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Minutes-Resist Meeting, January 27, 1973, War Resisters League office, New York

The war was discussed; the ramifications of the treaty, political prisoners, what Resist should be doing, etc. A political statement was agreed to for the Newsletter.

The possibility of setting up a speaking tour was discussed--whoever went on the tour would speak about the current situation in South Vietnam. Several names were suggested. People in Boston will be checking the possibilities.

In the next newsletter, we will have several people's analyses of what is happening and what has happened and what should happen, now that there is a peace agreement.

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The next meeting of Resist will be held Sunday, March 4, in Boston, at 11:30 AM.

Grants and denials:

1. New Unity, Springfield, Mass.--\$200
2. Philadelphia Workers Organizing Committee--postponed
3. Milwaukee Newsreel--\$20 a month for 6 months
4. Los Angeles Newsreel--\$400
5. Library, Harriet, Arkansas--\$150
6. United Farmworkers, Arizona--\$400
7. Hard Times, Cambridge, Mass.--\$355
8. Black Servicemen's Caucus, New Orleans--\$100
9. Liberty Union Party--\$370
10. Red Prison Movement, Cambridge--postponed
11. Amex-Canada--\$75 a month for 6 months
12. VVAW regional office, Los Angeles--\$200
13. People's Committee for Survival, Milwaukee--\$100
14. Union of American Exiles in Britain--postponed
15. Women Against Rape, Cambridge--\$200
16. Puerto Rican Socialist Party--granted use of Boston/New England mailing list
17. Black Workers Freedom Convention, Ohio--\$250
18. Female Liberation, Boston--no grant
19. Self-Development Group--denied
20. WIN--denied and referred

respectfully submitted, Andy and Eileen

Requests from Projects - January

1. New Unity, Springfield, Mass.
2. Philadelphia Workers Organizing Committee
3. Milwaukee Newsreel
4. Los Angeles Newsreel
5. Library, Harriet, Arkansas
6. United Farmworkers, Arizona
7. Hard Times, Cambridge, Mass.
8. Black Servicemen's Caucus
9. VVAW, Los Angeles
10. People's Committee for Survival, Milwaukee
11. The Liberty Union Party
12. Red Prison Movement, Cambridge
13. Amer-Canada
14. Union of American Exiles in Britain
15. Women Against Rape, Cambridge
16. Puerto Rican Socialist Party
17. Black Workers Freedom Convention, Organizing Comm., Ohio
18. Female Liberation, Boston
- 19.
- 20.

RESIST FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 26, 1973

Balance as of Dec. 14, 1972 \$1033.50

Income for the period

Pledges \$2468.00
 Contributions \$5213.51
 Security Kit \$2.00
 Subscriptions \$10.00
 Mass Mailings \$1120.00
 Misc. \$230.00

Total income for the period was \$9043.51

Disbursements for the period

Taxes \$355.79
 Payroll \$903.98
 Grants \$1300.00
 Postage \$220.00
 Printing \$205.95
 Maintenance \$284.91
 Travel & pc \$125.00
 Misc. \$301.18

Total disbursements for the period \$3696.81

Present balance as of January 26, 1973 \$6400.05

The encumbrances for the month to come are

Taxes \$150.00
 Rent \$130.00
 Payroll \$975.00
 Postage \$400.00
 Travel \$200.00
 Printing \$350.00
 Cont. Grants .00
 Telephone \$100.00

Total encumbrances for the next period \$2305.00

Our present balance plus projected income minus expenses gives us approximately \$7000.00 to grant at this meeting. In addition we have \$1500.00 left over from Zevin's fund which is to be given out in \$500.00 amounts or more.

Resist - Financial assessment 1971-1972

Average monthly income for six month periods:

1971

January-June.....\$6,584
July-December.....3,494

1972

January-June.....4,893
June-December.....4,044

Average amount granted monthly for six month periods:

1971

January-June.....2,575
July-December.....2,385

1972

January-June.....2,703
July-December.....1,528

Grants--percentage of total income for six month periods:

1971

January-June.....39%
July-December.....67%

(Average % from Jan. 1971-
June 1972: 53%)

1972

January-June.....55%
July-December.....36%

Where our money has gone for the last 6 months:

38% for grants

62% on overhead, which includes

{ 23% for office upkeep, printing, etc.
39% for staff salaries

Proposed changes: If total staff salaries are adjusted downward to between \$200 and \$220 per week, their percentage of the budget would decline to about 19 or 20% from their recent high of 39%. Assuming that our income is stable in coming months, that adjustment would leave our expenditures looking like this:

57% for grants

43% on overhead, including

{ 23% for office upkeep, printing, etc.
20% for staff salaries

If we are able to maintain a schedule of one mass mailing of 3,000 names per month in the future, if the staff can rely on at least some consistently available volunteer help from the Boston area, if steering committee members whose travel expenses to SC meetings are paid by Resist could help pay part of their expenses, if new sources of revenue are found...then there is no reason ~~why~~ why grants cannot increase, both as a percentage of the budget, and absolutely.

Resist-proposed structural changes

1. People in Boston, including the current office staff and others who want to relate to the office on a systematic basis, would constitute themselves as the Staff. The Staff would probably end up with 10 to 15 people on it. Two or three would be full-time, and paid a subsistence wage. The rest would schedule themselves to come into the office a couple hours a week. The Staff would a) research, recommend, communicate with, and refer funding requests, b) make decisions about adding staff and running the office, c) do shitwork, d) help think about, plan, and initiate fundraising efforts, e) come together in a meeting at least once a month.

