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Present; Wayne O'Neil, Mary Louise Kean, Frank Brodhead (new Staff person), Frank Joyce, Margery Davies, Michelle Russell, Madge Kaplan, Carole Smith, and George Vickers.

Financial Report; Income has remained fairly stable. We got a much smaller return on this quarter of the mailing to the contributors list. The quarter of the list that went out in January had a return of close to \$500. The quarter that went out in March has had a return of about \$50. A mailing just went out to the Working Papers list. The American Committee on Africa mailing is waiting for signatures, and will go out in early May. We may do an exchange with Radical America, and will check into the possibility of doing another exchange with Dollars and Sense.

Office Report; Last week people were interviewed for the June staff opening. Frank Brodhead came to the board meeting to talk to people - he will start work the second week in May. There was discussion about the interviewing process. Our attempt to be informal ended up feeling sloppy. We need to put more thought into the structure of the interviews to make them less intimidating and more comfortable -ie. explain more clearly what the interview is for, what we want to know, what the expectations of the staff person are, encourage them to ask us questions, prepare people doing the interview better for asking questions - circulate written resumes to board members, give people a better sense of the time frame for the interview. We decided that Carole and Madge will write up a job description to clarify political expectations of the staff (enclosed), and that the board people should assume more responsibility for the hiring process. We will begin interviewing for the second staff position after the May meeting. People should think about expectations for the second staff person, and any people they know who might be interested.... We decided to sponsor the May Day South Africa demonstration in Boston... The next newsletter will have an article on Vietnam (by Carol Bragg, reprinted from Peacework), a response to Paul's election article by Frank Joyce, an article on (?) Iranians at Queens College, and a project piece on the Violence Against Women Newsletter. We need to have a discussion meeting to determine a direction for the content of the future Newsletters. Paul met with the Ferrys. Cleared up some of their concerns about Resist...

Issues that were raised to be discussed at the next meeting;

- 1) American Federation of Teachers Convention is in Boston in August...
- 2) Anti-nuclear campaign is building up for U.N.- meetings will be in the spring- do we want to be part of this???
- 3) Discussion about paying travel expenses to meetings

Meeting Schedule; May 22 - New York ; June 26 - Boston; August 21 - Vermont....

#### Grants;

- 1) Protestant Guild for the Blind Strike Fund ; \$50
- 2) "We Will Remember Survival School"; Postponed
- 3) WYSO Community Radio ; Denied
- 4) "People's Firehouse #1"; Denied
- 5) U.S. Korea Research and Action Committee; Postponed
- 6.) Larry Largey Legal Defense; Denied
- 7.) Low Income Planning Aid; Denied
- 8.) Community Legal Rights Foundation; Denied
- 9.) Somerville Women's Health Project; Denied
- 10.) Native American Solidarity Committee; Denied
- 11.) Western Coal Pamphlet; Postponed
- 12.) PBB Project ; refer to Ferrys
- 13.) July 4 Coalition; Denied
- 14.) Black and Proud Liberation School; \$500
- 15) Somerville Voice; \$100

Paul -  
could you send me  
the article  
as an alternative service  
to the organizing (by Miller?)  
projects  
to me  
can I  
circulate it  
Thanks.

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## MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING

If you weren't at the April meeting, I've enclosed my report and the minutes from the March meeting.

The NEXT MEETING will be in Boston, at Louis's, at 11 am on Sunday, May 7th. The address is 14 Glenwood Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139. The phone there is 492-3468.

The meeting was held at George's in NY. Present were: George V., Grace P., Paul K.L., Frank J and Frank B, Bob Nichols.

We spent a lot of time on announcements and gossip. The highlights were: Margery D. is going on leave from the board for a while -- she has some new responsibilities at her daughter's school, and some academic work to finish up. Paul will be away teaching in Germany from June through August; Paul talked about developments in the teachers union; Grace talked about setting up tables outdoors with good petitioning responses; Frank J. talked about the campaign in Detroit against the Nazi bookstore; George talked about the possibility of a new archive being set up on the anti-war movement; and Frank B. talked about his trip to West Virginia.

