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Board Meeting - Nov. 4, 1990 - 11am
Merble Reagon's apartment
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Dear board member,

Well, Express Mail struck again! The day before the deadline for proposals, I had 17 proposals in my files for this meeting. Eighteen more came in on the deadline day. Since there's a lot of work involved in my processing each request, I hope I didn't mess up anything.

This meeting will be at Merble's place in the West Village. She's sending directions to me of various ways to get to her place. I'll send them out to you before the meeting.

Because of a suggestion at the last board meeting, I'm trying something different with this agenda letter. Instead of a separate proxy sheet, I've incorporated that material into the agenda letter. Please tell me if you like this or not.

As usual 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

Peace/Anti-Nuke

1) St. Ann's Peacemakers/Cadman Plaza Action Forum (Brooklyn, NY) - \$500 requested for expenses of an event on the new world situation (part of national Mobe's speaking tour.)

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

2) San Francisco Nuclear Free Zone Coalition (CA) - Requesting \$500 toward expenses of the campaign to approve an initiative on

their Nov. 4th ballot.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

3) Committee Opposed to Militarism & the Draft (San Diego, CA) - They're asking for \$500 toward expenses of a "Campaign to Demilitarize Our Schools."

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

4) New England INFAC (Boston, MA) - They're asking for \$600 toward expenses of a campaign to inform people about General Electric's radioactive contamination of the environment.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

5) New Hampshire Action for Peace & Lasting Security (Concord, NH) - They're asking for \$600 toward expenses of their Comprehensive Test Ban Project.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Gay and Lesbian

6) Gay & Lesbian Student Association/Univ. of Nebraska (Lincoln, NE) - \$385 request for production of pamphlets & business cards.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

7) Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Discrimination/SF Bay Area Chapter (San Francisco, CA) - \$525 toward expenses of a panel discussion, "Lesbians in the Media", on Oct. 21st.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

8) Alternative Resources of the Triad (Greensboro, NC) - They're asking for \$600 toward the purchase of a copying machine.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Middle East

9) Labor Committee on the Middle East (San Francisco, CA) - \$575 requested to purchase a hard drive for their computer.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

10) Union of Palestinian Women's Association (Chicago, IL) - Request of \$600 for production of their brochures.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Native American

11) Indian Treaty Rights Committee (Chicago, IL) - \$600 request for printing and postage for their newsletter.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

12) South & Meso-American Indian Information Center (Oakland, CA) - \$600 requested toward expenses of communications (telephone, copying, etc.) for the International Indian Women's Conference & Network.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Central and Latin America

13) Building with the Voiceless of El Salvador (Washington, DC) - \$600 asked to produce & promote a slide show about the repopulated communities in El Salvador. Postponed from last meeting. We needed info about how they intend to use the slide show, what there plan is. Also did they plan to incorporate more on U.S. foreign policy and what people here can do into their show and/or presentations. I sent them a letter.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

14) Casa de Proyecto Libertad (Harlingen, TX) - \$600 asked to produce and mail a quarterly newsletter.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

15) Association of Salvadoran Women (New York, NY) - They're asking for \$600 for costs of producing their newsletter, "Women: Unity and Struggle."

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

16) South North Communication Network/Barricada International (San Francisco, CA) - \$570 request for costs of a promotional subscription drive to university & other libraries for this bi-lingual newspaper about Nicaragua & Central America.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

17) Comite de Unidad Guatemalteca (San Francisco, CA) - \$500 requested for production of brochures, & for office supplies.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

18) Hondunet (Cambridge, MA) - Request of \$600 for a fax machine.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

19) Delaware County Pledge of Resistance (Swarthmore, PA) - \$315 asked for expenses of an educational coffee house event about Guatemala.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

20) Lawyers' Coalition for Peace in Central America (Boston, MA) - They're asking for \$500 for costs of designing and printing brochures.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Prisoners

21) Interfaith Prisoners of Conscience Project (Evanston, IL) - \$600 requested toward the cost of printing "Can't Jail the Spirit - Political Prisoners in the U.S."

