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Staff report--Tom said he would no longer be working on the staff within a month.

Fundraising letter--The letter will be sent out this week or the beginning of next week to a list of people who have contributed to the Pentagon Papers Fund. We have asked Noam Chomsky to get ahold of Russia or Ellsberg to get one of them to sign the letter, along with himself and Hiya Hein, who is the author of the letter. The first paragraph of the letter will be rewritten and updated to include something about the continuing importance of Resist's work after the election, regardless of the outcome.

Topic for the next SC Meeting (IMPRINT)--we should talk at the next steering comm. meeting about fundraising after November, e.g., should we try to lay out a systematic, long-term program for fundraising, specifying sources, monthly expectations, people, etc.? Are we too hit-and-miss? The staff will have a lightbulb session about the topic, probably with Zevin and a couple other people in the Boston area, but we are not always unexpectedly brilliant. Please spend a little time thinking about this so we don't all walk into the next meeting with our heads up our asses.

Bell Chevigny is getting together a group of people who are doing lay prison work and would like other people to send her info about people and groups who are doing the same kind of thing (Political organizing, theatre, education, etc.).

Frank Joyce and Bill David will talk to people in Med. Aid for Indochina about Resist helping them put together another money-raising week after the election.

Financial Report: Total income for the month was $2911.35; total disbursements were $4905.39. Present balance as of Oct. 14 was 100.78. Total encumbrances for the month are 3565.00. Our present balance plus projected income minus expenses leaves us approximately $500 in the hole. However we do have some IBM stock worth about $1200 and if we sell it we will have $700 to use for grants.

Grants and non-grants:

1. Black Panther Party, Chicago--yes, $100
2. Salt of the Earth Press, Chicago--no
3. Ain't I a Woman--$100 (Iowa City, Iowa)
4. United Farm Workers of Fla.--decision carried over to next meeting
5. Karl Armstrong, Defense Committee, Madison--no money but give them the list
6. American Documentary Films--no
7. VVAW-Dayton--no
8. Law Office, Pittsburgh--no
9. Movement for a Democratic Military--$150 and will be reviewed next month
10. Honeywell Project--not right now, maybe later
11. Prison L.A. Project--no
12. Prisoners Coalition--$50
13. Cairo United Front--$200 Cairo, Ill.
14. this is an extra number which I typed without realizing I didn't need it

Next Meeting: November 11 in New York at Bell Chevigny's house

respectfully submitted,
Andrew
Resist Financial Statement
Meeting - Oct. 14, 1972

Balance as of Sept. 7, 1972: $2099.71

Income for the month:

- Pledges: $2174.00
- Contributions: $666.30
- Security Kit: $16.00
- High School Kit: $61.00
- Subscriptions: $61.00
- Mass Mailing: $10.00
- Misc.: $4.05

Total income for the month: $2911.35

Disbursements for the month:

- Taxes: $88.40
- Payroll: $1034.82
- Grants: $2285.00
- Postage: $230.00
- Printing: $61.80
- Maintenance: $485.37
- Travel and P.C.: $720.00

Total disbursements for the month: $4905.39

Present Balance as of Oct. 14, 1972: $100.78 (including bank correction of $4.89)

The encumbrances for the month are:

- Taxes: $105.00
- Rent: $130.00
- Payroll: $1300.00
- Postage: $525.00
- Travel: $100.00
- Printing: $300.00
- Continuing Grants: $960.00
- Telephone: $100.00

Total encumbrances for the month: $3565.00

Our present balance plus projected income minus expenses gives us approximately $500 in the hole. However, we do have the I.B.M. stock worth $1200.00 and if we could sell that we would have a balance of $700 to use for grants this month.
Looking for $722.28 for repairs and fuel for their bus used in prison visitation. The prison busing programme is a major part of their community survival programs.

Looking for $880 to cover rent, electricity, phone and supplies. They have been held over from our July meeting pending further investigation by Frank Joyce and Wendy Batson. In a conversation with Dan Stern this week, he said he was not as enthusiastic about them as he'd been originally mainly because they haven't developed as they should. He mentioned that one of their major problems was that they couldn't afford to have anyone work full-time.

3. Ain't I A Woman, Iowa City.
Asking for $150 to replace supplies lost in recent flooding. They put out a women's paper and have been doing so for two years.

Looking for another three month grant. We last funded them $200 in July to help out with their fight to gain control of the farmworker retraining programme.

Looking for money to do a fundraising mailing and also the use of the Resist mailing list.

In talking with them since the September meeting they said they are really in need of funds right now just to keep going. Their main problem is that a lot of people owe them money for films they've used. They will accept anything that will carry them through this difficult period.

7. VVAW, Dayton.
Held over from the September meeting for further information. They're looking for $200 for literature for National Office for Servicepeoples Counseling and Materials.

Resubmitted following our rejection of their proposal at the September meeting.

Looking for $300 a month for the next three months. They have been going through a tough financial period and a lot of reorganizing and now sound pretty together. The loss of funds from USSF has made things really difficult for them. They have cut back on publication of HTAC as part of an austerity drive but because its their main organizing tool they are anxious to start publishing again as soon as possible. Any money we would give them would be used for this purpose.

10. Honeywell Project, Boston.
They are looking for $250 rent for a new restaurant. They grew from the Daily Death Toll group and now concentrate completely on the Honeywell plants around the Boston area.

Looking for anything toward their annual budget of $40,000. They are working in the area on prison medicine and health services. They are also seeking foundation money and money from CLLD.

A request from Clemon Blanchey for $50 to get films from American Documentary Films for the prisoner group at Walla Walla.

13. Cairo United Front, Cairo, Illinois.
They are looking for $5,000! We talked to Dan Stern about them and he is extremely anxious that we fund them and suggested between $200 and $300 a month for a year. He says that there is a complete black out of news on Cairo, that they are having an incredibly hard time, their membership is being consistently cut off welfare, the businesses they are boycotting are being funded by the Small businessmen's association and there are two armed cars permanently at their office. He says that as far as he's concerned they need money more than anyone else in the country right now.