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and make it a constructive force instead of a terror in the politics of nations.**

—from A Call to Resist Illegitimate Authority

July 7, 1981

Hello Resisters,

The next meeting will be on Sunday, July 19 - 11am, at Louis Kampf's.
This was scheduled to be more or less a Boston meeting, but of course everyone is welcome. So come if you can.

These are the requests we've received so far:

1. War Resisters League (NC) -- would like \$500 for summer intern and brochure on military spending.
2. Pacific Studies Center (CA) -- \$4750 for pamphlet on electronics in modern warfare.
3. Women's Intl Resource Exch. (NYC) -- \$500 for Women And War lit packet.
4. Alternate Image (AZ) -- \$500 for 1 of 3 media projects.
5. San Jose Peace Center -- \$500 for leadership training program.
6. Women's Media alliance (Hadley, MA) -- \$500 to complete documentary of Women's Petagon Action. *page missing*
7. Friends Outside (CA) -- \$800 for a typewriter.
8. Military Law Task Force -- loan or grant for fund-raising mailing - more info. to follow.
9. New England Free Press - \$500 loan to save and revitalize the shop - *budget to follow.*

I hope you're having a real nice summer.

Dorothy

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July 20, 1981

Dear Folks,

Our meeting yesterday at Louis's was very nice. We gave out about \$2000 in grants and Wayne, Kate, Dorothy, Louis, Ken, Frank B., and myself attended.

Grants

1. War Resisters League (NC) -- \$200 towards their summer intern and brochure.
2. Women's International Resource Exchange (NYC) -- \$200 for Women and War lit packet.
3. Alternate Image (Tuscon, AZ) -- \$200 towards the purchase of El Salvador: Another Vietnam for showings around the University of Arizona.
4. Cincinnati Coalition for Peace Education -- \$150 for their high school project contingent on seeing a sample leaflet.
5. San Diego CARD -- \$200 for their high school anti-draft leafletting.
6. Guatemala Teach-In(D.C.) -- \$300 for a promotional/informational mailing about the fall national Guatemala teach-in.
7. National Women's Health Network -- \$200 for an organizing meeting for a Black Women's Health Initiative.
8. Syracuse Peace Council -- \$250 to print their War and Peace Handbook.
9. Brushfire Graphics -- \$100 support grant for their graphics/community outreach work.

Rejections

1. Pacific Studies Center (CA) -- This was too much money for us, and we thought their proposed pamphlet rather specialized in its usefulness.
2. San Jose Peace Center -- Budget was very large and project was unfocused.
3. Women's Media Alliance -- We had already given them money for this project several months ago and in the meantime an excellent short film has come out about the Women's Pentagon Action, so their slide-show is really not needed.
4. Friends Outside (CA) -- This is a straight social service organization which receives funds from the United Way.
5. Peace Resource Center (CA) -- Their budget was very large and what they are undertaking is really investigative journalism. We will suggest that they apply to the Fund for Investigative Journalism.
6. Health PAC (NYC) -- Their planned conference is directed to bureaucrats and emphasizes coping ~~rather than fighting the Reagan helix~~ with rather than fighting the Reagan cuts. In addition their budget went largely for honoraria, traveling expenses, etc. They have put out some good publications on Guns vs. Butter which we ~~f~~ will feature in the newsletter.

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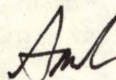
7. Mass Nuclear Referendum -- They can and must get liberal \$ for this.
8. Citizens Party (CT) -- We questioned the need for another print shop in New Haven. They should apply to Haymarket and/or sympathetic campus groups.
9. APIA (Nicaragua) -- A Central American news service was not a priority for us, and their subscription price (\$1000/yr) is also prohibitively high.
10. Committee for a New Korea (Albany, NY) -- We felt that there are existing materials on Korea and a Korea support group in upstate New York is not a priority.
11. New England Coalition Against Prisons (Boston) -- Working to eliminate prisons is not a Resist priority, and Louis felt that they were "dreamy-eyed visionaries."
12. Don't Hold Back (CT) -- Frank B., our resident Poland expert, thinks their stuff is very good but that it can be published in Radical America and other journals and does not need to be independently published.
13. No Evictions Committee (Cambridge) -- We have reports that this is a one-man operation, and we thought the material they included was not at all political.
14. SAMRAF sent us a request for \$27,000 for their war resister work within South Africa, but Frank B. felt that this was more to let us know what they were doing than in any serious hope for a grant. We continue to like their work.

Other

1. Military Law Task Force (CA) -- Up to \$200 as a loan for their fund-raising mailing.
2. Workers Rights Project (Seattle) -- Their proposed leaflet looks good. We will recommend this to the Ferrys.
3. Mobilization to Save the Heartland (MO) -- We will put this off until the fall when we have more money and after we've seen how successful the fall anti-draft conference ~~that the same~~ is. (It's being organized by the same people, and we funded it a couple of months ago.)

The next meeting is planned for Saturday SEPTEMBER 12 AT GEORGE'S; if this is alright with George and with Paul. Otherwise we'll stick with our original date of Sunday the 13th. At that meeting we will consider a new anti-draft statement which Resist will put out at the time of the first registration/draft prosecutions. The office staff has been requested to write a draft for discussion. The only other news is that Frank B. has finally received his long awaited cost-of-living increase which he will try to extort from our monthly pledges.

Best for now,



Amanda

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WILLIAM SLOANE COFFIN, JR.

July 1, 1981

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Yours very sincerely,

William Sloane Coffin, Jr.

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