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A call to **RESIST** illegitimate authority

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Board Meeting - March 5, 1989 - 11am
Renae Scott's house
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Dear board member,

Since we met in January and set a date for a board meeting for April 9th in New York, a march in Washington of reproductive rights has been planned for that date. The staff is recommending that we change the NYC meeting date. We'll discuss it at this meeting. It is especially important to have input from non-Boston board members. Please send in your date of choice (so to speak). See form at the end of this letter.

You'll find the business items of the meeting at the end of the grants agenda portion of this letter. If you have any comments and can't come to the meeting, please send in your feedback as well as your proxy.

AGENDA

** Any last minute items of information by staff which are important to meeting.

GRANT REQUESTS

Native Americans

1) Indigenous Women's Network (Lake Elmo, MN) - \$600 asked for start up funds to formally organize as a nonprofit organization and an NGO for United Nations. Postponed from last meeting in order to get more info on where they are in the process of NGO, how they would use the status, and on their finances. No new info sent yet. If we get anything before the meeting, I'll send it to you.

2) Indian Treaty Rights Committee (Chicago, IL) - Requesting \$550 for printing & postage costs of a newsletter. Postponed from last meeting. I asked them to send a copy of NL or a detailed outline. As in above, no new info yet.

3) Wobanaki, Inc. (Swanton, VT) - Request of \$600 for costs of telephone bills and for newsletter. They didn't include a copy of NL so I wrote them. Hope to get something for meeting.

Women

- 4) Boston Women's Community Radio (Cambridge, MA) - They're asking for \$600 for tapes, studio rental and publicity for International Women's Day broadcast March 12th with a focus of women and AIDS.
- 5) KWANZAA (Burlington, VT) - \$600 requested for their events for International Women's Week, March 5th through March 12th.
- 6) Feminist Task Force (Orlando, FL) - Asking \$500 for expenses of their "Combatting Oppression: Race & Class" project.
- 7) Women for Social Justice (St. Cloud, MN) - \$600 request for expenses of their state-wide networking workshop.
- 8) "Say It Sister!" (Cambridge, MA) - Requesting \$600 for tapes & cassettes for distribution to community groups for their "SIS Community Education & History Project.
- 9) Dorchester Women's Committee (MA) - \$? requested toward expenses of annual Dorchester International Women's Day event.

Central & Latin America work

- 10) N.H. Central America Network (Concord) - Request of \$600 for production of brochure on group. I've asked them to send copy for brochure and a finance report.
- 11) Women's Convoy to Central America (Boston, MA) - \$600 asked for organizing a June convoy of material aid to C.A. women's organizations.
- 12) Northern California CISPES (Santa Rosa) - \$460 requested for a modem, for an answering machine and for access fee for PeaceNet.
- 13) Veterans Peace Convoy (Washington, DC) - \$600 asked for expenses of their national traveling photo exhibit on the Convoy which begins in March.
- 14) Guatemala Human Rights Commission/USA (Washington, DC) - Request of \$600 for expenses of their "Students Across Borders" campaign.
- 15) Alliance for Latin America (Seattle, WA) - \$600 requested for production of a directory of Latin America peace groups in the Puget Sound area.
- 16) Guatemala Information Center (Chicago, IL) - They're asking for \$600 for expenses of "Enfoprensa", their newsletter.
- 17) Western Mass. Central America Network (Amherst) - Requesting \$342 for brochures and for their calendar/newsletter.

Peace/Anti-militarism

18) Arms Control Research Center (San Francisco, CA) - Request is for \$750 for an engine for their cabin cruiser which is used in direct actions.

19) Griffiss Peace Community (Rome, NY) - Request of \$350 for costs of outreach campaign to involve more local people in group.

20) Veterans Education Project (Amherst, MA) - \$600 asked to update and print their brochure.

21) National Mobilization for Survival (NY, NY) - They're asking for \$450 to reprint and mail an updated version for their "Middle East Peace Alternatives" brochure.

22) Arkansas Peace Center (N. Little Rock) - Request of \$500 for combined membership renewal/expansion project and for sustainer fund raising drive.

Middle East Organizing

23) Coalition for Palestinian Rights (Cambridge, MA) - \$600 asked for costs of starting a newsletter.

24) Middle East Cultural & Information Center (San Diego, CA) - Request of \$500 for a quarterly newsletter.

25) Students & Faculty to End Israeli Occupation (Long Beach, CA) - \$600 requested for their organizing campaign to form a sister university relationship between Cal.State at Long Beach and BirZeit University.