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

22) Lesbian & Gay Prisoner Project (Boston, MA) - \$600 asked toward the costs of duplication of their resource packets.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

23) Tribunal of Political Prisoners in the US (New York, NY) - \$600 asked toward production of a curriculum, "Dimensions of Human Rights in the US."

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Women

24) Feminist Resources Unlimited (Providence, RI) - Asking for \$540 for a bulk mail fee and for printing & mailing costs for their newspaper, "The Third Wave."

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

25) Progressive Women's Network/Reproductive Freedom Committee (Hadley, MA) - Request of \$600 toward expenses of a series of forums.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Community Organizing/Anti-Racist Work

26) Concerned Black Citizens of Blakely (GA) -Request of \$600 for general expenses.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

27) North Carolinians Against Racist & Religious Violence (Durham, NC) - \$600 grant toward expenses of their Police - Community Relations Project (also asking for loan, #36)

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

28) Anti-Displacement Project, Inc. (Springfield, MA) - They're asking for \$600 for costs of copying newsletters.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

29) Casa Latina, Inc. (Northampton, MA) - \$600 requested for a stipend & for materials for a work study intern to work with adolescents in a cultural diversity & anti-racism project.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

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30) ACT UP/Portland (Oregon) - \$600 asked for expenses of a needle exchange program.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

31) ACT UP/NY - Women & AIDS Book Group (NY, NY) - Asking for \$600 to hire a translator for a Spanish edition of the book, "Women, AIDS & Activism."

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

32) ACT UP/Maine (Portland, ME) - \$600 request to purchase and produce fund raising materials. \$150 emerg. grant request turned down: members polled felt it was not an emergency situation.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Miscellaneous

33) Refugee Voices (Washington, DC) - \$600 asked for expense of this radio project.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

34) American Friends Service Committee/Southern Africa Working Group (Northampton, MA) - Request of \$450 to produce materials for their Coca-Cola boycott campaign.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

35) National Whistleblower Center (Washington, DC) - \$500 asked for costs of a national mailing to public interest, union, anti-nuke & other groups concerned with workers' rights.

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LOAN REQUEST

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Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

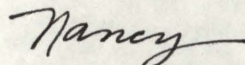
BUSINESS/POLICY ITEMS

* Office - Finances and other miscellaneous items.

* Next board meeting - We have to set a date and place for the last meeting of the year.

When I receive any additional info before the meeting on any of the above, I'll send you copies.

For peace and justice,



Nancy Moniz, Resist staff

CLIP AND SEND TO RESIST OFFICE

I won't be able to attend the Nov. 4th meeting in New York City. My preference for a date for a December meeting in Boston is

_____ Dec. 16 _____ Dec. 23

Signature

RESIST Board Meeting - Nov. 4, 1990, New York, NY

Present: Pam Chamberlain, Hank Rosemont, Frank Brodhead, Merble Reagon, Ken Hale, George Vickers, Nancy Wechsler (minutes), Louis Kampf, Grace Paley, Nancy Moniz (proxy).

GRANTS: We gave out a total of \$12,720 to 26 groups.

Before starting the meeting Louis raised the question of what to do about the fact that so many of the grant proposals seemed good. We might have too many yes's. Should we be tougher than usual? Can we go above limit? We decided to stick with the same criteria we have used all year and see how it comes out. (In the end we decided to spend a little over the \$12,250 limit set aside for this meeting.)

