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MINUTES FOR RESIST STEERING COMMITTEE  
MAY 14th, 1972

Attending the meeting were:

Bill Chevigny, Una Claffey, Bill Davidson, Frances Eubanks, Ken Hale, Hilde Hein, Florence Howe, Paul Lauter, Doug McCay, Dick Ohmann, Wayne O'Neill, Claudette Piper, Jennifer Rilgy, Bob Rosenthal, Tom Wolf, and Bob Zevin.

Financial Report

Total income for the month was \$4905.29 with total disbursements of \$6228.63. Of this month's disbursements, approximately 67% went for grants, 26% for office expenses and general overhead, and 7% for printing and postage.

Resubscriptions have fallen off and we expect that they will drop to a trickle soon. So far, returns from the Spanish Refugee mailing have been discouraging with total returns amounting to about \$300.00. At this time, we have received nothing from the I.F. Stone list and so can not predict projected returns from this mailing.

Paul brought up the idea of fund-raising parties again this summer. He said that he will try to contact Bob Lifton about a joint party for Resist and Medical Aid for Indochina. Bob will try to talk to Herb Magidson and Bill offered to talk to Eghal Ahmed or Dan Berrigan about parties for Resist alone. Wayne said he will approach Ethan Signer about a joint party for Resist and Medical Aid.

It was also decided to include return envelopes with every newsletter both as a means of soliciting contributions and as a way of facilitating communications with people on the mailing list.

CLIDF-Bob Rosenthal

CLIDF's income has dropped off considerably in the past year partially because fund-raising efforts have been disappointing and also because of the loss of demand for Ben Spock and other speakers who contribute to CLIDF. The lack of money has been complicated by the loss of IRS tax exempt status. CLIDF has been questioning the advisability of remaining in existence since it would mean a court battle with IRS which would mean that little money could be granted to projects. The questioning also involves the problem of whether or not CLIDF serves a unique function that would not be fulfilled by other organizations.

It was felt that a tax fight might be worth the effort and money as a legal precedent for USSF and others. Enough money has been set aside so that CLIDF can continue functioning through December of this year and still continue to grant small amounts. Enough contacts have been set up so that specific money could be gotten for specific projects if the tax exempt status goes through.

CLIDF has been looking for new staff and has been working with VVAW, IASP, and Mass Pax on investigating the legal and publicity aspects of bugging.

Vietnam

Discussion was held about the specific and general responses to Nixon's May 8 speech. Paul talked of a meeting that he had attended in Washington recently with Fred Branfman, Dan Ellsberg, Noam, Grace, the Liftons, the Raskins, and others. The discussions there centered around a response to Nixon's speech. Paul and Grace were interested in building a campaign to support and encourage GI resistance through a continuing program of civilian CD, e.g. the closing of recruiting stations. Other were interested in a one-shot action. It was decided that the group should do a CD action in Congress within the next 10 days and present a petition to the Speaker at the same time. It was generally agreed that this action would attract "heavies" who had not been arrested before. Paul read a position paper that he had written about his and other people's feelings as expressed at this meeting. It was decided later that this paper should appear as an article in the special newsletter.



May 30th

Local groups are planning blockade actions against military contractors and war supply lines for the 30th of May. It was suggested that Resist could compile information of these actions both before and after they occur. Generally, Resist's role could be to (1) alert the press that we will be an information center for actions on the 30th and after, (2) alert local groups that actions are planned on the 30th on a nationwide scale and encourage them to do what they can, (3) announce the campaign and make general public statements to support and justify it.

The idea of a press conference to announce ~~the~~ the actions was discussed. It was generally agreed that N.Y. would be the place to hold such a thing. Suggestions were made that we draw up a statement to be signed by well known people and to be read at the press conference (with these people there if possible).

Opposition to the idea of a press conference was expressed. Claudette felt that press conferences were generally dated and that they are no longer as productive or noticeable as in the past. She also felt that one of the type described would have elitist tendencies that might put off some of the people that we are trying to involve in the actions. It was finally agreed not to have the press conference but to draw up a press statement which could be put in a special issue of the newsletter. Bill and Zevin agreed to write this statement. The newsletter could then be sent to various organizations around the country (May 4th Moratorium list), to our own mailing list, and to the press with a special press release.

It was agreed that we should also send out press releases after the 30th to announce and summarize actions that are reported to us.

