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Those attending:

Tony Avirgan, Ellen Catarow, Bell Chevigny, Judy Chomsky, Bill Davidson, Frances Eubanks, Florence Howe, Frank Joyce, Louis Kampf, Hans Koningsberger, Paul Lauter, Todd Manley, Dick Ohmann, Grace Paley, Jennifer Riley, Hank Rosemont

Financial Report

Income for the last month was about 5,000.00. This included 2381.00 in pledges, 454 in contributions, and 2,000.00 profit from the mass mailing. We granted upwards of 2500.00. The single most important factor in income this month outside of pledges was the mass mailing. Total profit so far from the mailing is 2585.85. Total returns have been 5983.00 minus 3397.00 in expenses. The lists which did the best for us were War Resisters League, Win Magazine, and the Committee Against Repressive Legislation. We just sent out the National Lawyers Guild list, 1500 names. This mailing did as well, proportionally, as the spring mailing.

Newsletter Report

On Jan. 27 staff, Claudette and Hans met in the office to talk about the next newsletter, and at that time decided on several articles. Ngo Vinh Long is writing one about Nixon's speech, Jack Hornfelt is writing one about the Harrisburg trial. At the meeting it was decided to have several others, specifically: an article by Howard Zinn on the Teach-in at B.U. last December, articles by Tony Avirgan and Judy Chomsky on actions which have taken place in Syracuse and Philadelphia around the air war. Also there will be an editorial by Frank severely criticizing and struggling sharply with the so called Bramfman-Trot line. An explanation of what that is will appear in the next section of the minutes after the newsletter report.

We are going to resubscribe for the next three months. This time we are going to use business reply envelopes instead of coupons in the newsletter itself which people always had to cut out.

The Poster

At the January meeting a discussion took place about Resist's past base of support on Campuses and whether it was wise to center more energies on colleges than in the previous year. This discussion grew out of Hans' memo. Bill proposed that people who were interested in such work should do a project which would provide people with concrete information as to the effectiveness of Resist on campuses. It would also provide new contacts if successful. It was suggested that Resist try to organize a day of teach-ins about the air war, and also provide a poster to be used in actions opposing air force recruiters.

The status of the project as reported by Hank is now in three stages, more or less:

1. About a week after the meeting posters and letters will be sent to the list of contacts on campuses that Hank and Hans compiled and also to a list of groups we have funded. It is hoped that groups and campus people near each other will be able to find out about one another. The letter will explain that Resist is trying to organize a day of teach-ins and protest around the air war, that the poster is for that purpose, and ask for their responses. The date is now tentatively April 12.

2. The next newsletter will contain examples of actions that this project is attempting to duplicate, such as ones at B.U., Phila. and Syracuse. There will also be an editorial by Frank about the Bramfman-Trot line. This, briefly, is to oppose the line that people do not realize that there is a war going on, but rather will try to combat that notion and propose that people will act when given an analysis and program of action from that analysis. ~~The newsletter will be sent to the list of campus contact and groups funded by Resist. Included will be a press release about actions which took place in Detroit and Phila. on February 15.~~ The newsletter will be sent to the list of campus contact and groups funded by Resist. Included will be a press release about actions which took place in Detroit and Phila. on February 15.

3. In the March newsletter will be an article about the project, gleaned mainly from responses we get from the mailings about what people are planning, and also details of what will be happening in Boston.

FUNDRAISING

Bill Havidon brought a proposed text for an ad to the meeting. It was read and with several corrections accepted. It was decided to put it in American reports as soon as possible, along with a David Levine cartoon (PLEASE REMEMBER TO LOOK AT THE WORK LIST FOLLOWING THE MINUTES).

We are trying to get the mailing list from the Spanish Refugee Aid Committee to send the mass mailing to. Also, Dick is enquiring farther into the possibilities of getting the mailing list of the Korean-American Friendship and Information center.

Ben Spock's name has been dropped from the letter and Kate Millett's added. We are now the sponsors for Noam's speaking engagements, as we have a contract drawn up, which is quite official looking and sounding. Staff will be sending copies to other steering committee people also. The idea of sponsoring Satre, Doris Lessing, Juliet Mitchell came up also. Also, staff will get ads for the security kit to be heard on radio stations in New York and Boston if possible.