Grants: the accompanying report lists all the applications with some information about the groups. The following are the groups that we gave money to:

- Subs (Chicago) -- \$140 x 3 for their office rent
- People's Power Coalition (Buffalo) -- \$100
- Tenants Action Group (Boston) -- \$300; possibility of more if they need it.
- Clamshell Alliance (Boston) -- \$100 toward their van project
- Lesbian Feminist Radio Project (Seattle) -- \$150 for tape recorder
- National Committee to Overturn the Bakke Decision -- \$100 for solidarity
- National Lawyers Guild (NH) -- \$200
- David Greene (W. Va) -- \$250 toward "Western Coal" pamphlet.
- Cultural Worker (Amhesst) -- \$150
- Against the Grain (NY) -- \$120 for 3 months rent

We also voted to set aside \$100 contingency money for the Mass Welfare Recipients for Welfare Reform and \$100 for Southern Africa, pending some checking by Frank B. and Paul. They will report at next meeting.

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## C. Legal Defense

12. National Committee to Overturn the Bakke Decision (NCOBD) -- any amount, for general support.

13. Unemployment Representation Clinic (Seattle) -- any part of \$2500 to help clinic providing representation to unemployed.

## APRIL GRANT APPLICATIONS

### A. Organizing/Labor

- ✓ 1. Black New York Action Committee -- 2-year-old group; black org and consciousness raising; needs \$500 for phone and typewriter.
- ✓ 2. Massachusetts Welfare Recipients for Welfare Reform -- welfare activists out of old Mothers for Adequate Welfare; just starting up, need \$500 for office, etc.
- ✓ 3. Substitutes United for Better Schools (SUBS) (Chicago) -- up to \$500 for general support; have supported them before.
- ✓ 4. Tenants Action Group (Roxbury, Ma) -- \$300-\$500 for getting an office; group does tenant and community work.
- ✓ 5. People's Power Coalition (Buffalo) -- \$100 to do mailing to get support for public takeover of local gas and electric companies;
- ✓ 6. Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) -- Toledo, OH -- \$500 as part of general support. Have supported them in 1975 and 1977 (Z\$)
- ✓ 7. Clamshell Alliance (Cambridge, MA) -- partial support for solar energy demonstration van (\$250-500).

### B. Movement Services, etc.

- ✓ 8. Fred Hampton Memorial People's Health Clinic (Portland, OR) -- funds needed for legal defense around grand jury harassment.
- ✓ 9. Lesbian Feminist Radio Project (Seattle) -- part of \$500 to purchase equipment and supplies.
- ✓ 10. Carrier Pigeon (Boston) -- a movement book and magazine distributor; \$300 for mailing to feminist studies teachers.

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- ✓ 11. New England Free Press -- any part of \$1300 needed for promotional campaign to expand distribution of pamphlets produced.

### C. Legal Defense

- ✓ 12. National Committee to Overturn the Bakke Decision (NCOBD) -- any amount, for general support.
- ✓ 13. Unemployment Representation Clinic (Seattle) -- any part of \$2500 to help clinic providing legal services for Seattle unemployed.
- ✓ 14. National Lawyers Guild, New Hampshire -- any sum for legal services related to Nuclear Resistance, esp. forthcoming Seabrook occupation.
- ✓ 15. National Lawyers Guild (Detroit) -- Summer Projects Committee -- any sum to help support planned projects in 14 cities.
- ✓ 16. Center for Constitutional Rights (New York) -- any sum to help with defence of Jerry Paul (Joan Little's NC lawyer) and Lennox Hind (Assata Shakur's lawyer), who are fighting disbarment.

