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A call to **RESIST** illegitimate authority

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Board Meeting - Sept. 27, 1987 - 11am

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Amy Swerdlow
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Rene Valle
George Vickers
Nancy Wechsler

AGENDA

- * 20th Anniversary Committee Report
- * Newsletter
- * Office
- * Review of Resist Priorities - At the special board meeting on Feb.9th, we discussed setting priority sectors for consideration, outreach and , in the case of specific groups, possible consideration of re-funding during a grant year. I am including a copy of the minutes of that meeting.

Basically we decided that "While Resist is clearly interested in continuing to fund a whole range of groups working on various issues, for the next six (sic) months it would give priority to good left/radical groups working on: Middle East; Sexual Politics (including anti-homophobia, gay/lesbian; feminist and reproductive rights); C.A. work around Honduras and Guatemala; and Anti-Racist work which includes.... Native American issues and organizing, white or multi-racial groups doing anti-racist organizing & organizing by autonomous people of color groups."

The staff will have a report on the results of the outreach work done in February, March as far as sectors, inquiries and proposals received, in order to give a background to our discussion of priorities for the next six months.

GRANT REQUESTS

Feminist/Lesbian & Gay Work

- 1) Reproductive Rights Access Project (San Francisco, CA) - \$600 requested toward costs of quarterly newsletter
- 2) Women in Theatre Festival (Jamaica Plain, MA) - Request of \$600 for outreach campaign to Boston's Caribbean and minority communities about appearances of the Sistern Theatre Collective of Jamaica
- 3) AIDS Support for Klamath County (Klamath Falls, OR) - They're asking for \$600 for their project. I've asked for more information.
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- \$600 requested toward costs of printing and distribution of a new brochure

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- 6) Black and White Men Together, Chicago (IL) - Request of \$600 for brochure about discrimination

CENTRAL AMERICA SOLIDARITY

- 7) Placa Nica (San Francisco, CA) - \$600 requested toward cost of mural project on US intervention in C.A. for Latina/o district
- 8) Committee for Human Rights in Grenada (NY, NY) - \$600 asked for expenses of advertising of their public forum in November
- 9) University Baptist Church Sanctuary Project (Seattle, WA) - Request of \$600 for expenses of a multi-media seminar for distribution and organizing
- 10) Northwest CoMadres Tour Project (Seattle, WA) - They're asking for \$500 for organizing expenses for tour in November
- 11) Worcester/Comalapa Sister City Project (MA) - \$251 requested for costs of producing their brochure
- 12) Central American Refugee Center (San Francisco, CA) - Request of \$600 for production costs of a brochure for their education campaign
- 13) Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala (Washington, DC) - They're asking for \$600 for expenses of producing a four-page tabloid for their Fall speaking tour of Guatemalan activists
- 14) Boston Labor/Student Delegation to El Salvador (MA)- \$600 requested for production and publicity costs of slide show

LOW INCOME PEOPLE'S EMPOWERMENT WORK

- 15) "Survival News" (West Roxbury, MA) - \$600 requested toward costs of production of this newspaper
- 16) Syracuse Alternative Media Network (NY) - Request of \$600 to help with expenses of fund raising effort. This was postponed a couple of times. The August meeting decision was that we had questions about their distribution plan to reach low-income women. You'll find their answer with the proposal
- 17) Institute for Community Education & Training (Hilton Head, SC) - They're asking for \$600 for a VCR, TV and films. More info to come on political organizing and education

NATIVE AMERICAN ORGANIZING

- 18) Indian Solidarity Concert Committee (Durham, NC) - Request

for funding for publicity expenses of the concert on October 23rd

19) Native Action (Lame Deer, MT) - Request of grant. Since they originally asked for travel expenses, I've asked them to send another request

PEACE/ANTI-MILITARISM WORK

20) Mass. Jobs with Peace (Boston, MA) - \$410 asked for costs of membership flyer

21) Indiana Conference on Peacemaking (South Bend) - Request of \$300 for post-conference mailing & phone expenses as follow-up

22) Manchester Educators for Peace Project (NH) - \$100 request for expenses of their alternatives campaign against military recruiting in high schools

MIDDLE EAST ORGANIZING

23) Chicago Committee for Justice (IL) - Request for costs of public education forum on arrests of Palestinians in Los Angeles on Oct. 8th. I've asked them for more info.

