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Present: Eileen Atherton, Madge Kaplan, Jean Turner, Grace Paley, Paul Lauter, Bob Zevin, Louis Kampf, Wayne O'Neil, Hank Rosemont, Frank Joyce, Hilda Klein.

Financial Report: Submitted. The Contributors Mailing did very well. The Ferrys want to hear from us again about grants. From now on, Bob Zevin will not be the contact anymore. Whoever the area person for the request is should contact them. Grants are to be \$500 to \$3,000. They are largely interested in economic issues. A 'thank you' for the contributors mailing will be put in the newsletter.

Office Report: Requests - Donna Finn and Ruth came into the office from Families and Friends of Prisoners in Dorchester and explained the political perspective of the survival center to Wayne, Hilda, Eileen and Madge. People felt positive about the center after talking with them. They are, however, withdrawing their request due to receiving funding. The request was brought to the meeting so that other Resist people could see Donna's comments. Discussion about how we deal with funding requests in general followed. We should be less dogmatic; requests should not be last on the agenda.

Staff - Staff reports that two people are needed in the office. Eileen plans to resign whenever a smooth transition is possible. People will be interviewed for the opening position in the office. Jean Williams will be reconsidered. There will be three people in the office during the transition. Jim Miller of Law Commune wants to work with Resist and will be asked to come and talk to people at the office. Eileen will keep working with Resist. New China - New China magazine (published by U.S.-China People's Friendship Assn.) will get access to our group list to try to get people to give subscriptions to the groups. We shall swap adds with them. Fred Pincus should be asked information about Research Group I in Baltimore. Sunday News Collective - which does radio documentaries in Western Mass. will be asked to come to office with their stuff. On basis of this, they might be asked to ~~write a newsletter article~~ write a newsletter article. We might also want to see whether they want to make a funding request. Newsletter - the November issue will be worked on by Eileen and Wayne. Hank will work on December newsletter. Madge will work on article on forced drugs in prisons. We'll follow up on repression of black community in Norfolk (Phil Wilayto). Louis will try to get Harlem school principal to do article on effects of cutbacks in his school. Dollars and Sense Letter - staff will add a sentence about our politics being similar to Dollars and Sense. Cut down group listings to the most representative groups. Printed list of all groups funded will be added to the mailing. New Call - Frank's and Paul's versions were not homogenizeable. Paul's was programmatic; Frank's general. Paul thought we must be clear in call for socialism and for programs relating to this. Frank questioned Paul's notion of "institutions of socialism;" he also questioned Paul's use of "self-determination." Paul said that capitalism is on the offensive, therefore we ~~should~~ have to find ways of regaining initiative. The Marxist-Leninist groups are not doing this, therefore we have to build the "institutions of socialism." Paul, however, does not want an attack of Marxism-Leninism in document. Paul said he's willing to change phrase "institutions of socialism." Bob and Paul said it's important to say that the way you organize for revolution affects what you get after the revolution. People should send both substantive and editorial comments (suggestions) to Paul, who will rewrite and circulate new version. Frank will withdraw his draft until he sees Paul's. If he objects to Paul's, he'll finish his own draft. Paul's deadline is November 21.

Radical Populism discussion led by Frank: Frank said Populism has a potential for fascism; that's why distinction of radical populism. The struggle we're engaged in is for the subjective. Therefore the struggle is organizational and ideological, since ~~my~~ objective conditions are what they are. Populists have no theory for change, though they have a theory of activity. They do not tell us who has to be defeated. No analysis of the economy in Populism.....etc..... At next meeting we might think of someone to invite to a meeting to represent Radical Populism.

