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MINUTES - DECEMBER 15, 1974

Present: Paul Lauter, Eileen Atherton (chair~~man~~), Ken Hale, Bob Zevin, Larry Thomas, Hank Rosemont, Louie Kampf, Wayne O'Neil, Hilde Hein, Joan Bromberg-

After a two hour delay, the meeting began with the office and financial reports. The office report included summaries of a talk given by the staff at a Journalism class at BU on the Politics of Journalism, a visit from the representative of the Genienkeh Indians who are currently ~~in~~ occupying a 612 acre piece of land near Eagle's Bay in New York, and the presentation of the documents of the First Congress of the Communist Labor Party, which Frank sent from Detroit. The January Newsletter was discussed. Hilde, Hank, and a number of other people volunteered to work with the staff on it. Suggestions for articles were a piece by Frances Piven on strategies for working amongst poor and unemployed workers. The timeliness of such a piece was discussed, and it was hoped that it could be part of a two-part series on the subject. The second part would go into the errors made in the 1967 organizing around the same issue. Paul said he would try to come up with the second piece. It was agreed to hold off on Piven's article until February. Rachel Fruchter's reply to questions people had about the Woman's Health Forum could serve as a project piece for January. Paul promised a piece on China for this newsletter.

The financial report was accepted with the suggestion that we write to Inter-News to clarify their position viz a viz their outstanding loan of \$500 (a letter was received this week from Inter-News in which they said they would begin repaying the loan in the Spring and finish by the end of this coming Summer.)

The next item dealt with was our fund-raising projects. Hank and Hilde's versions of the letter to be sent to the American Philosophers Association were discussed. Suggestions were made for its revision, a deadline established for its being brought to the printer, and arrangements made for the rest of the supplies needed. Copies of the letter will be sent to all other people in charge of the various professional lists that were designated last month as potential sources of funds.

Ads in periodicals were discussed. Hank stated that he would have a quarter page ad for newspapers and magazines ready by next meeting. A list of the various newspapers and periodicals that we receive was made up, from which we will choose those we feel will yield the best results.

The mass mailing for January was discussed. The staff presented an estimate for the 10,000 piece mailing which will be sent out third class. Bob agreed that he would see about raising the money to cover the costs of this mailing. Paul and Bob's letter were discussed and revisions made, as were other suggestions for the content of the rest of the mailing. The mailing will go out in mid-January, and will be stuffed by all RESIST folks at a time and place to be determined in the near future.

Paul presented the letter he sent to contributors and stated that it could be used as a model for others. Copies will be sent to all those who took cards at last month's meeting. People were urged to return the contributor's cards to the office as soon as possible.

Hilde reported that Quadrivium is willing to do a benefit for us sometime during the new season in the Spring.

Funding requests were discussed.

The next meetng was set for January 19, at Wayne O'Neil's house.

It was decided that decisions on funding requests should be written into the minutes in order to create a consistent organizational basis for the content of letters to be written to organizations. In the future, all minutes will contain what those present at the meeting feel to be the reasons for a group's denial or grant.

A meeting for Boston area people was scheduled for January 14, at 5:00, at Joan Bromberg's home at 8 Newport Road in Cambridge. Everyone who comes is expected to bring something for supper.

The staff would like to take this opportunity to extend season's greetings to all Resist people and their friends and families.

Resist Meeting- April 28, 1974 New York

- 1.W.R.L..Kansas City, Mo.....Hank/Bill
- 2.V.S.C., Cincinnati, Ohio.....Hank
- 3.Fight Back, Heidelberg, Germany.....Bob Z.
- 4.Portland Draft and Military Counselling, Portland.....Bob Z.
- 5.Forward, Berlin, Germany.....Bob Z.
- 6.Work, Inc., Holyoke, Mass.....Hank
- 7.South Baltimore Voice, Baltimore, Md.....Jean
- 8.Liberty Union, Vermont.....Larry
- 9.Mountain Community Union, Morgantown, W. Va.....Larry
- 10.Leavenworth Bros. Offense/Defense Committee.....Larry
- 11.Steilacoom Prisoner's House, Steilacoom, Wash.....Larry
- 12.The Outlook, Mass.....Larry
- 13.Liberation Support Movement-East Coast Unit, N.Y.C.....Wayne/Una
- 14.Malcolm X Liberation Front, Florida.....Wayne/Una
- 15.A.I.M., South Dakota.....Ken
- 16.Inter-News, California.....Una
- 17.New York Women's School, N.Y.C.....Rachel/Una
- 18.Turning Point, Birmingham, Alabama.....Una
- 19.Madison Tenant's Union, Wisconsin.....Una
- 20.Dominican Working Group, Boston.....Una
21. Pacific Street Film Collective, Brooklyn.....Norm

Financial Report for December 15th Meeting

Balance as of November 22 \$1,016.41

Income for Nov. 22 to Dec. 15

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|----------------------|------------------|
| Pledges | \$1247.00 |
| Contributions | \$1212.00 |
| Subscription | \$ 20.00 |
| Contributors Mailing | \$ 25.00 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$2504.00</u> |

Outgo for Nov. 22 to Dec 15

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| Taxes | \$ 230.00 |
| Payroll | \$ 535.62 |
| Grants | \$ 700.00 |
| Postage | \$ 80.00 |
| Travel | \$ 33.00 |
| Printing | \$ 287.40 |
| Petty Cash & Office Maintenance | \$ 164.80 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$2035.82</u> |

