

DETROIT REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT RECORDS

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CLP FINANCIAL REPORT 1976

DATE	DESCRIPTION	CHARGES	✓	CREDITS	BALANCE
1975	PREVIOUS BALANCE				
11/7	"Joann Little"	Pd By		D.otta 12-12-75 ck# 462	
	Press Conference,				
	Coffee & Donuts	41.75			41.75

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE DETROIT AREA

as of **JANUARY 5, 1976**

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ASSETS

Cabaret expenses for Area

debt paid from cabaret	\$ 2,035.50
debt paid by IBA	609.00
ticket money turned in to me	267.00
donation	350.00
dues and assessments	6,133.00
balance from last report	255.00
TOTAL ASSETS - - - -	<u>\$ 9,649.50</u>

beer	\$ 59.00
guards	26.00
hall (500 + 1200)	1,700.00
band	450.00
tickets	67.50
	<u>\$ 2,302.50</u>
ticket money turned in to me	<u>- 267.00</u>
money repaid to the Area	\$ 2,035.50

EXPENSES

Cortland phone bill - Oct	\$ 61.50
Nov & Dec	150.00
Gen's Chicago trip	30.00
Gen's trip 1/4/76	40.00
Ad-Hoc Committee for Spain	10.00
Band for Jo Little Cabaret	237.00
Loan to Bonnie	20.00
Gen's tires	80.00
Scott's car	170.00
Loan to Congress for Ester	30.00
Assessment for Congress	575.00
Bookstore wages - 11/14 thru 1/16 (10 weeks)	600.00
Car & license, etc. for Center	700.00
Loan to Lolita for plane fare	150.00
Northend Family Center for Area conf.	40.00
Waynw Ext. Center for Jo Little rally	40.00
DUC office last pymt for Oct.	75.00
RUM ofc. (rent for Nov., Dec, & Jan.)	450.00
Beer for New Years Cabaret	59.00
Guards	26.00
Last pymt. on Hall for New Years cabaret	1,200.00
Given to Center at Congress (part of dues)	1,900.00
TOTAL EXPENSES - - - -	<u>\$ 6,643.50</u>

481 1/2 - Buff
581 1/2 - Blue
881 1/2 - Green

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2	TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 9,649.50			2
3	TOTAL EXPENSES		6,643.50			3
4	difference		<u>3,006.00</u>			4
5	cash on hand		3,010.00			5
6	out of balance (over)		<u>4.00</u>			6

11	<u>MONEY TO CENTER</u>					11
12						12
13	dues and assesments for Nov & Dec.	XXXXXX	\$ 6,133.00			13
14	1/3 for Area		<u>2,043.00</u>			14
15	2/3 for Center		4,090.00			15
16	loan repaid by IBA of Center finances		500.00			16
17	donation (comrade cashed in insurance policy)		<u>350.00</u>			17
18	TOTAL OWED TO CENTER		4,940.00			18
19	amt. turned in at Congress		- 1,900.00			19
20	amt. on car, license, etc. for Center		- 700.00			20
21	Total still owed to CENTER		\$ 2,340.00			21

24 **AMOUNT SENT TO CENTER WITH THIS REPORT - \$ 2,700.00 -**
 25 **this leaves a balance in the area of \$ 310.00**

28 **note - from now on I will use the forms provided by the Center for these**
 29 **reports - at this point we do not know what is pledged by the area in dues**
 30 **but we will begin to tighten up on gathering that information. I have**
 31 **a question in terms of assessments - since there is no area on the form for**
 32 **such information is that to be added in as a part of the dues - unless**
 33 **I hear differently that is how I will report it.**

LINDSAY

State

Financial Report--February, 1976

Dated March 14, 1976

From: Stella

Assets

Lawyers	\$ 405.00	
Teachers Campaign	20.00	
Jim & Nancy	36.00	
Southwest Section	1,669.00	
Northeast Unit	319.00	
Northwest Unit-Miriam	28.00	
Olsonite	48.00	
Metro Unit	375.00	
Northwest Unit-Ron & Mark	56.00	
Truck	<u>156.00</u>	
Total February Dues	\$3,112.00	\$3,112.00

Total Dues: \$3,112.00

1/3 for Area -1,037.00

2/3 for Center \$2,075.00

Debts

Twana (Feb. 4 wks. @ \$60)	\$ 240.00	
IWD 3/6/76 \$165 Loan		
-120 Repaid		
- 45 Balance	45.00	
Center (sent on 3/7)	500.00	
Center (sent on 3/14)	<u>\$1,575.00</u>	
Less Total February Debts	\$2,360.00	<u>-2,360.00</u>
Balance		\$ 752.00
Less Campaign funds February		<u>- 25.00</u>
Cash on Hand 3/14/76		\$ 727.00

19 April 1976

Report to A and P Secretary, District Bur.