24) National Mobilization for Survival (NY, NY) - They're asking \$500 for production of pamphlet "Middle East Peace Alternative"

25) Ad Hoc Committee on Anti Palestinian Legislation (Washington, DC) - \$600 requested for expenses of outreach work to organizations and individuals

MISCELLANEOUS

26) Bishop Tutu Refugee Fund (Hartford, CT) - Request of \$412 for brochure on South Africa and human rights

27) "Rethinking Schools" (Milwaukee, WI) - They're asking for \$354 for expenses of a fund raising campaign for publication

Please fill out your proxy and send it in if you can't make the NYC meeting as well as the form below. Hope to see you soon.

For peace and justice,

Nancy
Nancy Mohiz, Resist staff

FILL OUT & RETURN TO RESIST

Since I can't attend the Sept. 27th board meeting, below is my choice of the date I can attend the November meeting in Boston

Nov.8 _____ Nov.15 _____ Other _____

NAME

BOARD MINUTES
Resist Board Meeting
September 27, 1987
New York City

Present: Kate Cloud, Wayne O'Neil, George Vickers, Paul Lauter, Hank Rosemont, Louis Kampf, Hans Koning, Nancy Moniz, Tatiana Schreiber, Roxanna Pastor, Nancy Wechsler, Amy Swerdlow, Bell Chevigny, Grace Paley, Frank Brodhead

Anniversary Committee Report: December 5th is a joint anniversary event for Resist, Radical America, Gay Community News, National Lawyers Guild, Cambridge Mobilization for Survival, and Allegra Productions. Watch your next newsletter for details as to time, place, ticket information.

Resist is in charge of food for this event. We have to figure a way to provide food at not a lot of cost. We will discuss this impossible task at the next board/staff lunch. Child care is still in the process of being worked out for the event, but there will be some arrangements made for childcare. If any of you are coming and want childcare, call the Resist office.

Newsletter: Tatiana brought to the meeting a proposal agreed to by the board/ staff lunch group about increasing her hours from 10 hrs/week to either 50 or 54/month. She's been doing the newsletter since December. We had set it up as a 10 hr/week job which would include going to board and board/staff meetings. Tatiana talked to Ken Tangvik and he said his 10 hours didn't include going to meetings. Tatiana wanted more time to solicit and edit articles. She has been spending on the average of 12-15 hours a week. We agreed to make the job 50 hours/month and re-evaluate after 6 months to see if that is realistic. P

There was much praise for the newsletter. Paul L. suggested we look into getting desktop publishing software to cut down on lay-out time. His son sells this stuff. Staff has been thinking about this and keeping track of different kinds of programs. Wechsler pointed out that in order to get desktop publishing for the Resist office computer we would more than likely have to upgrade the computer. She has a computer at home she is contemplating getting some desktop publishing software for. Staff will discuss this again. Changing over to desktop publishing would mean: 1)taking typesetting business away from Gay Community News; 2)having to upgrade our computer or use Wechsler's 3)buy the software, 4)agree that we are interested in learning the technology and that it would in fact save us time over typesetting and layout, 5)feel like it would be helpful and not make the newsletter job more alienating for the editor.