The Staff would possibly consist of: Hilda Hein, Hank Rosemont, Bob Zevin, Ken Hale, Eileen Athurton, Andy Himes, Doug McCay, Sue Rosen, Claudette Piper, Tom Davidson, Una Claffey, Tom Wolfe, Donna Miller, Louis Kampf, etc.

Each Boston Staff member, working in partnership with one or more Resist people away from Boston, would be responsible for relating to one type of funding request. For Example:

Military Projects: Bob Zevin/Paul Lauter

women's movement: Hilda Hein/Florence Howe

student/non-violent groups: Hank Rosemont/Bill Davidson

labor organizations: Andy Himes/Jean Turner, Frank Joyce, *Claudette.*

Indian and Chicano projects: Ken Hale/

welfare rights: Donna Miller

anti-war groups: Tom Davidson, Doug McCay/Bell C., Barb Webster
etc.

2. The Newsletter: Rather than being simply a news sheet, why not combine it with what used to be called the "Interproject Memo"? It would include at least one long analytical piece each month, written by a project we've funded (talking about the group's practice, mistakes, political programs, how the people relate to their community, etc.). Contents of each newsletter would be decided at the monthly Staff meeting. Responsibility for putting it out each month would be assumed by one staff member inside the office, and one outside the office; we would try to put articles into the newsletter that would offer specific help to our readership (e.g., Zevin is writing an article this month about how to make socially useful investments). Because of the extra analytical article, the newsletter might be expanded to eight pages. P.s., this month we are greatly expanding the number of organizing projects receiving the newsletter.
3. The Steering Committee should meet once every three months. The SC would decide on funding requests that are not of an emergency nature, or that don't have to be ~~decided~~ decided on within a one or two month period of time. The SC would make long range policy and political decisions, and would take some responsibility for doing fundraising. Between SC meetings, most steering committee members would work in partnership with a Boston Staff member on a specific type of funding request. Any SC member would be welcome to come to the monthly Staff meeting to participate in the decision-making process.

The Staff meeting would make funding decisions in the following cases: a) the people asking for money cannot wait 1, 2, or 3 months for the SC to meet, b) an emergency request that must be decided immediately.

Requests from Projects - January

- #200 1. New Unity, Springfield, Mass. -200
- postponed 2. Philadelphia Workers Organizing Committee
- \$200/6 3. Milwaukee Newsreel
- \$400 4. Los Angeles Newsreel
- \$150 5. Library, Harriet, Arkansas
- \$400 6. United Farmworkers, Arizona
- \$355 7. Hard Times, Cambridge, Mass.
- \$106 8. Black Servicemen's Caucus
- \$200 9. VVAW, Los Angeles ?
- \$100 10. People's Committee for Survival, Milwaukee
- \$370 11. The Liberty Union Party
- postponed 12. Red Prison Movement, Cambridge ?
- \$75/6 13. Amer-Canada
- postponed 14. Union of American Exiles in Britain
- \$200 15. Women Against Rape, Cambridge
- OK 16. Puerto Rican Socialist Party
- \$250 17. Black Workers Freedom Convention, Organizing Comm., Ohio
- No 18. Female Liberation, Boston
- No 19. ~~WIN~~ SPIF - Development Group
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- all over 21. Selma Project

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Military projects:	Bob Zevin/Paul Lauter
women's movement:	Hilda Hein/
student and non-violent groups:	Hank Rosemont/Bill Davidson
labor organizations:	Claudette Piper/Frank Joyce
community organizing groups:	Andy Himes/Jean Turner
Indian and Chicano projects:	Ken Hale/
welfare rights:	Donna Miller/
anti-war groups:	Tom Davidson/Barb Webster
prison work:	Tom Wolfe/Bell Chevigny
black groups:	
mental patients rights:	Bob Rosenthal

(Other people and categories will be added as desires and circumstances dictate.)

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2. There will be one regular meeting/Resist people ~~meeting~~ on the first Sunday of each month, in Boston. That meeting will make funding decisions, programmatic decisions, and talk politics.
3. The Newsletter: Rather than being simply a newssheet, the newsletter will be combined with what used to be called the "Interproject Memo". It will include at least one long analytical piece each month, written by people in a project we've funded (talking about the group's practice, mistakes, political programs, how the people relate to their constituencies, etc.) Contents of each newsletter will be decided at the monthly Staff meetings. Responsibility for putting it out each month would be assumed by one Staff members inside the office, and one Staff member outside the office. We would try to put articles in the newsletter that will offer specific help to our readership (e.g., Zevin is writing an article this month about how to make socially useful investments). Because of the extra analytical article, the newsletter will be expanded to eight pages (at least initially). Hopefully, the newsletter will become part of our political program (sic) rather than just a means of keeping money rolling in. (P.S. This month we have greatly expanded the number of organizing projects receiving the newsletter.)

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*We cannot oppose the war without opposing the institutions that support and maintain it . . .
Resistance to many forms of illegitimate authority is necessary to bring health to this country
and make it a constructive force instead of a terror in the politics of nations.*

—from A New Call to Resist Illegitimate Authority

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Jan. 16, 1973

Dear People,

*The meeting of Resist folks
will be on the 27th of January
at noon time in New York
at the War Resisters League
which is at 339 Lafayette St.*

In love & struggle

*Cileen!
Andrew!*

STEERING COMMITTEE: TONY AVIRGAN Syracuse, New York BELL CHEVIGNY New York City JUDY CHOMSKY Philadelphia Resistance
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