*****References:** See separate sheets for Nancy Moniz' written references.

Peace/Anti-Nuke

- 1) St. Ann's Peacemakers/Cadman Plaza Action Forum (Brooklyn, NY) -NO GRANT. They had requested \$500 for an event on the new world situation (part of national Mobe's speaking tour.) There was a similar event to this in Boston, with an overflow crowd. The Boston event made money. Why does this group need money for this? An event like this should break even or make money. Why didn't they pass the hat? Why does NYC need a national tour? They have all the speakers they need available right there.
- 2) San Francisco Nuclear Free Zone Coalition (CA) - \$200 (SOME) for their November 4 initiative campaign. Nancy Moniz raised questions about their organizing ability. Seemed like a problem it was on the ballot the same time as the "Green" thing. Our money won't make much difference. Must be something positive about this since Nuclear energy industry is putting so much money into defeating it.
- 3) Committee Opposed to Militarism & the Draft (San Diego, CA) -\$500 toward their "Campaign to Demilitarize Our Schools." Louis knows some of the people. Fine group. High School kids a real priority. Pam would like to encourage them to share their plan with other communities. Have we had newsletter article on this? War Resisters League does stuff like this. Important to educate youth before universal draft is reinstated. Also it's harder to change to CO status once you've already registered.
- 4) New England INFAC'T (Boston, MA) - \$600 for a campaign to inform people about General Electric's radioactive contamination of the environment. Is this a priority issue? They are a good group.
- 5) New Hampshire Action for Peace & Lasting Security (Concord, NH) - \$600 for their Comprehensive Test Ban Project. Grace knows a lot of people...many are Quakers. We've given them money before. Good recommendations. Important group in area. What about the fact that they are a peace and justice group with no positions on many issues? Narrow focus. It is good they are working on Persian Gulf. Good work around property tax, too. Yes, but say something like we are surprised they haven't done work around...(see question #10).

Gay and Lesbian

- 6) Gay & Lesbian Student Association/Univ. of Nebraska (Lincoln, NE) - \$385 (as requested) for production of pamphlets & business cards. Louis: Ruth Thone very good person. They should push for more student government money. Maybe they are being discriminated against. People felt very positive about this group.
- 7) Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Discrimination/SF Bay Area Chapter (San Francisco, CA)

- NO GRANT. They had requested \$525 for an Oct. 21 panel discussion, "Lesbians in the Media." Question raised about whether we wanted to fund a panel of an organization which can raise its own money? Doesn't seem like they are doing a lot. Don't take any other stands. No follow up on how the event went.

8) Alternative Resources of the Triad (Greensboro, NC) - \$600 toward the purchase of a copying machine. Questions raised about why they haven't supported Harvey Gantt. Wechsler suggested that they might be involved as individuals. Mandy Carter, who gave them a positive reference, is quite heavily involved in the get out the vote for Gantt campaign.

Middle East

9) Labor Committee on the Middle East (San Francisco, CA) - \$300 Grant. They had requested \$575 to purchase a hard drive for their computer. Discussion: It doesn't cost that much for a MAC hard drive. Louis had mixed feelings. Main guy is a bit difficult. Can be sectarian. They are only labor related group doing this. We decided to give them a grant, but less than they asked for. We think they can get the hard drive for around \$300.

10) Union of Palestinian Women's Association (Chicago, IL) - \$600 for production of their brochures. Is this social service? Recommender is a terrific person. Hank checked with his sister-in-law. She thought this was a big group, very little politics, social service. Louis pointed out they worked with Rainbow.

Native American

11) Indian Treaty Rights Committee (Chicago, IL) - \$600 for printing and postage for their newsletter. Why were they denied tax exempt status? Excellent group. In future, outreach effort should make environmental statement. They have made some statements.

12) South & Meso-American Indian Information Center (Oakland, CA) - \$600 telephone, copying, etc. for the International Indian Women's Conference & Network. Wechsler really liked this project. Questions raised about the possibility of corporate donations? Frank: good project, good use of money, well recommended.

Central and Latin America

13) Building with the Voiceless of El Salvador (Washington, DC) - NO GRANT. They had requested \$600 to produce & promote a slide show about the repopulated communities in El Salvador. Postponed from last meeting. We needed info about how they intended to use the slide show. Discussion: Which faction are they? Nancy Moniz (Proxy): Maybe yes. They seem to have answered questions from previous meeting. Louis: What do they do here in this country? Their main work seems to be there. Is this our priority? / Real multiplication of groups related to work around El Salvador. Each of 5 groups in FMLN has groups here. They are now less united rather than more united. What effect does fragmented activity have on building support among non-Salvadorans? George: Not enthusiastic about supporting this. They can get resources. Our support is not critical. Decision: No grant. Write and say we had a lot of requests and that this was not a priority at this time.