Lit. distribution
Bookstore
Printing

Distribution of Party lit. is still slipshod and uncoordinated. The last 5 or 6 issues of Peking Review, for example, have not been distributed to the comrades. Three sections ~~distributed~~ sold the Badayev book at no discount, one section (NW) sold it at discount. The Electoral Campaign has not resulted in any noticeable increase in sales of Party lit. In the last several months, these have been our sales to the Sections:

12 On Organization
242 Congress Documents
33 NNCQ
99 Jagan
35 Badayev

Sections ~~are~~ paid up, except for the Badayev book.

The SW Section has been without a functioning A and P person for a short time, this Wed. they should have one.

A meeting with Section A and P comrades is being set up for the first week of May. At this time we should reach agreement on policies of discount, distribution, finances etc, but, most importantly, on political use of literature. What is apparent at every turn is that Party literature, as an integral part of our work, is not understood. Rectification of this can not be done in the abstract, but only around examination of use of lit. in the Electoral Campaign, struggle for sales of NNCQ in Build the ERC etc.

The First Natl. Lit. Conference was held 12-13 April in Chicago. From Det., Coms. Patty and Paul attending. Elsewhere, lit. directors representing IA, Chicago, SF, as well as representatives from Vanguard Books, Proletarian Publishers, and Midnight Special, and comrades from the Center.

The conference was most helpful, tackling political questions as well as specific problems, and experience.

Proceeding from the international and national situation, we projected that in the future, ~~the increased drive towards fascism will affect~~ the increased drive towards fascism and ~~the~~ the Party's moving out into the class as never before, will bring down attacks on us. One of the first places ~~is~~ often to be first attacked is the press, bookstores. At the same time, literature is a form of defense, if we get it out to the class. Now, as never before, we'll have to reach workers and progressives through the written word. In the future, it's possible that our supply of lit. from socialist countries may be cut off. Likewise, our Party is going to have to ~~carry~~ carry out its international responsibilities on a larger scale.

Workers Press is the publisher of the CLP, Proletarian Publishers is connected but separate from the Party (it's the Party's but no legal connection), Vanguard is the distributor of Workers Press, PP, and FLP. VB turned corner last Nov., ~~selling~~ ^{with} more non-Party sales than Pa.

In the future, there will be a shift from theoretical works to lit. dealing with local econ. and pol. struggles. At this time, there are three pamphlets at the point of final draft, one on bussing, on the CLP taken from special ed. of the PT, and one from IA on youth, I believe.

Our inadequacy with regard to translations and Spanish publications was stressed.

With the PT going weekly, we should be able to have book reviews in it.

Literature distribution through the Party is not in a very good shape. Part of the difficulty ~~is~~ results from Com. Elinor being responsible for both Vanguard Books and national Party distribution. But the main difficulty results from the pol. understanding that exists in the Party around lit., that it is something separate from other Party work. An article in a new PO will indicate the status of our lit. dist, the Midwest and East falling behind the West. A comrade from the Center pointed out that, in particular, lit. has not caught on in the Midwest, that the Party here suffers from an anti-intellectual attitude, a tendency of "workerism". By way of comparison, the CP has already sold 50,000 of Gus Hall's pamphlet, 10,000 of them through utilizing the struggle in USWA Dist. 31 around Ed Sadlowski.

The lack of understanding of the pol. importance of lit. is also reflected organizationally in most districts. A comrade in one large district having sole responsibility for dist. of lit., in another unit

Emancipation Books is slowly being put into order. Com. Patty is now managing the bookstore and it is again on regular, scheduled hours. Physical inventory of stock is being made. Bookkeeping has not been set up because Com. Roy was not able to return after his first visit. Certain financial crises have been handled: our checkbook has been returned, all sales taxes have been paid, and we have requested an extension on the filing of our federal tax.

Total sales in 1975 were:	China-Albania--\$4,262.96
	Emancipation -- <u>2,801.99</u>
	7,064.95

Sales for first quarter 1976: \$1,247.55.

By way of comparison, Midnight Special in LA has sales of \$4-5,000 a month, pay \$150 rent.

I can only make an estimate of our assets and liabilities at this time. Probably we have \$2,000 plus in stock, \$500 borrowed (from me), \$150-200 accounts receivable, \$100 in checking account, probably \$200 to \$400 owed.

