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Board Meeting - Sept. 15th, 11AM
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AGENDA

** $3,000 donation for anti-apartheid/South Africa work
** Board Outreach report and update
** Space search - report on Sept. 5th meeting; discussion
** Office report - finances and other matters

GRANTS

South Africa/ Anti-apartheid/ Anti-racism

1) Southern Rural Women's Network (Jackson, MS) - $600 requested for expenses of one-month long community education project on South African struggle

2) Michigan Coalition on Human Rights (Detroit) - postponed from last month - $600 for Krugerrand campaign brochure. They're sending more info in answer to board's questions on their other projects and on their fundraising.

3) Bishop Tutu Refugee Fund (Hartford, CT) - $250 requested for production of outreach pamphlet on BTRF education project.

4) Harvard Law Anti-apartheid Committee (Cambridge, MA) - $300 requested towards expenses of national boycott of law students concerning South Africa

5) Coalition on Undoing Racism (Portland, ME) - $300 requested to help cover expenses of materials for Portland/South Maine area workshop on racism in October

Women

6) Alliance Against Women's Oppression (San Francisco) - $? requested for project on South African women. I've written them for more information

7) Committee on the Rights of Undocumented Women (New York, NY) - $600 requested for expenses of half-day conference on rights of undocumented women
8) Women's Statewide Legislative Network of Mass. (Boston) - Request of $600 to cover expenses of project "Women's Issues and the State Budget".

Veterans
9) Veterans' Education Project (Williamsburg, MA) - They're asking for $600 for their special communications projects for high schools

10) Black Veterans for Social Justice (Brooklyn, NY) - $600 request for general expenses for their work

Anti-militarism/ Anti-nuclear/ Peace work
11) Deadly Connection Collective (Jamaica Plain, MA) - They're asking for $600 for outreach and distribution on their slide show on US nuclear weapons policy and US intervention.

12) Educators for Social Responsibility (New Haven, CT) - $200 request for purchase and rental of audio-visuals for their work


14) Arms Control Research Center (San Francisco, CA) - They'll be sending more information on specific request

15) Walk for Peace (Cambridge, MA) - $450 requested for partial payment of the Walk brochure

Central America support

17) Honduras Information Center (Somerville, MA) - They're asking for $600 to compile and publicize a Central America Curriculum Guide which will be used in Spanish classes

18) HAP/NICA (Ithaca, NY) - Request to fund flyer on Nicaragua. They'll be sending more information

19) Central America Solidarity Association (Cambridge, MA) - $600 request for production of materials and for training workshops on Guatemala

20) Casa Nicaragua (New York, NY) - $? for expenses or publicity of tour of Nicaraguan theater group

21) Fund for Open Information and Accountability (FOIA) (NYC) - $600 requested to help publish a fact sheet on U.S. government secrecy in relation to Central America and also a chronology

Miscellaneous
22) American Christians for the Abolition of Torture (ACAT)(Phila., Pa)- Request of $600 to partially fund publication of literature.
23) Pacific Studies Center (Mountain View, CA) - $500 requested to support start-up of computerized bulletin board system on high technology for the movement.

24) Council of the Southern Mountains (Clintwood, VA) - They're asking for $600 to help in moving their office and publication.

25) MassCOSH (Boston, MA) - Request of $700 (?) for production of fund-raising materials (i.e., wordprocessing, copying, postage, supplies).

26) Rainbow Coalition (Boston, MA) - Request of $600 to pay part of $2400 printing bill for their mail-in registration campaign.

27) Gray Panthers (Boston, MA) - $500 request for printing and distribution of brochures, newsletter and flyers.

28) b.u. exposure (Boston, MA) - Request of $472 to cover printing costs of two future emergency issues and rental of p.o. box.

29) Earth Alert (West Hollywood, CA) - They're asking for $500 for equipment and distribution expenses.

30) International Indian Treaty Council (SF, CA) - Asking for funds to meet organizational and promotional expenses for a benefit on Oct. 12. More information to come (Note - they received a $100 emergency grant in June).

31) Little Flags Theater (Roxbury, MA) - Request of $500 for publicizing two of their upcoming productions.

Fiscal Sponsorship

32) National War Tax Resistance Committee - Consideration of their general proposal to other foundations for possible Resist fiscal tax-exempt sponsorship.

That's all for this month. Please send in your proxies if you can't make the meeting. We'd all like your feedback and help in the process of the board meetings. If you need more information or if you know of any of the groups being considered in September, please write or call me at the office.

For peace and justice,

Nancy Moniz
Resist staff
1) Southern Rural Women's Network ___Y____N____Maybe

2) Michigan Coalition for Human Rights ___Y____N____Maybe

3) Bishop Tutu Refugee Fund ___Y____N____Maybe

4) Harvard Law Anti-apartheid Committee ___Y____N____Maybe

5) Coalition on Undoing Racism ___Y____N____Maybe

6) Alliance Against Women's Oppression ___Y____N____Maybe

7) Committee on the Rights of Undocumented Women ___Y____N____Maybe

8) Women's Statewide Legis. Network of Mass. ___Y____N____Maybe

9) Veteran's Education Project ___Y____N____Maybe

10) Black Veterans for Social Justice ___Y____N____Maybe

11) Deadly Connection Collective ___Y____N____Maybe

12) Educators for Social Responsibility ___Y____N____Maybe

13) Jobs with Peace Campaign ___Y____N____Maybe

14) Arms Control Research Center ___Y____N____Maybe

15) Walk for Peace ___Y____N____Maybe
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Minutes, Resist Board Meeting, 9/15/85

Present: Kate Cloud, Ken Hale, Wayne O'Neil, Tess Ewing & Nancy Moniz

Business

** $3,000 donation for South African solidarity/ anti-apartheid work. It was OK'd to use it for that purpose and account for it outside of the regular monthly grant averages, but to leave it in the general account. We then proceeded to grant $1650 of the total on 4 proposals listed below.

