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# A call to **RESIST** illegitimate authority

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Board Meeting - May 8, 1988 - 11am  
George Vickers' apartment  
205 W. 19th Street  
New York, NY 10011; Tel (212) 741-0545

Dear Resist board member,

This board meeting will be in New York and it seems many of the Boston and non-Boston area members will be able to attend. If you can't, please fill out the proxy sheets and send them to the office. You'll also find a form on the last page of this agenda letter. Please fill it out and send it in to the office if you can't make this meeting but can make the next. We'll also be having that extra meeting on policy issues, including a review of the proposed personnel policy. Please get in touch if you can make that meeting scheduled for June 2nd in Boston. Also please write us if you have input on personnel or other policy issues. One more thing: another reminder to each to send in a one or two page bio on yourself for distribution to other board members.

## AGENDA

### GRANT REQUESTS

#### Central America Work

- 1) Guatemala News & Information Bureau (Oakland, CA) - \$600 request toward purchase of a printer for their computer
- 2) Komite de Guatemala "Iximche" (Cambridge, MA) - Request of \$600 toward costs of production of newsletter for Guatemalan and North American communities
- 3) Brooklyn Sister City Project (New York, NY) - \$600 asked for costs of traveling photo exhibit on Nicaragua and Project
- 4) Mobilization for Peace, Jobs & Justice (San Francisco, CA) - Request of \$600 to help with expenses incurred for demos on Central America in March 1988
- 5) New England Planning Committee for Central America Labor Leaders Tour (Cambridge, Ma) - \$450 requested for expenses of hiring a translator/guide and for other non-travel expenses of tour May 14 through May 17 in New England area

6) New England Central America Network (Cambridge, MA) - They're asking for \$600 toward organizing expenses of 4 month "Let Nicaragua Live/Veterans for Peace Convoy" project in N.E.

7) Let Nicaragua Live - Greater Boston Outreach Task Force (Arlington, MA) - \$600 requested for expenses of project in Greater Boston area

8) NICA (Nuevo Instituto de Centro America (Cambridge, MA) - Request of \$600 to publish and mail issue of newsletter

#### Gay & Lesbian Organizing

9) Lesbian Herstory Project/DOB (New York, NY) - Request of \$500 for expenses of archival storage of materials for video on the Daughters of Bilitis

10) Madison Community United (WI) - \$300 requested for production and printing costs of an informational brochure on group

11) ACLU/Commission on Gay & Lesbian Rights (Portland, OR) - Requesting \$600 for printing and postage costs for their brochure for educational and fund raising campaign

#### Peace/Anti-Militarism Groups

12) Spinsters Opposed to Nuclear Genocide (New Haven, CT) - They are asking for \$600 for project

13) Citizen Soldier (New York, NY) - \$600 requested for expenses of outreach for ON GUARD, their newspaper

14) People's News Service (Black Earth, WI) - Request of \$600 to update equipment for their radio show

15) Nukewatch (Madison, WI) - \$500 requested for costs of their Missouri Missile Peace School on June 24 - 26

16) Atlanta CALC (GA) - They're asking for \$2,000 (?) for expenses of their convention on peace, justice and environmental concerns on July 15 thru' 17.

#### AIDS Projects

17) Rhode Island Project/AIDS (Providence) - Request of \$600 for a typewriter

18) Black & White Men Together/Memphis (TN) - They're asking for \$600 for costs of outreach campaign on AIDS: printing and purchase of brochures & video

19) Arkansas AIDS Foundation (Little Rock) - \$600 asked for purchase of a word processor



20) Southwest AIDS Committee (El Paso, TX) - They're requesting \$600 toward costs of a bi-lingual AIDS Hotline

#### Community Action/Labor Organizing

21) Council of the Southern Mountains (Clintwood, VA) - They're asking for \$777 for purchase of a camera & lens for their newspaper work

22) Center for Women's Economic Alternatives (Ahoskie, NC) - \$500 requested for general expenses of their Legal Justice Fund

23) Southeast Fayetteville Community Action (Arkansas) - Request of \$500 for costs of neighborhood newsletter

24) Waterbury Citizen Action Group (CT) - They're asking for \$500 for general support for their low-income housing organizing

#### Native American Projects

25) Big Mountain/Leonard Peltier Support Group (West Chester, PA) - \$500 requested for expenses of a 1 day symposium on Leonard Peltier on May 7th

26) Indian Treaty Rights Committee (Chicago, IL) - Request of \$500 for expenses of a newsletter as part of their educational outreach project on treaty rights, hate groups and racism

27) Center for Vision and Policy (Portland, ME) - They're asking for \$600 for expenses of their Native American Wisdom Retreat

#### Middle East Work

28) Coalition for Palestinian Rights (Cambridge, MA) - Request of \$600 for expenses of educational seminars Palestinian uprising (production, mailing flyers, speakers expenses)