In addition, Com. Twana has promised to pay some \$250 that she lost. I understand she has been pruned, partly due to her misuse of funds.

A coffee-maker has been donated to the store, two contacts have offered resource material, magazines etc to the store, and we plan to knock out one wall this week, thus enlarging the store space.

Com. Reggie's father has indicated a willingness to invest some money in a bookstore operation. His concern, along with ours, would be that the bookstore be made a profitable operation. Related to this is the question of partnership or incorporation. Com. Roy wants as going to raise this with the Org. Bureau. Org. Bur., can we have further consultation on this?

Emancipation Books, along with probably Workers Press and the publisher of Firemusic is planning an Autograph Party for the NNCQ and Firemusic, tentative date 21 May

lit. directors changing so fast the Dist. Lit. Director never know who they were, in another district bookstore and/or lit. comrades not being represented on authoritative bodies or not having access to authoritative leadership. And so on.

Future articles in the ~~PR~~ PO will deal with the Lit. Fund dollar, question of discounts, use of reports.

We have two bookstores now, one in LA, the other in Det. Proletarian Publishers is setting one up in SF and several more are planned for other cities. Politically, the bookstores belong to the Party yet must be kept separate legally. In practice, this means we carry out the Party line, carry Party lit., ~~etc~~ but keep ~~basic financial books~~ other connections such as finances etc separate from Party. Our practice of listing the bookstore # as a way to contact the CLP and our matchbooks presenting us as the bookstore of the CLP are incorrect.

Politically, a bookstore should be the responsibility of the District and also of the Section in which it is located.

In some ways,

In general, most of our lit. enterprises have low capitalization, forcing them to try to turn over books rapidly, sometimes running low on stock because large amts can't be published at onetime. The Party can't offer much assistance along these lines though a Business or Financial Committee is being set up to audit, oversee. Eventually, maybe some standard bookkeeping procedures, reports can be set up.

It was pointed out that one of our largest markets for Vanguard Books at this time is around universities: bookstores, libraries, college profs. When we kick off commercial selling for Vanguard, we will need to target these very places.

The success ~~stories~~ stories were the best; a man in NY who works in public transportation and also has a bookstore in his house, requested 5,000 ~~xx~~ NNCQ flyers to distribute. A comrade who's sold 500 Fight for Jobs pamphlets. And a comrade in another bookstore who went out of his way to help a person from Thailand, gave him a discount etc., later asked how this person was doing, told he had ~~just helped liberate an area~~ ~~returned to SE Asia~~, had just helped liberate an area in the North . . .

Date: 5/2/76

To: Theresa
From: Stella

Report on: Finance meeting of 4/25/76

The finances of Detroit show much unevenness in the two months I have worked on them - this is not all sections, units & comrades are turning in dues for the current month but some are one or two months back, this also is seen in Petition/Elector Assessments.

Present in our Sections: Eastside & all units, Northeast & units, Southwest, all units but Street Unit 2
Absent: Northwest & units. I have to set up a date with Lita; the 4/28/76 was set up but she did not make it.
Also present: Jim D & Theresa A.

Many new comrades have been assigned to finances by their units thus political discussion began with an overall ~~picture~~ presentation of the Party: Second Congress report & Constitution; areas of work: negotiation Party Press, Center, organizing new areas, translation into Spanish.

Jim D. put out that responsibility of comrades to the international proletariat. Shot only by support of the comrades in the Anglo Nation con, the work in the Negro Nation, Southwest, Appalachia go forward. The exploitation & oppression in the colonies, neocolonies &

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regions of the USWA state contribute directly to the
Bited position of the working class in Detroit
This ^{will} lays the basis for the bourgeois ideology of
great nation chauvinism which can be smashed by our
concrete rejection of by support financially. This
we can begin to politically discuss finances not on
the personal or subjective financial situation of
comrades & units. ~~but what would be the~~
~~tasks & how are we going to~~ That we need to
know why there can be no coddling to the
great nation chauvinism that leads to sectarianism
& subjectivism in area of finances

Comrades wanted to know why there is no
report by the Party on finances. After discussion all
wanted that there could be no sternal statement but
a measurement of the political work done by comrades
on the Build the Party Campaign: increased
recruitment; P/H/P/HW subs and increasing
finances

Recommended: A report from Detroit District Com
on our work in Build the Party Campaign beginning
May 1, 1976

That political discussion be on the agendas of
units and sector/district committees each month

There was little clarity around the following organiza-
tion:

Membership Dues: 50¢ unemployed
1.50 employed

Assessments: 1.00 Negro Nation
1.00 Literature (collected ~~separately~~
not separated)

Special Assess: 5.00 P & E Campaign per month from 2/76
thru 11/76

Sustained: Each comrade to pledge \$25 - or more - per
month - dues & sustained are included.

