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AGENDA

* Board Outreach - We might not have time to discuss this at the meeting but at least this will be a reminder to us that Resist committed itself to start a process to find new board members.

* Community Building Corp. - report by NM and discussion of our participation in this. I've included some recent documents in this packet.

* Review of priorities discussion - if this is necessary for board members who weren't at the Feb. 9th meeting and any update from the staff.

* Review of the Resist grants application form - we'll need some discussion, critique in order to re-do this. I've included a sample page of the questions.

* Discussion of Resist policy decisions - need for affirmation, changes, clarifications. If you don't have a copy of the decisions, please write or call me.

* Resist's 20th Anniversary - we'd better start discussing any plans for this before we get to be 21.

* Office - any miscellaneous things that might have come up after this letter.

GRANT REQUESTS

PEACE/ANTI DRAFT WORK

1) North Carolina Center for Peace Education (Chapel Hill) - $500 requested for purchase of a color TV.

2) Appalachian Peace and Justice Network (Athens, OH) - Request of $676 for resources (videos, publications) and a video tape recorder.

3) Women Against Military Madness (Minneapolis, MN) - they're asking for $500 for brochures and leaflets for their War Toys Resource Project.

4) South Orange County Draft Counseling Center - Request of $800 (?) for expenses of their program for servicemen (sic) facing unjust court martial hearings.
5) Women Against Military Madness (Superior, WI) - This is another chapter of WAMM requesting $100 for postage for mailings.

6) National Conference on Nonviolence (Brookings, SD) - they're asking for an unspecified amount toward expenses of their conference. I've written them to be more specific and with other questions. Hopefully, I'll have more info for meeting.

7) Arms Control Resource Center (San Francisco, CA) - $500 requested for expenses of a tour of SANE organizer in North West.

8) Minnesota CALC (Minneapolis) - Request of $600 to fund counter-recruiting efforts aimed at high school & college students.

WOMEN

9) Dorchester Women's Committee (MA) - Request of $250 toward expenses of Dorchester International Women's Day Celebration on March 7th.

10) Kwanzaa (Burlington, VT) - $600 requested toward expenses of organizing for International Women's Day.

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14) Northwest Regional CISPES (Oakland, CA) - $643 requested toward expenses of a Canon copier.

15) Boston Jewish Sanctuary Network (Somerville, MA) - Request of $500 for their outreach and education project in support of a Central American refugee.

16) Xchange TV (NY, NY) - postponed from last meeting. We needed more info. They're also hard to get in touch with! I finally talked with them and they're sending the info. We also have their video to review. Request is for an unspecified amount for distribution of video "Las Mujeres del Mercado".
17) Boston Area Network on Central America (MA) - $600 requested for expenses of Peace in C.A. campaign.

18) Co-Madre Tour Project (Arlington, MA) - Request of $581 for poster and brochure for tour in March.

19) NLG Central America Task Force (NY,NY) - Unspecified amount requested for expenses on tour of C.A. teachers and students. They're sending more info for the meeting.

20) Mid-Hudson Nicaragua Support Project (New Paltz,NY) - $600 requested for expenses of teach-in on Central America and the Caribbean on Feb. 28th. I've asked for more info. (LATE INFO - they've changed the date to late March/early April).

21) Central America Solidarity Association (Cambridge, MA) - Request of $600 toward cost of Spanish language section of C.A. Report.

22) Mothers' Tour for Peace (Jamaica Plain, MA) - Unspecified amount requested for Boston share of this national tour of Nicaraguan women. More info will be available at meeting.

23) Washington Area Pledge of Resistance (D.C) - This was a last minute request. I'm writing them with questions. They're asking for funding for a staff person for their education campaign against the contra office/activity in D.C.

MISCELLANEOUS

24) Eugene Big Mountain Support Group (OR) - Request of $600 for office expenses.


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27) Oklahoma Client Council (Oklahoma City) - they're asking for $600 for a typewriter.

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29) CIA on Trial Project (Amherst, MA) - Request of $600 toward expenses of the project.

30) National Bioregional Congress (Portland, ME) - $600 requested toward expenses of this conference.
31) Puget Sound Task Force on Human Rights (Seattle, WA)—they're asking for $600 toward the cost of producing a brochure on their group & anti-racist, anti-semitism, human rights work.

That's it for now, and it's a lot for one meeting. I'll be arranging a viewing date for the three videos.

