Resist Board Meeting, July 9, 1972

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STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES JULY 9 at the Hains' in Newton.

Attending the meeting were:


Financial Report;

Total income for the month was $4624.47 with total disbursements of $5425.27. Of our June disbursements approximately 50% went to grants. With a balance of $792.93 as of July 7, projected encumbrances of $3145.00 we found ourselves left with $640 to grant. Ongoing grants came to $950.

Arising from Paul's memo it was agreed that we send a business reply envelope with each newsletter and a second one bimonthly with an explanation in the newsletter of the need for funds and a request that people pass on the second envelope to a friend with the request for a contribution/subscription. It was further agreed that we do a special mailing in July, August and September to other lists. Tom explained that he had talked with people at the Ellsborg Defence Committee and they had agreed to exchange lists but it was thought that we wouldn't have the use of this list until the end of September at the earliest. Paul suggested we write to Don Kalich asking for the use of his list.

The staff agreed to investigate and have on hand rate quotes for ads in New York Review of Books, Ramparts, Liberation. Bill and Bob said they would prepare a text, sufficiently broad to cover most situations, for the ad. Bob also said he would contact Jules Feiffer about doing a cartoon for us.

There was some discussion about steering committee people giving small fund-raising parties, this was to be left to each person's discretion. The party which Wayne had talked to Bob Lifton about giving was further discussed. It was agreed that someone on the staff should take responsibility for working on it with Doug Hosstadter (sorry if that's misspelt), Grace was to call Hosstadter and discuss it with him.

Denise and Florence agreed to work on a list of poets who would agree to give the proceeds of their readings directly to Resist. Andy said he would do likewise with people in music.

Mitch said that he would set up a meeting with a friend of his who used to work with the American Programme Bureau who was willing to work on a list of colleges who would pay people to come and spend a day or two talking with students. The staff agreed to put together a list of steering committee and area people to do this. (Incidentally although a list was passed around at the meeting asking people for a resume for this list nobody actually wrote anything; staff would appreciate it if people would write something on the lines discussed and send it to us).

A mention was made of one George Todd who apparently has $250,000 which he is anxious to give away!!! Michelle said she would investigate this further.

Staff Report;

Andy gave the staff report. He introduced himself and Hilson, our two new staff people. He also told of the assistance we had given the G.I. Project, which works out of AFSC, in raising money by staging their stockholders' meeting. People felt more pressure should have been put on AFSC for this.

Interproject Memo;

Staff were asked to send a copy of the memo and the list to whom it had been sent to the S.C. and area people. The logistics of setting up the newspaper exchange were discussed and it was agreed it should be gotten under way as soon as possible, everybody having agreed that it was a worthwhile project. Staff agreed to put together a list of the working class publications we receive. Paul agreed to write up the newspaper exchange and interproject memo for the newsletter.
Strike Fund;
Paul talked about the good reaction he'd had from people on the West Coast to whom he'd mentioned the idea of the strike fund. The basic thrust of the discussion about the fund was whether or not the time was ripe for such a fund, if Resist had the right contacts to do it and if the energy to do it were worth it at this point. A number of people said that before anything on it could be started the interproject memo should be pulled together so people could see in us a sympathetic source for the fund when an independent labour movement got off the ground, and it then could come to Resist for funding. The question was also asked of the Resist constituency would ever be at the point where it would fund strikers. A number of people disagreed with the idea of a national fund but felt it should be built locally around specific ongoing organizing. It was finally agreed that we should not at this point take any action on it but should discuss it again in three months.

Karl Armstrong Defence;
Having read the article for the newsletter people talked about whether or not it should include discussion of the political ramifications of the case i.e. discussion of the actual bombing and its effects on the movement in Madison. Most people felt however that we should not do this at least until after the defence had made its position clear. The article was agreed to with the exception of discussing the activities of the defence committee.

