations. This plan should proceed only after consultation with Barbara Webster and Grace Paley on the possibilities of success. If the project is okayed, its success will require a full time volunteer to handle arrangements.

RAMPARTS made a request for funds as initial capital to finance a projected issue on the Peace Treaty scheduled for April. In return for our grant, they promise free space for a RESIST ad of negotiable length. Since the amount we could give them is so small and would only be dropped into a much larger pot, Peggy Duff suggested that we support an ad promising them 50\% of the profits and advance them $200. Following up on the NYRB ad, it was agreed that the next time the names of the steering committee be included at the bottom. The absence of the names may partially account for the low returns. Bill suggested that when a rewrite of the NYRB ad appears in the Village Voice (decided at an earlier meeting) that contributors be lured by promising them a free subscription to the Newsletter if they give more than a certain amount (say ten dollars).
Movement Security Kit

Progress is being made on the next kit to be distributed by the office. Projected inwards: 1) pamphlet on all aspects of personal and collective political security, 2) reprint of RAMPARTS article on "Underlying Undercover Agents in the Movement" that appeared in December, 3) reprint of Jack Nelson's article on agent Boyd Douglas from the Los Angeles Times, 4) article on "Methods of Police Interrogation" from the Black Panther Party paper, 5) "Police Apparatus" by Lee Webb, reprinted from NAACPJ, 6) Lawyers' Collective article on Grand Juries that appeared in the Guardian, 7) re-write Dr. Hide's article on how to go underground and stay there, 8) article on legal repression such as conspiracy laws, immunity statutes, and wiretapping guidelines, etc. Paul Lauter suggested that we contact different legal collectives across the country and ask their opinions on what we should include (Law Center for Constitutional Rights, National Lawyers Guild, The Cloak, CLD, Emergency Civil Liberties Commission). Clausette Piper said that research for the first article listed above the cost $100.

People's Peace Treaty

Discussion centered around how RESIST can best aid the organizing being done around the Treaty, how the Newsletter could be used best, etc., etc. Frank Joyce said the the value of the treaty is that lends itself to discussion which results in better understanding of the war. From his own experience, he said that what was needed as an organizing tool was an article on the topic "15 Most Asked Questions About the People's Peace Treaty," with complete background answers and analysis. The group in Detroit working with the Treaty is beginning to put together such an article which will then be distributed nationally. For the Newsletter, Frank promised to write an article on how to organize around the Treaty, other suggested articles deal with 1) how to approach Trade Unions with the Treaty, and 2) descriptive article on the United Front that has formed around the Treaty.

People's Coalition for Peace and Justice

Paul termed it "Son of Mob" (that's an aside). There was obvious confusion about the projected schedule of events on the national level, about the conflict with the National Peace Action Coalition's plans for a massive peaceful and legal demonstration for April 26 and the People's Coalition for Peace & Justice plans for the Seven Days in May. The Chicago convention of the People's Coalition representatives held January 8-9 endorsed mass militant non-violent civil disobedience which has consequently weakened the bond between local groups. After the Laco demonstration ended in "violence", local coalitions were strained to the near breaking point. In Boston, Wayne O'Neill said that real attempts are being made to keep the coalition from splitting up over the tension between liberal groups such as MASS PAX and the militant collectives. Paul Lauter said that a similar situation existed in Baltimore. Frank asked how seriously RESIST should back militant non-violent civil disobedience. Answering his own question, he suggested that this depends on just what the organizing of the Coalition is, how successful the Treaty signing is, how the war proceeds, and to what extent people's consciousness is raised by grappling with all the above. He suggested that his ideal scenario for the national
action is for a massive demonstration be followed by militant actions during
the rest of the week, but that some mechanism be preserved whereby people not
able to perform C. D. can still participate. In his opinion, the government
is faced with an impossible dilemma regarding which troops to call out during
May and late April--the National Guard or the regular Army. Resistance is so
strong within both that Nixon and the Pentagon cannot completely trust either
unit. The national action is still unclear; if the progression is from lobbying
in the halls of Congress, to massive demonstrations, to call for a national
strike, to non-violent occupation of government buildings.