AIDS Support Work

26) Trans-Aid Support Services (Orlando, FL) - \$600 asked for a typewriter and for a copier.

27) People With AIDS Coalition of Maine (Portland,) - They're asking for \$600 for costs of their Speakers' Bureau and for their informational bulletin.

Cultural Projects

28) Underground Railway Theatre (Cambridge, MA) - Request of \$300 for a training session with a fund raising consultant.

29) La Peña (Berkeley, CA) - \$600 asked for their Liberation Seder on April 29th with the focus on the Palestinian Uprising.

30) United Fruit Company (Cambridge, MA) - Request of \$600 for stipends for workers on the production of a musical comedy about a troop of gay night club performers accidentally sent on a cultural exchange to Nicaragua.

Miscellaneous

- 31) National Chicano Human Rights Council (San Francisco, CA) - They're asking for \$600 for office equipment and for costs of producing a brochure on the organization.
- 32) Equal Rights Congress (Los Angeles, CA) - \$600 requested for one year's rent.
- 33) Vermont Committee for Irish Human Rights (Winooski) - They're requesting \$600 for their quarterly report, other material and for videos.
- 34) Citizens' Commission^{on} Criminal Justice for Buffalo (NY) - Their request is for \$340 for a public forum on the NY State Penal System in April.
- 35) Justice Demands Housing (Cambridge, MA) - \$500 asked for a service contract for their copying machine.
- 36) CALC of Lane County (Eugene, OR) - Request of \$600 to purchase 6 videos for their work on Southern Africa.
- 37) Valley Citizens for a Safe Environment (Granby, MA) - Asking for \$600 for their newsletter and for balloons for "Take Back the Skies" rally in April.
- 38) Coalition for Community Control of Development (Boston, MA) - \$600 grant requested for a copying machine. (See Loan request below).

LOAN

- 39) CCCD (Boston, MA) - They're asking for a loan of \$1,000 to cover cash shortfall in next two months to be repaid April 1st.

BUSINESS/POLICY ITEMS

- * Personnel Committee
- * Board Outreach Committee update
- * Newsletter
- * Office - Finances; discussion on clarification of use of \$25,000 in Working Assets Account from the Bernard Estate; discussion of question of a bonus for staff for 1988; and other miscellaneous items.
- * Next board meeting - time and place

When I receive any additional info before the meeting on any

of the above, I'll send you copies.

For peace and justice,

Nancy

Nancy Mohiz, Resist staff

Cut out & send to office

Sorry, I can't make the March 5th meeting. My choice for a
date for the next Resist board meeting is:

April 9th____ April 16th ____ April 23rd ____ April 30th ____

Signature

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Resist Board Meeting

March 5, 1989

Present: Renae Scott, Louis Kampf, Pam Chamberlain, Roxanna Pastor, Nancy Moniz, Kate Cloud, Tess Ewing, Connie Chan, and Nancy Wechsler (minutes).

INTERIM MEETING:

Since we had 38 proposals to consider for this board meeting, the board/staff lunch suggested we postpone some to an interim meeting. The interim board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 7PM at Kate Cloud's, 42 Walnut St., Somerville (Union Square). Please save your board packet. Staff will not be sending out new copies of grant proposals for the interim meeting. The following grant proposals were postponed to the interim meeting: #1, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, 25, 31, 36, 38.

GRANT REQUESTS

We gave out a total of: \$6700 to 16 groups.

- 1) Indigenous Women's Network (Lake Elmo, MN) - \$600 asked for start up funds to formally organize as a nonprofit organization and an NGO for United Nations. POSTPONED TO INTERIM MEETING.
- 2) Indian Treaty Rights Committee (Chicago, IL) - \$500 for printing & postage costs of a newsletter. We were waiting for copy of the newsletter. Copies came in time to look them over at board meeting. Jackie at Crossroads gave positive reference.
- 3) Wobanaki, Inc. (Swanton, VT) - NO GRANT. They had requested \$600 for costs of telephone bills and for newsletter. Artih Fostre of Vermont Haymarket board had hard time with group, but Haymarket has funded them. They didn't send us their financial report. Some people didn't like the newsletter. We decided to say no based on the fact we didn't like the newsletter, we hadn't received their budget, and the reference was not positive.
- 4) Boston Women's Community Radio (Cambridge, MA) - \$450 for tapes, studio rental and publicity for Inter-national Women's Day broadcast March 12th with a focus of women and AIDS. Question was raised as to why they had to rent studio space this year instead of being able to borrow it. It was also pointed out that they have done programs on aging, even though their grant application says they haven't.
- 5) KWANZAA (Burlington, VT) - \$450 for their events for International Women's Week, March 5th through March 12th. Bonnie Acker said they were great group, which does wonderful work, reach people not usually involved, very visible. They were involved in response to operation rescue. We wondered if they did anything related to AIDS. We agreed we would ask them.

