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Resist Board Meeting, Aug. 9, 1987

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AGENDA

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GRANT REQUESTS

Peace/Anti-militarism work

1) World Peacemakers (Portland, OR) - $600 requested toward costs of Portland Military Conversion Zone campaign

2) Mobilization for Survival (Albuquerque, NM) - Request of $600 for expenses of Rio Grande Corridor Action in October against Star Wars facilities/projects

3) Friends for a Non Violent World (Minneapolis, MN) - They're asking for $600 for their project of alternatives to the military for high school students

4) So. CA. Unions for Comprehensive Test Ban (Los Angeles) - $500 requested for expenses of meeting for organizing in labor movement in Orange and San Diego counties for test ban

CENTRAL AMERICA SOLIDARITY

5) CODICES (San Francisco, CA) - Postponed from June meeting. They're asking for $600 to help fund their cultural magazine. We needed to see an outline of the magazine as well as information on their outreach plans. They're sending it for meeting.

6) Southern CA. Ecumenical Council (Los Angeles, CA) - $600 asked for expenses of their Sanctuary Outreach Program

7) Ben Linder Peace Tour (Washington, DC) - Request of $600 toward expenses of their national speaking tour of the Linder family.

8) Committee for Health Rights in Central America (Los Angeles, CA) - They're asking for $482 for printing and distribution of their brochure
9) Somos Hermanas (San Francisco, CA) - $500 requested for printing costs of a discussion paper on Salvadoran women

10) Berkshire Amistad (Pittsfield, MA) - Request of $600 for expenses of a Guatemala exhibit

11) Nicaragua Information Center (Berkeley, CA) - They're asking for $500 for educational material for a tour of a Nicaraguan family in Sept./Oct.

WOMEN

12) Kitchen Table: Women of Color Press (Latham, NY) - $600 requested for a mass mailing of Press catalogue

13) Women's Alliance (Framingham, MA) - Request of $600 for outreach expenses for the So. Middlesex Women's Center & Boarding House/Centro de Mujeres

LESBIAN & GAY

14) Boston Lesbian & Gay March on Washington Committee (MA) - $600 requested as grant for newsletter and $1,000 loan asked for cost of fund raising/outreach letter.

15) Inside Out (Los Angeles, CA) - Request of $591 for 500 cassette copies of half-hour sample program for gay & lesbian community

16) Lesbians & Children Conference (Cambridge, MA) - $600 asked for general funding for Conference in November

HOMELESSNESS

17) Ecumenical Peace Institute/CALC (Berkeley, CA) - $600 requested for general funding

18) October 6th Coalition (NY, NY) - They're re-applying for $600 for expenses of a bi-lingual public education campaign on international/national homelessness for organizing purposes

MISCELLANEOUS

19) Syracuse Alternative Media Network (NY) - Request of $600 to help with expenses of their fund raising efforts. Postponed from June meeting. We wanted to see a copy of one of their videos as well as get another reference. They're sending a copy to view at board meeting

20) Eastern CT. Citizen Action Group (Willimantic, CT) - They're asking for $500 for expenses of organizing a senior citizen health care project
21) Santa Clara Occupational Safety & Health/Injured Workers United (San Jose, CA) - $500 requested for printing of brochure

22) African Peoples Solidarity Committee (Oakland, CA) - Request of $600 for expenses of Week Against Genocide and Conference Against Racism on Oct. 10 & 11

23) Big Mountain Legal Office (Washington, DC) - They're asking $600 for public education expenses to religious, legal and social justice organizations about lawsuit

24) Alliance for Philippine Concerns/Philippine Support Cmte. (San Francisco, CA) - $600 requested for costs of printing booklet on death squads in Philippines. We'll have a synopsis/review by Karin Aguilar for the meeting

25) Boston Movement for a New Society (MA) - Request of $500 for expenses of a week-long training program for activists and organizers

**LOAN REQUESTS**

26) Dollars & Sense (Somerville, MA) - They're asking for $1,000 to help cover production expenses for *Real World Macro*, the D&S anthology to college professors for classroom use

27) Boston Lesbian & Gay March on Washington Committee - $1,000 request (see #14 above)

That's what we have for consideration at the August meeting. Again, if any board member knows about the above groups, please call/write me with a reference. It helps a great deal if references are from board members. Also, I'm including a form at the bottom of this letter for the September board meeting. Frankly, I haven't gotten much feedback with this system (Is anyone out there?) but I'll do it again because I was asked to. I'm off for a week's vacation but I'll be seeing some of you at the August and September board meetings.

