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A call to **RESIST** illegitimate authority

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RESIST BOARD PACKET : NEXT BOARD MEETING IS FEBRUARY 19 at KATE CLOUD'S  
26 GRANITE ST., SOMERVILLE, MA 617/666-3969. MEETING STARTS AT 11:00  
AM.

#### AGENDA

**\*\* New Board Members\*\*** Hopefully people will have news to report and we can make some final decisions about new board members. One additional person to the list that was with the minutes from the last meeting is:

-Lourdes Rodriguez, a Dominican woman who is leader of the faculty union at Roxbury Community College and is active in the solidarity movement in the Latina Community.

**\*\*Increasing size of grants\*\*** this is a discussion we didn't have at the last meeting and should definitely discuss at this one. The recommendation is that we increase the maximum amount from \$500 to \$700 or \$750.

**\*\*\$25,000\*\*** As you all now, Resist was left \$25,000 by Jaquelin Bernard in her will. We'll probably be getting the money in August. If anyone has any recommendations for dispersement of these funds other than putting them into our general account, please come prepared to discuss them. Suggestions to date include:

- opening a money market account - or otherwise investing the money
- dropping several thousand pieces of bulk mail, thereby increasing the size of our list and increasing our fundraising capacity.
- increasing the size of our grants
- etc.

**\*\*Travel expenses for board members\*\*** No matter where we recruit board members from there is the chance that they will at some point need travel expenses to board meetings, especially if we recruit people from outside the Boston area (i.e. NY, Vermont etc.). There has been some dissension regarding this issue and we should talk about it in more detail.

#### GRANTS

Disarmament, Anti-Draft and Anti-Militarist

1. SOS, National GI Assistance Project (Philadelphia and Boston) - this is the controversial proposal that was discussed after lunch at the last board meeting. There's some concern that this project involves members of BAARD. Ken is checking into to make sure they aren't repeating work that's already been done etc. etc.

2. Militarism Resource Project (Philadelphia) \$599 to purchase a letter quality printer to go with their computer. We've funded this group before under the name of Stop the Pentagon/Serve the People.

3. Black Vets for Social Justice (Brooklyn, NY) - Any amount to help cover general expenses to they can continue with their important work. Good people.
4. Sky Valley Peace Council (Monroe, WA) - Any amount to help cover expenses of a 2-day film festival and program on the arms race and Central America. Total budget = \$600.
5. War Tax Project (San Francisco, CA) - \$500 to produce a slide show on war tax resistance to be used for educational work around the issue.
6. New England Campaign to Stop the Euromissiles (Cambridge, MA) - \$500 for general funding. I'll get more specifics from them before the meeting.
- 6½. Los Angeles Jobs With Peace (CA) - This is left over from the last meeting and Carlos will be talking to them.

#### Solidarity Work

7. Institute for Democratic Socialism (NYC) - Any amount towards \$3000 for National Anti-Intervention Teach-In Campaign.
8. Alphabet Committee (Brookline, MA) - \$488 to help with distribution of a slide show entitled "Education for Freedom: The Story of the Salvadoran Refugees' Literacy Campaign"
9. Caribbean Study Group (UC, Berkeley, CA) - \$1607 for Confernece on Human Rights in the Americas.
10. Venceramos Brigade (Boston) - \$500 to reproduce slide shows on Cuba.
- 11½ San Diego Cispes (CA) - \$514.80 for minority outreach project which involves printing Cispes literature in Spanish.

#### Cultural Work

12. Massachusetts History Wrokshop (Cambridge, MA) - \$500 to cover any of several line items for the public commemoration of the founding of the Women's Trade Union League.
13. Homefront (Hartford, CT) - \$500 for community film series. We turned this group down at the last meeting for the same project. They responded to our criticisms/suggestions and said they still needed our help.
14. Friends of Nicaraguan Culture (SF, CA) - \$500 to help cover the costs of publishing and distributing a pamphlet about the press in Nicaragua. Maybe this should have gone under solidarity work ???
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15. Plutonium Players (Berkeley, CA) - \$450 to purchase a 16mm sound projector. These folks originated the idea of Ladies Against Women! (Pam you'll like this).

#### Native American

16. International Indian Treaty Council (SF, CA) - \$600 to help delegation from US go to the 40th Session of the United Nation Commission on Human Rights in Geneva.

17. NLG Committee on Native American Struggles (Milwaukie, OR) - Any amount toward the expenses of Defending members of Columbia River tribes.

Other

18. Lesbian and Gay Organizing Committee (NYC) - Any amount to help with expenses of a conference and march being planned for September 1984.

19. Community Works (Boston) - this groups is another old friend. They need \$500 to help hold them over until more substantial funding comes through for them.