#### Funding

1 Women's Center- Iowa City	\$150 x 3
2 Center for the Study of Legal Authority and Mental Patient Status (IAMP)-Berkeley, Cal.	denied (Given to CLIDF)
3 Black Panther Party-Boston	pending
4 All Hands Abandon Ship-Newport, RI	denied (Given to USSF)
5 Omaha Military Project-Omaha, Neb.	denied (Given to USSF)
6 GI Alliance-Tillicum, Wash.	denied (Given to USSF)
7 Chicago Area Military Project (CAMP)	\$300.00
8 Media Workshop of the Philadelphia Women's Center-Philadelphia	denied
9 The Prison Law Collective-San Francisco	denied (CLIDF)
10 John Hammar-Holyoke, Mass. (Work, Inc.)	denied
11 Clemon Blanchey-Walla Walla, Wash.	\$65.00
12 Chicano Vietnam Project-Berkeley	pending
13 New England Resistance Revival Cambridge	denied
14 Afro-American Media Collective-Boston	denied
15 Voice of Haiti-Hopewell Jct., N.Y.	pending
16 Locus, Inc.-Torrington, Conn.	denied
17 Support Our Soldiers-Los Angeles	denied (Given to USSF)
18 Buffalo Creek Massacre Coalition-New York	pending
19 Philadelphia Book Club-Phila.	denied
20 Karl Armstrong Defense Committee Madison, Wisc.	denied (Given to CLIDF)
21 All You Can Eat-New Brunswick, NJ	pending





Resist Financial Statement  
For Steering Committee Meeting  
May 14, 1972

Balance as of April 7, 1972 \$2387.38

Income for the month

Pledges	2179.77
Contributions	504.73
Security Kit	31.50
H.S. Kit	4.00
Subscriptions	1838.31
Mass Mailing	21.00
Misc.	325.98

Total income was 4903.29

Disbursements for the month

Taxes	158.10
Payroll	904.74
Grants	4214.00
Postage	140.00
Printing	249.99
P.C., travel	
maintenance	546.82
Misc.	15.00

Total disbursements for the month 6228.63

Present balance (incl. bank corrections, etc.)  
as of May 12, 1972 923.27

The encumbrances for the next month are

	June Meeting	July Meeting
Free Press Loan	700.00	700.00
Taxes	150.00	400.00
Rent	130.00	260.00
Payroll	540.00	1260.00
Postage	260.00	520.00
Travel	200.00	200.00
Printing	210.00	210.00
Telephone	150.00	300.00
Farmworkers Grant	200.00	200.00
Continuing Grants	0.00	575.00

Total encumbrances 2540.00 4625.00

Our present balance plus our projected income minus our encumbrances gives us  
 \$ 1000 - about \$1600.00 to grant if the next meeting is in the beginning of June and  
 about \$2100.00 to grant if the next meeting is in the beginning of July.  
 Neither of these figures takes into account projected returns from the I.F. Stone  
 list.



FUNDING REQUESTS FOR MAY 14th, 1972

1. The Women's Center, Iowa City: Asking anything towards subsistence for 2 full-time staff people. Center is headquarters for small research groups, library, info. on divorce rights, women's health info. project, community programs such as distribution of tenants rights handbook and welfare rights handbook. Plans to begin free lunch program in coordination with free health clinic. *150/x3* *yes* *450/mo - rent } 2 ppl*  
*250/mo - sub*
2. Center for the Study of Legal Authority and Mental Patient Status (LAMP), Berkeley: Asking \$100 for telephone and \$100 for stationery and postage, ~~for research~~. LAMP aims to be research center for mental health law and psychiatric practice in the US, to educate both public and professions. Hopes to publish directory of similar groups (former mental patients). *Refer to Sue Girard, Fuller + Associates* *CLDP*
3. Black Panther Party, Roxbury: Asking anything toward costs of Black Community Survival Conference at end of June; distribution of groceries, sickle cell testing, and voter registration. *NO*
4. All Hands Abandon Ship, Newport, RI: Asking for \$100 to pay off old phone bill, and allow reinstallation of phone in office, \$100 for military counselling materials, \$30/mo. to cover rent increase, \$50/mo. to cover cost of paper. *Ref. to A2 Hoc.*
5. Omaha Military Project, Omaha, Nebraska: Asking anything toward project - Armed Forces Day demo., paper. *USSF*
6. GI Alliance, Tillicum, Wash.: Project is trying to buy a house to insure against further evictions. Down payment is \$1500, monthly payments are \$125. *USIF*
7. Chicago Area Military Project (CAMP): Asking \$50 to repair old mimeo machine, \$600 for IBM Selectric typewriter, and \$50 for shelving material for office. *Ref. to guy in real estate.* *300*
8. Media Workshop @ the Philadelphia Women's Center: Asking for help with monthly newsletter, circulation 2,000 - total monthly cost is about \$50. Hope to have a newspaper eventually. Also have a radio collective which needs help in order to continue. *advice*



9. The Prison Law Collective, San Francisco: is a prison legal support group, working mainly at San Quentin and Folsom. Has filed several class action suits against brutality, long confinements, restrictions against correspondence and literature. Their needs are for travel, rent/subsistence, books for prisoners, and \$400 for mimeo run of Jail House Lawyers Manual, which help prisoners file their own suits for damages to help combat brutality inside. 325/400 - Ref. to Fulk, etc.

