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Minutes - April 9, 1972 Meeting  
Resist Steering Committee

Attending the meeting were - Bell Chevigny, Judy Chomsky, Bill Davidson, Frances Eubanks, Frank Joyce, Paul Lauter, Todd Manley, Dick Ohmann, Grace Paley, Jennifer Riley, Jean Turner, Barbara Webster, Tom Wolfe, and Robert Zevin.

Financial Report - This month we have been getting returns from the resubscription effort amounting to \$2,927.00. Resubscription will continue through this month although it will be dropping off. This income plus the income that we should start getting from the next mailings probably will keep our income steady for May and June. Out of a total disbursement figure for April of \$7,188.07, about 58% went for grants, 24% for office overhead and salaries, and 18% for programs (newsletter, printing, and travelling expenses).

Staff Report - Tom Wolf has been hired as part of the staff. Todd plans to leave by the middle of April.

Mass Mailing - Staff will do a mailing of 3100 from the Spanish Refugee Aid list, which, was obtained by even exchange with our list. This list should go out by the middle of the month. Also, the week of April 24, we will be using 5000 names from the I. F. Stone list instead of the entire list of 61,000. It was decided to use only this portion after we found out that the list has been used altogether 12½ times. However, if these 5000 names do well, we can use the remainder at a later time. The I. F. Stone list was rented from the NYRB and will be sent out from a mailing house.

Newsletter - Keeping in mind that this issue will go to I. F. Stone's list as part of the contents of that mailing, it was decided to have an overview article on movement trials, and also articles on Vietnam and the Woodcutters' strike. If there is room something will be included about Armed Forces Day, past and presently planned actions.

Ad - Bell called David Levine during the meeting. He suggested we contact the NYRB for use of a cartoon that has already appeared in that magazine. Staff will make arrangements, where feasible for running the ad in The Phoenix, BAD, Ramparts, American Reports, etc. Barbara A also informed us that WTR would run an ad for Resist in their magazine.

Military Bases on Alert - Paul had with him an impressive list of U. S. Air Force and Navy bases placed on alert, or which had already begun sending men and equipment to the war zone. The list was compiled by the U.S.S.F. staff after having attended a meeting in Portsmouth of G.I. organizing project and support groups. By comparing notes, the groups realized that the government was planning a massive response to the North Vietnamese offensive. A conference of VVAW's at Austin, Texas further corroborated this. A coordinating committee was set up called the Ad Hoc Military Buildup Committee to continue gathering information from AFB's around the country and to get the information to the press. This committee was to work out of the Legal In-service Project office in Cambridge. The staff took down this list. The general feeling was that Resist should help make this information public.

Interpretation of Events and Resist's Response - Frank said the U.S. may anticipate losing 20 planes a day. He thought the possibility should not be excluded of a military coup or a collapse of the Saigon government....Bill suggested that the information we have should be gotten to people abroad.

Paul urged that emphasis be laid on the fact the flow of men and materials is back to Vietnam. Frank, however, was concerned with what people in the movement should do as a response. Judy felt that emphasis should be put on making sure everyone (the people more or less sympathetic to the Left and the general public) knew what the U.S. was up to, and thought events should lead up to public forums about what was going on.



To this end, it was generally felt that Resist should try to support and build for both the 15th and the 22nd, Frank making the point that if mass discontent evidenced itself and feelings against the war coalesced at some point, there would be needed vehicles there to transmit the spontaneity. Philadelphia people thought that they might change dates of local actions to not interfere with nationally planned demonstrations.

Paul suggested that Resist should use its ability of pulling academic people together for some action on the 15th in Washington. Several possibilities were thought of, including defoliating the White House lawn and the cherry trees, Grace being strongly against the latter. Paul quite seriously suggested that steering committee members should try to pull together the original group of Resist signers of the New Call, or part of that group for civil disobedience in Washington for the 15th.

In summary it was decided to send the information on the military bases on alert to the list of campus contacts for their use in teach-ins or whatever together with a cover letter urging people to come to the demonstrations in Washington and New York. Bill and Judy would put together a leaflet and would send it to the staff to go in the mailing highlighting recent events and the York, Pa. action.

The staff had to leave the meeting before it was over to catch the train. Discussion continued on making arrangements for the 15th.

Next meeting - will be at Claudette's in Cambridge. Claudette lives very near Central Square. Address: 174 Auburn St. The date will be Sunday, May 14th, at 11:00 a.m.

