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RESIST AGENDA FOR JAN. 15 MEETING

Sunday, Jan. 15
George Vickers' home
205 W. 19th St.
NYC 10011 212-741-0545
10:00 (please note time)

Dear Friends:

Happy New Year. Let's hope that '84 brings prosperity for each one of us, our organization and the movement.

* George and Paul have requested that we spend some time at this meeting discussing the future role of Resist in the movement. One possibility mentioned was that Resist should become involved in some aspect of the Central America Solidarity Movement. At a weekly staff meeting in Boston we agreed that such a discussion would be healthy for the organization. We felt that people should be as specific as possible with any ideas/proposals, etc., because a general discussion could go on..........................

Because it appears that we will be having an important discussion, WE ARE ENCOURAGING ALL BOARD MEMBERS (ESPECIALLY THOSE IN THE NYC AREA) TO ATTEND THIS MEETING. It seems that everyone in Boston will be coming down so please make an extra effort.

We decided to start the meeting at 10:00 a.m. (please be prompt) so we could quickly go through proposals before lunch and spend the afternoon discussing the future of Resist.

* We will have an update on recruiting new board members

* GRANT PROPOSALS

We can give away between $3,000 and $4,000.

I have broken down the grants into four general categories: Anti-intervention/Central Am. Solidarity, Community Organizing/Anti-Racism, Peace/Disarmament/Anti-nuke, and Film/Media

Anti-Intervention/Central Am. Solidarity

1. Comite Centroamericano (Chelsea, MA) - $500 for typewriter

2. Central Am. Resource Center (Austin, TX) - any amount for general support.
3. Joint Legal Task Force (Seattle, WA) - any amount for refugee support work.


5. Campaign Against Military Intervention in the Phillipines (NYC) - $500 for speakers bureau brochure, mailing.

6. East Timor Action Committee (Cam. MA) - $729 for outreach efforts

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING/ANTI-RACISM

7. George Wiley Center (pawtucket, RI) - $500 for fundraising effort (we need more info)

8. Black and Proud Elementary School (Jackson, MS) - $400 to pay tax bill


10. SCCORE (Shboygan, WI) - 432.14 for office equipment.


12. Anti-Racism Lit. Project (NYC) - any amount for ongoing projects.

13. Conference on Social and Criminal Justice (Cam. MA) - $200 to produce directory.

PEACE/DISARMAMENT/ANTI-NUKE

14. Pacific Peacekeeper (Seattle, WA) - $500 for 16mm projector.

15. National Mobe (NYC) - any amount for travel subsidies to conference.

16. Targeting Women ($F, CA) - any amount for networking women and peace movement.

17. Students for Peace (PA) - we discussed this at last meeting and we’re waiting for more information.

18. R.I. Mobe (Providence, RI) - we discussed this at the last meeting also and we’re waiting for more info.

19. Seacoast Clamshell (Portsmouth, NH) - $480 for staff salary
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20. Disarmament Resource Center (SF, CA) $500 for info referral service
21. JwP (LA, CA) - $500 for ballot initiative
22. People's Test Ban (Portland, OR) - $500 for production of tabloid.

FILM/MEDIA
23. Las Madres Film Project (SF, CA) - $1000 for film on Argentina.
24. Third World Newsreel (NYC) - $500 for production of catalogue.
25. N-Freeze Film Project (Amherst, MA) - any amount for film production.
26. Homefront (Hartford, CT) - $500 for community film series.
27. Media Alliance (Berkeley, CA) - any amount for covering the Salvadoran elections.

That's it. Please try to make it to the meeting and remember it's at 10:00 a.m.

Best from the Office,

Ken Tangvik
RESIST BOARD MEETING 1/15/84

Present were: Ken T., Meredith, Pam, Kate, Louis, Paul, George, Grace, Amanda, Frank B., Grace, Wayne and Bell,

***New Board Members***

We continued our discussion on soliciting new board members. We continued to work on coming up with names of people of color. Grace also mentioned our lack of rural people on the board and mentioned a woman in Vermont who she is going to talk to. People who have been approached by staff and board members at this point are:

- Neta Crawford, an activist who works with Black Americans for Peace and Justice. She also works with the Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies in Boston as well as being active in women's peace groups (The Women's Encampment at Seneca Army Depot) and third world women's groups in the Boston area.
- Vivian Carlo is a Latina activist in the Boston area. Pam knows her from working at the school department. Vivian is also active in the Boston area lesbian, feminist and third world communities.
- Peter Chiang is an Asian American who works with the Asian American Resource Workshop (A Resist funded group) and is active in the Asian community in Boston.

Others who we plan to approach are:

- Juan Vargas a Latino activist at City-Life (another Resist funded organization) and is also active in Central American solidarity work. He's especially familiar and speaks often on the links between Israel and Central America and stresses this in the solidarity movement.
- Susan Levene most recently worked as a staff person for Boston Mobilization for Survival. She organized the Nuclear Free Cambridge campaign. She is also an active feminist.
- Nina Swain - a Vermont activist who Grace knows and plans to talk to.
- Robin Amatto, another contact of Grace's in NYC.

I think that's it on potential board members. Chastise me if I left anyone out.

***Afternoon Discussion***

The Question was raised of focusing more attention/energy on Central America than we do now. The response was no. Concrete suggestions/goals were made of ways that we can 1) Improve our outreach to movement groups who may be potential grantees. 2) Link issues i.e. between the peace movement and people working for social justice. 3) And better use our newsletter as a resource. On these scores we decided to:

- Print reports by or about groups that we have funded who are linking
issues such as the Southern Organizing Committee's conference we just funded.