29) Committee for Justice to Stop McCarran Act Deportations (Arlington, MA) - \$600 asked for salary for staffperson

#### Miscellaneous

30) Student Center for Educational Research & Advocacy (Amherst, MA) - They're asking for \$590 for production of poster series on anti-Semitism and racism

31) Philippine Workers Support Committee (Boston, MA) - Request of \$600 for publicity and material costs on report back campaign about International (Labor) Solidarity conference in Philippines

32) Korea Information & Resource Center (Washington, DC) - \$600 requested toward purchase of a laser printer for production of their "Korea Report"

**LOAN REQUEST**

33) Radical America (Somerville, MA) - They're asking for a loan of \$1,000 for 8 months because of cash flow difficulties

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

- \* Staff Bonus for 1987
- \* Board Outreach Committee Report
- \* Policy Discussion Meeting (June 2nd) - Need agenda items
- \* New Resist Brochures - Brief discussion
- \* Office - finances, and other miscellaneous items.

That's about all for now. Hope to see you soon.

For peace and justice,

*Nancy*  
Nancy Moniz  
Resist staff

**PLEASE FILL OUT & RETURN TO RESIST**

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Since I can't attend the May 8th meeting, below you'll find my choice of the date I can attend a meeting in June in Boston.

June 19 \_\_\_\_\_ June 26 \_\_\_\_\_ July 10 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME

RESIST BOARD MEETING  
MAY 8, 1988  
NYC

Present: Kate, Nancy M., Hank, Frank, Tatiana, Tess, Louis, Grace, Amy, Pam, Paul, Bell, Wayne, George. Minutes by Paul, typed by Wechsler

GRANTS

1. Guatemala News & Information Bureau (Oakland, CA) \$600 towards purchase of a printer for their computer. Positive references. Generally positive response.
2. Comit  de Guatemala "Iximche" (Cambridge, MA) \$600 towards cost of production of newsletter for Guatemalan and North American communities. Positive references. Questions raised about priority in relation to projects directed at US constituencies. Suggestion that we urge them to act more as a resource to North American groups. Do in fact work with CASA and others in solidarity community. The general issue put off to policy meeting.
3. Brooklyn Sister City Project (NYC, NY) \$200 (SOME) for costs of traveling photo exhibit on Nicaragua and project. References -- extensive network in Brooklyn, hardworking. Questions raised is a photo exhibit a top priority? Response: useful organizing tool. Sense it's a good project, but less of a priority. Therefore proposal is for a SOME.
4. Mobilization for Peace, Jobs & Justice (SF) \$600 to help with expenses incurred for demos on CA in March 1988. References generally positive, though some criticisms. Apparently good demo. Comments: questions about amount, but generally approve.
5. New England Planning Committee for CA Labor Leaders Tour (Camb, MA) \$450 for expenses of hiring a translator/guide and for other non-travel expenses of tour through New England. Positive references, especially in terms of dividing conservative trade-union sentiment in US. One question raised: limited to Sandinista representatives. Problem: couldn't control what opposition labor reps would do in US.
6. New England Central America Network (Camb, MA) \$550 toward organizing expenses of 4 month "let Nicaragua Live/Veterans Peace Convoy" project in N.E. Necan the umbrella group, #7 is the Boston area group. Positive view of oatmeal project. more so of leaving trucks in Nicaragua. Positive references, mainly on basis of wide participation. component of vets important. Question about #7: whether they are organizing where they indicate and are in touch with prior organizing in places like Dorchester. Also Quincy quite white, not in keeping with emphasis on blacks and Hispanics. Very ambitious project. Good in that it involves many people; problem in that may not have gotten sufficient funds for the work involved. Proposal: consider them as one grant and divide funds between them.
7. Let Nicaragua Live (Arlington, MA) \$400 see #6 above.



8. NICA (Nuevo Instituto de Centra America (Camb., MA) YES for LOAN. Limit 6 months, \$600 to publish and mail issue of newsletter. References- worthwhile project. Can't they get money from students? Response: that's why they want to do newsletter. Question- is it top priority? Suggestion: give loan for newsletter. Also: currency change has hit all solidarity projects in Nicaragua; can we relate to all?

9. Lesbian Herstory Project/DOB (NYC) \$500 for expenses of archival storage of materials for video on the DOB. references: doing more fund raising lately, of which this is part. Excellent archive and only thing around. But is it a priority? Question: what's their take on DOB?

10. Madison Community United (WI) positive references. Question: more social service orientation. Can't they raise funds locally? 4500 funding < city. Not political any more, really social service project. NO GRANT.