** Board Outreach report - The office has received inquiries from five interested candidates. We'll have more info at the next board meeting.

** Space Search - Nancy reported on Sept. 5th meeting with other organizations interested in exploring options for buying a building. Minutes of that meeting passed around. All the organizations expressed interest in having at least another meeting with real estate and finance consultants. Tentatively scheduled for early October. We'll keep you posted.

** Office Report - Copies of finance report for year to end of August were given out. Copies available at office on request. The office received a call from the IRS several weeks ago. They wanted info on what type of groups we funded and on grantees reporting process (to Resist). Meredith sent info to them. No feedback from them yet. Our lawyer said it's just a case of harassment.

Next board meeting, Oct. 20th at Kate Cloud's, 48 Quincy Street, Somerville, MA.

Grants

1) Southern Rural Women's Network (Jackson, MS) - $500 for expenses on their month-long community education project on the South African liberation struggle. Good references on this group from the area.

2) Michigan Coalition for Human Rights (Detroit) - $400 for this group's work. It was postponed from last month's meeting with questions about the other work they do and their fundraising efforts. Their answers were sufficient to make a grant for their total work which includes a campaign against establishments selling the South African Krugerrand.

3) Bishop Tutu Refugee Fund (Hartford, CT) - $250 for production of outreach pamphlet on this fund working for South African refugees. Their were questions about the degree of political content in this work but a phone conversation with
one of the organizers brought out more of their political and educational efforts.

5) MSA's Coalition on Undoing Racism (Portland, ME) - $200 to help cover expenses of materials for their Southern Maine area workshop on racism in October.

6) Alliance Against Women's Oppression (San Francisco, CA) - $500 for printing and mailing costs on their discussion paper on women and apartheid in South Africa to this national headquarters. There were some questions about this group's politics but we got very good references from the Vanguard Foundation in S.F. which recommended their work highly also.

7) Committee on the Rights of Undocumented Women (NYC) - $400 for expenses on a conference on undocumented women's part of their organizing efforts.

9) Veterans Education Project (Greenfield, MA) - This one is in a holding pattern contingent on getting recommendations. If that comes through we will grant them $500 for special projects for high schools in Western Mass.

11) Deadly Connection Collective (Jamaica Plain, MA) - $500 for outreach and distribution costs for their slide show.

14) Arms Control Research Center (San Francisco, CA) - $400 for printing of literature on nuclear weapons and the Bay Area.


17) Honduras Information Center (Somerville, MA) - $500 for general support of this organization. The board felt that the project in the proposal was specialized and for too narrow an audience but, because of this group's valuable work, decided to fund expenses of the group in general.

22) American Christians for the Abolition of Torture (Phila., PA) - $400 towards partial funding of their literature. Received good references from Phila. through Frank B. on this group's work.

24) Council of the Southern Mountains (Clintwood, VA) - $400 for funding their moving expenses. This one's a long story: deep financial problems (not of their making), bankruptcy, eviction and a commitment to begin again by this 70 year old advocate of poor mountain people. The board decided, after a phone call to them by Nancy, to grant the above sum and express support of their work.

27) Gray Panthers (Cambridge, MA) - $500 for printing and distribution of brochures, newsletter and flyers.

30) International Indian Treaty Council (San Francisco, CA) - $500 for organizing and promotional expenses for their October benefit.

Loans

15) Walk for Peace (Cambridge, MA) - $450 for printing of a brochure.
25) MassCOSH (Boston, MA) - A loan was offered to them but they decided to re-submit their proposal with more info for the Oct. board meeting.

Rejections

8) Women's State-wide Legislative Network (Boston, MA) - It was felt this organization could get other funding.

12) Educators for Social Responsibility (New Haven, CT) - This group, although it does good work of its kind, was felt to be too soft politically.

23) Pacific Studies Center (Mountain View, CA) - This is a big budget organization with not much political content and not for Resist.

26) Rainbow Coalition (Boston, MA) - The board had questions on whether this was an issue for Resist and that they could get other, liberal funds but wanted to strongly urge them to submit another project proposal soon.

29) Earth Alert (West Hollywood, CA) - Not enough political work or content in this group's proposal.

31) Little Flag Theater (Roxbury, MA) - This is a good group but their budget is out of our league. Also they are eligible for big grants from other foundations.

Postponements

4) Harvard Law Anti-Apartheid Committee - need recommendations

10) Black Veterans for Social Justice (NYC) - need more info on them.

13) Jobs with Peace (Phila., PA) - need more info on their campaign.

18) HAP/NICA (Ithaca, NY) - same as 13.

19) Casa Nicaragua (NYC) - need a specific request and budget.

21) FOIA (NYC) - need more information.

28) b.u. exposure (Boston, MA) - need more info on their fundraising efforts and also recommendations for the group.

Fiscal sponsorship

32) National War Tax Resistance Committee. It was decided to offer Resist as a fiscal sponsor for this organization contingent on the staff developing a process. The staff will be having a meeting with Ellie, our accountant, and NWTRC will be sending a proposal on how they'll use the sponsorship (for our approval).

**Total grants:** $6,950 of which $1,650 was from special South African work donation. Also: **Loans:** $450.

Since the next board meeting is on October 20th, you'll be receiving letters/agendas and/or packets within the next two weeks. If you have any questions on all or any of the above please call me.

For peace and justice,

Nancy Moniz, Resist staff