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Minutes - RESIST Meeting, Brooklyn, New York April 28 1974

Present: Paul Lauter (chairperson), Hank Rosemont, Una Claffey, Norm Fruchter, Grace Paley, Louis Kampf, Dan Stern, Denise Iverson, Larry Thomas.

The financial report was given by Una Claffey. She stated that income was low this past month and a new mass mailing should be done in the near future, prior to her departure at the end of June. She explained that the staff is preparing to do a mailing to the Medical Aid to Indochina mailing list. Una also conveyed thanks from Eileen Atherton for everyone's support during her son Melvin's illness and death, and stated that Eileen would be returning to work at RESIST in June.

The office report was submitted by Larry Thomas. A report was given on the Haymarket Foundation of Cambridge. RESIST was invited to send representatives to HF's first meeting and will participate in the formation of the governing board of the group. Larry Thomas will be RESIST's representative at the upcoming meetings. A report was given on a lengthy discussion with Walter Collins of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, on the current problems SCEF is facing internally and with the Black community in Louisville, Kentucky, where its central office is located. A discussion ensued on the practice of the Communist Party U.S.A., in its recruitment of cadre from other organizations and the problems this poses for activists. It was agreed that this recruitment has become more open and energetic, and the problems it creates more serious, as the Party feels increasingly threatened by recent moves to establish a new Marxist-Leninist party in the United States. Norm Fruchter brought up the matter of governmental subversion of the American Left. It was agreed that RESIST should compile in some fashion, a number of the recent cases of agent and provocateur actions against leftists (A.I.M., V.V.A.W., Socialist Worker's Party in New Jersey), to be issued as an article in the Newsletter, or as a separate pamphlet. It was decided that copies of a recent REAL PAPER article on this subject should be procured and distributed to people in RESIST.

During the discussion about a number of requests, questions arose as to what RESIST's attitude should be towards the various kinds of prison organizing going on in the United States at this time. It was agreed that people should be better informed on this issue and that perhaps a meeting or conference should be devoted to this subject.

Requests; Those denied were: The Outlook, Steilacoom Prisoner's House, Wash., Portland Draft and Military Counselling, Forward of Berlin, Germany, Leavenworth Brothers Offense/Defense Committee.

More information was sought on Turning Point, Birmingham, Alabama, and Vocations for Social Change in Cincinnati. The request of Work, Inc., of Holyoke, Mass., was postponed until next meeting.

War Resisters League of Kansas City, Missouri	- \$200.
Liberty Union of Vermont	- \$700 over the next three months.
Malcolm X United Liberation Front, Florida	- \$150.
Liberation Support Movement, New York	- \$275.
Fight Back, Berlin	- \$100.
South Baltimore Voice, Baltimore, Maryland	- \$250.
Mountain Community Union, West Virginia	- \$300.
Inter-News, Berkeley, California	- \$500 (loan).
New York Women's School, Brooklyn, N.Y.	- \$250.
Pacific Street Film Collective, Brooklyn, N.Y.	- \$500.
Madison Tenant's Union, Wisconsin	- \$500 (if needed for rent strike).
Dominican Working Group, Boston, Mass.	- enough money to send out NACLA material on D.R., not to exceed \$365.