10. John Hammar, Holyoke, Mass: (Work, Inc.) Into organizing poor people, urban blacks and rural whites into various coalition (NE Poor Peoples Congress, The Rural Coalition). Also has a profit-making business called Work, INC., which sells shares for \$1, and which has recently bought a bldg. He is also helping to organize food coops and day care among the poor in New England. Asking for \$96 to help pay an organizer.

11. Glenon Blanchay, Walla Walla: is working to make tapes to get to outside groups to describe prison conditions. Also putting out a newsletter with The Prisoners Coalition. Asking for \$90 for tapes, postage, ditto paper, etc.

12. Chicano Vietnam Project, Berkeley: Working for Chicano solidarity with the Vietnamese, and to bring forward the issue of the largenumber of Chicanos drafted for Vietnam. Asking for \$500 to help with costs of a phone bill, replacement of a stolen tape recorder, posters, and travel expenses.

13. New England Resistance Revival, Cambridge: was founded in March '72 in response to the upcoming resumption of inductions. They now have action groups in 7 NE cities, support groups in 6. Plan to have a newsletter, and to participate in campaign to free Walter Collins. At present have no funding support, tho have list for mailing (Final Draft, from AFSC, Cambridge) Asking for \$295 to cover April expenses.

14. Afro-American Media Collective, Boston: is adding for anything towards \$1860 to buy photographic equipment to assemble a light show with political content to raise consciousness of Black Culture in US. Light show would be used at dances in black community.

15. Voice of Haiti, Hopewell Junction, NY: Asking for \$110/mo. for 3 mos. to cover costs of paper, a newsletter of the Friends of Haiti, which provides anti-imperialist propaganda for the Haitian Liberation Movement.

16. Locus, Inc., Torrington, Ct.: Asking \$205 rent, \$39 phone, \$20 maintenance, \$10 office supplies, \$40 electricity (total \$314) to keep crisis intervention center running. Group recently lost federal grant. Services include crisis hot line, day care center, possible "underground newspaper."



17. Support Our Soldiers, Los Angeles: Asking for printing costs for GI Self Defense pamphlet. Costs are \$170 (3,000 copies) or \$238 (5,000) from a movement printer. USSF Memo costs are \$52/3000 or \$84/5000.

18. Buffalo Creek Massacre Coalition, NY: Asking \$300 for fund-raising mailing. Group is engaged in anti-corporate actions against the Pittston Company. A slag-heap mine recently collapsed at a Pittston mine and flooded a mining town killing 120 people, destroying homes of 5,000. *postpone*

19. Philadelphia Book Club: Asking \$300 to cover past debts so that club can publicize current series of discussions. Book Club is a contemporary political education program, hopes to share insights and experiences among people in many areas of radical social change. Hope to see action groups growing out of study groups. *No*

20. Karl Armstrong Defense Committee, Madison, Wis.: Asking for anything toward fund-raising mailing; Armstrong is accused of bombing Army Mathematics Research Center at Madison, currently being held for extradition in Toronto. *CLUDF*

21. All You Can Eat, New Brunswick, NJ: Asking \$50 rent, \$20 INS charge, \$40 supplies, \$700 printing to continue publishing. Paper is a free working class paper, recently put out a special issue for striking workers at a New Brunswick air conditioning plant. *postpone*

22. Safe Return, New York: Asking \$120 subsistence, \$90 travel, \$15 misc. to cover costs of a speaking tour of military bases by a self-retired Vietnam veteran. Group hopes to provide a radical critique of the deserter question and to help deserters who return to US by creating structure for their legal defense. *up to \$100*

23. The Education Center, Cambridge: Asking up to \$487 to cover the costs of Centerpiece, "a forum for innovative education advocates and a channel through which information may be collected and distributed." *No*

24. Jibaro(a), Dorchester, Mass.: Asking for extension of grant covering rent of storefront, \$165 for next 2 months. Storefront being used as center for t.b. testing. *No*

25. Nitro Defense, Phila.: Judy requests \$200 seed money for the defense of 9 GI's accused of jumping ship or attempting to jump ship in connection with action against the Nitro, Navy munitions ship. USSF has promised to accept donations for the legal defense and Episcopal Diocese of Phila. has pledged \$100. Also, Judy wants to know if people would like to volunteer their names to be used on a funding letter. *CLUDF*

26. *midleton Health - Touch - \$500 - equipment, rent, etc.*

27. *\$300 Bird*