6) Feminist Task Force (Orlando, FL) - \$400 for expenses of their "Combatting Oppression: Race & Class" project. This group split off from Florida Coalition. Staff person of coalition says there is a lot of disagreement over what happened during last 2 years. FTF was not top funding priority. Beth's staff position was cut. Others felt FTF events were too separatist. Some women in FTF are still working with coalition. Another person called coalition "typically male dominated group."

Questions were raised about politics of group that uses terms "womyn" and "web." Who will they reach? But project looks good. Maybe they need to go through this stage. Question raised about what will happen when the rest of coalition comes to us for money?

7) Women for Social Justice (St. Cloud, MN) - POSTPONED TILL APRIL MEETING. We couldn't get a reference. We want more info on anti-porn sit-in at student bookstore. How many members in this group? Overall tendency on board has been not to support anti-porn struggles. In order to consider this proposal we would like more information. Wechsler suggests contacting Ann Phibbs (former GCNer) and Deb, who live in Minneapolis. Ask Stephanie Poggi for their phone number. Wechsler also has another possible reference (a friend of Liz Carver's).

8) "Say It Sister!" (Cambridge, MA) - \$450 for tapes & cassettes for distribution to community groups for their "SIS Community Education & History Project. Elba Crespo gave positive reference. More access to programming for Latina and other women of color. More collective work, more women of color involved. Jennifer is no longer involved. Questions raised about the size of their listening audience. Roxanna mentioned that the show she was on was transcribed and made into an article for Sojourner, thereby reaching more women.

9) Dorchester Women's Committee (MA) - POSTPONED TO INTERIM MEETING. This year's event seems to have been pulled together quite late. Roxanna is in a group that was asked to participate in play only 1 month ago. No one could commit to work on play at that late date. They said they would help in other ways. But they weren't asked to help translate leaflet. Spanish translation has serious problems. It says "lonely deaf people can call...." and something about the beach and parking your car. Q's were raised about their commitment to cultural diversity for international women's day with a translation like that. Q's also raised about why their core group is shrinking. Group has become a clique, hasn't reached out to new people.

There were several proposals made. 1) write letter with strong criticism, but add that because we have faith in them and they've done good work in past we are giving them \$100. 2) Just say No. and PASSED: 3) Postpone to interim meeting, giving us time to find some people who went to event and see what they thought of it, also to see if we can find other groups who were asked to participate late in the game, and their reaction. This option would still include letting them know what our concerns are.

10) N.H. Central America Network (Concord) - POSTPONED TO INTERIM MEETING.

11) Women's Convoy to Central America (Boston, MA) - POSTPONED TO INTERIM MEETING.

- 12) Northern California CISPEs (Santa Rosa) -POSTPONED TO INTERIM MEETING.
- 13) Veterans Peace Convoy (Washington, DC) - NO GRANT. They had requested \$600 for expenses for national traveling photo exhibit which begins in March. No financial statement. National finances are in disarray. Peace convoy is about to disband, this is really a project of one person and a few friends. Couldn't get reference on this guy. A lot of people who do this kind of work were in DC for a conference. Decision: no grant. Tell him we don't fund individuals doing projects. Suggest he work with group that already exists like CASA, NECAN, or the Smedly-Butler brigade. If they want to apply to us for this project, we will consider it.
- 14) Guatemala Human Rights Commission/USA (Washington, DC) - \$500 for expenses of their "Students Across Borders" campaign. Nisqua is overloaded and glad this group is taking on student organizing. References were positive. People liked proposal.
- 15) Alliance for Latin America (Seattle, WA) - POSTPONED TO INTERIM MEETING.
- 16) Guatemala Information Center (Chicago, IL) - \$450 for expenses of "Enfoprensa", their newsletter. Question raised as to whether or not this was redundant. Nisqua says it is different from their bimonthly, one of prime sources, very helpful. Professional and committed group. Questions raised about budget. Budget for NL is bigger than for group as a whole. People felt that it wouldn't turn out to be a \$100,000 budget. We should ask for more accurate budget the next time they apply.
- 17) Western Mass. Central America Network (Amherst) - Requesting \$342 for brochures and for their calendar/newsletter. POSTPONED TO INTERIM MEETING.
- 18) Arms Control Research Center (San Francisco, CA) - Request is for \$750 for an engine for their cabin cruiser which is used in direct actions. POSTPONED TO INTERIM MEETING.
- 19) Griffiss Peace Community (Rome, NY) - SOME (\$200). They had requested \$350 for costs of outreach campaign to involve more local people in group. This is pretty conservative part of country. Reference was positive. Two people in core committee. Six people meet monthly. This seems like paired down group from when cruise missiles were located in this area. Questions raised about number of people in group. One proposal was for token, another for some. It was pointed out that the money asked for would go to expand membership.
- 20) Veterans Education Project (Amherst, MA) - \$475 to update and print their brochure. Fran White and Margaret Cerullo both knew of this group and gave positive reference. We've funded them in past.
- 21) National Mobilization for Survival (NY, NY) -POSTPONED TO APRIL BOARD MEETING. They asked for \$450 to reprint and mail an updated version for their "Middle East Peace Alternatives" brochure. Questions raised about financial viability of national Mobe. Questions raised about whether or not

