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*—from A Call to Resist Illegitimate Authority*

## MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 1982 MEETING

Present were: Frank, Amanda, Kate, Louis, Ken and Dorothy. Wayne had a cold and could not attend. How are NY people feeling about the Boston-only meetings for a while?

There were only two groups listed on the initial packets, but ten more came in ~~in~~ time for the meeting. In order to avoid this problem in the future, we've instituted a grants application deadline of approximately two weeks before a meeting so that board members who cannot attend the meeting will have a chance to make their views known by letter or phone.

Of the twelve applications received, six received grants (total \$1225.00), three were postponed for more information, two were rejected and one was recommended to the Ferrys. Here are the details:

1. War Resisters League-West (San Francisco -- postponed until next time. We had questions about how necessary a funding workbook is, whether this is really a one-person project, whether sending an organizer around the country is the best way to train organizers, and whether a workshop at the WRL Annual Meeting would be an acceptable substitute.

— 2. Black Veterans for Social Justice (NYC) -- We liked their work very much. Gave them \$300.00 towards their newspaper.

— 3. Homefront (for Anti-Racism Coalition of <sup>Hartford, CT</sup> Ct.) -- We had rejected them in the past, but they seem to have gotten their act together a lot since then. We felt that they were still too reluctant to ask for money from other participating organizations but were still willing to support their work to the tune of \$200.00.

— 4. NYC June 12th Disarmament Campaign -- Their overall budget is huge, but apparently they have a desperate immediate need. We gave them \$100.00 as an emergency contribution.

— 5. Veterans for Peace (Kalamazoo, MI) -- From what they sent us this appears to be a very good group. We set aside \$200.00 pending a little further checking.

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6. Northern CA Interfaith Comm. on Corporate Responsibility -- This is a very good group, but not really a Resist priority. We decided to try recommending them to the Ferrys stressing their work on runaway shops and US labor conditions.

*Lincoln, NE*

7. Nebraska Nuclear Freeze Coalition -- Although we initially had doubts about funding Freeze groups, feeling that they must obtain funding locally, we ended up funding this and #12 (below) believing that they are both in that particular stage of their development (having obtained some financial and political support, but not yet self-sufficient) in which a Resist grant can be helpful. Nebraska Freeze received \$225.00 for their media efforts seed money and a for their training and resources committee.

8. New Liberty Productions (Phil, PA) -- This looks unlikely, but as we were unable to obtain some needed information in time for the meeting, we decided to postpone this one.

9. City Life (JP, MA) -- This was another late arrival that we decided to postpone pending more information.

10. International Indian Treaty Council -- This looked like an interesting group and Ken will find out more about them, but the project in question, a demonstration in Zurich, Switzerland, was out of the question.

11. Comm. for a Non-Nuclear Future (AZ) -- Very interesting project and their findings are fascinating, but Resist cannot fund an individual research project. We'll put them on to the Union of Concerned Scientists and Physicists for Social Responsibility, but if any board members have funding ideas, please contact the office.

12. Waltham Concerned Citizens (Waltham, MA) -- A last minute arrival and so not in the packet, WCC is a grassroots disarmament group that has recently affiliated with the Freeze campaign. They've been pursuing a local educational project and have begun to involve churches in their work. Future plans include connecting with the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, etc. sponsoring a resolution along the lines of the one passed by the Cambridge City Council, and doing counter-recruiting work at Waltham High. We gave them \$200.00 to help with printing costs and film rental.

TRANSITION REPORT: The new plan is to hire another half-time person to join Amanda and Dorothy. We're hoping to find ~~some~~ someone with movement and office experience and with writing and fundraising skills. If board members know of anyone who would be interested, please have him/her contact the office.

SSD II: Following the decision at the last meeting to urge SSD to broaden its focus to include anti-intervention and anti-draft forces, Frank wrote an editorial in the most recent Resist which will go out to peace groups nation-wide, hopefully resulting in some popular pressure being brought to bear on the SSD leadership. The newsletter is in the mail, and may get to you before this communique, if not, soon.

THE NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 21st at Kate Cloud's, 26 Granite St. in Somerville. Please drop us a line if you plan to attend --NY people.

Best from here, Amanda



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Dear Resisters,

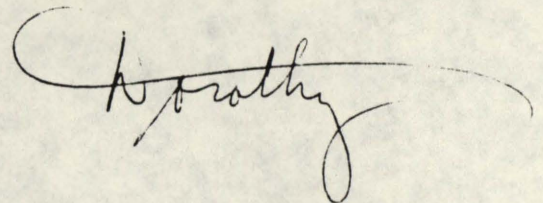
OUR NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 21, at 11 am, at Kate Cloud's, 26 Granite St., Somerville, 666-3969. This follows very soon after our last meeting, but we would like to get back on schedule. We only have two grants to consider so far, but a few others are incomplete and awaiting updates, and we are also expecting at least a few other to arrive. Plus, a short meeting would not be unpleasant and would give us a chance to discuss more about our transition phase, now that Frank is leaving.

These are the two we have:

1. War Resisters League-West (CA) -- would like \$500 to help with a fundraising project. *? Extend to other orgs. - vague abt. workshops up to \$300 more*
2. Black Veterans for Social Justice (NY) -- ~~help~~ with newsletter and/or film expenses. *300 x 3 newsletters*

We appreciated receiving your comments for the last meeting. Would you call or send your opinions for these projects?

Thanks,



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