Non-payment of dues - when a comrade is behind
three months a criticism & self criticism to be
written up and discussed by unit and sent up
to Center.

Lateness - when a comrade is late this is discussed
by the unit, Unit lateness in the section committee
Section lateness in district committee.

Checks - are discouraged. Security should be the
~~supplement~~ regularly maintained. Unit finance that
accepts check will be responsible for cashing.

Contributions and Donations are to be encouraged such as I.R.S.
returns / rebates, Cost of Living Allowance, Bonus, etc. Contracts
contributions should also be supported & maintained.

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Areas that we did not cover and Low numbers, amount:

Build the Party Campaign - started 5/1/76
and need of political leadership by District and
sections ~~and~~ so that there is a concrete basis for
work in the units.

Funders: Sections & Units have had little
to reports on any ~~that~~. This can be strengthened with ^{+ linked}
Build the Party Campaign

1 June 1976

Report to District on Printing
 Bookstore
 Literature

I. Printing. We are presently in discussions with some people about pooling our press equip. A contact has an offset in operation at a local Free School but has no platemaker. We have a platemaker and also a camera which is not of much use at present. The location would offer security, and the setup would allow us to do the amount and kind of printing we need.

II. Bookstore. (I have not yet received ~~in~~ May's report so following information is only partially current)

The bookstore has made quite a bit of progress in the last period. Sales are around \$200 a week, about 5 times what they were. Selection of books is larger and the interior is much more appealing. A doorway has been cut to the center room. When finished, this will nearly double the size of the bookstore. Bookkeeping (double-entry) is set up to begin the 5th of June. The bookstore, along with BGI and Emancipation: Journal of Working Class Culture, put on a successful Author's Party around NNCQ and Firemusic.

Success is based on various factors. We have the best M-L selection in the city ~~now~~, and with hours ^{now} pretty much established and kept, a lot more people are coming in. Change in the storefront attracts more people off the street now. And Comrade Patty, though she tends to take a "hard" line with customers, raps well with them so that they are encouraged to come back.

Other comrades' contributions have greatly helped the bookstore. Com. Miriam continues to assist with the books (bookkeeping). Com. Roy has come in again to help set up the bookkeeping. Com. Ashley helped re-arrange the interior. Com. Eric visited for two weeks, ~~is~~ helping with carpentry, bookkeeping, ordering, selling.

New editions from Proletarin P. continue to draw people in. In a one month period, the best selling of PP were Tsarist Duma 26, Peter's Manual 13, of Worker's Press NNCQ 37, of FLP the Manifesto 9.

Making comrades more conscious of literature has also helped. For the first time, we had literature ~~at~~ at a cabaret. Requests of comrades to have lit. at their functions along with ~~written~~ written criticisms have played a role.

The "left" is now asking us to work with them and to put up their announcements etc. One person in particular continues to ask about Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee. Two books ~~is~~ being bought frequently by the "left" are Letter to a Comrade on our Org. Tasks and Letter to American Workers. Damon and Roxanne (two suspect contacts) buy \$10 to 15 of books a week.

Twqaa, who has been purged, owes the bookstore \$261.50, but there's no indication she is going to pay. New partnership papers have been drawn up, but not filed. New partners: Miriam N., Al G., and myself.

The financial, business end of the store is now somewhat established. The weak links now are political: the political understanding of comrades in the district and Com. Patty's. More about the District later.

Com. Patty is an energetic and enthusiastic comrade. Once she understands a task, she generally carries it out well. Her pol. and business understanding ~~is~~, however, low. This became apparent to me around reluctance to take on certain responsibilities and resistance around others. For some time I made the mistake of assuming that she understood the importance of certain activities, like the Author's Party, when in actuality she did not. Consequently, I erred in not politically mobilizing her. Overall, I think Com. Patty is taking much more initiative now, like in ordering books, writing up a criticism to the Electoral Campaign Committee etc. The pol. development, though, has to be a long one. Com. Patty does not understand much of the pol. work going on in the District, especially the bookstore's relation to it, nor how the bookstore can be expanded outwardly. This is being corrected in several ways. I asked her to participate in a meeting with the Section A and P and am attempting to have more discussions with her. More importantly, off of discussions with Com. Elinor and Al, we are setting up a sub-commission, Literature, of the A and P Commission. For now, only Com. Patty and I will constitute the commission but it should help Com. Patty make a fuller contribution. We have also requested that Com. Eric from the ~~East~~ West Coast come for a minimum of 6 months to work in the bookstore.

