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MINUTES FROM RESIST MEETING
JUNE 3, 1972
BILL'S HOUSE

Attending: Frank Joyce, Norm Fruchter, Hans Koeningsberger, Paul Lauter, Uma Claffey,
Jennifer Riley, Bell Chevigny, Tom Wolf, Florence Howe, Bill Davidson, Rilde Fain,
Claudette Piber, Robert Zevin, Tony Avergan, Barbara Webster, Jean Turner, Grace Faley,
Carl Rogers, Bob Lifcon, Patricia Welch and Jan of the Harvard Square Wastressee Union

Financial Report: The spring fund-raising mailing has just barely paid for itself, and
we've paid off the $700 loan from the Free Press. We have approximately $1,900 to grant.

There was a discussion as to whether Resist should be paying federal employees withholding
tax, and it was decided that indeed we shouldn't be. As of now, Resist will no longer
withhold tax money from staff's paychecks, and each individual staff person will decide
what to do with the salvaged tax money. Bill suggested putting it in a movement loan
fund, such as has been set up by Philadelphia Resistance. This fund earns interest while
providing money for interest loans to movement groups. Bill will write an article
for the newsletter explaining the political motivations for this decision, to give it
as much publicity and political mileage as possible. It was suggested that staff might
want to move their private bank accounts out of Cambridge to avoid a tax.

Staff Report: Jennifer is leaving the staff as of July 1, and we have 3 or 4 people
interested in working in the office. We are looking for 2 staff people. If any of you
have people in mind, send them along.

Fundraising: Paul suggested that at some point, either this month or next, that we
enclose an extra newsletter and return envelope to our mailing list, with a notice in
the newsletter that we'd like them to pass it on to a friend, in hopes of expanding the
list.

It was decided that the fundraising letter which has been used for the fall and spring
mailings should be revised to be used at least untilfall (and the elections) by Steering
committee people in fundraising among personal friends. Rilde will revise it, staff
will have it printed and will send copies to SC people. SC people will be sent the
letters, copies of the most recent newsletter, and Resist envelopes and return envelopes.

Paul brought up the idea of SC people having very small fundraising parties among
their friends, with the aim of raising small amounts of money. People generally felt it would
be hard to get people together without something specific to talk or show them about
Resist. This sparked a discussion about putting together a Resist slide show, gathering
slides from various projects, and using this as a fundraising tool. Claudette, Jean,
and Bill will work on contacting groups in their areas to send slides. Staff will
contact Wendy about this idea while she's on the West Coast.

Leonardo Blockade: This action on June 10-11 is being sponsored by Philadelphia Resistance,
WWM, and Movement for A New Society (which according to Bill is taking over the role
formerly played by AQUAG). Leonardo is one of 5 ammunition depots in the
country, and working conditions there are fairly unsafe. The group is pushing action
against the depot on the basis of it being unsafe - an explosion at Leonardo would affect
New Jersey and Staten Island, and the group is organizing in these areas. There will be
a sea blockade and a land blockade, consisting of a religious service and sit-in on the
railroad tracks servicing the depot.

Bill will contact NAMIC to determine to what extent they have exact information on the
location of war material producers, and also to see if they know the location of the 5
ammunition depots in the US. Bill will get this info to the office, and will write a
newsletter article on the interdiction actions (Willow Grove, Bangor, Leonardo).
Staff will keep listing of interdictions up to date, and will act as resource for info. on upcoming actions. Resist will also be the collection point for lists of names of those signing the statement claiming responsibility for the CCEWM's action at Willow Grove.

Bedazzle: Bob Lifton and Carl Rogers discussed the Washington action in which professionals and academics and show biz heavies sat-in in Congress, and plans for future actions with a similar group. They emphasized that this sort of action was new for most of the people involved, and a big step for many. They are each to bring 3 new people from their profession to the next action, which will be June 14 in Washington, at the Senate (?). A long and heated discussion followed concerning the alleged elitism of the action, and the bad reaction it elicited from many parts of the movement. Many people agreed that it was fine for professionals to be taking a public stand against the war, but that it should be in the context of continued organizing among their constituencies, i.e., other professionals, and not to be seen as an end in itself. A few people took strong exception to the view that such an action by public figures would give courage to ordinary people and legitimize previous sit-ins and actions.