And I do believe that is it for this meeting. Hope to see many, if not all, of you on the 19th of February. If you don't plan to be at the meeting, please read the packet and send in your proxy. Believe it or not these really do help.

Best from here

*Meredith*  
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MINUTES- Resist meeting of Feb. 21, 1984

Present: Meredith, Grace, Kate, Pam, Louie, Wayne, Ken T.

\* Kate announced that she was taking a leave of absence from Resist for at least one year. She has been extremely busy lately with her job, with her son, promoting her new book that will be out in a month, and her landlord is giving her the boot. We'll all miss her but Meredith and I will be having lunch with her occasionally to let her know what's going on at Resist and she's already become a Resist pledge.

## \* Finances

Total disbursements for 1983 were \$71,871

The breakdown is:

- 10% newsletter
- 21% administrative costs
- 31% salaries
- 38% grants and loans

We agreed that we will publish the above financial information with more specifics and with an explanation of the services that Resist provides to the movement in a future newsletter. At the next board meeting Meredith and I will present this information in editorial form for feedback from the board before it is published.

Money has been pretty good lately. Before the meeting we had about \$17,000 and we gave away about \$5,000.

We decided to increase the maximum size of a Resist grant to \$600.

We should be getting the \$25,000 from the estate of Jaqueline Bernard in a few months. We discussed this a little but we realized that the staff needs to get some advice from some investment people about what could be done with \$25,000 and what the options are.

\* Board members--No substantial information to report on the search for new board members, although the effort will continue. We did decide that we would find a way for board members to get travel expenses if they were needed.

\* Wayne suggested that board members keep their ears open for good deals (usually through a university) on computer hardware because more and more groups will be wanting to purchase this equipment.

## GRANTS

1. CAPA (Boston) - \$488 for slide show on Slavadoran literacy campaign

2. Militarism Resource Project (phil) - \$99 from Resist and \$500 Z\$. *FOR COMPUTER HARDWARE.*
3. Black Vets for Social Justice (NYC)- \$250 for general expenses. We are offering to help them set up a fundraising system.
4. Sky Valley Peace Council (Monroe, WA)- \$150 (it's all they needed) for a forum on arms race and C.A.
5. War Tax Project (SF, CA)- \$400 for slide show
6. San Diego CISPES- \$500 for lit. in Spanish
7. MA History Workshop (Cam. MA) - \$250 for public commemoration of the founding of the Women's Trade Union League.
8. Homefront (Hartford, CT) - \$250 for community film series.
9. Plutonium Players (berkeley, CA) - \$225 for film projector. (Who could turn down the originators of Ladies Against Women?)
10. NLG Native American Struggle (MIL., OR) - \$100 as a sign of solidarity
11. Lesbian/Gay Or. Comm. (NYC) - \$500 for planning conference
12. Community Works (boston, MA) - \$400 to keep them going through a rough period.
13. Dorchester Int. WomEn's Day (Dorchester, MA) \$250 for event on Womens Day.
14. George and Paul (NYC) - \$200 for printing and mailing of a C.A. bibliography in N.Y.

#### LOANS AND POSTPONMENTS

1. SOS National G.I. Assistance Project (Wash. D.C.) - \$500 loan and the use of the Resist mailing list.
2. New England Euromissile Campaign (Boston) - we set aside \$200 depending on whether they address C.A. and Mid-East in their action.
3. Venceremos Brigade (Boston) - we weren't impressed with their slide show but we will look at others.
4. Friends of Nicaraguan Culture SF, CA) - we didn't hear from them before the meeting. We'll keep trying.

#### REJECTIONS:

1. L.A. JwP - We had problems with the politics of JwP. They avoid dealing with the issue of corporate control of our society and the nature of capitalism. They also have a huge budget and access to liberal \$.
2. DSA (must I go into why?) Their project appears to be not getting off the ground; they are strong supporters of military aid to Israel, they don't express solidarity with the FMLN and other revolutionary groups in C.A.; they are inviting Mitterand to speak in the U.S.

3. International Indian Treaty Council - (NYC) - We don't give \$ for travel expenses. We'll tell them to apply for something else.
4. Caribbean Study Group (Berkeley, CA) - we don't pay travel expenses, too academic.

All together we gave away: \$4062 in grants  
\$500 Z money  
\$200 was set aside  
\$500 loan

Total: \$5262

NEXT MEETING: April 8, 1984  
at Wayne O'Neil's 31 Bournside St. Dorchester, MA 02124 617/288-1017  
11 00 a.m.

\* Pam, Wayne, Louie and I attended a very productive conference on the Middle East in Boston last week-end. You'll hear more about it in a future newsletter.

From the office,



Ken