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- Grants:
1. People's Resource Center - postponed.
 2. Racial Unity Now - \$200 grant; \$50 in Dec. and \$50 in Jan. '76.
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 3. Union W.A.G.E. - up to \$500 to make up conference deficit.
 4. Detroit Unemployed Council - postponed.
 5. Ohio Public Interest Campaign - No, but politely. If they 'sharpen' issues, they can come back to us.
 6. Families and Friends of Prisoners, Inc. - withdrawn.
 7. Hard Times Conference - \$250 for regional. We should explore what they're really trying to do. Why isn't the call to the conference specifically socialist? What is organizational structure? \$250 to national, if it exists.
 8. Juvenile Action Movement - No. The project is not in the realm of Resist funding. They probably can get funded elsewhere.
 9. Menominee Legal Offense/Defense Committee - No. We'll consider them if they can get together. Ken should say he supported the request.
 10. East 11th Street Housing Group - \$100 and asking them to describe their program.
 11. Black Star News - \$150; asking them whether they see themselves in any larger context. Request should be sent to International Black Appeal. Resist should begin a relationship with IBA.
 12. Ft. Bragg G.I. Union - postponed.

Meeting: December 14th in Boston at either Wayne's house in Dorchester or Hilda's place in Newton. We'll let everyone know.

(pardon the typos)

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FINANCIAL REPORT - NOVEMBER MEETING

Balance as of October 7th	\$1447.85
<u>Income for the month</u>	
Pledges	\$1938.91
Contributions	\$3707.00
Misc	\$ 7.50
Contributors Mailing	\$ 943.00
TOTAL	<u>\$6596.41</u>
<u>Outgo for the month</u>	
Taxes	\$.00
Payroll	\$1038.80
Grants	\$1070.00
Postage	\$ 417.00
Travel	\$ 85.00
Printing&Copy	\$ 286.89
Office Maintenance	\$ 158.43
Mailing	\$ 139.44
Misc	\$ 300.00 (loan)
TOTAL	<u>\$3495.56</u>
Current Balance	\$4532.85
<u>Projected expenses for the next month</u>	
Rent&Utilities	\$ 185.00
Grants continued	\$ 100.00
Payroll (for 2 staff)	\$ 840.00
Postage	\$ 410.00
Telephone	\$ 80.00
Printing	\$ 241.00
Mailing House	\$ 120.00
Taxes	\$ 250.00
Supplies	\$ 10.00
Travel	\$ 300.00
TOTAL	<u>\$2536.00</u>
<u>Projected income for the month</u>	
Pledges	\$1500.00
Contributions	\$ 500.00
Dollars and Sense	\$ 200.00
TOTAL	<u>\$2200.00</u>

Our current balance plus projected income minus projected expenses leaves us with \$4196.85 for grants this month. Inter-news owes us \$500 and has not yet begun paying us back. We projected low on the Dollars and Sense since we don't know exactly when the mailing will get out this month.

The Contributors Mailing has just about dried up. It was a grand success. It cost us \$100. Of 789 pieces, 96 undeliverables and 65 returns. Total income from the mailing was \$1,298. One pledge doubled from \$25 to \$50 in response to the Contributors Mailing.

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REQUESTS

- postpone 1. People's Resource Center, Huntington, NY Paul - postpone
200/50/50 2. Racial Unity Now, Dorchester.....Eileen 650 - phone 750 / 200 gen
to \$1500 3. Union Wage, Berkeley.....Hilda * 660 (50 movie) - should have sent emergency.
postpone 4. Detroit Unemployed Council, Detroit.....Frank - how much? For what?
No 5. Ohio Public Interest Campaign, Cleveland Ohio.....Eileen
withdrawn 6. Families and Friends of Prisoners, Inc., Dorchester.....Eileen
request withdrawn
\$250 NE 7. Hard Times Conference 500
250 (contingent nationally / on nationally there's as much substance as in ME.
No 8. Juvenile Action Movement 500
No 9. Menominee Legal D/O Com.
100 10. E. 11th St.
\$150 11. Black Star News, S. Carolina \$125/20
post. 12. Ft. Bragg G.I. Union

1. Finances
2. Office Rpt.
3. New call
4. Wants

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Detroit 48226

Backward to Freedom - on Chinese
revolution