### D. Publications

- ✓ 17. Western Coal, by David Greene (West Virginia) -- we had supported this generally, but wanted a budget and some information about distribution plans, which we now have. Needs \$400.
- ✓ 18. Don't Mourn, Organize! (New York) -- part of \$600 for subscription drive.
- ✓ 19. Cultural Workerz (Amherst, MA) -- any amount, for general support.
- ✓ 20. Against the Grain (New York) -- we had deferred ~~the~~ decision on this pending information about distribution and relation to political work.
- ✓ 21. Southern Africa (New York) -- any part of \$1000 for a subscription drive.
- ✓ 22. New York Workers News (Brooklyn) -- \$500 to help sustainers program and subscription drive.

### E. Miscellaneous

- ✓ 23. Coalition Against Police Abuse (CAPA) -- any sum for general support. (Los Angeles). More info really needed.
- ✓ 24. Repression Information Project (Wash., DC) -- \$500 to help support conference in May on Labor Committee and other rightwing groups.

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## REPORT FOR THE APRIL MEETING

### FINANCIAL SITUATION

Our financial situation is about what I anticipated at the last meeting. Income for March was about the same as last year: just over \$3000. In fact, income for the first three months of this year is about the same as last year. Last year at this time, however, we had about \$1700 in the bank; at the moment we have about \$5000.

If this pattern continues, we will probably be able to continue giving \$2000 in grants per month. (This might be hard over the summer, but we can expect to return to this level in the fall.)

#### Income:

pledges (86)	\$1593.25
newsletter (67)	852.25
contrib mailing (4)	70.00
Liberation returns (31)	325.00
Returns from earlier mailings (7)	.50.00
misc	112.00

\$3002.50

comment: pledge income is the highest it has been in over a year. So far we've about broken even on Liberation. We added 8 pledges during March. The first mailing (to RA and Dollars and Sense) slightly more than paid for itself, and added 101 new contributors to our list, including about 20 pledges.

Expenses: Continue to be about the same. A little less than \$1000/month to run the office, and a little under \$1000 to send the newsletter to our contributors and the Liberation list. An additional expense this month was about \$850 for another mailing: this one to the Socialist Review list and a list from Amnesty/Safe Return. The returns from this are just

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starting to come in.

## MAILINGS

I expect to do one more mailing this spring, probably to Working Papers, which ~~x~~ did fairly well last year. I am lining up exchanges, using the Liberation list, for the fall. NACLA for sure, and probably Clamshell. I think I should try for the Guardian and Seven Days also. We can probably do RA and D&S again next winter with a good return.

A "list broker" has enquired about the Liberation list ("Names in the News"). It seems like a good idea to me; but I'm waiting for more information and will bring it up again at the next meeting. (If the list is used twice a month, ~~x~~ it would bring in about \$80/month). (People who contribute to Resist via the Liberation list are removed from that list and added to ours.)

## OTHER THINGS

I shut down the Resist ~~x~~ office from March 15 to 20th to go to West Virginia. This was very spur of the moment, and I hope no one was too inconvenienced trying to get me. The purpose of the trip was to visit strike supporters and other people involved in the coal strike. I had a terrific trip. One place I visited was the ~~Mxxx~~ Miners Support Committee in Beckley. I thought they were doing great work. The Ferrys came through and sent them \$500. After my trip, and before the Ferry's money arrived, I got a call from them requesting some emergency assistance. I called around, got three oks, and sent them \$200. I did a write-up of my observations from the trip, which are in the April newsletter (being printed next week).

We are now Resist, Inc. I have an appointment with a tax accountant next week to get our books straightened out and set up to be police-proof.

\* \* The Somerville Community News (Somerville, MA), to help publish an issue of this monthly community paper. (\$150 matching)

\* \* Fight Back GI Project (Germany), to cover the cost of an issue of their newsletter and help with their work among soldiers stationed in Germany against the neutron bomb. (\$250)

\* \* NICH (Non-Intervention in Chile), to help support the publication of a special issue of their bi-monthly newsletter. (\$200)

\* \* The South African Liberation Support Committee (SALSCOM), to help support their work with South African deserters and draft resisters. (\$200 x 2)

\* \* Neighborhood Media Services (Los Angeles), to help with general support for this movement service organization. (\$200)

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