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—from A Call to Resist Illegitimate Authority

April 9, 1981

Dear Resisters,

The next meeting will be on Sunday April 26 at 11 am at Louis Kampf’s, 14 Glenwood Ave. Cambridge, MA — (617) 492-3468.

Enclosed are the grant requests we have received so far:

1. Coal Field Defender (Charleston, WV) -- Would like $500 for an extra issue of their UMWA paper
2. NLG Military Law Task Force (San Diego) -- part of $700 for summer intern project
3. National Anti-Draft Teach-In Project / USSA (Wash. D.C.) -- Jack Colhoun would like help with expenses for traveling to do anti-draft speaking
4. Ithaca Peace Council (NY) -- $380 to print a children’s book on peace and war
5. Vocations for Social Change (Boston) -- help to revise No Bosses Here
7. People of Prisoners, Inc. (Boston) -- $200 for transportation program
8. Die Rote Blume (CO) -- pamphlet distribution

More to follow ...

D.M.
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April 26, 1981

Dear Resisters,

We had a very pleasant meeting today at Louis's. Present were Louis, Wayne (for the morning session), Frank B., Dorothy, Kate, Amanda and Carlos! We made grants to the following:

1. National Lawyers Guild Military Law Task Force (San Diego) — Up to $300 for their summer intern program. They are expecting funds from other sources and we will fund the remainder.

2. Vocations for Social Change (Boston) — $100 to revise No Bosses Here.

3. Urban Planning Aid, Inc. (Boston) — $400 to help purchase a public address system to be used by many local groups.

4. People's Anti-war Mobilization — A solidarity grant of $100 for this national effort.

5. Farm Labor Organizing Committee (Ohio) — $100 to help pay for transportation to the May 3 rally, and also just as general support for their work. (We hadn't funded them in a year and had turned down their last proposal.)

6. Venice/Santa Monica Draft Resistance (CA) — $250 for general support. We particularly liked their work with Vietnam veterans.

7. Rocky Flats Coalition (CO) — $100 to help pay rally expenses and to encourage applications from peace groups in that area who are doing more direct organizing.

8. Boston Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression and the Boston Committee Against Execution — $100 for their state-wide conference on the death penalty and a letter encouraging them to get liberal support and $.

9. War Resisters League (St. Louis) — $300 for their fall anti-draft conference and because L. Kampf likes the name of the town.

10. Central America Information Office (Boston) — $120 x 4 for office costs (the Boston Mafia controls Resist).

11. Southern Students Activists Network (Atlanta) — $200 for general support.

TONY AVIRAN, EILEEN BISSON, FRANK BROADHEAD, BELL CHEVIGNY, JUDY CHOMSKY, NOAM CHOMSKY, UNA CLAFFEY, MARGERY DAVIES, DONNA FINN, NORM FRUCHTER, MITCHELL GOODMAN, KENNETH HALE, HILDE HEIN, ANDREW HIMES, FLORENCE HOWE, FRANK JOYCE, DONALD KALISH, LOUIS KAMPF, MADGE KAPLAN, MARY-LouISE KEAN, HANS KONING, PAUL LAUTER, DOUGLAS MCCAY, RICHARD OHMANN, WAYNE O'NEIL, CARLOS OTERO, GRACE PALEY, CLAUDETTE PIPER, HENRY ROSEMONT, BOB ROSENTHAL, MICHELE RUSSELL, CAROLE SMITH, AMY SWERDLOW, JEAN TURNER, GEORGE VICKERS.
Rejections:

1. Coal Field Defender (Charleston, WV) -- They were not providing services or information that was not otherwise available. (We declared ourselves open to providing strike support funds at our next meeting if they are needed. Right now, according to Frank, they are holding out.)

2. National Anti-Draft Teach-In Project -- We did not want to fund an individual.

3. Greensboro Justice Fund, Inc. -- This is a CWP group and we felt that there were other groups that were already doing the same work.

4. Die Rote Blume (CO) -- No one present could read German, and we felt the connection between Rilke and tenant organizing to be tenuous at best. Frank B. will write a letter exploring the dialectics.

5. El Salvador Solidarity Committee (Stanford U.) -- We did not want to pay travel and hotel costs for five big-name men bearing gifts from the East. In addition to the regular rejection letter Carlos will write a note to Tom Wasow whom he knows and who signed the letter to us.

6. People of Prisoners, Inc. -- We have felt in the past that prison work was not a priority for us, and their request, which was for transportation funds for families of prisoners, did not give us reason to break our pattern.

7. New England Women's Studies -- We honestly could not figure out what they wanted the money for, but $187 per person seemed out of the question for us.

Other:

1. Ithaca Peace Council's request for $ to print their children's book is postponed until we can see a draft. Kate will do the follow-up.

2. Renter's Rights Project (CO) -- This will be postponed until we can find out more about their constituency and politics.

3. CISPES Concert Committee got funding from CISPES and withdrew their request.

People present at the meeting would like to propose that at our next meeting (JUNE 6 AT GEORGE'S) we consider whether we should have national meetings only every 3 months, holding Boston meetings in between times as needed. The purpose of this would be to cut the amount of travel expenses that Resist has to pick up. Financially, we're doing quite well, and our income looks good at least through the fall.

For the meeting,

Amanda