For peace and justice,

Nancy Moniz
Resist staff

**FILL OUT & RETURN TO RESIST**

Since I can't attend the August 9th board meeting, below is my choice of the date I can attend the September meeting in New York City............

Sept. 13 _____ Sept. 20 _____ Sept. 27 _____ Other_____

NAME
Resist Board Meeting, August 9, 1987  Proxy Sheet

1) World Peacemakers ______Y______N______Maybe

2) Mobilization for Survival (Alb.,NM) ______Y______N______Maybe

3) Friends for NonViolent World ______Y______N______Maybe

4) So. CA Unions/Comp.Test Ban ______Y______N______Maybe

5) CODICES ______Y______N______Maybe

6) South. CA Ecumenical Council ______Y______N______Maybe

7) Ben Linder Peace Tour ______Y______N______Maybe

8) Cmte. for Health Rights in C.A. ______Y______N______Maybe

9) Somos Hermanas ______Y______N______Maybe
10) Berkshire Amistad  ____Y  ____N  ____Maybe

11) Nica. Information Center  ____Y  ____N  ____Maybe

12) Kitchen Table  ____Y  ____N  ____Maybe

13) Women's Alliance  ____Y  ____N  ____Maybe

14) Boston L&G March/DC Cmte.  ____Y  ____N  ____Maybe

15) Inside Out  ____Y  ____N  ____Maybe

16) Lesbians & Children Conference  ____Y  ____N  ____Maybe

17) Ecumenical Peace Institute  ____Y  ____N  ____Maybe

18) October 6th Coalition  ____Y  ____N  ____Maybe

19) Syracuse Altern. Media Net.  ____Y  ____N  ____Maybe
20) Eastern CT Citizen Action __ Y __ N ___ Maybe

21) Santa Clara Injured Workers ____ Y ____ N ____ Maybe

22) African Peoples Solidar. Cmte. _____ Y ____ N ____ Maybe

23) Big Mt. Legal Office _____ Y ____ N ____ Maybe

24) Alliance for Phil. Concerns _____ Y ____ N ____ Maybe

25) Boston MNS _____ Y ____ N ____ Maybe

26) Dollars & Sense _____ Y ____ N ____ Maybe

27) Boston L & G March/DC Cmte. _____ Y ____ N ____ Maybe
RESIST BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 9, 1987

Present: Kate C., Roxanna P., Pam C., Nancy M., Nancy W., Louis K., Rene V.

Board Outreach Committee Report: Nancy Moniz sent out notices to community newspapers saying we were specifically looking for more people of color for our board. There will be a blurb in our upcoming newsletter. Louis is still trying to set up a meeting with Daniel Richardson, who must be out-of-town. Roxanna knows a Cuban woman here in Boston who she is going to talk to about the Resist board.

Foreign Funding Committee Report: The foreign funding subcommittee decided that if the Capp Street Foundation was something our donor was interested in we would recommend she go with them. If Capp street isn't what she's looking for we will continue to discuss whether or not Resist can take this project on itself. Paul Lauter has suggested we contact Charlotte Bunch (who lives in Brooklyn) and discuss possibilities with her. Roxanna asked whether or not we could pass along specific project suggestions to our donor at this time. We said that we thought that that would be ok, but that she will be out of the country until January.

20th Anniversary Committee Report: Newsletter: Kate went over packet of what people wrote, said it was very interesting. Meeting on Monday at 5pm at Office. Deadline for this issue is third week in September.