If you can't make the meeting, please send us your proxy and, if you can make the next, fill out the next mtg. date form at the bottom of this sheet or drop me a note. Also, if you have some input on any of the business agenda items, please write or call me.

For peace and justice,

Nancy Menil
Resist staff

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NEXT MEETING DATE PREFERENCE

I can't make the March 1st Resist board meeting but will be able to attend a meeting in April. The best Sunday in April for me is April 12_____; April 19_____; April 26_____.

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Signature
Community Building Coalition
Minutes, January 12, 1987 meeting

Present: Tony Palomba (Mobe), Mike Riegle (GCN), Bob Smith (Angry Arts), Renee Scott (Haymarket), Vince Valvano (d&S), Lee Goldstein (G&P), Adele Smith (WEJ), Angela Guidice (Multicultural Project).

Two new faces: Adele and Angela. Welcome!

NEXT MEETING: Feb 9, 3pm. 678 Mass Ave/Central Square at the offices of Goldstein & Patchen.

Tony reviewed the bid of the Shaw Foundation, in conjunction with the Boston Fund and Shawmut Bank, to buy an office building downtown (100,000 sq ft). They want to provide below market rental space to non-profits and seem open to the possibility of renting to groups with a political bent. Very interesting.

ACQUISITION UPDATES:

Bob Smith reported on a city of Boston abandoned building at 214 Harvard St near Franklin Field, which the city wants to target to a community group developer. It's a two-story building with 16,000 sq ft on a 26,000 sq ft parcel with parking lot. Vandalized but structurally sound. A commercial building in a residential area. City will send Bob announcement of availability of Request for Proposals (RFP).

Tony and Judy went to view building on Mt. Auburn Street in Watertown. 14,000 sq ft, requiring major renovation. Wheelchair accessible and parking lot. Owner was asking $1.2-1.5 million which certainly puts it out of our range. Tony called Affirmative Investors on a longshot to see if one of their investors might be interested. They felt it was much too early to be even thinking about that kind of participation from their end. Tony and Renee will meet with AI later this month. The owner of this building will put it on the market.

Additional comments from Judy: There are actually 2 buildings on this site. They are contiguous. Judy thinks the owner would accept $1 million or less. Bus line accessible and very accessible by car.

Angela reported that the Saints building (formerly the German Social Club) in J.P. near the new Orange line stop is on the market. Asking price allegedly $425,000 but might be willing to take $350,000. Our best guess was that the size was 7,000 - 10,000 sq ft. This includes open bar/auditorium space on both floors. It's also in an exclusively residential area in J.P. The Saints collective had purchased the building with the aim of
turning it into a lesbian club/bar. After strong neighborhood opposition, the Licensing Board denied them a liquor license. We discussed whether we should ask the Saints to hold off on sale to give us time to explore the feasibility of the building for our needs. Several in the group expressed interest in the potential for the building, while others were not as enthusiastic about relocating to J.P. In the end, no one chose to follow up on the building, as a subset of the coalition, interested in pursuing the building semi-independently. It was felt that there was not enough momentum within the group as a whole to pursue this option. We felt that the discussion was valuable in that it focused us on making a decision on an actual building. It also raised the issue of whether we ourselves would buy or we would find investors to buy.

Renae mentioned that a group of women in state government have formed a development partnership to bid on a piece of the action on Parcel 18. This is land in front of the new Ruggles Orange line station in Lower Roxbury at the Tremont/Columbus crossing. They are interested in building office space geared towards community groups, with us specifically in mind. Alright. Lee suggested that if this project starts to move, the Rainbow might be able to rejoin us.

Discussion of Statement of Principles. Kudos to Nancy and Mike for a fine job on this. Lee raised a concern that sexual politics might not be adequately referenced. After discussion, this was resolved, leaving document essentially as is.

DON'T FORGET (as two of us did) THAT OUR NEXT MEETING IS IN CENTRAL SQUARE, FEB 9, 1987 3 PM AT 678 MASS AVE.
Community Building Corporation

Statement of Principles

The member organizations of the CBC consider the need for permanent, affordable and accessible office space as not only a practical priority but also as a political project. It becomes clearer each day that if those of us who seek peace and justice are to be heard, are to be successful, we will need stable, permanent and mutually supportive organizations. Ownership or access to long-term leases in a building that provides office space and a community hall is key to achieving our goals.

