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Board Meeting - July 14th, 11AM

Ken Hale's
209 Waltham St.

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AGENDA

- ** Bregman Estate Report - We received notice of a final payment from this estate of \$2,117.50
- ** Board Outreach Committee Report
- ** Finance Committee Report
- ** Office Report - Updates by staff on finances, search for a new home and other bits and pieces.

GRANTS

Central America Support

1. AMES (Association of Salvadoran Women), (San Francisco, CA) - \$724 for production of a brochure promoting their new film "For a Woman in El Salvador, Speaking".
2. Central American Refugee Committee (Washington, D.C.) - \$600 for publicity of Sept. 15th Celebration of Salvadoran Independence Day.
3. Entre Jovenes (Oakland, CA) - \$450 for 2 slide projectors for work with high school students about young people in Nicaragua. Office received new material from them after the last board meeting.
4. New England Witness for Peace (Ellsworth, ME) - \$500 to cover expenses involved in developing the infrastructure for a continuous funding base.
5. Northwest Regional CISPES (Oakland, CA) - \$600 to purchase a letter quality printer.
6. TechNICA (Berkeley, CA) - Funds towards expenses for 1985. I've asked them to send a more specific request.
7. Bay Area Construction Brigade to Nica. (Berkeley, CA) - Postponed from last meeting, they have sent more info but still no specific request for expenses of creating audio-visual materials for their post-trip work.

8. Fresh View Youth Tour (Somerville, MA) - \$527 for fundraising for scholarships to Nicaragua for young people. Postponed from last month.

9. New England Central America Labor Leaders East Coast Tour (Cambridge, MA) - \$600 for the N.E. organizers' share of expenses of tour. More info to come.

Peace/Anti-draft

10. PAND (Cambridge, MA) - \$300 for expenses of Shadow Project for Aug. 6, 1985

11. Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors (Phila., PA) New proposal to replace last month's withdrawn one. This is for support for their National Black Organizers' Training Program. More info to come on specific \$ request.

12. Thomas Merton Center (Pittsburg, PA) - \$600 for printing material for Aug. 6 and 9 commemorative activities of 40th anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

13. Modern Times Theater (NY, NY) - \$400 to cover costs of flyers and publicity for day-long Lincoln Sq. neighborhood Fair and Workshop commemorating 40th anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

14. New England Pacific Coalition (Cambridge, MA) - \$500 toward cost of producing and mailing a brochure on New Zealand's nuclear-free stand and on a nuclear-free Pacific.

15. Pacific Campaign against SLCM's (Honolulu) - No specific request yet. I've asked them to send more info.

Women

16. Tatiana Schreiber (Yellow Springs, OH) - \$200 to complete a 2-part radio documentary on lesbians in prison and the general concerns of incarcerated women.

17. Atlanta 9 to 5 (GA) - \$600 toward costs of their 1985 Office Automation Project to establish regulations to protect members of clerical workforce working with video display terminals.

Third World

18. Philadelphia Philippines Working Group (PA) - \$165 for expenses of Philippine Health and Medical Campaign event.

Labor

19. Teamsters' Rank and File Education and Legal Defense Foundation (Detroit, MI) - \$600 to help defray cost of their steward's training program.

20. Unemployment Law Project (Seattle, WA) - \$600 for production, printing and mailing of materials for grassroots campaign to set up an Unemployment Advocacy program.

21. Committee for Labor Access (Chicago, IL) - \$600 to produce newsletter for year. Postponed from last meeting.

Miscellaneous

22. La Pena (Berkeley, CA) - \$600 to help support their events for 10th anniversary of La Pena.

23. Santa Barbara Living History Project (CA) - \$500 to produce radio programs on resisters to World War II and Vietnam.

24. American Independent Movement (New Haven, CT) - \$500 for production and distribution of summer issue of newsletter. Postponed from last month.

25. PLACA (San Francisco, CA) - \$500 for expenses for fund-raising drive in order to continue creating community projects.