**Washington's Birthday Conspiracy**

The staff will draft a political statement which will be discussed with all
the defendants and co-conspirators tying in all examples of developing repression
in this country. March 17th is the date for an Anti-Repression Rally in Balti-
more with the Black Panthers, the Angela Davis Defense Committee, and the
twenty-three people busted at the recent TDA rally organizing it.

**Funding Grants**

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FEBRUARY FUNDING REQUESTS

1. Gay Liberation Front, Los Angeles, Calif.: $284.00 for printing expenses for a "Military Resistance Pamphlet"


3. Oleh Strut, Killeen, Texas: monthly support for a new GI counselling project, $250.00

4. Children's Day Care Center, Gainesville Florida: $200 for expenses to organize a day care center.

5. Vietnamese Women's Conference (Women's Strike for Peace), Cambridge: a) use of our mailing list, b) $1500 for Montreal Conference expenses plus $5,000 for travel expenses to bring 3rd World women to Canada.

6. Mississippi Draft Information Service, Biloxi: unspecified amount for expenses

7. RTM, Racine, Wisconsin: $300 for program expenses/ i.e.: $450 for newspaper issues, $200 for repairs on car and new mino, $250 for restocking bookstore.

8. Draft Counselling in Houston Texas: $180 to staff center.

9. Prisoners Rights Liberation Movement, Boston: $200 for expenses to set up a support group outside of Massachusetts prisons.

10. Dorchester Tenants Action Council, Boston: $300 for selectrix typewriter and to cover newsletter expenses and storefront rent.

11. Awake and Move, Paoli, Pa.: RESIST's IBM typewriter also consider Committee of Liaison's request for the same IBM.


13. American Exile Counselling Center, Montreal: $750 over three months to rebuild support among community of deserters and Quebeccois.

14. Third Unitarian Church, Chicago: $100 for salary of C.O. working to combat racist reality codes in Austin section of Chicago.

15. Ramparts: contribution for special issue on Peace Treaty in April, 4x exchange for full page ad free.

16. Radical Teachers' Collective, Baltimore: $100 to put out next issue of "Message for Mr. Jones."

17. Black Workers' Congress, Pittsburgh: $600 for first month's expenses for rent and materials, $300 for second month's expenses.

18. Lawyer's Guild, Pie

19. DMZ

20. Milwaukee NWA

21. Viet. Calendar

22. Times Change

23. Baltimore 23

2) Milwaukee Newseed, Milwaukee: Up to $7000 for film-making and overhead for one year-1971-1972

3) Oleo Strut, Killeen Texas: monthly support for a new G. I. counselling project, $2500.00

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7) R防护 Collective, Racine, Wisconsin: $900 for program expenses; breakdown is $450 for next newspaper issuance, $200 for repairs on car and new mimeo, $250 for restocking bookstrored.

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9) Prisoners' Rights Liberation Movement: $200 to organize an outside support group for Massachusetts prisons.

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11) Awake and Move, Pnlynn, Pa.: RESIST's IBM typewriter

12) Joe Neal in Fayetteville, Arkansas: $75 rent for a new community center.

13) American Exiles Counselling Center, Montreal: $750 over three months to rebuild support among community of deserters and Quebecois.

14) Third Unitarian Church, Chicago: $100 for one month's salary of a G. O. working to combat racist repression and McCarthyism in the Austin section.

15) KOMARTS: contribution for special issue on Peace Treaty in exchange for a free ad.

16) Radical Teacher's Collective, Baltimore: $100 to put out next issue of newsletter.

17) International Black Workers' Congress, Pittsburgh: $600 for first month's expenses for rent and materials, $300 for second month's expenses.

18) Leporello's Guild, New York City: $300 for military program at Fort Dix

19) DC Coffeehouse, Washington: $225 to cover past expenses

20) Elimination ENDS

21) Lloyd Ahenea Press, New York: mailing list, or flyer in next issue of Newsletter or advertisement in the Newsletter.