Anti War Activities;
Bill reported on blockades taking place in numerous places in the country. As far as Leonardo H.J. was concerned he mentioned the fact that people had talked a lot with the coast guard and how they had become sympathetic people are using the bars to talk with sailors on a consistent level. He asked that people contact as many people as possible who would be willing to go to Leonardo at some point between July 24 and 31 to stop sailings. ONA, he said, were planning a blockade in the New England area and might ask the office for assistance in dealing with the press and putting together a phone tree. He said he would write up the effects of the blockade, especially on sailors for circulation to our GI list.

Redress;
Grace reported on the last Redress action which had blocked the doors of the Senate Chamber. She said their office had been closed and that there was no indication of their doing any more actions together.

Medical Aid for Indochina;
Frank told the meeting that Medical Aid was organizing a special day for fundraising on campuses in the Autumn. He suggested that Redress people might be helpful in raising money. He also talked of the possibility of the Sony Corporation being publicly asked to match their profits from the war with a contribution to the anti war movement.

West Coast -- Paul and Florence;
Paul talked mainly to GI projects on the West Coast, Florence to women. Paul talked about the change in attitude and operation of the army and the interesting reaction of parts of the GI movement to it-- many of them are now working on raising class consciousness among GIs by helping them relate to their own conditions in the army and involving them in community projects and by doing educational work around imperialism. He also spoke of the number of GI and VVAW groups now sharing offices, as the VVAW moves more and more into working on the rights and needs of vets. He made a number of possible funding contacts including a number of young people who have set up foundations to fund movement work. Florence spoke of how impressed she'd been with the women's movement and said she'd been able to compile a good list of contacts. Paul said he'd be writing a full report later.

Grants;
Voice of Haiti pending, they are coming to the next meeting.

United Farmworkers of Florida $200 and reconsideration at next meeting
Law Office in Atlanta, denied, referred to Law Centre and Foundations

VVAW Alabama, Denied

F.I.N. Chile, pending, Claudette to contact Jill Hamburg.

Salt of the Earth Press, Pending, Frank to look into further.

Pitt River Tribal Council, denied, referred to Vanguard Foundation and Law Centre with the proviso that they can resubmit if they have no luck.

Malcolm X United Liberation Front, $75.

Buffalo Creek Massacre Coalition, denied on the basis that there are a number of good people working locally.

Up Against the Bulkhead, $100

The People's Bookstore, Sacramento, denied, put in touch with Carol Kennedy.

Community Bookstores of West Virginia $75 Free Press literature grant

Appalachian Mountain Youth Collective $140

West Chicago Workers' Centre, pending, Frank to look into further

The Free Learning Exchange, denied

The Open Book, East Boston, $25 literature grant Free Press

Shot Tower, Baltimore $125 to publish a paper on the steelworkers' strike

Mountain People's Rights denied

All You Can Eat, denied

The Indochina Information Centre denied

Pittsburgh Peace and Freedom Centre, denied

Vietnam Solidarity Committee denied

The next meeting will be in Boston on August 5 if we have any money, any requests or if the political situation warrants it, otherwise it will be in September.
Resist Financial Statement  
For Steering Committee Meeting  
July 9, 1972

Balance as of June 2, 1972 $1527.90

Income for the month

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Total income was $4624.47

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Total disbursements for the month $5425.27

Present balance as of July 7, 1972 $792.98

The encumbrances for the month are

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Total encumbrances for the month $3145.00

Our present balance plus our projected income minus our encumbrances gives us the resulting total of $640.00 to grant at this meeting.
1. Voice of Haiti

Postpone

$200

2. United Farmworkers of Florida, Delray Beach, Florida...asking for another 3 month grant in a larger amount than the last, which was $250 in December. They are presently engaged in a confrontation with farmers in Florida and are fighting to hold together a coalition of three farmworker groups. Their needs are great right now to prepare a strong, unified force by the harvesting season.

3. Phillip Davis, Stuart Graham, Jr., D.A. Sproull, Law Office in Atlanta, Georgia: a group of three who recently opened an office in a very low income neighborhood; asking anything to supplement their present income, so they would be able to continue taking cases of clients who cannot afford to pay a fee.