26. Bread and Puppet Theater (Glover, NH) - \$500 to support their annual event "Our Domestic Resurrection Circus" with themes of Nicaragua and J.S. Bach.

27. St. Petersburg Summer Project (FL) - \$800 toward purchase of a van for organizing efforts in Tampa Bay area.

That's all they wrote! As the slightly-new staff person, I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as can make it on the 14th. If you can't be there, please fill out the enclosed proxy sheet and send it in to the office. The other board members and the staff really value your input and suggestions even if you can't make the meetings. And to one and all - many thanks for your commitment and have a good summer.

Nancy Moniz
Resist staff

P.S. I'm also including an up-dated Board list to make it easier for everyone to get in touch with each other.

1. AMES ___ Y ___ N ___ Maybe
2. Central America Refugee Committee ___ Y ___ N ___ Maybe
3. Entre Jovenes ___ Y ___ N ___ Maybe
4. N. E. Witness for Peace ___ Y ___ N ___ Maybe
5. N.W. Regional CISPES ___ Y ___ N ___ Maybe
6. TechNICA ___ Y ___ N ___ Maybe
7. Bay Area Construction Brigade to Nica. ___ Y ___ N ___ Maybe
8. Fresh View Youth Tour ___ Y ___ N ___ Maybe
9. C.A. Labor Leaders East Coast Tour ___ Y ___ N ___ Maybe
10. PAND ___ Y ___ N ___ Maybe
11. Central Comm. for Conscientious Objectors ___ Y ___ N ___ Maybe
12. Thomas Merton Center ___ Y ___ N ___ Maybe
13. Modern Times Theater ___ Y ___ N ___ Maybe
14. N.E. Pacific Coalition ___ Y ___ N ___ Maybe

15. Pacific Campaign against SLCM's Y N Maybe
16. Tatiana Schreiber Y N Maybe
17. Atlanta 9 to 5 Y N Maybe
18. Phila. Philippines Working Group Y N Maybe
19. TRF Education & Legal Def. Found. Y N Maybe
20. Unemployment Project Y N Maybe
21. Committee for Labor Access Y N Maybe
22. La Pena Y N Maybe
23. Santa Barbara Living History Project Y N Maybe
24. American Independent Movement Y N Maybe
25. PLACA Y N Maybe
26. Bread and Puppet Theater Y N Maybe
27. St. Petersburg Summer Project Y N Maybe

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Minutes, Resist Board Meeting 7/14/85

Present were: Nancy, Ken T., Kate, Pam, Wayne, Louis, Ken H. and Meredith.

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Business

****Board Outreach Committee Report.** Nancy introduced the proposal of the committee which included Nancy, Ken T., and Pam. The proposal was as follows:

1.) to approach various people in the community who will be able to recommend individuals for the Resist board, the idea being to target people who's politics will agree with ours who aren't activists or at least not full time activists. People suggested as contacts for recommendations include: Roxana Pastor (Honduras Info Ctr), Mel King, Sandra Graham, Rev. Ellis Hagler, Rainbow Coalition, Juanita Wade, Wagner Rios, City Life, Jamie Fay, Julie Dow, Louis Kampf, Hayat Iman, Caroline Ramsey, Sandra Kanter, Peter Chiang, Cindy Chin.

2.) Advertise the board positions by placing fliers in English and Spanish in offices of various grassroots organizations in the Boston area.

3.) Form a board search committee whose job will include writing up a very specific board member job description, evaluating candidates and interviewing potential board members.

The deadline set for this process is November 1985. People on the search committee include Kate, Ken H. and Nancy. We would like another board member to join. The proposal was OK'd by the board and the process will begin ASAP.