PARTY: The Anniversary party we are doing with MOBE, GCN, RA, and the Lawyers Guild is moving along. Pam and Meredith have been working on this. Resist put up the front money ($200) to reserve the Villa Victoria. Meredith and Pam volunteered Resist to take care of food for the event, which means bringing it, setting up, serving, selling and clean up. (someone else is doing drinks) Louis suggested we talk to Abe Ryebeck who does catering. We need to put something in the newsletter about this event-time, place, etc. Also maybe insert a flyer in with the New England newsletters.

Newsletter: We have gotten many positive responses to our Middle East issue. Tatiana would like Pam to contact her vis a vis a writer for an article on Korea, and Tess to contact her vis a vis some other article. Yana also asked if there was anyone else on the Board who could volunteer to coordinate the special 20th anniversary issue, she needs more help. Kate said we still needed to notify writers of what we will be using. Rene said he would work on the issue. Nancy M. said she might be able to help come up with some of the grant stuff and the committee should ask her for help. Louis raised the question of whether or not there is a problem with the newsletter....maybe we have allocated too few hours to do it, or maybe Yana's goal is too ambitious. We agreed to discuss it at a board/staff lunch.

Office: Finance Report-- Bay Bank Account $7200, Working Assets $51,328, Loan fund $3700, total: approx. $62,240. (Also $1000 still owed to us from sale of stock.) We owe about $1000 in newly arrived bills.
other people have complained it is impossible to get through to the office. Cost of 2nd line: $80 for installation, $25 more each month, approximately $70-130/per phone for 2 new phones. We suggested getting two lines that run into each other, but staff will discuss this option a bit more. Board agreed to getting a 2nd phone line.

March on Washington: The Multi-issue task force of the march, of which Resist is a part, has organized a T-ad campaign for the Red line, Orange Line and Blue lines. T-ads cost $15 each to sponsor an ad on the T, and $10 if you want a copy of it for yourself. $25 gets you both! See Nancy Moniz if you want to buy one. (or send in the form we've included with this mailing.)

New York Board Meeting: Most people seemed to have a slight preference for Sunday September 27th. So that's the date. Since George V. was out-of-town we couldn't consult with him about using his apartment. So the place is still "to be announced" but it will definitely be in NYC.

Review of 6th Month Priorities: We agreed to bring a report to the New York meeting. Has it made a difference to have priorities? Have we gotten more proposals, given out more money? We should get at least some feedback from New Yorkers on this. We agreed to allocate 30-50 minutes at the NY meeting for this discussion. If we can decide at that meeting, that would be best. If not, we will set up another meeting.

Accounting: Ellie R. (our accountant) came in and helped Wechsler set up the new accounting program. Wechsler has begun entering 1987 figures onto the computer and hopes to get caught up before too long.

Request for Grant Re-consideration: The Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights (Chicago, IL) asked us to re-consider their funding proposal. Roxanna said that if it was a good group that we thought could get money elsewhere, then we should re-consider. Wechsler suggested we talk to Cathy Christeller (Women Organized for Reproductive Choice, Chicago) and then re-consider at next board meeting. Nancy Moniz will check out why we rejected them, get reference from Cathy and report back. She will also write them a letter letting them know what we are doing.

GRANTS: We gave out a total of $5000 to 14 groups. (11 yes's, 3 some's, 2 postpones, 3 no's and 2 yes's to loans.)

2. Mobilization for Survival (Albuquerque, NM) $400 towards expenses of Rio Grande Corridor Action in October against Star Wars facilities/projects. References said this was a small, but good group.

3. Friends for a Non Violent World (Minneapolis, MN) $400 for their project on alternatives to the military for high school students. References were good. Pam supports them for doing youth and militarism work. Wechsler wasn't thrilled with the Quaker philosophy of the group, but was willing to go along with this project. Roxanna brought up how they responded to question 10e "Disabled people are volunteers at FNVW. Each year People Camp is attended by a number of physically, mentally, and visually impaired people. We support the rights of all people including handicapped people."

5. CODICES (SF, CA) $400 to help fund their cultural magazine. Vanguard was
impressed with their work, and gave them a grant. Rene- group of Salvadoran intellectuals who live in Nicaragua. Wrote good article on low intensity warfare. They are ok, cultural. RF-content seemed good. Rene- their goal is to try to work with community.

