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Dear Resisters,

Very sorry, but there was a MISTAKE in the last minutes; and the next meeting will be held at Louis's on January 27th, NOT January 20th as stated.

and form letter messages:

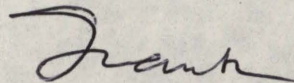
Paul -- don't forget to write to the NY material aid ~~xxxxxxx~~ campaign for ZANU.

Grace -- don't forget the newsletter article; and please let me know if you think we should go ahead with the NY Circus grant of up to \$250.

George -- surprise, surprise, -- ~~xxxx~~ could you also check out the New York Circus group; a copy of their stuff is enclosed.

Wayne -- please call me about this lawyer business. The super final Liberation bankruptcy forms are ready to sign in your capacity (I think) as treasurer of that organization. The person to call is Kurt Pressman at Goldstein and Pressman, 678 Mass. Ave., 492-8473.

Best wishes,



p.s. The Simplex Committee got \$1700 from Haymarket; and though there might be some hitches or some sudden need for extra money depending on events, they think ~~h~~ they have enough money to take them through the summer. I told them that they had a \$200 credit with us in case something came up; but that we would use the money for something else as long as they don't need it now.

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Minutes of December Meeting

We met at Louis's. Present were Grace, Wayne, Louis, Paul and Frank B.

In addition to grants, we had general discussions about the Vietnam - Cambodia situation, the anti-nuke movement, how to relate our grant giving to the growth of the funding exchange (Haymarket, North Star, etc.), and had lots of informative gossip.

The NEXT MEETING will be at Louis's on January 20 at 11 a.m.

GRANT DECISIONS

1. Women's International Resource Exchange (WIRE) Service -- \$360 to cover costs of a mailing of their catalog of available reprints. We thought they were doing important work in networking 3rd world women and others.
2. The Simplex Committee (Cambridge) -- we set aside up to \$200, depending on their needs after the Haymarket Fund meeting.
3. International Confederation for Disarmament and Peace (England) -- we sent them \$150 to help with their conference on "The Big Power Game in East Asia."
4. Pontiac Prisoners Support Coalition (Chicago) -- we will pay their rent for three months (\$140 x 3).
5. Somerville Community News (Somerville, Mass). -- \$100 x 2 to cover short term deficit.
6. Women's Media Alliance (Northampton, Mass.) -- \$150 to help them buy tapes to start up their radio work.
7. "Women and Life on Earth" (Northampton, Mass.) -- a loan/grant of \$150 to support a conference on women and the environment.

DEFERRED

More information needed on Pacific Studies Center and Community Labor Organizing Committee; \$250 put aside for New York Circus, pending Grace and George V. Checking them out.

REJECTED (over please)

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REJECTED

1. Hawaii Coalition for a Nuclear Free Pacific -- we thought this was a good thing but not a priority for us; we will urge them to keep in touch, and perhaps apply again if something comes out of the conference that needs some money.
2. Vocations for Social Change -- thought this could get other sources of money; the best we could consider is a loan, and thought that they could get loans from other sources in Boston.
3. Concerned Citizens for Butchers Hill -- not for us, but we had ~~had~~ some suggestions about where they might turn.
4. Pyramid Productions -- too much money needed for film for us to help.
5. Center on Law and Pacifism -- can't be a priority; would consider non-violent action project, but not legal/publishing project, which should be supported by people who are into this stuff.
6. Society of Resurrected Brotherhood -- not for us; we're going to support the Pontiac Prisoners coalition.
7. Rural Development Corporation -- not for us.

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DECEMBER GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. Union WAGE (California) -- Would like \$250 to cover expenses of up-coming convention, esp. travel. Frank talked to local WAGE person.

2. Berlin (NH) Labor History Project -- Would like any sum to help cover costs of publishing booklet version of area labor history display, to add to already prepared slide show and poster exhibit.

3. Puerto Rico Solidarity Committee (NY) -- would like \$495 to cover costs of mailing to expand distribution of their bi-monthly magazine, Puerto Rico Libre.

4. Kristina Berster Defence Committee (Burlington, VT) -- would like any sum to help cover costs of newsletter. (no reply yet on request for budget, etc.)

5. Comite de Mexico y Aztlan (Oakland) -- would like \$1500 for free subscriptions for their Comexaz News Monitoring Service monthly publication. DStern called with recommendation; Carlos is checking.

6. Neighborhood Media Services (Los Angeles) -- up to \$500 for general support; gave them \$200 last March; Carlos has talked to them/him.

7. Fight Back GI (Germany) -- would like \$500 for campaign among GIs about going to Iran, etc. Have funded them several times in the past.

