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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, Bell Chevigny  
Staff: Shawn Donovan, Claudette Piper, Barry Wingard  
Area: Wayne O'Neil  
Guests: Peggy Duff (ICDP)

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Staff Report

It was announced that Barry Wingard has been hired as a new staff member. Wendy Watson, 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 \$2,500.

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 visited 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 negotiate 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 innards: 1) pamphlet on all aspects of personal and collective political security, 2) reprint of RAMPARTS article on "Undomering 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 NARMIC, 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, Ken Cloke, CLLDP, Emergency Civil Liberties Commission). Claurette 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 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 Unionists 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 Mobe". (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 24 and the People's Coalition for Peace and 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 Laos 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 Baltimore with the Black Panthers, the Angela Davis Defense Committee, and the twenty-three people busted at the recent TDA rally organizing it.

### Funding Grants

Group:	February	March	April
Gay Liberation:	\$100		
Milwaukee Newsreel:	pending a more realistic proposal		
Oleo Strut:	pending outcome of GLDF decision, \$450 put aside		
Children's Day Care:	pending		
Vietnamese Women's Conference:	money for envelopes and postage for large mailing		
Mississippi Draft Service:	pending		
KRM Collective/Racine:	\$100		
Draft Counseling/Houston:	pending more information		
Prisoners' Rights Mtg:	denied		
Dorchester Tenants Council:	denied		
Awake and Move:	denied at present (\$150 if necessary at later date)		
Fayetteville Arkansas:	request withdrawn		
American Exile Center:	\$150		
Third Unitarian Church:	\$100		
<u>Ramparts:</u>	\$200 advance, 50% profits from free ad a		
<u>Radical Teachers' Collective:</u>	denied		
<u>Black Workers' Congress:</u>	\$300 contingency		
National Lawyers' Guild:	\$300		
DMZ Coffeehouse:	\$228		
Milwaukee NWRO:	\$200		
Vietnam Calendar/Frank Joyce:	loan of \$200 switched to grant		
Times Changes Press:	advertisement to be put in Newsletter		



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FEBRUARY FUNDING REQUESTS

- \$100
1. Gay Liberation Front, Los Angeles, Calif.: \$284.00 for printing expenses for a "Military Resistance Pamphlet"
2. Milwaukee Newsreel, Milwaukee: Up to \$7,700 for film-making and overhead for one year-1971.
- \$150 X 3
3. Ole 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.
- \$250-mailing
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.
- Postpaid
6. Mississippi Draft Information Service, Biloxi: unspecified amount for expenses
- \$100 - new budget
7. RYM, Racine, Wisconsin: \$900 for program expenses/ i.e.: \$450 for newspaper issues, \$200 for repairs on car and new minico, \$250 for restocking bookstore.
- ~~No~~ No
8. Draft Counselling in Houston Texas: \$180 to start center.
- No
9. Prisoners Rights Liberation Movement, Boston: \$200 for expenses to set up a support group outside of Massachusetts prisons.
- Not for that
- 10) Dorchester Tenants Action Council, Boston: \$300 for selectrix typewriter and to cover newsletter expenses and storefront rent.
- Wait
11. Awake and Move, Philly, Pa.: RESIST's IBM typewriter also consider Committee of Liason's request for the same IBM.
- X
12. Joe Neal in Fayetteville, Arkansas: 675 rent for a new community center.
- \$150
13. American Exile Counselling Center, Montreal: \$750 over three months to rebuild support among community of deserters and Quebecois.
- \$100 contingent
14. Third Unitarian Church, Chicago: \$100 for salary of C.O. working to combat racist realty codes in Austin section of Chicago.
- \$17 ad
15. Ramparts: contribution for special issue on Peace Treaty in April, in exchange for full page ad free
- No
16. Radical Teachers' Collective, Baltimore: \$100 to put out next issue of "Message for Mr. Jones."
- \$300 contingent
17. Black Workers' Congress, Pittsburg: \$600 for first month's expenses for rent and materials, \$300 for second months expenses.
- \$300 contingent on Belle
- \$225
18. ~~DMZ~~ Lawyer's Guild - Dix

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21. Viet. Calendar ✓
22. Times Change ✓
23. Baltimore 23 ✓

\$200



# REVISED FEBRUARY FUNDING GRANTS

- 1) Gay Liberation Front: Los Angeles: \$280 for printing expenses for a "Military Resistance Pamphlet."
- 2) Milwaukee Newsread, 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
- 4) Children's Day Care Center, Gainesville Florida: \$200 for expenses to organize a day care center.
- 5) Vietnamese Women's Conference (Woman's Strike for Peace) Cambridge: a) use of our mailing list, b) 1,500 for Montreal Conference expenses plus \$5,000 for travel expenses to bring Third World women to Canada.
- 6) Mississippi Draft Information, Biloxi: unspecified amount of money for expenses.
- 7) BYM Collective, Racine, Wisconsin: \$900 for program expenses; breakdown is \$450 for next newspaper issues, \$200 for repairs on car and new minco, \$250 for restocking bookstore.
- 8) Draft Counselling in Houston: \$200 to start center
- 9) Prisoners' Rights Liberation Movement: \$200 to organize an outside support group for Massachusetts prisons.
- 10) Dorchester Tenants Action Council, Boston: \$300 for selectix typewriter and to cover newsletter expenses and storefront rent.
- 11) Awake and Move, Pnellyn, Pa.: RESIST's IBM typewriter
- 12) Jon 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 C. O. working to combat racist ~~unpleasant~~ realty codes in the Austin section
- 15) RAMPARTS: 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 newspaper.
- 17) International Black Workers' Congress, Pittsburg: \$600 for first month's expenses for rent and materials, \$300 for second month's expenses.
- 18) Levellers' Guild, New York City: \$300 for military program at Fort Dix
- 19) DW Coffeshouse, Washington: \$228 to cover past expenses
- 20) Milwaukee NWRD:
- 21) David Whanga Press, New York: mailing list, or flyer in next issue of Newsletter or advertisement in the Newsletter