Harvard Square Waitresses Union: Patricia Welch and Jan gave a short history of the Union growing out of the strike at Cronin's, and the success they've had thus far while using up personal savings and with the result of being blackballed in restaurants in Harvard Sq. REMEMBER! The Union is now beginning a research project on working conditions in the Square as they affect all service employees. The results will be paid for and published by the Phoenix. Pat and Jan suggested Resist donate to a general strike fund. There was some discussion of this, and people generally felt it would be a good idea to set up some sort of strike fund with the idea that there will be more and more independent unions springing up in the future with a need for such a fund. Discussion of this will continue at the July meeting. THINK ABOUT IT.

Funding:

The Prison Law Collective (San Fran.) $200
Voice of Haiti (N.Y.) Pending
Karl Armstrong Defense Committee (Madison) $0, article in newsletter by Claudette
Al You Can Eat (N.J.) No
Bill Haywood Collective (N.C.) No
Miami Action Project (Cambridge) No
Chicano Vietnam Project (Berkeley) $200
Pittsburgh Peace & Freedom Center Pending
Harvard Sq/Waitresses Union $300 - $200 - $100
Black Panther Party/Boston Resist will buy needed equip. thru MCHR
Cambridge Tenants Org. Committee $200 - $200
Rhode Island Workers' Assoc. Pending
Health Information Project (Phil.,) $250 - $200 - $100
Community Day Care Center (N.Wa) $200 - $200
The Sister Center (Chicago) $202.50
Alabama Black Liberation Front Pending
Jamaica Plain Bookstore
Mass. Lawyer's Guild (Cambridge)
Black Panther Party/New York
Covered Wagon/Mt. Home, Idaho

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SUNDAY, JULY 9, AT HEIDE HEIN'S 19 FAIRMONT AVE., NEWTON, MASS. MEET 11 AM.
Resist Financial Statement  
For Steering Committee Meeting  
June 3, 1972

Balance as of May 12, 1972 $1019.84

Income for the month

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Total income was 3755.06

Disbursements for the month

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Total disbursements for the month 3244.00

Present balance as of June 2, 1972 1527.90

The encumbrances for the next month are

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Total encumbrances for the month 2960.00

Our present balance plus our projected income minus the encumbrances gives us about $1900.00 to grant for this month.

The financial situation was helped by a check for $1000.00 from Jean C. Williams on 5/23/72.
1. The Prison Law Collective, San Francisco; 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 $600 for mimeo run of Jail House Lawyers' Manual which will help prisoners file their own suits for damages to help combat brutality inside. Submitted to CLDF after last meeting, they were unable to help.

2. Voice of Haiti, Hopewell Junction, N.Y.; Asking for $100 a month for 3 month to cover costs of paper, a newsletter of the Friends of Haiti, which provides anti imperialist propaganda for the Haitian Liberation Movement. Referred back from May meeting for more information.

3. Karl Armstrong Defense Committee, Madison, Wisconsin; asking for anything toward fund raising mailing; Armstrong is accused of bombing Army Mathematics Research Centre at Madison and is currently being held for extradition in Toronto. Also submitted to CLDF after last meeting.

4. All You Can Eat, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Asking $50 rent, $20 LNS charges $40 supplies, $700 printing to continue publishing. Paper is free political paper, recently put out a special issue for striking workers at New Brunswick air conditioning plant.

5. Bill Haywood Collective, Moorehead City, North Carolina; Asking for $100 toward phone bill of $327 resulting from Armed Forces Day work at the Marine Air Corps Air Station at Cherry Point. Their action was very successful, many active duty G.I.s showed up at risk of trouble from superiors. Resist funded them $140 in April to cover phone bill resulting from other work.