Frank B. brought up the fact that with the demise of WIN magazine we lost a monthly magazine to discuss movement strategy. He once again urged RESIST to serve as a vehicle for those kinds of discussions. It was suggested we put a notice in the newsletter letting people know we are interested in printing these kinds of articles. Amy S. said she would like to see an article based on an analysis of what's going on out there...based on the grant applications we get. What are people really doing? Tatiana read off a list of ideas for future newsletter articles and asked for

suggestions for authors. Here is a partial list of what she read: Mass Movements in El Salvador, Foreign Policy and Opposition Movements in the Eastern Bloc Countries (Frank Brodhead would like to read a draft of this one), AIDS, disability rights, prison issues, pro/con Jackson and the Democratic Party, anti-draft/military work among youth, student movement in China, Korea, Brazil, Nicaragua and abortion/domestic violence (AIDS?), anti-nuke movements in Micronesia, Southern Africa, anti-racism organizing in left groups, english-only initiatives, new age of surveillance, social effects of computerization (see above discussion of desktop publishing!), media and social change, AIDS/Homophobia in Third World Countries, and an analysis of the Freeze/Sane merger. That should keep us busy.

OFFICE: Financial report: Baybank/Harvard Trust: approx 3500
Cambridge Trust Com.: 4000
Working Assets: 46,800
Working Assets loan: 1845
Approx. total: \$56,000

outstanding loans: Dollars & Sense \$1000
March on Washington \$1000
Radical America \$200

New Space: Nothing new to report on the attempts to buy a building with other movement groups.

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS: November 8, 1987 11am, Nancy Wechsler's
57 Moore St., Somerville, MA 02144
617-776-9252

Tentative December Meeting: December 13th Boston

Other business: Wechsler handed out the list of 1987 grants given so far this year. A suggestion was made that when we print them in the Newsletter we might try to write a little blurb about each to say what it was for, or something about the group. That seemed like a lot of extra work for the staff, but they will take it under advisement.

PRIORITIES DISCUSSION: It seemed that the outreach the staff had done to the groups working around Resist's priority issues had had an effect on the number of applications we had from those groups and the number of grants we gave out. Nancy Moniz has the specific breakdown. We briefly discussed again the issue of trying to get groups to take up middle east work, but only being able to offer them \$600 to help them do it. If we were in the position to give a grant of \$10,000 to help them raise funds for a staff person to focus on Middle East work, we might be having more of an effect.

Roxanna said that while working on the 20th anniversary issue of the Resist newsletter she noticed how striking it was how little we have done with disability groups. Roxanna made a proposal that we create a fund the size off an average grant for movement groups to get for ASL, wheelchair accessibility, or for a talk to be transcribed....

George V. said he didn't think it's a good idea. Not in favor of making disability rights a priority for Resist. We have had a broad ideological

bent which doesn't seem to fit making disability rights a priority.

Roxanna: Disability rights is a political issue.

It was suggested we offer supplementary grants. People could call or write the office if they need additional funding to make an event accessible.

Roxanna: There's an obvious disagreement on what role Resist should play. If we put in our guidelines and application form the question about disability rights, then we should be doing something ourselves. Board/search committee...how can we include people with disabilities when our office is inaccessible to many people and we meet in houses which are also often inaccessible to many people. When we ask other groups their position, shouldn't we know what our position is? What right do we have to judge other groups on issues we haven't taken up?

Proposals: 1. put aside the amount of an average grant to have in a (slush?) fund to be made available to movement groups to help make their events more accessible. (VOTED DOWN)

2. Tell people we can give supplemental funding. Let people know when they apply for money, and perhaps write something in the newsletter. (THIS PASSED) P

3. Have a more detailed internal discussion about disability issues and the role they play in movements for social change, and have a newsletter article about it. (THIS PASSED)

Roxanna will meet with staff to work out the process for this to happen.

Louis suggested we look into an article on how societies which have had revolutions, and therefore have a lot of disabled people, deal with disability issues.

Somewhere in this discussion Wechsler tried making the point that disability rights groups, and talking about disability issues gave one the opportunity to really point out what an inhumane world we live in, how it is designed and set up purely with profit motive in mind and not people's needs, and gives you the chance to begin to articulate a vision of what a different world could look like, one that took in the needs of disabled people among many things. (Would we all be so absolutely terrified of ending up in a wheelchair if the world were a place where we could still easily get around in, even in a wheelchair? And of course we are not just talking about wheelchair issues.)

