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— from A New Call to Resist Illegitimate Authority

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 KL., 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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The Black NY Action Committee will be checked out further by Paul. The Fred Hampton Clinic in Portland will be offered help for a fundraising project, but we can't help with legal fees. The Free Press should be encouraged to come up with a smaller money package, and offered some news-letter space. The CCR is turned down for legal defence money, but we should try to do a newsletter article on the case. The NY Workers News in Brooklyn will be checked out further by Bob N. and George. CAPA in LA should be checked out further by Carlos.

Rejected proposals were FLOC in Toledo (Because they have other sources of funds); Carrier Pigeon in Boston (Because their proposal didn't seem realistic, and there were some doubts about supporting a business); the unemployment representation clinic in Seattle; the National Lawyers' Guild summer projects committee; the paper Don't Mourn, Organize! in NY; and the conference proposed by the Repression Information Project in DC.

NEXT AGENDA; in addition to grants, we have to decide on 1) the future of Liberation one way or the other; 2) a ~~xx~~ formal decision was scheduled a while back for this meeting about whether or not Resist should continue; 3) a pay raise for Frank after a year on the job (but he still can't type).

The JUNE MEETING is now scheduled for New York on June 4 at 11 am. No place set yet.

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APRIL GRANT APPLICATIONS

A. Organizing/Labor

Defer - Paul to check - Paul has
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, *Frank to check*
need \$500 for office, etc. *\$100 contingency*

3. Substitutes United for Better Schools (SUBS) (Chicago) -- up to \$500 for general support; have supported them before. *reports back \$140 x 3*

4. Tenants Action Group (Roxbury, Ma) -- \$300-\$500 for getting an office; group does tenant and community work. *- \$300; more if necessary -*

5. People's Power Coalition (Buffalo) -- \$100 to do mailing to get support for public takeover of local gas and electric companies; *\$100. -*

6. Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) -- Toledo, OH -- \$500 as part of general support. Have supported them in 1975 and 1977 (Z\$) *conquers but no \$.*

7. Clamshell Alliance (Cambridge, MA) -- partial support for solar energy demonstration van (\$250-500). *\$100 + remuneration*

B. Movement Services, etc.

8. Fred Hampton Memorial People's Health Clinic (Portland, OR) -- funds needed for legal defense around grand jury harassment. *Nancy Pater women's studies Portland state - Can't do legal fees; can send to try help w/ specific funding. - where else have they applied. -*

9. Lesbian Feminist Radio Project (Seattle) -- part of \$500 to purchase equipment and supplies. *- \$150*

10. Carrier Pigeon (Boston) -- a movement book and magazine distributor; \$300 for mailing to feminist studies teachers. *no - not realistic strategy; some doubt about funding!*

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11. New England Free Press -- any part of \$1300 needed for promotional campaign to expand distribution of pamphlets produced. - can they get a non-profit stamp?

no promotion in newsletters is that a smaller package?

C. Legal Defense

12. National Committee to Overturn the Bakke Decision (NCOBD) -- any amount, for general support. \$100

890

13. Unemployment Representation Clinic (Seattle) -- any part of \$2500 to help clinic providing legal services for Seattle unemployed. no

14. National Lawyers Guild, New Hampshire -- any sum for legal services related to Nuclear Resistance, esp. forthcoming Seabrook occupation. \$200?

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15. National Lawyers Guild (Detroit) -- Summer Projects Committee -- any sum to help support planned projects in 14 cities. no -

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. - newsletter article about cases w/ center's address. -

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. \$250

18. Don't Mourn, Organize! (New York) -- part of \$600 for subscription drive. no

1290

19. Cultural Workerz (Amherst, MA) -- any amount, for general support. \$150

20. Against the Grain (New York) -- we had deferred ~~the~~ decision on this pending information about distribution and relation to political work. } no rent = \$120 - ? typewriter needs?? -

Paul has

21. Southern Africa (New York) -- any part of \$1000 for a subscription drive. \$100. Contingency \$8. Suggest Paul to talk w/ them

22. New York Workers News (Brooklyn) -- \$500 to help sustainers program and subscription drive. more checking: Bob. N. -> (Garcia?)

E. Miscellaneous

23. Coalition Against Police Abuse (CAPA) -- any sum for general support. (Los Angeles). More info really needed. more checking. - Carlos -

24. Repression Information Project (Wash., DC) -- \$500 to help support conference in May on Labor Committee and other rightwing groups. no. -

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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	<u>112.00</u>
	\$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

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 ~~Miner~~ 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.

George - resist pledge (8/10?) ↔ Report
Gi archive

Announcements :

Grace's intro to WRL calendar

→ people on left have
obligation to send kids to
public school. →

Teachers union — (Paul) ↔

Grace setting up a table —

Frank on top bookstore —

minis support in my

movement for shorter workweek
(Grace on work organization in Siberia)

Paul will be teaching June, July & August ^{Berlin -} Germany

Frank talked about Virginia

Margery on leave →

George →

— Christopher Reynolds Indu. — wants to resist
activism on US/Vietnam war; do outreach — education —

May 7th — meet Boston 11 am —
copy of mailing list to Bracken —