The Author's Party was a pol. and financial success. Some 175 persons attended and \$284.00 was made. Some 15 NNCQs were sold. There was a film showing on the KKK, two bands, two authors, and plenty of food and drink. Paintings were also exhibited and some poets read. Workers in the cultural field, in particular, liked the events.

At the same time there were a number of weaknesses. Due to lack of time I failed to politically mobilize Com. Patty and the Party as I should have. The hosts, who are contacts, were upset at first because I did not go over the flyer with them. They felt that the explicit inform. about Com. Nelson might threaten their jobs. We did not display the NNCQ and inform. on Firemusic as advantageously as we could have. The first band did not start on time, consequently limiting ~~the~~ the time of the author of Firemusic and pushing the poets and 2nd band back too late. A summarizing meeting will be held soon and I also intend to write up some guidelines for doing this kind of event. The following is a brief financial summary:

Income:	\$867--cash taken in
	54.54--money to be made on supplies left over
Expenses:	Printing 156.88 flyers
	52.00 tickets
	Envelopes 9.00
	Address St. 11.00
	Stamps 65.00


Food	107.00	107.00	Income	921.54
Liquor			Expenses	<u>637.12</u>
and supplies		203.24	Profit	284.42
Punch		25.00		
Supplies		<u>8.00</u>		
		637.12		

This kind of event takes a lot of planning and org. detail. Can be very useful in reaching the petty-bourgeois and progressive intellectuals but cannot be thrown together like many fund-raisers.

III. Literature. I am still lacking the quantitative information I need. However, the first reports from Section A and P comrades are now coming in. During this last period the Section A and P comrades and I had our first meeting. Also, for the first time, lit. dues have been separated from other dues, redd \$79 in April. The largest section now has \$10 in its lit. fund. Comrades are being selected now to write pamphlets on current struggles and campaigns in this district. They will be relieved from much other work.

The basis has really just been laid for building our internal apparatus. In this next period the actual work of building it will have to start... I'm getting sleepy now and this is beginning to sound like "we've turned the corner, people have been mobilized..." The point is that I'm getting the information now to know where we stand: how much in lit. funds, what stock of books, who the unit lit. directors are etc. I believe that with this, the internal organization can be tightened up enough so that we can't make the outward thrusts that we need to. More later.

Comradely,

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Dist. Lit. Director

Date: June 4, 1976
 To: Center, MI State, Detroit District
 From: Stella, Detroit Finance
 Re: Detroit Financial Report, May 1976

ASSETS:

SECTIONS	A S S E S S M E N T S					
	N.N.	LIT.	*FE-MAR	P/E CAMP. AP-MAY	DONATION	PLEDGE
Eastside	\$18.00	\$18.00		\$ 75.00	\$ 176.00	\$ 906.00
Northeast	7.00	7.00		40.00	45.00	979.00
Northwest	13.00	13.00		50.00		353.00
Southwest	23.00	41.00	\$30.00	125.00	1,216.31	1,034.00
Unit-Research	5.00	5.00				145.00
Total	\$66.00	\$83.00	(\$30.00)	\$290.00	\$1,437.31	\$3,417.00
Cash on Hand 5/5/76						1,204.80
Cash turned in (\$ 13.62)						13.62
Film rental & ship. (86.38)						
						<u>(\$100.00)</u>
					Total Assets	\$4,635.42

Pledge Total	\$3,417.00
1/3 Detroit	- 1,139.00
2/3 Center	\$2,278.00
Less-Manuel, Travel	- 40.00
	<u>\$2,238.00</u>

Debts:

Rosa Park's Dinner	\$ 100.00		
Gen - travel	100.00		
Nelson - travel	30.00		
Lo - travel	200.00		
Mary Kay - travel	50.00		
Gen - telephone 5/76	41.00		
Bookstore - Patti K. (5/6 - 6/2 @ \$50/wk.)	200.00		
Paul-Video Take	81.00		
Sent Center on 6/4/76	<u>2,238.00</u>		
Total	\$3,040.00	Less Debts	- <u><u>3,040.00</u></u>

Cash on Hand 6/4/76 \$1,595.42

* P/E Campaign funds turned in To J.D. on 6/4/76.

Printing. We are trying to get an xerox machine fixed for the store.

Org. Bureau--What is your position on printing for Detroit and what should we do with the machines we have? Written reply requested,.

Comradely,

paul
Dist. Lit. Director.