PRIORITIES DISCUSSION CONTINUED: Nancy Moniz suggested we continue our current priorities for the next six months. Frank B. thought we should add groups doing Asian Pacific work, Korea specifically and groups working for a nuclear free and independent Pacific. (WE AGREED TO DO THIS). Frank and Paul L. will work with Nancy Moniz on getting list of groups to contact. P

Paul L. raised the issue of homelessness, though not arguing it should be a Resist priority at this time.

GRANTS: We gave out a total of \$6005 to 16 groups.

4. National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays (Washington, DC) \$600 towards costs of printing and distribution of a new brochure. There was a longish discussion about this. Paul argued we should give them some money but not a full grant. He raised the issue that they didn't have a union bug on their brochure. We talked about mentioning the issue of union/movement bugs to all groups. I think we agreed we would bring this issue up with all groups. Wechsler argued that this was a very important group, from which black lesbians and gay men could gain strength, develop their own political agenda, and come to the gay/lesbian movement and other social movements from a place of strength and power to argue their politics. They publish a very good magazine called BlackOut. Hank R. raised the question as to whether or not they would now continue to get more federal money around the AIDS/minorities work they were doing, and therefore didn't need our money. Wechsler didn't believe this would be the case. There isn't much funding out there for gay/lesbian groups (Chicago Resource Center and Resist are consistently the foundations most likely to fund gay groups...and some parts of the Funding Exchange.) Certainly black and other third world gays/lesbians have less access to money than the rest of the gay/lesbian movement.

5. The Triangle Project (West Hollywood, CA) \$100 token grant to go toward expenses of maintenance contract on copying machine. Many people felt they could get money elsewhere. We agreed to write them that we felt they were a good project but you have sources of support that most groups who come to Resist don't have. If you do something in the future that falls outside the guidelines of some of the groups who have traditionally given you money, we encourage you to apply to us again. In the meantime we are sending you a \$100 grant to show our support of your fine work.

It was suggested we mention this project in our newsletter.

6. Black and White Men Together (Chicago, IL) \$300 to cover expenses of typesetting/printing and postage and material for mail distribution of brochure about discrimination.

Jackie from Crossroads said they hadn't applied to Crossroads. They are more active lately. Not as political as National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays. Wechsler recently met one of their more radical members. Felt the group was a place where people would be pushed politically, and that they were doing some good political work. Paul said it bothered him that they up their requests to \$600 when that doesn't seem to be what they really need. (He was angry about this issue in almost all grant requests.)

We didn't like their response that "Disabled" was not a priority item. We agreed to say something to them about that.

Kate: didn't feel like bars were an important focus. (Pam in her proxy also said she wished they either expanded their project or called their brochure "Discrimination in the bars." Roxanna and Wechsler both felt that the bars play an important role in the gay community and seemed a reasonable focus of an anti-discrimination project.

8. Committee for Human Rights in Grenada (NY, NY) \$600 for advertising their public forum in November. George V. talked to Ramsey Clark and Bert Ohmann. Both were supportive. There has been a lot of sectarianism in the Grenada organizing, but this didn't seem to be a part of that. George thought we

should fund. We did.

10. Northwest CoMadres Tour Project (Seattle, WA) \$500 for organizing expenses for tour in November. Grace remembered the group and thought they were organized and energetic and a good group of feminists. George thought it was a good idea but you should get money from your local area to do the tour, and it wasn't a Resist priority.

11. Worcester/Comalapa Sister City Project (MA) \$251 for costs of producing brochure. We all agreed this was a good project.

13. Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala (Washington, DC) \$600 for expenses of producing a four-page tabloid for their Fall speaking tour of Guatemalan activists. Group was highly recommended. Tatiana said after the meeting that they had missed answering the question on disability and she thought we should ask them if it was an oversight or not.