We, the CBC, are a diverse group of organizations and intend to broaden our diversity to reflect collective hopes/aims for the future. The vision shared by all is that there must be a fundamental change in the distribution of power and wealth in our society.

We focus on work around issues of poverty, accessibility, peace, discrimination and economic justice. Our goals are to help people to understand the sources of social and economic injustice and how to change them; to support people trying to take control of their lives through challenging established power, learning to use leadership, and developing self-respect and to work toward the shared vision of a non-oppressive society with economic and political justice. We affirm that the cultural is an important part of our work.

We uphold the inclusion of all people into the building of a movement to achieve a just society. We acknowledge that no one of our groups is the repository of the "correct way" to our goals, but are parts of a many sided whole.

We also acknowledge that a statement of principles such as this is not a stagnant document but has to be an ongoing process in order to be of continuing value.
CBC Group Statements

Boston Women's Health Book Collective - To create a more just society through educating, advocating and organizing around women's health issues.

Greenpeace - The goal of the organization is to protect the natural environment world-wide, taking an eco-system's approach.

Science for the People - SftP is a broad-based, progressive national organization, working to build a science and technology responsive to people's needs.

Haymarket People's Fund - HPF goals are: to help people to understand the sources of social problems and how to change them, to support people trying to gain control of their lives through challenging established power.

Gay Community News - a national and politically progressive forum for lesbian/gay voices - cultural as well as political/personal-exploring the connections between the politics of sexuality and those of race, class, gender and related issues.

Women for Economic Justice - a state-wide organization advocating for the economic empowerment of all women. WEJ is Latin, Euro, African-American women; AFDC recipients, union members, college professors; in their 70s, 20s, 40s. Their diversity is their greatest strength.

Survival Education Fund - a non-profit, tax exempt organization incorporated in 1978. The organization's stated purpose is to produce and disseminate educational information to the public regarding nuclear energy, alternative sources of energy, arms control and disarmament, military technology and human services allocations. In addition, the Fund's activities include, but are not limited to, sponsoring public events, forums, or symposia and organizing community meetings, educational workshops and presentations for private organizations.

Boston Mobilization for Survival - a grassroots political organization established in 1977 under the umbrella of four guiding goals, "Zero Nuclear Weapons", "Ban Nuclear Power", "Reverse the Arms Race", and "Meet Human Needs". It is committed to a multi-tactic approach to achieving progressive social change. It has sponsored numerous public educational events and public protest activities as well as organized a variety of legislative campaigns. In 1985 the four goals were changed to better reflect the organization's efforts to address U.S. military policy in the Middle East, Central America and Southern Africa. The present goals are, "Abolish nuclear Weapons and power", "Stop military intervention", "Meet human needs", and "Reverse the arms race". It now has over 1,200 members/supporters. It is directed by a staff of three and a coordinating committee composed of active members.
Angry Arts - a collective which since 1974 has been presenting films about people in struggle. They use films for purposes of education and to develop a peoples' culture and see their work as contributing to a movement towards progressive change in the U.S.

Resist - Founded in 1967 to resist the illegitimate authority behind the Vietnam war and to support draft resistance and the anti-war movement, Resist developed a greater understanding of the way the war was connected to unequal distribution of power and money at home and a system of U.S. domination abroad. Resist solicited money to build the movement and became a foundation funding organizations working for peace and social justice around the U.S., supporting organizations or projects that fall outside the guidelines of other funding organizations.

Alternative Education Project - publisher of internationally known progressive journal, Radical America, now in its 20th year. RA emphasizes grassroots and popular movements for social change, analysis of feminism, Third World liberation, and radical politics and culture. AEP also sponsors educational forums in the Boston area. The board of directors, assisted by one staff person, guide the activities of the not-for-profit organization.

Disarmament Network (DAN) - a network of over 100 peace and justice organizations in the Boston area. DAN promotes resource sharing, collaboration and cooperative activity through a variety of programs, including workshops, a bi-weekly newsletter and an office clearing house of information on local, national and international peace activities.

Economics Affairs Bureau, Inc. - a non-profit corporation that publishes Dollars & Sense, a monthly general readership economics magazine. Dollars & Sense is edited and produced by a collective of economists and journalists, assisted by a paid staff of four. It offers interpretations of current economic events from a socialist perspective. The magazine is in its thirteenth year of publication with a national readership.
Name of Organization

General Information
1) Give a brief history of your group.
2) What are the goals of your group and how do you plan to achieve them?
3) Other than the project for which you are requesting funds, please briefly describe other current and planned future projects of your group?
4) How does your group operate? How do you make decisions? How many members?
5) Please attach a yearly financial budget, both income and expenses.
6) Which other foundations have you applied to in the past and with what results? Are you applying to other foundations for this project?