Revised Financial Statement  
For Steering Committee Meeting  
April 9, 1972

Balance as of March 5, 1972 \$2792.61

Income for the month

Pledges	\$3046.01
Contributions	657.85
Security Kit	82.50
H. S. Kit	1.00
Subscriptions	2927.64
Mass Mailing	25.00
Misc.	37.56

**Total income was 6777.56**

Disbursements for the month

Taxes	336.74
Payroll	1149.33
Grants	4157.73
Postage	525.00
Printing	170.61
P.C., Travel	
Maintenance	631.76
Misc.	216.90

Total disbursements for the month 7188.07

Our present balance (with bank corrections, etc.) 2387.38  
as of April 7, 1972

The encumberments for the next month are

Taxes	200.00
Rent	130.00
Payroll	928.00
Postage	310.00
Travel	350.00
Printing	110.00
Mass Mailing	750.00
Telephone	150.00

Total encumberments for the month 2928.00

Thus, our present balance plus our projected income minus our encumberments gives us a total of about \$3000.00 to grant for this month.



Funding Requests for April 9, 1972 Steering Committee Meeting

Ferry - 805-965-  
3100  
3 Fair tree news  
S B 93101

1. Rising Up Angry, Chicago -- Asking for \$300 towards the printing of 10,000 posters and 100,000 leaflets for demonstration on Armed forces day at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. Working with them on the project are C.A.M.P. VVAW, MDM, and Glenview Org. Project.

\$100?

2. Jibaro Boston --- Asking for extension of grant covering rent of storefront, \$165 for the next three months

\$165/1 month

3. Barrio Defense Committee, Los Angeles --- Asking for a renewal of our Jan grant to them of \$184 to cover the expenses of putting out their newsletter

\$184 on rec.

4. The Community Health Center, Middletown, Conn. --- Asking us for two months rent, \$150, installation and initial phone expenses \$100, and \$100 for locks, alarm and other security measures.

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5. Alabama-Mississippi VVAW-- Asking us for \$120 to cover costs of mailing they wish to make to a list of about 1500 men recently released from the service who served in Vietnam.

sub. bulk

6. The Bill Haywood Collective, Morehead City, North Carolina --- Asking us to pay phone bill of \$140 run up in involvement in Community projects, such as abortion counseling, draft counseling, and a law suit

\$140

7. Diana Press, Baltimore, Md.-- Asking us to grant them money towards expenses of rent \$90, insurance on press \$35, salaries, \$50, plus \$70 in improvements at press.

\$100 contingent

8. Appalachian Mountain Youth Collective, Morgantown, W. Va. -- Asking money towards expenses in working with welfare recipients, ex-coal miners with Black Lung, Viet Nam Vets out of work, dissident Coal miners. Costs run \$30 for rent, \$20 for phone \$420 for Mountain liberator, \$330 for miner's paper, \$50 for Black Lung Counseling.

2000 check

9. B.E.D.C. Che Payne Institute, Phila.--- Asking us to help meet their expenses as they expand their counseling programs. They need \$350 for leaflets, distributed mostly at high schools, and \$150 more for other literature, such as draft forms.

\$150

10. Tombs & Defense Committee, New York-- Asking us for \$500 seed money to cover expenses of telephone, printing costs and money for fundraising benefit in starting defense work

\$100

11. George Stein, Somerville-- Asking us to contribute anything towards making up 1455 bill run up in telephoning tape from Paris last Feb. This is money which CALCAV will eventually have to pay, as it is on their phone bill. Last month they asked us not to consider until they knew how big the bill is. Now they need money.

No

12. Know, Inc., Pittsburgh -- Asking us to cover costs of moving operations to a different site, such as \$100 to move press, and for office equipment.

\$100 + write

13. Mike Honey, Memphis -- Asking us for \$200 for repairs for car, which is needed in their organizing.

200

14. Malcolm X United Liberation Front, Tallahassee-- Asking us to support Information and Distribution Cntr. dealing with government agencies, and for the continuing work of the front. Need \$175 rent for tw offices, \$70 for utilities for offices, \$50 telephone, and \$100 for newspaper.

200/200/200

15. Minister Roosevelt White House of Israel, Erie-- Asking \$100 for newspaper for community church involved in NWRO march, draft counseling, sewing center, legal rights education

16. Mountain People's Rights, Inc. Need money for telephone, xeroxing rent spent in providing legal services to disabled miners and case work concerning strip mining, mineral rights, black lung, and health and hospital care. Rent-\$300, Xeroxing-\$185, Phone \$200

300/300/300

17 United Farmworkers, Boston -- Are looking for office site away from their home, and closer to constituency than Dorchester. They are also asking for \$245 postage for a mailing to our list explaining what is happening in the boycott, and as regards the National Labor Relations Board.

UP 200 \$200

18. N.Y. State (Lamy) \$50 gas \$150 food \$30 paper \$40 slide pro

\$100

19. Franz blau

75/75/75

20. ~~Ban Fran~~ Phila Res.

\$200

21. woman's Legal Center, N.Y.

\$300 (loan)