11. Nicaragua Information Center (Berkeley, CA) $400 for education material for a tour of a Nicaraguan family in Sept/Oct. Roxanna said they are a good organization, work with a lot of different groups.


13. Women's Alliance (Framingham, MA) $200 towards outreach expenses for the So. Middlesex Women's Center & Boarding House/Centro de Mujeres. The Boston Women's Fund has funded them. They work around Up to Poverty issues, etc. Renee Scott from Haymarket felt they were doing good work. We debated the old political vs. social service question and decided to give them "some."

14. and 27. Boston Lesbian & Gay March on Washington (Boston, MA) $500 towards cost of putting out their newsletter. We also agreed to give them the $1000 loan they requested (to be paid back within three months.) Louis raised the question of the groups ability to pay back a loan when it was a coalition of groups working on the March. This seemed like a reasonable concern, but Wechsler said the group had made a priority of paying back individuals, gay businesses, and groups like Resist first. The staff for the March will be working for two weeks after the march to clean up anything left hanging. Some people hope the organizing for the march will bring together a more ongoing coalition of gay/lesbian groups in the area. Wechsler feels at best it will get better working relationships going, and pull people into existing groups who are not presently affiliated. The march has definitely attracted a lot of people who are not presently in any groups but who are looking for the gay community and looking to get politically active.

Roxanna said she would like to see their newsletter and other literature in Spanish. She could help with the translating. Wechsler said the People of Color task force of the march had said they were working on some literature in spanish, but doesn't know if there are plans to translate the newsletter.

15. Inside Out (LA, CA) $350 towards cost of 500 cassette copies of half-hour sample program for gay/lesbian radio show. Yana listened to their tape, and wrote up a positive report. Thought this was a good project.

16. Lesbians & Children Conference (Cambridge, MA) $400 towards general funding for conference in November. The main discussion was whether or not to give them a loan instead of a grant. Connie said via proxy that she thought we should give them a loan. Louis agreed. Wechsler didn't think that felt right, since they asked for a grant. Thought the conference was part of on-going work on the area of lesbian motherhood, lesbians and children, and the whole issue of having or not having children... that this would be a much more political conference than last years. Many people on the board were really impressed by the grant proposal. We finally agreed to give them a grant.
17. Ecumenical Peace Institute/CALC (Berkeley, CA) $200 towards general funding. I didn't seem to write much down for this discussion other than that we suggest to them they not hand-write their correspondence.

20. Eastern Ct. Citizen Action Group (Willimantic, CT), $200 towards expenses of organizing a senior citizen health care project. Questions were raised about whether or not they were too liberal. We agreed to say something like we think they are a good project and want to support them so are sending them a small grant, but with our limited resources our funding goes to more openly radical projects.

21. Santa Clara Occupational Safety and Health/Injured Workers United (San Jose, CA) $400 towards cost for printing brochure. good references.

23. Big Mountain Legal Office (Washington, DC) $350 towards public education expenses to religious, legal and social justice organizations about lawsuit. References were good.

24. Alliance for Philippine Concerns/Philippine Support Committee (SF, CA) $400 towards costs of printing booklet on death squads in the Philippines. Karin (from D&S) thought it was a good book but had some criticisms- in intro they compare Philippines with El Salvador, but that wasn't very clear. She thought the book would be a good resource. We agreed to fund it.

**LOANS:**

26. Dollars & Sense (Somerville, MA) $1000 loan to help cover production expenses for Real World Macro, the D&S anthology to college professors for classroom use. We have to work out with them the time frame for re-payment.

27. Boston March on Washington Committee for Lesbian/Gay Rights. $1000 loan. (see #14)

**No's:**

1. World Peacemakers (Portland, OR) Not recommended by reference. Dishonest in canvassing and fundraising. Portland groups are getting together to talk about this group. The guy who started this also started campaign for abortion-free zone. (Louis mentioned here that people shouldn't lump Phil and Dan Berrigan together. That Phil doesn't push is views on abortion, whereas Dan does.)