Balance as of December 15th \$1484.59

Encumbrances for the next month

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| Rent & Utilities | \$ 150.00 |
| Telephone | \$ 70.00 |
| Payroll | \$ 750.00 |
| Taxes | \$ 320.00 |
| Mailing House | \$ 55.00 |
| Postage | \$ 460.00 |
| Continuing Grants | \$ 150.00 |
| Printing | \$ 250.00 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$2,205.00</u> |

Projected Income for the Month

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|----------------|-------------------|
| Pledges | \$1,200.00 |
| Contributions | \$ 500.00 |
| Resubscription | \$ 300.00 |
| | <u>\$2,000.00</u> |

Our current balance plus projected income minus projected expenses would leave us about \$1,250.00 to give out in grants. Inter-nurs still owes us \$500.

REQUESTS FOR RESIST MEETING - DECEMBER 30, 1974

- (55) -1. Hand, Inc., Holyoke.....Hank
- 2. Conference for A Nuclear Free Pacific.....Hank
- 3. People's Town Hall, Huntington, NY.....Eileen
- ✓ 4. Missouri Friends of the Earth.....Eileen
- 5. African People's Socialist Party, Archer, Florida.....Wayne
- 6. People's Community News Service, New York.....Wayne
- 250/5 - 7. Gayunga Indians, Eagles Bay, New York.....Ken
- 150 8. RECON.....Bob Z.
- 250 - 9. New York Women's School, New York.....Hilde
- 150 10. Women's Health Forum.....Hilde
- 250 -11. Great Speckled Bird.....Atlanta, Georgia.....Eileen
- 12. Imprisoned Citizen's Union, West Chester, Penn.....Bell
- 13. Link Society, Prichard, Alabama.....Bell

GRANTS & REQUESTS - DEC. '74

Grants

1. New York Women's School - \$250.00 This grant was made on the basis of a promise of an additional \$250 made at last April's meeting if the school could not raise that amount through other channels.
2. Women's Health Forum - \$150. This grant is for a pamphlet used by an ongoing organizing effort to assist women in obtaining information from doctors and hospitals about matters relating to their health. \$150 will cover the cost of typesetting the form which will make it easier to raise the additional money needed for the pamphlet by giving them something tangible to take to potential donors.
3. RECON - \$150 - G.I. organizing reaches members of the most exploited and oppressed sectors of society, in addition to organizing around the issue of the military's role in carrying out the policies of U.S. imperialism. Recent trends indicate an increasing reliance on women to fill the military's personnel needs. The pamphlet for which the above sum was given addresses itself directly and effectively to this phenomenon and the people affected by it.
4. Great Speckled Bird - \$250. The Bird is an anti-racist, community issue oriented newspaper that reaches people all over the South on a regular basis. The money is for a project which will increase the Bird's self-sufficiency; a type-setting operation which can be used by other newspapers and organizations. It was hoped that our grant will be used as a matching grant to assist them in raising the other \$250 they need to get the project off the ground.
5. Ganeinken Indians (eagle's bay, new york); \$375, 250, 250. This grant is for the Indians involved in the occupation of 612 acres of land near Eagle's Bay in New York State. The takeover was done in order that Indians of the Mohawk nation in that area would be able to make it through the Winter. The money will go towards repairs in existing structures, bedding, tools, etc. The Indians have received strong support from the Six Nations and non-Indian people in the nearby town who have given much material and moral support to the effort thusfar. The grant was made on the basis of their use of the independent nation theory in guiding their strategy, the immediate need of the situation, and the role such occupations play in de-legitimizing the government.

Rejections

1. Conference for a Nuclear Free Pacific. Denial was on the basis of the low-priority of this sort of organizing on RESIST's list of priorities.
2. Missouri Friends of the Earth. on the grounds that disseminating information on Democratic and Republican candidates in an election (which had passed by the time we got around to considering the request) did not consider the limitations of electoral politics when not challenged by a third-party of a left nature, and the overall limitations of the Democratic and Republican parties. It was suggested that they keep in touch and perhaps we could help out with some of the other projects they were involved in.
3. African People's Socialist Party; The first part of the request was for court costs for which they were referred to the Civil Liberties Legal Defense Fund. The second part was to cover the costs of reprinting a deposition, which people felt was a poor or inadequate way to go about organizing around the repression that they were facing. If an adequate explanation of this tactic was received, the request would be reconsidered.
4. Imprisoned Citizens Union; This request for materials needed to publicize a court case involving prisoners in a Pennsylvania institution was felt to be beyond the means at our disposal. We would refer it to Civil Liberties Legal Defense.

Link Society. This group is involved in prisoner family support work. People felt that although it was good humanitarian work to do, the political implications were ill-defined and unclear, i.e., without a radical perspective.

Postponements

1. Hand, Inc. until we could determine whether they had a base within the community in Holyoke, and how people in that community related to the work being done.
2. Peoples Town Hall, pending Paul's promised investigation of this project.
3. People's Community News Service; pending answers to the following questions; how and where is the paper distributed; how is it used as a tool in ongoing organizing efforts in the Black Community of New York City.