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—from A Call to Resist Illegitimate Authority

July 15, 1980

Dear Resisters,

Here are the minutes of last Sunday's meeting, and a packet of late grant arrivals to supplement the earlier packet that was sent out.

A REMINDER that we had to postpone consideration of some grants, pending people having a chance to read the applications. (For those who missed the meeting, there was a xerox snafu). Those applications that were not considered at the meeting were those from the Guatemala News and Information Bureau, Oficina Legal, Optimedia. Also, people should look at the UFW application; they asked for both a monthly contribution and a regular grant, and we only considered the monthly contribution request.

We will be calling people in the Boston area about these grant applications next week. Anyone else who would like to contribute an opinion should call us at the office.

Business

Money on hand at the start of the meeting was about \$3500. The office group was strongly urged to get the newsletter on a monthly schedule, even if it were only 4 or 6 pages. It was decided to print the anti-draft statement in the next issue, and to investigate where else it could be printed not too expensively. (The deadline for future newsletter copy will be the 10th of each month; Resisters are urged to send short articles or suggestions for articles). Frank was encouraged to take an annual cost of living raise, which would make his pre-tax weekly pay \$190.

Grants

We decided to spend about \$2000 on grants.

Grants were made to: 1) the National Committee to Support the Marion Brothers (St. Louis), \$250 to help publish their booklet on the campaign; 2) 9 to 5 (Boston), \$100 to help support their summer school expenses; 3) Overview, Latin America, (Boston), \$250 to help publish their human rights packet; 4) the Military and Draft Law Resource Center (Boston), \$200 seed money to help get started; 5) BAARD, Boston, \$200 to help cover their expenses for registration week leafletting and demonstrations.

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grants (continued)

6) Rhode Island CARD (Providence), \$200 loan/grant to help with a draft information hot line and registration week expenses; 7) Black and Proud Elementary School (Jackson, MS), \$100 to help with repairs to their school building; 8) Boston Coalition Against US Intervention in Iran (Boston), \$100 to help with expenses for their teach-in; 9) Liberation News Service (NYC), \$200 to help with a mailing to build up their subscription base 10) Upper Valley CARD (NH and VT), \$60 for leaflets for registration week anti-draft work.

Rejections

1) John Brown Anti-Klan Committee (NYC); we had serious political and other disagreements with their pamphlet; a letter summarizing our criticisms is attached to the minutes. 2) Eva Lake (Portland, OR), we felt that we shouldn't put money into this kind of work unless it was building something with some continuity, not a one-shot thing. 3) Texas A Farmworkers Law Office (Hidalgo, TX); turned down in part because of their large budget, because office equipment didn't seem a priority to us, and because we usually don't support general legal defence & work. 4) MIR - we didn't see any way to help with this. 5) M UFW (Boston branch) - we decided against becoming a monthly pledge. 6) Boston Jobs Coalition (Boston) -- we decided against funding their slide show project; they are a pretty big organization with more funding than we have, and this didn't seem like a priority.

Postponements

The following grant applications were lost in the xerox store, and we didn't have enough information at the meeting to make a decision.

1. Officina Legal (Texas)
2. Guatemala News and Information Bureau (Berkeley, CA)
3. New York Circus (NYC) -- we weren't too favorably inclined to do a second grant for this publication, but wanted to get George's advice.
4. Optimedia (Boston)

PLEASE GET YOUR VIEWS ON THESE APPLICATIONS INTO THE OFFICE BY JULY 22. We will call people in the Boston area; others who want to express their views should call us.

ALSO:

1. We still need more women on the board.
2. Copies of the letters sent to the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee and the Boston Coalition Against US Intervention in Iran are included.

OOPS: Present at the meeting were Louis, Paul, Wayne, Dorothy, Grace, Amanda and Frank B.

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June 26, 1980

Dear Resisters,

This is a reminder that we are meeting at Louis's on July 13th at 11 a.m. Income has been pretty good over the last month, and we should be able to give out at least an average amount for grants.

So far we have only 5 grant applications on hand; though some more are expected soon.

no 1. John Brown Anti-Klan Committee (NYC) -- would like up to \$500 to help print a pamphlet about the Klan. As there was some debate about their literature the last time they applied, we've ~~enclosed~~ enclosed a copy of the pamphlet.

yes 250 2. National Committee to Support the Marion Brothers (St. Louis) -- would like up to \$500 to print a booklet publicizing the campaign to close the long-term control unit at Marion, Illinois.

yes 100 3. 9 to 5 (Boston) -- would like any amount to support Boston area members attend a summer school for working women. We gave them a grant last year for a similar conference. More info has been requested on budget, etc.

yes 250 4. Overview, Latin America (Boston) -- Would like up to \$500 to support development/publication of a "Human Rights Study Packet." More info has been requested.

no 5. Eva Lake -- an artist in Portland, Oregon, would like \$250 to help put on an anti-war art display in San Francisco. We liked her pictures/collages a lot, and hope they reproduce on xerox.

That's all for now. We are doing some publicity about Resist and grants through the anti-draft networks, and expect more applications before too long.

Frank, Amanda, and Dorothy

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- No 12. Texas Farm Workers Union
- Ref. 13. Guatemalan News & Info Bureau
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~~YES~~ 14. LNS
- No 15. Boston Jobs Coalition
- No 16. VFW
- Ref. 17. NY Circus
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- #6019. Upper Valley Draft Coalition