this brochure was needed. Question: is national Mobe still useful? Since some local Mobes put out own lit on Middle East, do we still need national lit. Feeling that there is no urgent need for this brochure. If they are in financial dire straits they should use the money for something else. We agreed to postpone to see if locals really need this publication. Nancy Moniz will check with 2-3 groups.

22) Arkansas Peace Center (N. Little Rock) - \$450 for combined membership renewal/expansion project and for sustainer fund raising drive. Reference was positive. This is good group, good work, mostly white middle class. More radical wing of peace movement. Have done national guard work, South Africa work, anti-racism work.

23) Coalition for Palestinian Rights (Cambridge, MA) - NO GRANT. Louis gave reference. Said this was touchy. He has problems with proposal. It was dishonest in some ways. They talk about being a coalition, but they are not, they are a separate organization. They say one of their projects in Sister City, but this isn't their project. They showed up for first time last week at a Sister City project meeting. Questions raised about need for newsletter. If coalition is not really a coalition. There is not shortage of Middle East material in the Boston area. It was also noted that they have the capacity to do good work. Decision: No. We have funded other projects for materials in Boston Area. Don't think newsletter is priority right now. You could consider coming back to us for forum or educational.

24) Middle East Cultural & Information Center (San Diego, CA) - \$400 for a quarterly newsletter. Reference was positive.

25) Students & Faculty to End Israeli Occupation (Long Beach, CA) - POSTPONED TO INTERIM MEETING. \$600 requested for their organizing campaign to form a sister university relationship between Cal.State at Long Beach and BirZeit University.

26) Trans-Aid Support Services (Orlando, FL) - POSTPONED TO APRIL BOARD MEETING. No reference. Questions raised as to whether or not this was a group. Can it become a group? People were supportive, like the grant application, but needed more information.

27) People With AIDS Coalition of Maine (Portland,) - \$500 for costs of Speakers' Bureau and for their informational bulletin. Reference was positive. It's important that PWAs themselves become "experts" about AIDS and go around talking and educating. This seems like an organization that people would join who weren't necessarily political already, but might get radicalized by joining.

28) Underground Railway Theatre (Cambridge, MA) - NO GRANT. They had requested \$300 for a training session with a fund raising consultant. Budget too big. Haymarket turned them down. Their budget has excess of revenues.

29) La Pena (Berkeley, CA) - They had asked for \$600 for their Liberation

Seder on April 29th with the focus on the Palestinian Uprising. We agreed to offer them a loan. Questions raised about size of their budget. This event is a yearly fundraiser.

30) United Fruit Company (Cambridge, MA) - \$200 (SOME) towards stipends for workers on the production of a musical comedy about a troop of gay night club performers accidentally sent on a cultural exchange to Nicaragua. People liked proposal, it was funny. They probably can't get a lot of money elsewhere. This seems like the kind of group Resist should fund. Other people didn't think we should fund them, but that we should write an article about them in the newsletter. Since there was debate about whether or not this was a Resist priority, we compromised on Some.

31) National Chicano Human Rights Council (San Francisco, CA) - POSTPONED TO INTERIM MEETING. They're asking for \$600 for office equipment and for costs of producing a brochure on the organization.