16. Syracuse Alternative Media Network (NY) \$600 to help with expenses of fund raising effort. George: Unless there is a compelling reason to fund films/videos we don't do it. Pam and Roxanna still didn't feel they had answered the questions about outreach and distribution. Wechsler and Tatiana were confused about why their letter wasn't seen as a response. We took a vote on funding and in a close vote decided to fund. (6 yes, 2 no, 3 for some)

18. Indian Solidarity Concert Committee (Durham, NC) \$200 towards their request for funding for publicity expenses of the concert on October 23rd. Mandy Carter from WRL (Durham) is on organizing committee and gave group good reference. Pam wrote in her proxy "Is a concert a resist priority?" So we gave them some money, but not a full grant. Which doesn't really answer Pam's question.

19. Native Action (Lame Deer, MT) \$600 for staff time to work on follow up from conference. Wechsler argued we either say no, or give them a token or some. Didn't think the focus of the conference (voter registration), at this time, in the 1980s was a Resist priority. Paul L. lectured her (and everyone else) about the 1960s and the civil rights movement and the importance of voter registration campaigns. Wechsler never did get to respond to his remarks, as the discussion was cut off. But she would like everyone to know that she is aware of the history of the civil rights movement and of the voter registration campaign, and still being aware of that history had raised her doubts about this conference. She is restraining herself from going on about this in the minutes.

21. Indiana Conference on Peacemaking (South Bend) \$300 for post-conference mailing and phone expenses as follow-up. Wechsler thought this group was too liberal for Resist. Answer to question 11 very weak. We took a vote and it was very close. We talked some more. Paul said proposal was vague. Others basically (I think) felt that since this was Indiana those objections could be waved. The final vote was 6-4 with several abstentions.

22. Manchester Educators for Peace Project (NH) \$100 for expenses of their alternatives campaign against military recruiting in high schools. Paul suggests we ask them if they would like to write an article for Radical

Teacher.

24. National Mobilization for Survival (NY, NY) \$500 for production of pamphlet "Middle East Peace Alternatives." Louis thought the pamphlet was ok and we should give them money. Wechsler said national mobe was in a bad financial way and that a while ago we had urged them to apply to us for funds to do some of the Middle East work they were doing. She also pointed out that they too didn't have a union bug on their brochure (along with 2/3 of the groups who applied to us), and that we might suggest they do the brochure in a different and more readable typeface.

25. Ad Hoc Committee on Anti-Palestinian Legislation (Washington, DC) \$200 towards expenses of outreach work to organizations and individuals. We agreed to give them "some." I didn't manage to take down any notes for this discussion. I remember some questions about how ad hoc they were and if they were going to continue on a longer term basis. Anyway, Louis had said he would support giving them "some" and we did.

26. Bishop Tutu Refugee Fund (Hartford, CT) \$200 towards request for brochure on South Africa and human rights. Refugee fund works with AFSC. Resource on Southern Africa. Quarterly newsletter. We funded them in the past.

Wechsler said it seems like this is a two person operation...Naomi Tutu Seavers and Corbin Seavers. Boston Mobe's feminist task force sponsored a public event with them and it was good. They are more radical than Bishop Tutu. Should we support this work because it's South Africa and a good resource, even though it really isn't the kind of group we usually fund? Wechsler suggested "some." Hans said it's not a Resist priority. We finally agreed on "some."

27. Rethinking Schools (Milwaukee, WI) \$354 for expenses of a fundraising campaign for publication. Yes to the grant and encourage them to include an article about AIDS in the publication.

No's

1. Reproductive Rights Access Project (SF, CA) They had asked for money for their publication "Organizers Notes." References: Rebecca Gordon in SF says they have no real presence in SF. They have connections to Line of March, also they are hard workers and do make important connections between issues. Cathy C. (Chicago Women Organized for Reproductive Choice) says they are a front for Line of March and the Alliance Against Women's Oppression but that not all groups involved are connected to LofM or AAWO. WORC (Cathy's group) endorsed the call for the campaign. Cathy feels it's an important campaign to support. Billye Avery doesn't share line of march politics. Organizers notes not that radical.