4. Southern California Unions for Comprehensive Test Ban (LA, CA) Louis argued against this. Folks come out of the freeze. Politics they are pushing are totally irrelevant to what is being debated/discussed. They are pushing for a comprehensive test ban. Not a resist priority. Pam: we should say something like we feel it's a good idea to get union people together, but disagree with your approach. People should be talking about the latest disarmament issues, not just a test ban.

6. Southern CA. Ecumenical Council (LA). References were good. Wechsler questioned their answer to #11d "what is the position of your group on the issues of the rights of each of the following: gays/lesbians: "This is a non-issue for us because we work with all people in the struggle to oppose
US intervention in Central America." It turned out Nancy Moniz wrote them about this and they responded in much the same way saying the race and sexual preference were non-issues and they treated everyone the same (or something like that...very liberal, lack of understanding of question, etc.). Nancy Moniz and Louis thought they could get money elsewhere. We agreed we would send them a copy of our editorial on the March on Washington.

7. Ben Linder Peace Tour (Washington, DC) good references from National Nica. ambitious tour. They have raised $100,000. Got lots of press. They will be in New England Oct 15-19th. Pam: glad to see this is happening, but not a resist priority. RP: It's a good way to reach people to have people touring who have lost relatives in CA. I like the project. Good way to get to people. Louis: Maybe we should mention this in our newsletter. Mentioning where people can send money to support them. We will also mention it in the next pledge letter. We will let them know we will be doing this.

9. Somos Hermanas (SF, CA) Vanguard said there were Line of March people in the group but they don't dominate. Peter Drucker (a friend of Wechsler's) said they are tied to Line of March. They have a superficial analysis of gay/lesbian liberation. Feminist issues poor, uncritical of Cuba and the Soviet Union. RP: Says local group has done some good organizing, particularly around Latina women. We had a long discussion on this one. We discussed whether or not we would fund Line of March, regardless of the project. We finally agreed not to fund them because of their connection to Line of march, and the specifics of what we heard about their work in SF. RP will still call a friend of hers out there for more information. We agreed we would still be willing to give money to a coalition where they are members, but not in control of the group.

10. Berkshire Amistad (Pittsfield, MA) References were positive. RP: Upset because they don't take a stand on gay stuff when a gay man did the art work for the show. Louis: art show can have a good impact. We agreed to say we have limited amount of money to give away and this was not a resist priority. I can't remember if we said we would bring up the gay stuff or not.

18. October 6th Coalition (NY, NY) Louis: Political project isn't going anywhere. Pam: does this specific project have value? Louis: They are not really going to organize the homeless in NY. If their educational material says to people to do something about homelessness and then says to come out Oct. 6th and nothing more...that's a problem. Pam: we need to see the script of the slide show, we need to see the content. We say this in our application form, but they ignored it. We should write them something like: We don't have enough information... we need a script or the show, we can't postpone the decision because it will be too late, but we're sorry we can't fund you. It is to your advantage to provide as much information as possible when applying.

22. African Peoples Solidarity Committee (Oakland, CA) No. They are organizing the conference the same weekend as the gay/lesbian march. They are a democratic centralist sect. undemocratic and narrow politics. Don't include a range of issues. Large dose of panafrican nationalism.
25. Boston Movement for a New Society (MA) Not a Resist priority. Given our limited funds, something primarily devoted to teaching people interpersonal skills is not a priority.

POSTPONED:

8. Committee for Health Rights in CA (LA, CA) They didn't answer Nancy Moniz's questions. Weak on Honduras. Rene thinks it might be a group of Doctors.

19. Syracuse Alternative Media Network (NY) Mixed references. Syracuse Cultural Workers gave them positive reference, Syracuse Peace Council gave them bad reference. RP: Liked video they did on Nicaragua. Interviewed a lot of women, different people than those usually interviewed. Pam/Kate raised issues of distribution. Their distribution scheme is geared more towards academics than to reach the low-income women in Syracuse they say they want to reach. They say purpose of video is to reach community groups, but they don't list community groups in their distribution scheme. Postpone and wait for answer.

That's it. See everyone on Sept. 27th in NYC.