Political Information
7) Briefly - what is the political philosophy of your group? What political work do you do and on which issues?
8) Do you belong to a national organization or party? If so, which?
9) Do you work in coalitions? How do you work on other national and international issues and with which groups?
10) What is the make-up/diversity of your group in terms of age, race, sexual preference, class, men/women?
11) What is the position of your group (including programs, coalition work) on the issues of the rights of (a) people of color, (b) working class and poor people, (c) women including reproductive rights and the right to abortion, (d) gay & lesbian rights/liberation, (e) disabled people, (f) older people. Please answer each of these questions.

Specific project for funding
12) Amount requested:
13) Please describe the project and attach a budget breakdown for it.
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1) NC Center for Peace Education  Y N Maybe

2) Appalachian Peace & Justice Netw.  Y N Maybe

3) WAMM (Minn, MN)  Y N Maybe

4) S. Orange County Draft Counsel. Center  Y N Maybe

5) WAMM (Superior, WI)  Y N Maybe

6) Nat. Conf. on Nonviolence  Y N Maybe

7) ARC  Y N Maybe

8) Minn. CALC  Y N Maybe

9) Dorchester Women's Committee  Y N Maybe

10) KWANZAA  Y N Maybe

11) MERIP  Y N Maybe
12) HR Research & Ed. Foundation  ____Y____N____Maybe

13) Labor Cmte. on Central America  ____Y____N____Maybe

14) NW Regional CISPES  ____Y____N____Maybe

15) Boston Jewish Sanctuary Cmte.  ____Y____N____Maybe

16) Xchange TV  ____Y____N____Maybe

17) BANCA  ____Y____N____Maybe

18) Co-Madre Tour Project  ____Y____N____Maybe

19) NLG C.A. Task Force  ____Y____N____Maybe

20) Mid-Hudson Nica. Support Group  ____Y____N____Maybe

21) CASA  ____Y____N____Maybe

22) Mothers' Tour for Peace  ____Y____N____Maybe
23) Washington Pledge of Resistance  ____Y____N____Maybe

24) Eugene Big Mt. Support Group  ____Y____N____Maybe

25) WRL  ____Y____N____Maybe

26) Maine Progressive  ____Y____N____Maybe

27) OK Client Council  ____Y____N____Maybe

28) Before Stonewall Film Project  ____Y____N____Maybe

29) CIA on Trial Project  ____Y____N____Maybe

30) National Bioregional Conf.  ____Y____N____Maybe

31) Puget Sound Task Force on H.R.  ____Y____N____Maybe
RESIST BOARD MEETING: March 1, 1987

Present: Kate Cloud, Roxanna Pastor, Tatiana Schreiber, Nancy Moniz, Louis Kampf, Wayne O'Neil, Ken Hale, Tess Ewing, Nancy Wechsler

Board Outreach, New Members: We set up a subcommittee to discuss previous process and come up with new process. Our priorities continue to be to find more people of color for the board. Subcommittee: Louis Kampf, Nancy Wechsler, and Connie Chan (if she is interested). Wechsler suggested that board outreach also be discussed at a board/staff lunch meeting. agreed. Someone brought up that Mark Miller was interested in the Resist board. If and when we agree to additional white board members, his name will be discussed.

Community Building Corporation: (Movement Building Coalition): A possible building has been found near central square in Cambridge at 130 Prospect St. It will probably sell for 500,000 and is presently owned by St. Mary's Church. An architect will be looking at the building soon, people are looking into possible investors. Resist had voted some time ago to donate 15,000 as its share of equity (downpayment). The staff brought up whether or not this was a realistic figure. Wechsler argued for 10,000 so as not to severely curtail our ability to do future prospecting mailings to get new donors. It was agreed to put in 10,000 if the coalition really decided to buy the building. Louis K. also mentioned to Wechsler that short term loans (from board members, I believe) would be available to Resist for prospecting mailings if that ever should be needed.