11. ACLU/Commission on Gay & Lesbian Rights (Portland, OR) \$600 for printing and postage costs for their brochure for educational and fund raising campaign. References: member groups had worked hard on it; only statewide group working on issues. Question: are organizations supporting it financially? Is it too narrow politically? First unclear. Second: they do seem more widely focused than bill only; doing more than civil liberties. Much discussion of question of organizational endorsement/financial support. Yes to grant. Also in letter: ask whether organizations provide support.

12. Spinsters Opposed to Nuclear Genocide (New Haven, CT) References: mixed. Not well organized but very good street theatre. Discussion: question of why link Germany and Puerto Rico? Not a high priority to hold conferences and discussions with German women. Doesn't say what money for; for expenses, but for what? Good, they do participate in many things, which others organize. On other hand, doesn't reach out beyond selves. Should we support small group of people who are activists? Suggestion: ask for different project, or concrete project, something specific.

13. Citizen Soldier (NY) \$200 (some) towards expenses of outreach for On Guard. Good track record. on other hand request is to do investigative journalism. There's a fund for that- Fund for Investigative Journalism. They should really go to that first. Good organization and good paper and good on issues. Some, after many votes.

14. People's News Service (Black Earth, WI) Technical quality good. Do we want to support program to give listening public short-wave summary? No on this. Don't think their sales plan realistic. Don't think high priority to give framework of analysis from Radio Havana. Not bad thing, but not really vital. Not a priority to get short-wave stuff from Soviet Union, etc. On other hand, they may do tapes for other groups in coalitions. No, with nice letter asking for other possible proposals.

15. Nukewatch (Madison, WI) \$100 (token) towards costs of their Missouri Missile Peace School. References: positive. Proposal: token. Shouldn't be satisfied with lack of diversity on staff. Also: they should be self-sufficient. Can't expect outside funding from groups like Resist

indefinitely. Might charge a little more to those who can afford it.

16. Atlanta CALC (GA) References: do good work despite opposition in religious community; good on issues and in coalitions. Opposition to focus on conventions. Also questions about whether this event is really being organized-- how real event is, based on recent conference in Atlanta to which very few people came. NO: don't feel comfortable supporting effort focused on influencing the conventions, especially when it isn't clear that a broad coalition supports the project or that they have the forces to pull it off. Some felt it would be better to postpone. Not clear what in convention will be different from what has already been articulated in Jackson campaign. Or how already-existing Bill of Rights can be influenced or shaped. Some of us felt it would be better to postpone to see if it shaped up into significant event; others did not support either Bill of Rights or idea of influencing conventions.

General discussion of 17-29. #18 focuses on issues of racism and homophobia. That differentiates it from other 3 proposals. On other hand, what #18 wants money for is brochure, which is particularly focused on AIDS prevention, even if in black community. 19 and 20 seem relatively new and not clearly defined. Sentiment to support AIDS action projects, and not social services.

17. Rhode Island Project/AIDS (Providence) NO.

18. Black and White Men Together/Memphis (TN) \$600 for costs of outreach campaign on AIDS; printing and purchase of brochures and video. (Brochure out of date.)

19. Arkansas AIDS Foundation (Little Rock) NO

20. Southwest AIDS Committee (El Paso, TX) NO

Letter should say work important, understand need to deal with state sources of funding, but we're into supporting more activist/radical projects.

21. Council of the Southern Mountains (Clintwood, VA) references were negative. NO grant. Have no stance on reproductive rights, gays & lesbians. Bad references from previous funders.

22. Center for Women's Economic Alternatives (Ahoskie, NC) \$500 for general expenses of their legal justice fund. References: positive. Questions: big budget and access to other funding. Is it legal defense work? No, part of political strategy to file cases.

23. Southeast Fayetteville Community Action (AK) Gotten big foundation grant and block grant. Newsletter: nothing political. No stand on reproductive rights, even though they do health clinic. No grant.

24. Waterbury Citizen Action Group (CT) Is blocking condos high priority for us? Don't seem to act on general political issues. NO: letter should say we fund more radical activities.



25. Big Mountain/ Leonard Peltier Support Group (West Chester, PA) They didn't respond to questions about fund raising plans. Other references: experienced and effective group, but very limited in outreach. Did conference make sense as activity? No, and ask for other project.

26. Indian Treaty Rights Committee (Chicago, IL) Questions: Doesn't seem well-developed or connected to other groups. Ask for proposal when it's sufficiently developed and focused. Strongly support effort to combat PARR, but unclear just what newsletter will be and to whom it will go. Plans for distribution, concrete objective in sending it out. Is it one-person operation? Come back with more concrete proposal and/or issue of newsletter. NO: with invitation to support later proposal, if newsletter, should have a copy and plan for outreach. Support opposition to PARR.

27. Center for Vision and Policy (Portland, ME) \$600 for expenses of their Native American Wisdom Retreat. References: closely tied into feminist spiritualist community. Do work with Native Americans, etc.