32) Equal Rights Congress (Los Angeles, CA) - \$400 towards one year's rent. Liberty Hill said they are well rooted in community, grassroots group, "model group." Question raised about the fact that they don't do anything on women's issues. People didn't like responses to #9 and #10. What about AIDS? We agreed to give them a grant and mention in the letter that we had some concerns. Say something like: We have some concerns about your answers to questions 9 and 10. Since you call yourselves an Equal Rights Congress....

33) Vermont Committee for Irish Human Rights (Winooski) - \$400 for their quarterly report, other material and for videos. Artih was supportive of this group. They do good workshops. Only group doing this kind of work. Committed to many different issues, make good connections.

34) Citizens' Commission on Criminal Justice for Buffalo (NY) - NO GRANT. We couldn't get reference. They weren't clear about what they do. No specific project.

35) Justice Demands Housing (Cambridge, MA) - \$475 for a service contract for their copying machine. Positive reference. This group fills in gap in this work. Advocating for federal grants. More direct action oriented than some other groups. They are running on a shoestring. Useful project.

36) CALC of Lane County (Eugene, OR) - POSTPONED TO INTERIM MEETING. Request of \$600 to purchase 6 videos for their work on Southern Africa.

37) Valley Citizens for a Safe Environment (Granby, MA) - NO GRANT. Positive reference. Questions raised about environmental safety of balloons. More serious questions raised about their opposition to militarism. Are they opposed to militarism because of militarism or just because of the environmental effects? Decision: No grant. Say that Resist's roots are in the anti-militarist movement. We would hope they would make links, but we didn't see that.

38) Coalition for Community Control of Development (Boston, MA) - GRANT POSTPONED TO INTERIM MEETING.

LOAN

39) CCCD (Boston, MA) - YES TO LOAN. They asked for a loan of \$1,000 to cover cash shortfall in next two months to be repaid April 1st. Ken Tangvik gave very positive reference. Said people were responsible. Progressive coalition of activists, model for city organizing.

OTHER BUSINESS:

* Personnel Committee: We had a tough time getting people to agree to be on a personnel committee. People were willing to be on a standing committee that handled things as they came up (such as staff request for additional sick leave, etc.) but didn't want to do evaluations. The following people volunteered to be on such a committee: Ken Hale, Tess Ewing, Renae Scott. Possible the board/staff lunch or the whole board could do some form of evaluation, using haymarket/gcn's self-evaluation form. It was also noted that it would be good to discuss any job description changes.

* Board Outreach Committee update: Next meeting is April 10th, Monday, 4PM at the Resist office. Elba Crespo might be interested in the Fall, she is too busy right now.

* Newsletter: There was a meeting of the Newsletter advisory committee. We discussed future issues of the NL. Committee will probably meet quarterly. It consists of: Kate Cloud, Nancy Wechsler, Marjorie Bakken, Rachel Martin, and Tatiana.

* Office -

Finances:	Cambridge Trust Co.	\$23,403.72
	Working Assets	76,562.98
	Loan Fund	3,441.79
	Cohen Endowment	10,124.07
	Total:	\$113,533.19

Discussion on clarification of use of \$25,000 in Working Assets Account from the Bernard Estate: Our accountant said she couldn't find a record of our having made a decision about the use of this money. Wechsler talked about what Meredith had told her this money was for. We agreed on the following policy: Resist agrees to keep \$25,000 in a working assets money market account to be used for prospecting mailings (or in certain circumstances, general or other fundraising). This is a revolving fund. In other words, up to \$25,000 can be used for prospecting mailings but must be returned to this account for future use. The first money that comes back from those mailings must go back into this fund. This fund will remain at \$25,000 even if the prospecting mailing loses money. Staff should report to and get ok from board/staff lunch and/or board meeting about plans for prospecting mailings. If we are in such a financial state as to need to dip into this \$25,000 for general operating expenses, this situation would need to be brought to the attention of the board.

Bonus: Staff asked for \$250 bonus each for 1988. Board agreed to give each staff member a \$300 bonus instead.

Next Board Meeting: April 30th, Sunday, NEW YORK CITY. Exact location to be announced. Please note that at the April board meeting we need to decide on raises for staff for next year. Up until this point staff have been given cost of living raises in January, and 10% raises on their anniversaries dates. When we adopted our personnel policy we ushered in a change from 10% raises to a fixed per/hour amount (50-75cents an hour). This goes into effect for Nancy Moniz this May, and for Wechsler and Yana next April.

1988 Financial Report:

We handed these out at the meeting. If any board member wants one please just call or write the office.

That's it. See you at the interim meeting (March 22, in Boston); in Washington DC on April 9th; and at the NYC board meeting on April 30th.

Nancy Wechsler