Review of Grant Application Form: Most of the discussion focussed on question 11 of the application form. Louis suggested leaving it out because people know it's a loyalty test. Most people felt it needed to be reworded. Roxanna: It's not do you support these issues, it's what you do around it. Having the question in the application form makes people think about them. Tatiana: We are trying to get at "how does the political philosophy include these issues" Maybe 10 and 11 could be combined. Tess: "Do you support and what are you doing?" We might not expect them to be active but we don't want them to have bad positions on stuff. Louis suggested combing question 7 and 11. Tatiana suggested the order of the questions be: 7, 11, 9, 10, 8. "Be specific about how your group addresses the rights and concerns of...." #10- What steps are you taking to make your group more diverse? Decisions: We established a subcommittee (Tatiana, Tess, Nancy Moniz) to re-word and re-organize the grant application form. We also agreed that the specific project the group is seeking funds for should come first. Also that the groups name and address and contact person be at the top of the first page of the sheets that go to the whole board. (Also see suggested change under CASA grant discussion, #21.) It should be noted that everyone felt that the application form had been very helpful, even though there were alterations to be made in it.

Policy Decisions: We went through the list of Policy Decisions that Nancy Moniz had sent out in an earlier board packet. We made the following changes: Guidelines for loan fund--policy read "loans will go for fundraising mailings and not subscription campaigns..." We took out the not. Wechsler brought up the issue of 10% salary raise per year and said Meredith had mentioned that if she had stayed on for a fourth year she
didn't think she would have taken a 10% raise. Wechsler asked if it was ever discussed what would happen if someone stayed for years and years. (Louis said when it was written it was kind of assumed people would last about three years.) Resist needs to figure out if it can afford that kind of raise and if that is realistic. Wechsler suggested this be taken up by the personnel committee, but that the present staff was hired under the agreement of a 10% raise per year and that that could not be changed unless the staff agreed. The staff is the personnel committee and it hopes to have a proposal over the summer.

Money Market account: old policy reads "The staff will borrow up to 5,000-10,000 for direct mailings with board approval and pay back the loan when the mailing comes in." Was changed to read: "The staff will borrow from 10-15,000 for direct mailings with approval at a board/staff lunch meeting, and will pay back the loan when the mailing comes in." Wechsler argued for this increase in money because of the increasing costs of prospecting mailings. (Our June mailing cost almost 20,000.)

Amount of $ per grant: old policy reads: "decided to allocate $250 for each proposal received for each meeting." It seems that 200 is what we have been using and we reaffirmed continuing to use 200.

Movement Building Coalition: see above. We agreed to put up 10,000, not 15,000 for the building should the groups decide to go ahead with purchase plans.

Newsletter: We discussed whether or not it was wise to run a letter to the editor and wait a whole month for a response. We agreed not to make a hard and fast rule, but people thought a response in the same issue was preferable. We also agreed to notify letter writers that we were printing their letters. Roxanna suggested we might want a section in the newsletter called "New Resources" like HIC has. People liked this idea. Wechsler thought it didn't even have to be new resources.

20th anniversary: We discussed doing a special issue of the newsletter for our 20th anniversary. It would either be the july/august or september issue. It was suggested we do an article on changes in Resist over 20 years and where it's going now (where is it going now?).... Also print progress reports from groups we have funded. Another suggestion was to interview Resisters about Resist (the changes and where it's going....) We set up yet another subcommittee for this task: Kate, Tatiana, Roxanna, Wechsler. (Don't these people already have enough to do?????)

Wechsler raised the issue of whether or not we would want to have some kind of joint party with Radical America, which is celebrating its 15th anniversary. People were amenable to this idea as long as it involved a minimum of work. (Which reminds me, in case you get booked up in advance, Boston Mobe (10 years), South End Press (10 years) and Gay Community News (15 years) are having a joint anniversary celebration December 5th.)

Office: We presently have in our bank accounts:

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Staff felt good about our financial status but urged board not to spend
GRANTS: 31 groups applied to Resist for this board meeting. We gave out a total of $6,200 to 18 groups.

2. Appalachian Peace and Justice Network (Athens, OH) $200 towards their request for money for resources (videos, publications) and a video tape recorder. Group got good references. They do lots of Central America work. People didn't like the way they answered the questions. Thought the group was pretty churchy, and could get church money. Tatiana said the networking they did was important. We agreed to give them some money plus a letter about their answers to number 10.

5. Women Against Military Madness (Superior, WI) $100 for postage for mailings. (This is the amount they had asked for.) Questions were raised about how they answered 10 and 11 and the question about other funding sources.