28. Coalition for Palestinian Rights (Camb., MA) \$600 for expenses of educational seminars Palestinian uprising. References: positive. Some reservations. Some people involved in sects. All difficulties between conflicts within Arab groups. But only thing out there. Doing work fitfully (?) but only group doing it.

29. Committee for Justice to Stop McCarran Act Deportations (Arlington, MA) token \$100 towards salary for staffperson. References: generally positive. Question: status of Barney Frank's bill. Too much into legal defense, which is too much \$. No positions on #10. Proposal: Token.

30. Student Center for Educational Research and Advocacy (Amherst, MA) Good work, but don't fund internal university organizations.

31. Philippine Workers Support Committee (Boston, MA) Decision: \$200 (some) contingent on their having gone to Philippines. Set aside \$200. Request for money for publicity and material costs on report back campaign about International (Labor) Solidarity Conference in Philippines.

32. Korea Information and Resource Center (Washington, DC) \$600 toward purchase of a laser printer for production of their "Korea Report."

33. Radical America (Somerville, MA) Yes to loan. Do we give loans for general purposes, not tied to particular fund raising activity? Problem with open ended loan in that they often don't get paid back. \$1000 loan for 8 months.

Total grants given: \$8,000 to 18 groups

Total loans given: \$1,000 to 1 group (& \$600 to 1 grp. if wanted)

#### Staff Bonus

Bonus of \$250 for 1987 agreed to.

Office Space

Should we split HIC space with Dollars & Sense? Cost another \$50/month. If D&S says yes, then yes; otherwise subcommittee in Boston. \*

Board Outreach

Merble Reagon: Paul gave Merble packet and minutes to look at. Paul organize NY board group to talk with her and report to group at June meeting.

Renee Scott: Boston group will talk with her.

Annette Diaz: info sent out to her.

Lupe Tovaes: Talked with her but no response yet.

John Bush and Nelson Rivera: (from BWMT/Boston) interested but no formal response yet.

Evelyn Hammonds: Interested, when she is through with her oral exams.

Policy Discussion Meeting: Call office or drop notes to office re: policy discussion meeting.

Office and Financial Report

Cambridge Trust Company: \$14,321.28

Working Assets: \$70,393.22

Loan fund: \$3,878.27

DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR ONE-PAGE BIO.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

June 26 at Kate Cloud's

42 Walnut St.

Somerville

776-4704

11am-5pm

Policy Meeting: Thursday, June 2, 7pm,

104 Auburn, Cambridge

Tess Ewing's



A call to

# RESIST

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From  
**TATIANA**

One Summer Street, Somerville, Massachusetts 02143

617/623-5110

[NOT FOR POLICY MEETING]

5/11/88

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Noam Chomsky  
Kate Cloud  
Tess Ewing  
Norm Fruchter  
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Amy Swerdlow  
Ken Tangvik  
Rene Valle  
George Vickers  
Nancy Wechsler

Dear Resist Board Members,

It was good to see those of you who were at the New York Board meeting. However, I wish I had had the chance to talk with you afterwards about the newsletter and my ideas for the coming year.

So, I'm sending you this list with the hope that each of you will take a few minutes to think of potential writers for these topics, as well as suggestions for the angle or approach we might take.

I also want to mention that I will be traveling to Managua in August to participate in the 3rd International Conference of Community Oriented Radio Broadcasters. There I expect to meet journalists from all over the world, many of whom might be good contacts for future Resist newsletters.

OK, here's my ideas:

Environmental Issues and why it's so difficult  
for most leftists to support environmental work  
Korea - anti-nuclear issues, other approaches to  
the political dynamics there?  
Student movement in China  
Labor Movement in the Phillipines  
Occupational Health and Safety/Organizing  
Student Activism/Anti-Racism Movements  
Something about workplace democracy w/in progressive orgs  
Lesbian Herstory Archives - grassroots report.  
Comite de Guatemala - "  
NICA - experience of Afro-American graduates of school  
Citizen Soldier - censorship in the military  
Neighborhood/Community activism/ housing  
AIDS organizing  
Nicaragua - women's issues/domestic violence/repro rights  
Environmental issues in C.A.  
Aftermath of IRCA among refugees, looking ahead  
Community Radio - worldwide movement  
Treaty Rights - Current strategies in N.A. movement  
Jewish Socialist movement in England  
Homophobia in England, effect of Clause 28



Sexual Abuse/Media and the Courts  
Garment Workers in Mexico/their meeting with Chinese  
garment workers here - similarities, differences  
Disability Rights Movement and the Left  
Peace Test  
McCarren Act Deportations  
Middle East - but not sure what angle

Well, that's about it for the moment. Thanks  
for taking the time to offer suggestions.

Sincerely,

*Tatiana*

Tatiana Schreiber