4. VVAV, Tuscaloosa, Alabama...request $3700 for their needs over the summer for paper, phone bills, stamps, mailings, etc. They are strongly supportive of the McGovern campaign and are pushing a state G.I. Bill at present; will also continue educational activities and work at V.A. Hospital.

5. Mike Lesser, a woman who has been in Chile for the last year, came into the office to talk with us, sent in a request for the Fuente de Informacion Norte—Americano, an independent monthly bulletin published in Spanish by 3 North Americans presently in Santiago, Chile. Objective of FIN is to create more clear lines of communication between North Americans and Chileans.

6. Pitt River Tribal Council, San Francisco, California; request any contribution so they can continue their struggle with the government over their land. They need finances for unpaid legal expenses, reopening of the Indian Claims Commission case, maintenance of a large number of Indians during the trial at the state Four Corners case, and for getting together and paying for the California Indians Conference; also for a delegation of the tribe to go to Washington to meet with certain government officials, such as the Secretary of the Interior.

7. Salt of the Earth Press, Chicago, Ill. (a project of The Jackson Organisation) asking for initial cash of $400, $150 for paper, ink, solvents, etc., and $250 more for a used plate maker; plus 3 monthly allotments of $160 for rent, electricity, and telephone. They are establishing an independent printing operation, to provide cheap, at-cost printing for movement groups. Due to the disbanding of the J.S. Gordon Print Co-op there is a need for movement printing in the Chicago area.
8. Malcolm X United Liberation Front, Tallahassee, Florida...requesting renewal of grant for $230: $75 for rent, $30 for utilities, $25 for telephone, and $100 for a newspaper. They were granted $200 back in April.

9. Buffalo Creek Massacre Coalition, NYC...asking for $300: $100 for postage and $200 for printing for a mailing. Their main purpose is developing support among liberals and trade unionists, etc., for the militant rank-and-file struggle in Appalachia. A series of strikes this summer followed by a campaign for Arnold Miller for the leadership of the United Mine Workers. This is the first chance since the 30's for a rank-and-file takeover of a major union.

10. Up Against the Bulkhead, B San Francisco, California; request for funds to mail two sets of fundraising letters. The paper is an international GI newspaper.

11. The People's Bookstore, B Sacramento, Calif., asking for $207.50 to fix up a house for a summer youth program, which will provide care for children of working mothers. About 20 children of working mothers (children aged 9-19) have been taken in as of June 26th.

12 Community Bookstores of West Virginia, Huntington, West Virginia...asking $750: $300 for rent and improvements (shelves, etc.), $200 to pay somebody for a full month's work before opening to establish relations with publishers and get set up. They need for books. They plan to open in two locations: in Huntington and in Institute. Institute is a college town with 4000 students. They also plan a coffee-sandwich meetinghouse and discussion place to provide an impetus for radical political activity. They stress a need for information and literature of a progressive nature to made available to people out there.


14. West Chicago Workers Center, Chicago, Ill...request for funds to help establish center. Need money for rent and office equipment. They plan to use the center for a meeting place, for planning community activities, produce leaflets and newspapers, place to show films, place to obtain radical literature, place for workers to get information about workman's compensation, unemployment, the draft, and military counseling.

15. The Free Learning Exchange, Inc., NY, NY...asking $500, indefinite term loan: $200 first month's rent, $200 deposit, $100 for other equipment. They help people with common educational desires get together for research and discussion, among other things.
16. The Open Book, East Boston bookstore...request $25 literature grant

NEFP

17. Shot Tower, Baltimore, Maryland...request $200 to be split evenly between themselves and the new rank-and-file steel workers group which wants to put out a paper for the whole Point. Tom spoke with Jean Turner and she said the workers have a good opinion of Shot Tower and recommended that we give them money.

3/185 for strike issue

18. Mountain People's Rights, Inc., Prestonberg, Kentucky...need money to keep their offices open; anything toward support of their programs.

No 19. All You Can Eat

Penn. Indochina Info Center


22. Vietnam Solidarity