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—from A Call to Resist Illegitimate Authority

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n.b. the next meeting will be in Boston, at Wayne's or Louis's, on January 11th.

Meeting of Nov. 2, 1980

Present were Frank J., Louis, Grace, Paul, George, and Frank B.

We made grants to the following organizations:

1. Union W.A.G.E. (California) -- we decided to see if they have received any Z money this year, and to recommend their proposal to reprint their pamphlet, Organize! If they are not eligible for Z money, we will send them $200 of our money (which is what has happened.)

2. Midwest Committee on Military Counseling (Chicago) -- we felt somewhat critical of their counseling strategy; we decided to send them $150 with a letter stating our views.

3. Black Veterans for Social Justice (Brooklyn) -- we will send them $175 x 2 (two months' rent), and check them out further for Z money. (George and Paul)

4. Solidarity (San Diego) -- We will send them $100 x 2.

5. War Resisters League - Southeast -- $200 matching grant for stencil cutter, with letter encouraging them to raise additional money from others using machine.

6. Women's Pentagon Action -- $100 solidarity grant.


8. Boston Coalition Against US Intervention in Iran -- thought they should do more fund raising from Boston-area academics, etc. -- Will do $150 matching grant.

Rejections:

1. Southern Africa magazine -- withdrawn

2. Vieques Support Network -- should raise money locally; wait for Vanguard decision

3. Traprock Peace Center -- reservations on non-binding referenda

4. Symphony Tenants Organizing Project -- not for us; will they survive anyway?

5. San Fernando Valley Alliance -- too much money; strategy seems dubious

6. Lens (Boston) -- film low priority; questions about use/distribution

7. Viewpoint Syndicate -- didn't see use of this; should work with LNS

8. United States Student Assoc -- too much money for us; amorphous

9. Contact -- not priority, prisoner work.

10. Anthropology Resource Center -- not priority; can get money elsewhere?

11. Pyramid Productions -- film, low priority; distribution beyond Boston?

12. MassCOSH -- we like their work, but this is not a priority; money from unions?

13. SAMRAF -- can't help with refugee fund, but will help with mailing or fundraising.

14. Guatemala -- tourist boycott not a priority; ask for stuff for newsletter

Other:

1. Downtown Welfare Advocate Center -- Grace to check this out further.

2. New Bedford Women's Center -- George will investigate free projector; otherwise Z money?? 3. WIN magazine -- George check out typesetting needs. postponed.

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November, 1980 Meeting -- Late Arrivals

19. Anthropology Resource Center (Boston) -- would like $300 to print 1000 extra copies of their next newsletter for distribution in Australia and to Native American communities; the letter will be about the land rights movement in Australia. Ken Hale has sent a letter supporting this.

20. Pyramid Productions (Boston) -- would like up to $500 to buy film to complete film on "The Roxbury Response", about the response by Boston's black community to the recent wave of racist violence. This was rejected in an earlier application.

21. Mobilization Against the Draft (NYC) -- is sponsoring an anti-draft conference in Conn. soon to train students in organizing techniques, etc. They would like up to $500 to defray the costs/offer scholarships so that more people can come.

22. MassCOSH (Boston) -- is sponsoring a conference on "Labor Strategies for a Safe and Healthful Workplace" in Boston. They would like up to $500 to help cover costs.

23. Boston Coalition Against U.S. Intervention in Iran -- would like $300 to cover costs of a teach-in on the politics of the Middle East.

24. SAMRAF -- has sent a number of applications for funds. They would like us to make a contribution to the refugee aid fund, and ask for advice on the other proposals. (this is a very long package, just arrived Saturday, and only the page on the refugee fund is included here. The complete proposal will be sent out later.)

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MONEY: We took $kmm in $4300 in October, and are now back on our feet. If we were to have a meeting in December, I think we could give away $1000 or $1500 now. Because we have so many applications on hand, I think we should consider alloting $2500 in grants, spreading them out over the next two months, and meeting again in mid-early January.

