Resist Board Meeting Minutes

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Present: Una Claffey (chair), Bell Chevigne, Jean Tremar, Bob Zevin, Grace Paley, Eileen Atherton, Andy Himes, Doug McCoy, Mitch Goodman, Bob Goodman, Mary McCoy, Larry Thomas, Bob Nichols, Todd Manley.

Todd Manley from Vermont's Liberty Union Party gave a report on party activities and expressed great optimism for the party's part in effecting the utilities issue in the state. Their credibility within the state has reached a level whereby they are a serious alternative to contend with and their role of pushing forward radical possibilities for the state continue but for the first time they have real hopes for getting some of their people elected.

The financial report was given out by Eileen and accepted without question.

The office report was presented by Una; she said that she would be leaving for the west coast the following week. She reported that working conditions in the office were oppressive due to the heat and our inability to use the air conditioner on our circuits. Borrowed Times in Missoula, MT. wrote saying they are drafting a position paper on the formation of a socialist party and will send it to us, they expressed thanks to the newsletter articles dealing with the question of what's happening nationally in forming a party.

CTOC requested our second air conditioner and Resist obliged in comradesy empathy.

The newsletter was discussed, people are urged to write ideological pieces since we have none. Noam Chomsky and Frank Joyce were urged to consider writing articles in particular. Two project articles were promised, one from the Socialist Feminist Group in Baltimore and the other from the Alabama State Tenants Union.

Andy Himes gave a report from the south. He reported on a Coalition formed to stop South African Coal in Alabama working on education -films etc. and also they plan to do a four page newsletter analyzing the Southern Companies in relation to South African Coal. He also reported on the United Mine Workers Union urging miners to form direction of the union particularly at this time because new contracts are being negotiated.

Future meetings were discussed and it was decided to meet on the first Sunday of August at Bob Zevin's house for fun and frolic and if something was pressing we would take it up. The September meeting was set for the first of the month and the discussion on the question of party building and in particular RU's position on party building is to be taken up. People can familiarize themselves with the RU position by reading Red Papers No. 6 which they can send for at Revolutionary Union, P.O. Box 3486, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Ill. 60654; the price is $1.50. The staff will zerox and send out two articles that appeared in Revolution on their position. Also it was decided to have Prison organizing discussed at the October meeting and Bell took responsibility for finding people to come and talk with us.

Una was sent off with a Champagne toast and Grace spoke for all there and also all who weren't there in thanking Una for the experience of working with her and expressed gratitude for the seriousness with which Una dealt with political issues, and extended great respect and affection from all. Una in return said she had learned a great deal while at Resist and held people in respect and affection.

Grace gave a nice report on China, and expressed great respect for the people there.
REQUESTS of JULY 7th MEETING

Requests funded

1. Rutland Voice, Rutland, Vermont. $225
2. The Defense Committee, Norfolk, Virginia. $205
3. Council of Southern Mountains, Clintwood, Va. $200
4. Coalition to stop South African Coal, Ala. $400
5. Liberation Magazine, New York $300 (loan)

Requests denied

2. Santa Fe Women's Summer Law Project, N. Mex.
7. Prensa Crepuscular, New Mexico.

Requests Postponed

1. Women's International Education Project, San Francisco - Eileen
2. City Star, New York, New York - Eileen
3. People Get Ready, Cleveland - Larry
4. Black United Liberation Front, Philadelphia - Wayne/Larry
5. Philadelphia Resistance, Philadelphia -
6. Wildcat, Evanston, Illinois -
8. R.U. Newspaper, Boston - everybody

Requests granted for use of RESIST mailing list

Safe Return, New York, New York

Continuing Grants

1. Liberty Union, Vermont $200 (last month of three month grant totaling $700)
2. Vietnam Report, Montreal $200 (second month of three month grant totaling $600)
3. Peacemaker, Cincinnati $50 (open ended grant)