Paul: Didn't learn anything from newsletter. Aspirations for NL totally unrealistic.

Roxanna: NO to funding. newsletter doesn't have information that would really help women of color learn about abortion and reproductive rights. Newsletter is not getting to organizers.

3. AIDS Support for Klamath County (Klamath Falls, OR) They had asked for \$600 for pamphlet purchases and mailings. McKenzie River Gathering thought

they were impressive. This is a very conservative area. This kind of work in rural area is very political.

Bell: Not in the usual urban center. Hank: Application contradicts letter about taking positions and organizing. Roxanna: Thought we should send proposal back. We shouldn't dismiss them because of their student affiliations. At BU students can't get space or money to do AIDS stuff. Wechsler: suggests postpone or token. Difference in AIDS service/ Political education outreach. We should fund AIDS groups that do outreach and education about AIDS and talk about homophobia and racism. Activist aids groups. We won't get many proposals from large AIDS groups...their need for money is way beyond what we can offer. We are more likely to get applications from new groups or groups in small towns, or activist groups. First we discussed postponing and writing a letter suggesting that we were interested in funding something that would reach out--particularly something kind of organizing that dealt with homophobia, community, and AIDS. Then we decided not to give them a grant but to urge them to re-apply on a project on homophobia/community and AIDS. People raised questions about their budget...but I don't recall exactly what they were.

9. University Baptist Church Sanctuary Project (Seattle, WA) They requested \$600 for expenses of a multi-media seminar for distribution and organizing. Dan P. from Seattle (formerly Boston MOBE) said they were a good activist church like Cambridge's OCBC. We decided to turn them down but let them know we think what their doing is good. We thought they could get money elsewhere.

12. Central American Refugee Center (SF, CA) They had requested \$600 for production costs of a brochure for their education campaign.

Paul: Our money would be irrelevant if they get the other money they asked for. Anything we send is a drop in the bucket. Louis: They have 8 paid staffers. Out of our league. We decided against a grant, but to write them a nice letter supporting their work.

15. Survival News (West Roxbury, MA) They had requested \$600 towards cost of production of this newspaper. Haymarket foundation says they are just a few people but good at networking. Frank B: Betty M's been around a long time and has done very important work. Kate: Haven't come across the paper in our office. It looks like a good sophisticated guide to welfare bureaucracy. Has questions about it as an organizing tool. George: How will it be funded in the long term? We'd be more interested in funding a sub drive. Papers like this don't make it on subs. Are organizations that support it willing to put up money? We decided against a grant. But urged them to re-apply later and let us know if organizations are involved and giving financial support. We'd like to see more issues of the paper.

17. Institute for Community Education and Training (Hilton Head, SC) They had requested \$600 for a VCR, TV, and films. The fund for southern communities funded this group. Hank: This doesn't seem a priority for Resist. Should be able to get money elsewhere.

20. Mass Jobs with Peace (Boston, MA) Asked for \$410 for costs of membership flyer.

We turned them down. Boston people felt that, among other things, they were very weak on feminism. Both Kate and Meredith had had bad interactions

with them around job stuff I believe. (Nancy M: before you write them you might want to discuss this a bit with people. Or just say it isn't a Resist priority right now.)

23. Chicago Committee for Justice (IL) They had requested funds for the cost of public education forum on arrests of Palestinians in LA. Cathy C. didn't know much about this group. The work is an uphill battle. Louis said they sounded like a sect. We decided against a grant based on answers to questions #1,4,11--not a membership organizing, ad-hoc group....so how could it take such good stands on these issues. Something isn't right here.

and finally,

POSTPONED:

2. Women in Theatre Festival (JP, MA) Request for \$600 for outreach campaign to Boston's Caribbean and minority communities about appearances of the Sistren Theatre Collective of Jamaica.

Stephanie Borns of the Boston Women's Fund was very positive. Angela Bowen said Sistren was a great group but has problems with theatre festival. They have problems with outreach. They have awareness but can't figure out if lack is organizational or political.