****Finance Committee Report.** The Finance Committee, Louis, Tess and Meredith, met to discuss the issue of what to do with our \$30,000 surplus and the subject of acting as a fiscal sponsor for non tax-exempt movement groups. Decisions made at the meeting based on the recommendations of the committee were as follows:

1.) We will set aside \$15,000 in a high interest certificate of deposit to be used as a downpayment on building space if the movement building in Boston actually happens or we have a chance to buy in on office space with other groups/organizations. If we move and rent space we will rediscuss the use of this money. Investment in property is the most profitable thing we can do with our money since inflation is bound to go up, leaving interest rates behind.

2.) We will use portions of the remaining funds in

investment account to even out the amount we make available for grants each month. We decided to institute the proposal made at the June meeting to make sure we have access to \$200 per proposal for each meeting. i.e. if we consider 27 grant proposals we will allow ourselves to grant a total of \$5400.

3.) Resist will offer fiscal sponsorship for groups on a case by case basis with the following criteria in mind: fiscal responsibility of the group, politics (in keeping with Resist's), and reliability. Fiscal Sponsorship will not be advertised and we will charge a percentage of the income channelled through Resist for administrative costs. Decisions on fiscal sponsorship will be made at board meetings through the same process we use for giving grants. Fiscal sponsorship is an ongoing situation which is different from our decision last month to act as a tax-exempt conduit for donor directed grants on a one-time case by case basis. ~~which we made at the last meeting.~~

I sure hope you all can keep this straight!

****Emergency Grants.** We've given the following EG's since the June 2 meeting. Farm Labor Organizing Committee, Somerville Community News, International Indian Treaty Council and Labor and Farm Party of WI (conditional in checking out gay and lesbian issue discussed at recent meeting).

****Finance Report.** Copies of the audit done for the Commonwealth of MA were passed around at the meeting. There aren't enough copies for everyone to have one but if you really want to see it, let us know and we'll send you one. We agreed that it's okay to send copies of the audited financial report to individuals who are interested in donating money to Resist but are unwilling to do so without seeing the audited report. We're doing well financially right now. We have \$28,000 in investment account, \$2,000 in the loan fund and \$10,000 in our checking account. We granted about \$5500 at the meeting.

****Moving Report.** The moving committee includes Nancy from Resist, Vince from Dollars and Sense and John from Radical America. We've also made contacts with other groups who need to move and are looking to either rent or buy office space. We've heard of a few places to rent but nothing's really happening yet.

****Walk for Peace.** We decided to join the Walk for peace in Boston which means will get our name included in the brochure as an organization which individuals can walk for. A good fundraising opportunity.

****Ken** talked about his recent travels in El Salvador and Nicaragua. You can contact him at Resist if you want to hear more. Grace also just got back from El Salvador and Wayne is leaving for Nicaragua in about a week.

**We welcomed Kate Cloud back after a year's leave from the board. And we said farewell to Pam Chamberlain who's leaving soon for a year in Japan. Any Boston board members who weren't at the meeting, Pam's going away party is at her house on July 28 after 7PM.

Grants

1. Ames (San Francisco). \$600 for brochure to promote the short film "For a Woman in El Salvador Speaking".
3. Entre Jovenes (Oakland, CA). \$450 to help purchase slide projector to facilitate their classroom presentations on Nicaragua.
4. New England Witness for Peace (Maine). We decided to offer this group a loan and instead of giving them the grant they requested. Considering the sizeable list of Pledge of REsistance signers in New England, they should have no problem reimbursing their expenses with a fundraising mailing.

(Continued)

5. N.W. Regional Cispes (Oakland) - this is apparently the best organized Cispes Region in the country. We granted them \$600 to help them purchase a letter quality printer.

7. Bay Area Construction Brigade to Nicaragua (Berkeley, CA) - After months of dialogue and requests for new proposals we finally granted this group \$500 for the work they are doing on slideshows about Nicaragua. There was at least one person dissenting on giving \$\$ for more slideshows about Nica.

8. Fresh View Youth Tour (Somerville, MA) - \$200 to help them with their outreach before and after the tour. We decided at the meeting to not pay for actual brigades to Nicaragua but to help with outreach being done by the brigades as in #7 above.