6. Miami Action Project, Boston area; Looking for $300 to pay for the first printing of a 4 page brochure explaining their programme, the PFG 7 point peace plan, plan of the Miami Convention Coalition-Expose '72 and the necessity of some portions of the anti war movement to dramatize in Miami, through non-violent c.o. resistance to the Nixon Administration.

7. Chicago Vietnam Project, Berkeley; Looking for undetermined sum to help pay debt of $1134. A communications project between Chicano Third World and Vietnamese people. Referred from last meeting for further information. We have written them and tried calling but have not been able to talk with them.

8. Pittsburgh Peace and Freedom Centre, Pittsburgh; Looking for anything we can give toward buying a new mimeo machine. They appear to operate as a centre for a number of groups in the Pittsburgh area and their main thrust has been in organizing around national actions.

9. Harvard Square Waitresses Union, Cambridge, Mass.; Looking for $250 for emergency strike fund, $150 for legal fees, $450 for research project and $150 for telephone deposit. The HSWU is attempting to organize the waitresses in the Harvard Square area through a research project investigating violations of the Health and Sanitary Code, tipping, profit margins on food items and general working conditions in the Square. They are currently involved in a strike for recognition at one establishment.

10. Cambridge Tenants Organizing Committee, Cambridge, Mass; Looking for $450 for rent, phone, newsletter and staff salary. Purpose of the organization is to build independent power among tenants and hopes to develop a radical community party working in all areas. They have already done a considerable amount of anti-war work and have assisted the Polaroid workers, farmworkers
and waitresses boycotts as well as food cops. sorry, that of course should read co-ops!!!

11. **Black Panther Party, Boston**: Looking for $1,000 for expansion of existing health service in the black community. They have already served over 2,500 people in their Free Health Centre as well as 6,700 people who have been tested for sickle cell anemia since August ’71.

12. **Rhode Island Workers’ Association, Providence, Rhode Island**: Looking for $300 for a typewriter. They have been working together since last August and have had considerable success in organizing unemployed people in Rhode Island and Southern Massachusetts. Their main work is informing people of their rights, particularly unemployed people and taking direct action to protect those rights.

13. **Health Information Project, Philadelphia**: Looking for $250 to $300 a month for three months until long range funding comes through. They are a radical health research and organizing group. Bill Davidson has more information.

14. **Community Day Care Centre, Huntington, West Virginia**: Looking for seed money to set up day care facilities. They hope to be able to care for at least 40 children. They stress the necessity of day care centres which are under the control of the company especially in view of pending legislation which will, according to information they have received, go to corporations to set up their own day care thus gaining an even tighter grip on their employees.

15. **The Sister Centre, Rogers Park, Chicago, Illinois**: Their monthly expenses are as follows: rent, $25; pregnancy testing chemicals, $56.00 for 50 tests, films, speakers etc., $40; telephone answering service, $31.50, total $152.50. They are also looking for $50 for a second hand refrigerator also needed for pregnancy testing. As well as rap sessions, arts and skilled craft exchanges, classes in women’s liberation they wish to begin pregnancy testing, legal aid services for women, birth control and abortion counselling and a rape service.

16. **Alabama Black Liberation Front, Birmingham, Alabama**: Looking for contribution toward free breakfast programme.

17. **Jamaica Plain Bookstore and Community Store, Boston, Mass**: Asking for $400 for a mimeo machine or anything toward the $1,000 needed to supply the store (of which $100 would be for Free Press list). The bookstore and center would provide legal classes and counseling concentrating on tenants rights and police harassment of local young people. Birth control information, anti-war meetings, and film showings are also considered. The bookstore will hopefully provide the center with a means of financial support.

18. **Massachusetts Lawyer’s Guild, Cambridge**: Money from dues is falling off due to drop in support from wealthy, established lawyers. Asking for $270 for subscriptions, $300 for mimeo reproduction of information bulletins, $100 for postage to send info. to jailhouse lawyers. This will get them thru till fall when they expect to build up support from Guild members.