USSF

Paul talked briefly about what was happening within USSF. Firstly, the Cambridge office is closing in March. People are needed for staff positions in New York, and also to work in projects. The Anniston, Ala. project has closed down, the Fayetteville women's project is disorganized right now. There are more air force projects starting, and a petition of air men and women against the air war has been printed. Paul hoped that GI's would invite civilians to join them in demonstrations on Armed Forces day this year. In the past many civilian demonstrations have ~~ended~~ ended up demonstrating against the GI's. Also the relationship between Jane Fonda, Donald Sutherland, ~~and~~ their show, and USSF is now non-existent. Fred Gardner has been purged.

STAFF REPORT

All of the present staff will be leaving the office by early summer. Frances is going to Italy in June, Todd is leaving Boston in late April-early May, and Jennifer will be leaving the office by early summer. This means that a new staff should be recruited now. Suggestions?

Recently people working in the office have had other political experiences outside of Resist prior to joining the staff. This has both a good and a bad side. Good in that staff familiar with movement work have an easier time, and should something like the media papers happen again they would know what to do. Also, it is good for staff people not to be intimidated by the steering

committee, as that seems to inevitably lead to alienation and hostility. However, people with other experiences have a hard time coping with the office work for a long period of time, while people just getting into the movement find it interesting for a longer amount. Anyway, despite these apparent contradictions, a new staff is needed. One person around whom another staff could be built over a period of time would be ideal, and staff is open to suggestions.

WORK LIST

- Frank Joyce--- write editorial by Feb 15 combatting Bramfman-Trot line..
Send office information pertaining to Marcel Marceau's performing schedule and availability to Resist.
Help Bill re-write ad copy.
- Tony and Judy--- Send information on actions which took place in respectively
Syracuse and Philadelphia.
- Hans --- Solicite article from Howard Zinn on Teach-in at B.U.
Deadline for article is Feb 15
- Paul --- Talk to Dick Fernandez about American Reports
- Florence --- Call David Levine about a cartoon for Resist's Ad
- Dick, Florence and Bell--- Investigate idea of teaching kit for Resist.
- Dick ---- The office will send you materials from funding requests
for an article in LNS about Resist which will hopefully
solicite more funding requests. Also, were you going to
write one for the op ed page of the times? FLORENCE,
you are supposed to secure space on the times for such
an article.
- Bill--- Revise text of ad along with Frank.
- Barbara and Bell--- Check out Bail out people in New York further about
their funding request.

IF ANYONE ELSE HAD CHORES TO DO FROM THE MEETING, PLEASE DO THEM.

FUNDING

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| 1. Bail out, New York | Pending |
| 2. Appalachian Movement press | \$165 times three |
| 3. The Kudzu, Ma Jackson, Miss. | \$250 |
| 4. Friends Peace Committee, Phila. | denied |
| 5. National War Tax Resistance | Up to \$400, also ask for mailing
list for after April 15 |
| 6. Peter Borgen, Bay Military Counseling | Contingent on what SOS in L.A.
suggests, USSF will put up \$100 |
| 7. Bust Book, Milwaukee | Pending |
| 8. Inside Out, Seattle | Pending |
| 9. American Documentary Films, New York | denied |
| 10. Ujanna Services, Inc., St. Petersburg | \$250 |
| 11. Collecte, Vietnam | denied, solicite article |
| 12. Jackson Human Rights Project, Miss. | \$200 times three |
| 13. Columbia-Military-Draft Project | denied |
| 14. Rhode Island Bail Fund | \$150 |
| 15. Jibaro(a) Boston | \$165 |
| 16. Indo China Resource Center | up to \$250 |
| 17. Black Workers Congree | R \$350 |
| 18. Black Draft Counseling, Cleveland | \$185 times two, refer to USSF
for further funding. |

The next meeting will be March 4 in Boston at Hans' house, 17 Joy Street, Boston

(Phila. Res. 104. S. 13^E / 14)

Financial Statement for Resist Steering Committee meeting

Feb. 5, 1972

Balance on Jan 8, 1972 993.86

Income for period Jan 9 - Feb 4

pledges	2381.15
contributions	454.50
security kit	75.05
H.S. Kit	6.20
Subscriptions	15.00
Mass. Mailing	2,000.00
Misc.	70.00

Total income for month 5001.90

Disbursements for same period

Taxes	381.98
payroll	835.03
grants	2700.00
postage	230.00
printing	103.00
Pettycash and maintenance	481.83
travel	220.00
Security Kit	32.30
Misc.	122.00

Total 5106.14

Bank Balance as of Feb 4, 1972 less service charges 878.47

Encumbrments for the next four weeks

Travel	150.00
Postage	230.00
Printing	100.00
Grants	100.00
Taxes	100.00
Payroll	800.00
Maintenance	300.00
Petty Cash	50.00

Total 1830.00

With a bank balance of 878.47, and expecting 2200.00 in pledges, 500 more from the mass mailing, 500 from contributions, and 75 more from the security kit, we can grant about \$2500.00 this month.

