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Present: Eileen, Madge, Jose, Wayne, Paul, Frank, Louie, Grace, Ken

- I. Our income is down this month. Letters will go out to professional groups despite fact that summer is at hand. Newsletter will accompany fundraising letter to radical caucus (Paul); Wayne and Ken will consider same for anthros and lingos.
- II. Paul (and Grace also, informally) will talk to Lifton (sp?) about giving a modest fund raising party on cape this summer.
- III. A preliminary version of the call will be sent to select people on the mailing list for (1) comment, and (2) support -- explain our financial situation.
- IV. Vacation policy - 1 week with pay; if desired, an additional week without pay, provided office is covered. Eileen may be able to cover if Madge wants to take vacation in August.
- V. Office Report: We will run ads for Cambridge/Goddard and for The Alternative School. Recruitment - 44 letters have been sent out to groups, next step phone follow-up; RA interested. The Guidelines on How to Apply for a Grant has been run off (100 copies). People's Law Office will use our mailing list, as agreed last time -- enough time has passed since use for Susan Saxe mailing. Madge will ask People's Law Office if we can use their list in return.
Newsletter is now going out on time. Wayne works on it each month together with Jose and Madge alternately. Newsletter in works now contains (1) Jose's translation of Dominican position paper (1st half), (2) RUN project piece, (3) Wayne's piece on grand juries, with material from Quash (?) and New Yorker. Next Newsletter (projected): (1) continuation of Jose's translation, (2) boxed item on Arnold Albrecht and clemency program, (3) article on busing; Myths on Busing?, Frank's article ?, (4) selections from theoretical article on the crisis of capitalism, (5) piece on Southern Africa, (6) Soledad Brothers article, (6) Guild Notes article on undocumented workers, or some other article on ~~that~~ that.
- VI. Next Two Meetings: (1) July 11, Boston; (2) August 22, Vermont.
- VII. WIN Magazine Request Discussion. Jose explained that he, and many others as well, were unclear about the precise reasons for denial of the request. His comments of criticism in relation to the WIN motto were not meant as a reason for denial, but rather as a personal criticism which he felt should be made in view of what history has shown. Grace pointed out that there is in fact disagreement among Resist people over this question, but that this should not prevent us from working together productively.
Policy: As a matter of policy, (1) no one should allow a discussion to pass by without full understanding, and people should refrain from using "in-house" talk that other Resist members are not familiar with; it should be made clear always what is going to go into a letter sent to a funded (or not funded) group; (2) personal political criticism should in no way imply that it is a Resist position - write a separate note, not on Resist

letterhead; (3) copies of all correspondence should be made. Bill's letter: Bill should be written a letter indicating our feeling that we think it is a mistake for him to resign; we very much regret his resignation, and hope that he will reconsider.

Frank and others felt that this discussion was extremely constructive, since it has brought out our fundamental disagreements while, at the same time, contributing to our ability to work together with greater understanding.

Paul will write a letter to Bill (1) indicating that it is not the case that Resist has taken a principled stand for or against armed struggle or pacifism, and (2) including some criticism of Bill's letter and his distance from Resist over the past year. Other people will also write personal letters to Bill. Jose has already written a letter to WIN explaining the Resist position, no additional letter to them will be necessary.

Concerning Resist letterhead and names at the bottom. We should wait until we have heard again from Bill.

VIII. Discussion of the July 4th Coalition -- Jose gave a report of a conference he attended at the Church of the Covenant and Alfredo's report on the preparations in 50 cities. He also spoke of the local work in Boston to promote the demonstration in Philadelphia. Ticket sales are slow. There will be a Roving Rally on June 12, and other outreach efforts are being made -- posters, fundraising activities, a film, etc.

IX. FUNDING

- (1) Madison Tenant Union - they will be written to see if they can not explore *Further* their own resources; perhaps use their own paper to raise money. They may approach us again if other efforts fail to raise the needed amount.
- (2) NASC- postponed awaiting response to Ken's letter.
- (3) Transition House - \$200
- (4) It's Not The Bus - Try for Z money, if not, then ^{\$}100 from Resist. Include copies of letters of support in request to Ferry-Bernstein.
- (5) Latin American Services Development Corp - denied. Jose will write telling them that the project is useful and important, but educational programs are not our priority. Plus, they have alternate sources.
- (6) Pacific News Service - postpone awaiting response to Ken's letter.
- (7) Black Military Resistance League - \$200 plus talk to them about arranging a meeting with Z money people for possible further funding of projects.
- (8) CTC Cambridge- \$1,000 Z money; if not then reconsider their request at July meeting.
- (9) Citizen's Alert - denied, our priority is not legally oriented projects; also they have tax exempt status, and not primarily political in orientation.
- (10) IPS - postpone

- (11) Oficina Legal del Pueblo Unido- \$100 twice; not enough money here to support full request.
- (12) BEDC - postpone; Frank will pursue this.
- (13) Healthright- \$200 plus letter stressing the importance of ensuring that the demonstration be substantial; seek help from other NY groups to ensure success -- better nothing than an ineffectual demonstration.
- (14) PERC - \$100 X 2; ask about establishing communication with The Chicano Communications Center.
- (15) People's Health Center - postpone.
- (16) Black Liberation - denied; Paul will talk to them.

F. RECRUITMENT DISCUSSION:

- (1) Letter sent to 44 groups; phone follow-up needed. Radical America interested and have discussed it at one of their meetings.
- (2) We will continue with the following procedures for recruiting new people:
 - (a) person is invited to a meeting for mutual looking-over,
 - (b) at next meeting we decide about permanent invitation.These procedures should be made clear to prospective invitees. For more distantly located ~~people~~ people, same procedures; use letters, but also take advantage of their trips east and ours west-south-north. Where we cannot reach a unanimous decision in favor of inviting, as in the most recent case, we do not invite ~~people~~ onto board. Favorable decisions must be unanimous.
- (3) Wayne will communicate our decision to Bob Carey.

G. NEW CALL:

- (1) We will allow 10 more days for comments.
- (2) Thereafter, 5 days to produce a revised version to be sent out(?) or to be discussed at next meeting (?); this was left unclear.

(I took some notes on the changes made at meeting, if they are needed; they are not detailed notes, however.)