9. Central America Labor Leaders East Coast Tour (Cambridge, MA) - \$450 to help with the New England portion of this tour.

11. Black Organizers Educational Training Campaign (Philly) - This is not a C.C.C.O. project as it seemed in the original proposal though CCCO is one of the sponsors of the campaign. We gave them \$600 to help with ~~this-work~~ their National Conference.

12. Thomas Merton Center (Pittsburg, PA) \$200 contingent on how they check out on the abortion issue since their many religious who are involved with this group.

15. Pacific Campaign Against SLCM's (Honolulu) - \$200, a small grant since this campaign *seems* rather vague and non-concrete. We were impressed, though, by the list of campaigns that have been organized around the world as a result of their initiative.

16. Tatiana Schreiber (Yellow Springs, OH) - \$100 token support for her radio program on lesbians in prison with a letter explaining that we don't fund individuals. Also we will suggest she approach other donors with the information that she has gotten a matching grant of \$100 from Resist. People were frustrated that a radio show on an important topic like this is not part of a larger organizational effort.

18. Philadelphia Philippines Working Group (PA) - \$165 for expenses of the Philippine Health and Medical Campaign event. This group got good recommendations from several people we talked to.

20. Unemployment Law Project (Seattle) - \$400 to organizer workers against and to inform them of the Marginal Labor Force Attachment Law which would cut off unemployment benefits of seasonal employees.

22. La Pena (Berkeley) - \$450 to cover expenses of the cultural center's 10th anniversary celebration/event.

26. Bread and Puppet Theater (Glover VT) \$500 for this summer's Resurrection Circus.

Rejections

2. CARACEN (Washington, DC) - Some had objections to funding a \$10,000 celebration that last year only had 400 participants. We will write a letter asking for a proposal for a more overtly political project.

6. Tech NICA (Berkeley) - Even though we like their name, we felt that they had other avenues of funding available to them. We will write a letter appreciating their work.

10. Performing Artists for Nuclear Disarmament (Boston) - This isn't really a very political project. We will write a nice letter saying no.

13. Modern Times Theater (NY, NY) - We don't want to fund the Hiroshima/Nagasaki event because the politics seem well-buried but would be interested in funding some of their other political theater i.e. on issues like S. Africa, Middle East, or racism.

14. New England Pacific Coalition (Cambridge, MA) - What are the politics of a group that supports New Zealand's denial of US nuclear ships by lauding N.Z.'s roll as an important and loyal ally of the US over the years? We didn't think much of them and couldn't imagine that their brochure which talks much about N.Z. "loyalty" would attract a very large or progressive audience.

17. Atlanta 9-5 (GA) - This isn't a priority. It's good work to do but it is an absolutely straight forward union safety campaign.

19. Teamsters for a Democratic Union ((Detroit, MI) - They're doing really good work from what we can tell but they're way out of our league financially. Also, they have access to progressive funds.

21. Committee for Labor Access (Chicago) - Everything we suspected of this group is true. They were turned down by Crossroads Fund in Chicago and we got a not very good recommendation from Crossroads on their work.

23 Santa Barbara Living History Project (CA) - Based on a recommendation from Richard Flacks we said no. Also we didn't feel that a local radical history project was a priority for Resist funds.

24. American Independent Movement (New Haven, CT) - Doesn't seem from the recommendations we sought in New Haven that this group is very involved in the larger progressive community.

27. St. Petersburg Summer Project (FL) - This effort is a project of the African People's Socialist Party which through its paper The Burning Spear has exposed itself as a fairly homophobic and anti-feminist sect. ~~Not~~ No thank-you.

25. PIACA - We didn't hear from them in time for the

Postponements

25. PLACA (SF,CA) - We didn't hear back from them in time for the meeting. We'll bring this up again in Sept.

Next meeting is September 15th in either Somerville or Cambridge, MA. See you all then.

Best,


Meredith