8. Minnesota CALC (Duluth) $500 to fund counter-recruiting efforts aimed at High School and college students. Good references, people liked the project.

9. Dorchester Women's Committee (MA) Granted their request for $250 towards expenses of Dorchester International Women's Day Celebration on March 7th. People were familiar with this group and felt good about them.

10. KWANZAA (Burlington, VT) $450 towards expenses for organizing for International Women's Day. Good references from Burlington. One of the few multi-racial groups in Vermont. Louis raised the issue of since their main work is around multi-cultural issues what about Arab-Americans and the Middle East? Zionism and anti-zionism. We agreed to give them money and ask them if they did work around discrimination of Arab-Americans.

11. Middle East Research & Info. Project (MERIP) (NYC) $400 for publicity and distribution of two issues on nuclear and conventional arms in M.E. and threat to world peace. People felt they didn't answer questions very well and that perhaps they assumed we knew them well enough to not have to bother with a complete grant application. We agreed to give them a grant and mention in the letter that we assumed they had written the proposal the way they did because we are familiar with them, but that in the future we would urge them to be more complete.

12. Human Rights Research & Education Foundation (Chicago, IL) $400 towards cost of computer for their work on Palestinian human rights abuses. References were good. Question was raised whether or not this project was really necessary and whether or not there was other funding for human rights abuses. It was pointed out that it might be hard to get funding for human rights abuses in the middle east.

13. Labor Committee on Central America (Seattle, WA) $450 for copying of video on National Unity of Salvadoran Workers Conference and for brochure and distribution costs. People liked the video. We agreed to ask them for an ad for it which we would run in the newsletter.

14. Northwest Regional CISPES (Oakland, CA) $400 toward expenses of a Canon copier.

15. Boston Jewish Sanctuary Network (Somerville, MA) $300 for their outreach and education project in support of a Central American refugee. Louis: on the surface this is a good thing, but probably only 1 rabbi (instead of 20) would have signed the ad they wrote if the talked about Israel's role in Central America. We agreed to give them money for their work and ask them if they raise the issue of Israel's role in Central America.

17. Boston Area Network on Central America (MA) $400 for expenses of Peace
in C.A. campaign. "T" signs. In their flyer they mention every country, but they don't mention the contras in Honduras. They only mention the Salvadoran refugees in Honduras, not the Honduran refugees in Honduras, forced to become refugees because of the contra presence. (Still and all, we gave them money, but agreed to mention their omissions.)

18. Co-Madre Tour Project (Arlington, MA) $400 for poster and brochure for tour in March. People were interested in seeing the video.

20. Mid-Hudson Nicaragua Support Project (New Paltz, NY) $100 for expenses of teach-in on Central America and the Caribbean on Feb. 28th. This is a conservative part of NY, it is good someone is doing something. Roxanna raised some concerns about Honduras work. Wechsler raised some concerns about their glorification of the Sandinistas as a model (knowing she was in the minority). There were enough questions raised that we decided to only give a token.

21. Central America Solidarity Association (Camb, MA) $400 towards cost of Spanish language section of C.A. Report. Casa has a large income, mostly from Spanish classes. Do people read this paper? Yes. We agreed to give them money but wanted to know what their outreach plan/strategy was and who was the Latino contingent of casa?

*****The discussion of whether or not to fund CASA pushed to the forefront the problem of groups applying that we know and who don't bother to fill out the application form thoroughly. We agreed that groups that have applied before that we know should be as specific as possible about the project for which they are requesting funds. We instructed the application subcommittee to write some little intro saying: "Do you need to fill this all out? If you submitted a proposal last year and were funded you don't have to fill out the history section....but concentrate on the specific project for which you are requesting funds."

23. Washington Area Pledge of Resistance (D.C.) $200 for funding for a staff person for their education campaign against the contra office/activity in D.C. Louis: How useful is it to spend time organizing against the contra office versus the US government? Roxanna: Doing this kind of work in DC is very hard. Their efforts were very successful. It's good that it is such a specific project. This is a good project and a good group. We can't give them enough money to do what they need, but we could give them some.

24. Eugene Big Mountain Support Group (OR) $450 for office expenses.

28. "Before Stonewall" Film Project (NYC) $400 for expenses of printing and distribution of study guide for film. We suggested they apply for funding from Educators for Social Responsibility. Questions were raised about whether one study guide would work for different educational levels. Some people really like the guide, others didn't. Some really liked the movie, others didn't. But it was agreed the movie would be enlightening to those who knew little or nothing about gay people, and that the guide would help those teachers get discussions going.