Frank

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Dear Frank:

Again, with apologies, I will make some comment on the proposals. (Apologies are for my non-attendance). I am becoming convinced that we should grant money only to organizing projects. I think we should rule out publication even if its a woman's history project, something most important to me. Woman's history is an organizing tool, no doubt, but at this moment when so little actual resistance organizing is going on I think we need to make that a priority.

I would give some funds to the Women and Life on Earth project, if they are asking to help organize the Pentagon project, for anti-draft organizing. CARASA is an organizing project, one of the few in the New York area. It seems to me that they do a lot more than the Committee to End Sterilization Abuse, but I am not absolutely certain. I could check on that.

I think the anti-nuclear movement has funding sources beyond us and that we should put our priorities to more radical, less visible, less "popular" causes.

I don't know enough to pick and chose among the community organizing projects, but I thought that at least I'd pass on some general thoughts for whatever they are worth.

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Peace and Anti-Draft
Military and Draft Law Resource Center (Cambridge, MA)
Upper Valley C.A.R.D. (Thetford, VT)
Orange County Peace Conversion Project (Orange, CA)
Citizen Soldier (NYC)
Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies (Boston)
Student Peace Coalition (NYC)
Southern Organizing Committee (Birmingham, AL)
R.I.C.A.R.D. (Providence, RI)
Black Veterans for Social Justice (Brooklyn, NY)
The Rake (Providence, RI)
Boston Mobilization Against the Draft
National Mobilization Against the Draft (NYC)
Common Sense for Hard Times Pamphlets (West Cornwall, CT)
United Street Artists (Cambridge, MA)
Academic Liaison Against Renewed Militarism — A.L.A.R.M. (NYC)
Mobilization for Survival (NYC)
Boston Alliance Against Registration and the Draft (Cambridge, MA)
National Anti-Draft Teach-In Project (Washington, DC)
Military Law Task Force (San Diego)
Midwest Committee for Military Counseling (Chicago)
War Resisters League — Southeast Region (Durham, NC)

Women's Organizations and Reproductive Rights
Dorchester International Women's Day (Dorchester, MA)
Women's Pentagon Action (NYC)
Boston Area Women's Self-Defense Collective (Somerville, MA)
CARASA (NYC)
Optimedia (Boston)
NACLA Women's Project (NYC)

Anti-Nuke
Coalition for Direct Action at Seabrook (Cambridge, MA)

Labor
9 to 5 (Boston)
Union W.A.G.E. (San Francisco)
Service Employees for a Democratic Union (Boston)
Border Education Project (San Diego)
United Farm Workers (Boston)
Affirmative Action Coalition (Washington, DC)
Mass. Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health (Boston)
Farm Labor Organizing Committee (Toledo, OH)
Detroit Fastfood Workers

Third World Liberation
Puerto Rico Solidarity Committee (NYC)
Cuba Resource Center (NYC)
Puerto Rico Legal Project (Boston)
Overview Latin America (Cambridge, MA)
Middle East Research Information Project — MERIP (Washington, DC)
Palestine Solidarity Committee (NYC)
Boston Coalition Against Intervention in Iran
Africa Coalition and Publications Project (Trenton, NJ)
Solidarity (San Diego, CA)

Community Organizing and Newspapers
Dorchester Youth Alliance (Dorchester, MA)
Buffalo Newsletter (Buffalo, NY)
Simplex Steering Committee (Cambridge, MA)
The Newspaper (Lynn, MA)

Anti-Racism
Feb. 2nd Mobilization (Boston)
Black and Proud Elementary School (Jackson, MS)
Boston Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression
John Brown Anti-Klan Committee (NYC)
Black United Front (Boston)

Media Services and Film
Liberation News Service (NYC)
Third World Newsreel (NYC)

Legal Defense and Prison Work
Mass. Association on Correctional Expenditures (Boston)
National Committee to Support the Marion Brothers (St. Louis, MO)
Officina Legal del Pueblo Unido (San Juan, TX)
Families and Friends of Prisoners (Boston)

Other
Appalachia South Folklife Center (Pipestem, WV)
Peoples Alliance (NYC)
Downtown Welfare Advocacy Center (NYC)
Coalition for a People's Alternative (NYC)