- Expand our mailing list to include groups and organizations who could be potential grantees. We have the money to spend, let's give it away!

- Print bibliographies in the newsletter so our readers/contributors will know where to go to get additional information on any given topic. The first priority is an annotated bibliography of resources on Central America.

- Break down our list of grantees into appropriate categories for the type of work they are doing. This way we can be a small scale clearing house for movement work in the US.

***Financial Report***

Income figures for the year are as follows:

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Granted, these figures will be more telling when we figure our expenses for the year, but our income is 150% of what it was in 1982. Congratulations Resist!!

The Loan Fund balance is $2804.86.

***GRANTS***

We decided that we had $5000 to give away at this meeting. The grants went as follows.

Anti-Intervention/ C.A. solidarity

1. Comité Centroamericano (Chelsea) - We gave them $500 to purchase a typewriter so help them continue their important organizing in Spanish speaking communities around Central American solidarity.

2. Joint Legal Task Force on Central American Refugees (Seattle) - $500 for them to print bi-lingual "Know your Rights" cards. We got enthusiastic recommendations for their innovative approach to providing legal representation to C.A. refugees.

5. Campaign Against Military Intervention in the Philippines (NYC) - $250 for speaker's bureau brochure.
6. East Timor Action Committee (Cambridge) - $400

Community Organizing/ Anti-Racism

8. Black and Proud Elementary School (Jackson, MS) - $100 token "keep up the good work, we support you" grant.

9. Southern Organizing Committee (Louisville, KY) - $580 for their innovative and successful conference.

13. Conference on Social and Criminal Justice, (Cambridge) - $200 to be used to pay off debt from their recent conference. This is in addition to a $100 Emergency Grant that we gave this group in November.

Peace/Disarmament/Anti-Nuke

14. Pacific Peacekeeper (Seattle) - a $100 token "this work is not a priority but since you can't get money elsewhere we want to support you" grant.

15. National MFS (NYC) - We don't usually pay travel expenses but decided to send them $150 to pay travel expenses for someone from an isolated chapter cause this conference is important.

19. Seacoast Clamshell (Portsmouth, NH) - $350 for staff salaries for the campaign to stop the CWIP tax on Seabrook.

20. Disarmament Resource Center (SF) - $350 for their monthly disarm. calender and a suggestion that they find a less expensive typesetter.

Film/Media

24. Third World Newsseel (NYC) - $350 for their catalogue.

Rejections

2. Central America Resource Center (Austin) - We had questions about funding a group of this type which claims to be non-partisan i.e. they provided info for the Kissinger Commission. Also, their budget is huge and we had additional questions about putting certain types of info on computer.

11. South Bronx People for Change (NYC) - We didn't like the comic book - it was very rhetorical and gave a simplistic analyses of why people are oppressed. We got a good recommendation for this group from North Star and Pam has heard good things about their work with youth. We will consider them again for another project if they want to reapply.

12. Anti-Racism Literature Project (NYC) - This proposal was dismissed out-of-hand because they are connected to BUF. Some of their literature was actually not that bad.

23. Las Madres Film Project (SF) - We would have given them money if the situation in Argentina hadn't changed recently. Their budget is actually around $30,000 for the film from beginning to end. We felt like this amount of money is out of line for us plus they had raised enough by the time of their meeting to cover cost of producing a rough cut of the film.

25. Nuclear Freeze Film Project (Amherst) - why make another film on June 12th???
26. Homefront (Hartford, CT) - We decided this film series was not worth funding unless they expected more people to come. With this in mind, if they raised the admission $1 and planned for 2x as many people to show (60 instead of 30) they could cover all the costs themselves.

Postponements etc.

4. Children's Book on El Salvador (Los Angeles)
7. George Wiley Center (Pawtucket, RI)
16. Targeting Women (SF)
17. Students for Peace (PA)
18. RI Mobe (Providence, RI)
21. Jobs with Peace (LA) - until next month, Carlos is investigating them.
27. Media Alliance (Berkeley)

With the $500 that we put into the loan fund we granted a total of $4500 at this meeting.

***Next Meeting***

February 19, 1984 at State Cloud's, 26 Granite St., Somerville, MA 02143. Please contact the office if you plan to be there. The meeting will be at 11AM as usual.

That's it for this month.

Best,

Meredith
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Proxy Sheet

1. Comite Centroamericano  Y    N  Maybe  - Sounds good, but how much? - 2 - ?
2. Central AM. resource Center  Y    N  Maybe  - Rights card $500
3. Joint Legal Task Force  N    N  Maybe  - Doubtful, not great
5. Campaign Against Mil. Intervention in Phil.  Y    N  Maybe  - What do they need now?
7. George Wiley Center  Y    N  Maybe
8. Black and Proud School  Y    N  Maybe  - Matching
10. SCORE  Y    N  Maybe  - Micro [flow answer: small set powers]
11. South Bronk People  Y    N  Maybe  - Alien [flow answer: not clear, not politics]
12. Anti-Racism Lit. Project  Y    N  Maybe  - Pamphlet on S. Af. capitalism
13. Conference on Social and Criminal Justice  Y    N  Maybe  - Barry Prison
14. Pacific Peacekeeper  Y    N  Maybe  - Don't see the point
15. Nation Mobe  Y    N  Maybe  - Travel up CA 1, stupid place to be.
16. Targeting Women  Y    N  Maybe  - If this aside? Guess not, but not much we can do.
17. Students for Peace  Y    N  Maybe
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28. Educators' Disarmament
29. National C-3 Assert Project