George: They did receive money from Mass Council of Arts.

Roxanna: From what I read it's not clear how they will outreach to women of color. Paul: Agrees with Roxanna. Suggests there is a problem with questionnaire. Maybe we should ask "What would you do with this money that you wouldn't be able to do if you didn't have it?" Amy S.: Thinks we should give money to help get the group here. Paul: Suggests postponing to get a concrete plan of outreach. George: Will they really do the outreach or will it just go into the outreach they usually do when they have to make cuts in their budget? Louis: Doesn't believe a group of people with this kind of feminist perspective will be able to reach into minority communities. Tatiana: They may be making efforts to change. We would want to be real specific that our money go to the outreach campaign. We decided that since the festival was still months away we had time to postpone and ask for a more specific outreach plan. Write an encouraging letter.

7. Placa Nica (SF,CA) Requested \$600 toward cost of mural project on US intervention in CA for Latina/o district. There seemed to be confusing references around this. Hans: These people are fighting with a paintbrush...in the old tradition of Resist. I'd give them a grant. Frank: They should be able to raise money locally. Vote: 5 yes, 8 no. The leader of group was banned from other groups. We decided to postpone...to get more info. (What specifically I didn't write down.)

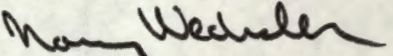
14. Boston Labor/Student Delegation to El Salvador (MA) request for \$600 for production and publicity costs of slide show. Nancy M. said Tess (who is a part of this group) was not opposed to postpone it till next meeting. NM also said the script was very comprehensive. She'll get copies to all the board. Paul: Had a lot of problems with this application. \$600 seems a lot for a slide show. I've done them myself for less. Don't have a lot of trust in ability to do what they say they will do. How can we believe they really are a labor group? What unions are they a part of? Boston people said they

really were made up of labor people. Nancy M.: People haven't read the script. POSTPONE: To reproduce script and also to fill in application better. Specifically union affiliations and costs of developing and printing film (in other words...a better budget).

Editorial comment number one (actually number two): It should be noted that at this meeting, instead of going through the groups one at a time at the end to assign amounts we ended up for some reason giving every Yes either exactly what they asked for or \$600 except for the few groups we had already decided to give a some plus token, ie: \$300. We have never done things this way before (since I've been at meetings) and many of us are confused as to why we did it this way at this meeting. Let's not let this happen again without making a more clear decision.

Additional Editorial Comment: This was not only a hard meeting to be at, but a hard meeting to take notes at. It seems to me more discussion needs to go on about some of the dynamics at the NY meeting. I hope we can find a way to do that.

In the meantime...don't forget the next board meeting is in Boston, November 8th.


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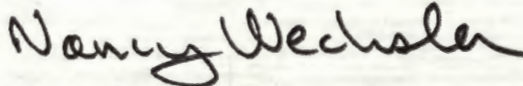
October 6, 1987

Dear Resist Board,

There are a lot of both personal and political issues that came up at the New York board meeting that both I and others found disturbing and feel need to be discussed. A few of us are planning on writing a letter to the board that will go into this in more detail.

In the meantime, I want to say that I shouldn't have used the board minutes in the way I did, in particular how I wrote up grant #19. It was a mistake on my part. I want to apologize for abusing my role as the note taker, and say that I hope we can find a constructive way to discuss/process the New York board meeting.

in solidarity,



Nancy Wechsler
Resist

August 17, 1987

Young Shlin & Holly Finke
Somos Hermanas
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Dear Young and Holly,

The board of Resist met on August 9th to consider proposals for funding. It was decided not to fund your request.

The board feels supportive of the work your group does on a local level particularly in organizing Latina women. However, we questioned your not using our application form. This was important because one of the items on the form asks if a group belongs to a national organization or party. Our contacts on the West Coast have told us that your group is dominated by Line of March as evidenced by some of the members of your national steering committee. Resist has a policy not to fund the activities of parties with sectarian politics.

For peace and justice,

The Board of Resist