8. OPRICH (Office for Political Prisoners and Human Rights in Chile) (San Francisco) -- would like \$400 for costs of prisoner release campaign.

9. Portland Tenants' Union (Oregon) -- would like \$500 to cover two issues of their newspaper. Frank talked with staff person.

10. SCHEMAS (Haitian Cultural Society) (New York) -- would like any part of \$25 million for general support. A pile of newspapers not included.

11. AREITO (Cuban group) (Boston/New York) -- A little complicated. The group is active and seems well-regarded (Carlos; Frank checked in Boston). But the request is for offset distribution of a paper on Mental health in Cuba. FB talked to the author for a long time. Asking about \$300.

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12. City Workers Committee for Pension Fund Divestment from South Africa (Detroit) -- would like \$100 to help do mailing as part of campaign to get City Council/pension board to divest of South Africa holdings. Frank J. trying to check it out.

13. The Newspaper (Lynn) -- at our last meeting we gave them \$100 and said that we would reconsider their full request (\$500 to cover 3 months' projected deficit). Copies of their "new look" paper are included.

14. Moncada Library (Brooklyn) -- Would like any sum for general support for Park Slope library/community center. We turned them down last winter.

15. Kent Left History Forum (Kent State, Ohio) -- would like any sum to help cover deficit of history magazine whose funding has been cut off by student government.

16. Abortion Action Coalition (Boston) -- Would like \$130 to do a mailing to the network of organizations and key local activists as a follow-up to meeting in June that started to put together a national reproductive rights network. We funded the NAM reproductive rights newsletter this spring, which is part of this network.

17. VVAW (Chicago) -- would like any sum to help print booklet of previously published personal histories of Viet Vets. FB is still confused on what happened to VVAW in the & RCP split.

LATE ARRIVALS

18. Mountain Top Films (Boston) -- a little confusing, but interesting. They are producing a big film on Haiti. Foundation funding, etc. is being negotiated. There is a trial in a few weeks of Haitian "illegal" immigrants. The trial will try to establish political asylum rights for Haitians. They would like \$330 to buy film stock to film this trial, for a) incorporation into the big film b) to raise funds for defence of Haitian illegals, 4500 of whom are having deportation hearings in Florida. Frank B. talked to two of the filmmakers for quite a while.

19. City Life (formerly Jamaica Plain Tenants' Action Group) (Boston) would like \$300 to renovate and supply office. We gave them \$\$ before, and said they could apply again if it wasn't enough.

20. Mendocino Environmental Education Program (California) -- any sum for general support for est. of an environmental center and general local education plus media outreach, etc. Not checked out.

21. Dorchester Youth Alliance (Boston) -- an offshoot of Families and Friends of Prisoners. A youth project begun last year. Would like any sum for general support. Not checked out yet. They need money to cover expenses before city grant begins to come in. Donna Finn with them.

***no application: Manning Marable called yesterday; wanted to know if we could help out with a attempted revival of National Black Assembly, which just had a meeting in Pittsburgh and wants to hold medium big nat'l black activist conference on Malcolm X birthday (May?) at Howard Univ to try to get some nat'l black organization to left of Dem Party going; he's talking about c. \$250 to prepare mailings, etc.

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Report for December Meeting

INCOME

Income for November was ok, up quite a bit from last year, but last year was terrible.

Pledges (115)	\$1813.20
Contributors' mailing(13) . . .	415.00
Newsletter (28)	358.00
Liberation (1)	98.12
Old Mailing (1)	12.00
Newsletter renewal mailing (41) .	322.00
TOTAL	\$3018.22

EXPENSES: remain about the same -- \$1000 to pay Frank and run the office, \$400 for newsletter.

I expect ~~xx~~ to do some mailings in January, but last year we got a lot of money in December and January, and I expect that to happen again, so

GRANTS: We should allocate \$2200 for grants. And we also have to decide whether or not to send \$400 to Columbus Tenants Union. Paul has had no luck; Frank B talked to them on the phone.

AGENDA: In addition to grants, we have to talk about structure/future meeting schedule. Basically, do we want to do something like meet every other month with a few Boston people meeting in the off month to handle "emergency" grants?

Rejections

1. Kristina Berster Defense Committee -- newsletter article, but no \$
2. Quast -- not ready yet; other sources
3. Centers for Alternative Mining Development Policy (Madison) too much \$
4. Tony Avirgan film -- too much \$; put in touch with Film Fund
5. Manning Harable news columns -- not individuals
6. Friends of Filipino People -- not enough \$
7. May 19th Comm. Org -- information

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