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Resistance to many forms of illegitimate authority is necessary to bring health to this country and make it a constructive force instead of a terror in the politics of nations.

-from A Call to Resist Illegitimate Authority

June 4, 1980

Dear Friends,

The June meeting was held at Frank B.'s again but he did manage to provide cold cuts this time so it wasn't too bad. Attending were: Louis, Ken, George, Wayne, Frank, Amanda and Dorothy.

Grants were made to:

- 1. Puerto Rico Solidarity Committee -- \$250.00 as a loan/grant to help cover the costs of a promotional mailing for their magazine Puerto Rico Libre.
- 2. Mass. Assoc. on Correctional Expenditures -- \$100.00 to help get their report done.
- 3. Cuba Resource Center -- \$300.00 to assist publication of the second issue of Cuba Times.
- 4. People's Alliance -- \$100.00 to help publish a collection of speeches given at their conference in Louisville.
 - 5. Black United Front -- as we received this very brief application just before the meeting, we decided to set aside up to \$300.00 for their June campaign against police brutality in Boston. A check will be sent pending some checking out and the result of their application to Haymarket Peoples fund for the same project.
 - 6. Detroit Fast Food Workers was recommended to the Ferry's for a grant of \$1000. \$300.00 was set aside in case the Ferry's decided against them.

Requests turned down were:

7. Health PAC -- We were doubtful about the need for their proposed pamphlet on the effects of the Bakke decision on affirmative action programs in the medical profession given they had already published an excellent article on the same subject. We also felt they should get funding from those national organizations that had expressed interest in the project.

- 8. Pacific St. Foundation -- Decided not to give them the \$12,000 they suggested could come in handy in distributing their film

 The Free Voice of Labor -- the Jewish Anarchists. We did give them some money several years ago to help them make the film and so sent them a congratulatory and thank-you-for-thanking-us response to their letter.
- 9. Sing Out! .-- We didn't feel this was a priority.
- 10. National Lawyers Guild -- We have funded several of their projects in the past but did not feel it was a priority to fund this planned report on their trip to Guatemala.
- 11. Photography, Ltd. -- We did not feel we had the money to fund this photography program for inmates at Bridgewate State Prison.
- 12. Vietnam Solidarity Committee (NYC) -- We felt they should obtain funding locally. George will be in touch with them with suggestions.
- 13. Prisoner Contact Program -- We felt their program was probably not a priority being exclusively service-oriented, but we are still waiting for their response to our inquiry of a few weeks ago. Ken plans to check them out when he visits New Mexico in June.
- 14. South African Military Refugee Aid Fund applied to us in connection with their work against South African militarism and apartheid. They were referred to George for further investigation.
- 15. We decided to put off any decision on the Friends of the Filipino People's request for \$200.00 for a pamphlet on the Moro people until we could see a copy of the pamphlet.

This is only the second Resist meeting I have attended and it was also the second at which Dorothy and I were the only women present. I am really concerned about the lack of women on the board and would appreciate everyone's thoughts and suggestions on this.

That's it for now, best wishes, Amanla

P.S. The proposed meeting schedule for the summer is as follows: JULY 13TH IN BOSTON AT LOUIS'S OR WAYNE'S; A MID-AUGUST MEETING IN BOSTON TO CONSIDER GRANTS THAT COME IN BETWEEN THE JULY MEETING AND THEM; MEETING SEPTEMBER 21ST IN NEW YORK.

PPS. Black United Frmont failed to get their application to Haymarket in time to be considered this month, Dorothy and Frank felt that this was the last of several indications that they aren't too well-organized for a "coordinating group." So they decided to make their grant \$150, to cover the expanses of the demonstration, but not the full "up to \$300."