31. Puget Sound Task Force on Human Rights (Seattle, WA) $400 for the cost of producing a brochure on their group & anti-racist, anti-semitism, human rights work. Louis wanted to know if they included anti-arab hate groups in their work. We will ask them about this in our letter to them.

One theme that kept coming up throughout the meeting was whether or not we are consistent in our judgments of groups. One group we will give money to even if we don't like their answers to a particular question (mostly #11) and another group we will turn down with similarly un-appealing answers. It seems geographic location has been one factor in this. Also we seem to be
harder on multi-issue groups (particularly ones that say they are peace and justice, human rights, multi-cultural) who leave out say abortion or the middle east than we are on single issue groups. We are also harder on groups we know less about and tend to fill in the gaps in the answers from groups we know well. This issue caused some amount of frustration at the meeting, particularly in deciding about whether or not to fund Kwanzaa and the Puget Sound Task Force on Human Rights. It raises the issue of whether or not we have bottom lines. At what point do we dig in and say that a group which takes up racism and anti-semitism but doesn't explicitly say whether they take up anti-arab racism will not get resist funding? Louis seemed ready to dig in at the last meeting. The rest of us seemed willing to fund the groups and raise the issue in our letter to them. Many of the same questions have come up in terms of a groups relationship to abortion and reproductive rights. This topic seemed important to discuss further.

NO
1. North Carolina Center for Peace Education (Chapel Hill) References were good. Mandy Carter said they serve a good role, new work, no middle east work, not much women's issues. Louis: they hedged on the reproductive rights question. Seems like useful work, but liberal. They should be able to get money from more liberal sources. Kate: feel basically positive about group but it isn't a Resist priority. Frank B. (we had his proxy and read it for each grant proposal) said: NO, boring, not a resist priority.
3. Women Against Military Madness (Minneapolis, MN) Good references. They ended up discussing the abortion issue and taking a position supporting the right to abortion. People didn't like their responses to questions: "People of color don't have time to devote to peacemaking." Liberal project. Louis: How useful is War Toys campaign? Kate: It is an important way to reach people, really taking off. Tess: Liberal money, large budget. We agreed to solicit a proposal from their Middle East Committee. So a letter should go both to the Task Force and to WAMM.
4. South Orange County Draft Counseling Center. NLG military task force hadn't heard of them. Resist did fund in March 1985. This is a very conservative area of the country. People didn't like the answers to the questions. We discussed postponing, but decided to turn them down and suggest they get in touch with other groups doing similar work.
6. National Conference on Nonviolence (Brookings, SD) Brief discussion. Mobe endorsed conference, but didn't plan it. We decided on No grant and to say it wasn't a Resist priority.
16. Xchange TV (NY, NY) This was postponed from last meeting. They still haven't sent us the info we requested so we decided to turn them down and suggest they re-submit another proposal.
19. NLG Central America Task Force (NY, NY) No, not a Resist priority.
25. WRL (NY, NY) Their annual budget is $385,000. Too large budget group for us. We would entertain grants from local WRL groups. We liked the project and felt there was other money for SA work.
29. CIA on Trial Project (Amherst, MA) This project should be able to get enough funding from local community, and given the names of some of those involved they shouldn't need Resist funding. We agree to say it wasn't a funding priority for us and they should be able to raise funds from the local community.
30. National Bioregional Congress (Portland, ME) People were not into this.
We agreed to say it wasn't a Resist priority.

POSTPONED:
7. Arms Control Resource Center (SF) They didn't respond to our letter of 12/29.
22. Mother's Tour for Peace (JP) We postponed so that we could find out who is really organizing this.
27. Oklahoma Client Council (Oklahoma City) Postponed until we get references.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: SUNDAY, MAY 3RD, 11am, Tess's (104 Auburn, Camb.)
If it seems like we are getting overloaded with proposals for that meeting the staff will consult with a few board members and possibly call an evening board meeting before May 3rd.

That's it. Don't forget the various subcommittees: Board Outreach, Grant Application, Personnel, 20th Anniversary Newsletter. A prize will go to the person who can correctly name all the members of each subcommittee without referring to their minutes. If you missed the meeting and want to be on one of the subcommittees, let the staff know.

See you all in May -- At which point I will have been here one year. And the snow will be all melted (I hope).

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