Projects funded last month

	Jan.	Feb.	March
1. Malcolm X United Liberation Front	200	200	200
2. Prisoner Survival Center, Boston	400		
3. Re.-Entry, Springfield, Mass	300		
4. Fish Cheer, Pensacola, Fla.	100		
5. Barrio Defense Committee, Los Angeles	184		
6. Philadelphia Prisoner's Free Press	90		
7. Young Patriots Community Health Center	250		
8. Cambridge Tenants Organizing Committee	300		
9. Unemployed Steelworkers Council, Gary	300	100	100
10. RPM Printing emergency Madison	150		
11. Jibaros emergency Boston	120		

Funding Requests - February 1972

1. Bail-Out, N.Y.C. - is a collective that works to post bail for poor people. Besides their bail fund, they also have an Inmates' Personal Fund to help prisoners get books, clothes, etc. Want \$ to increase Bail Fund account.
2. Appalachian Movement Press, Huntington, W.Va. - is asking for \$500 for reprinting of articles and funding of \$165.00 a month for 6 months to increase salaries of two full time and one part time person. They hope with this help to be able to print new literature on history of struggles in appalachia.
3. The Kudzu, Jackson, Miss. - are trying to get their newspaper going again after some hard times. Need to have the engine of their 57 Chevy rebuilt which can be done for \$250. The car is essential for traveling and building up contacts.
4. Friends Peace Committee, Phila., Pa. - project to send 5 lawyers to Japan to defend GI's facing court-martial there. Cost of the project would be \$50,000. They want a broad base of support, so any contribution from Resist would be welcome.
5. National War Tax Resistance, N.Y.C. - They are asking for \$350 to cover cost of postage for the last issue of their newsletter, which they think is important because it will raise funds for them as well as inform people of their spring tax resistance strategy.
6. Peter Sorgen, draft counselor, L.A., Cal., - asking for funding for his A&V pamphlet. No longer expects any financial support from GLF of L.A. (\$100.00) why?
7. Bust Book, Milwaukee, Wis. - need \$200 to have printed their book which came out of 10 months of legal counseling in the Milwaukee area. They want to do 2400 copies for a total of \$400.
8. Inside-Out, Seattle, Wash. - a prisoner support group which is running a house for families visiting relatives at nearby McNeil Island Prison. They need help to meet house expenses which come to about \$600 a month.
9. American Documentary Films, N.Y.C. - They are having problems because they weren't able to raise enough money to put out their fall mailing, plus income is usually low during Nov.-Dec. They are asking for \$750 for rent.

NO
Bell
contact

\$165 x3

\$250

NO

(400)

Refer
to LASOS

write
ask

Postpone

NO

\$250

10. Ujamaa Services, Inc., St. Petersburg, Fla. - Organized by JOMA (Junta of Militant Organizations) is a non-profit organization attempting to create independent economic bases in the black community. Need \$1000 to complete equipping the Ujamaa Restaurant, their first project, before it can be opened.



11. Collecte Vietnam, Montreal- a group initiated by people in Montreal to get financial support without any intervening administrative structures direct to the NLF through contacts in Paris. They would like \$500 from Rasist for further mailings.

200x3

12. Jackson Human Rights Project, Jackson, Miss. - Need \$600 to continue their present level of programs. They need money for rent of The Black and Proud School and their Sewing Center. Part of the money would also be for the cost of transportation for the children to and from school and upkeep on the car.

No

13. Columbia Military-Draft Information Service, Columbia, S. C. A draft counselling group that serves GI's at nearby Fort Jackson and helps to train other counsellors for the S.R. They are asking for \$180 to pay their phone bill.

\$150

14. Rhode Island Bail Fund, Providence, R. I. - They are trying to raise \$5000 collateral fund to persuade churches, etc. to put up property for the bail fund. Would like to have \$300 for printing of a pamphlet explaining the fund which would include several revisions.

\$165

15. Jibaro, Roxbury, Mass. - Asking for \$165 for one month's rent on new building; hope to have set up permanent fund-raising committee by next month.

up to \$200 16. Indo-china Resource Center
~~Amurston Congress proposal - \$200~~

185 x 217. Black Draft Counseling Ctr. - \$185 - rent, elec. phone

18. Springfield Day King.

4350 19. B.W.C. Gary

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