14) Casa de Proyecto Libertad (Harlingen, TX) - \$200 (SOME). They had asked for \$600 to produce and mail a quarterly newsletter. Strong recommendation. Advocacy and legal work...very swamped. They want to do more than legal work, but they don't have time. Doing legal work is creating process which is receiving publicity which is creating educational work. High quality project. Large grants, big budget. More service than not. Only group in the area doing this. How about Token? Some? People liked newsletter, which is what the money is for. Decision: SOME. We don't have a lot of money, and you are

a big budget, big size organization. We really want to encourage political education. We like your newsletter.

15) Association of Salvadoran Women (New York, NY) - \$600 for costs of producing their newsletter, "Women: Unity and Struggle." This is FPL group. Comadres is tied to another faction. Good people. Answers to questions #9 is better than group #13. Raising money here to support struggle there. Work is not primarily about educating people here but maintaining communication with groups there.

16) South North Communication Network/Barricada International (San Francisco, CA) - \$570 for a promotional subscription drive to university & other libraries for this bi-lingual newspaper about Nicaragua & Central America. They are re-organizing. Lost subsidy. Asking us for money for sub drive. Rejected by Vanguard. Not an organizing group. People doing this work aren't finding this helpful. George disagrees with that assessment. Good info about internal debates in Sandinista movement. Know about current debates. Ken: information tool, not organizing tool, very useful. Important to get info to libraries.

17) Komite de Unidad Guatemalteca (San Francisco, CA) - \$500 for production of brochures, & for office supplies. Not much going on in this country re: Guatemala. Need for more outreach. This group works with refugees, not "american public." Recommendation is mixed bag. George: in this country there is the Guatemala scholars network and NISGUA. NISGUA is declining. Important that a group is doing work on Guatemala. Our grant would make an enormous difference to them. They have very little money. We should send them our FF booklet with info on other sources of funding. Specifically we should mention Vanguard.

18) Hondunet (Cambridge, MA) - \$600 for a fax machine. Oscar: knows group, seems fine. Only thing in Boston around Honduras. Meeting to set up national network. Working with CODEH in Mexico. Questions raised about the possibility of many groups applying to us for money for fax machines. What do we think of this? Many people thought it could be useful for certain types of groups. Specifically people thought it was useful for a group like this. Should we consider bulk purchase of Fax's and then solicit applications from groups which we think should have them? NO decision on that question.

19) Delaware County Pledge of Resistance (Swarthmore, PA) - \$315 (as requested) for educational coffee house event about Guatemala. Frank: stalwart group. Do a lot of work in Chester. Heavy place to work. Not just a white and campus-based group. They worked on Housing NOW demo. Unusual for this kind of group.

20) Lawyers' Coalition for Peace in Central America (Boston, MA) - NO GRANT. They asked for \$500 for designing and printing brochures. Do they need money? Mike's recommendation not that positive. People didn't like that they were distancing themselves from the Lawyers guild. Wechsler said Judy Somberg of the NLG was involved. Maybe the application was weak, and the group better. Not all lawyers are rich. Decision: NO grant. This is a good idea, but not a priority for Resist to fund a group that has a constituency that could raise money elsewhere.

Prisoners

21) Interfaith Prisoners of Conscience Project (Evanston, IL) - \$200 (SOME) They had requested \$600 for printing "Can't Jail the Spirit - Political Prisoners in the U.S." Tatiana read 1st edition and liked it a lot. Intro defines political prisoner and prisoner of war. People tell their own stories. For the most part it was not rhetorical. Creates human face to these people. Questions raised as to whether or not it provided analysis around political prisoners. Some other media have presented more powerful stories of some of these same people. What does this mean in terms of organizing outside

prison? Importance of book is it is saying that the US has political prisoners. They also have a chapter on "ordinary" prisoners. Book is aimed at non-left audience. Good list of resources in the back. Frank thought their connection with Churches would ensure they had the money to get the book printed, and then they would break even or make money. They don't need our money. Looks like an interesting book, but project will happen without our support. Reference says church funding is drying up. Questions about whether or not this is a Resist priority. Specific project is to send books to prisoners. People not excited by this. After going around and around, and taking a straw poll, we agreed on a SOME.

22) Lesbian & Gay Prisoner Project (Boston, MA) - \$600 for duplication of their resource packets. People very positive about this proposal. Good resource packet.

23) Tribunal of Political Prisoners in the US (New York, NY) - \$600 toward production of a curriculum, "Dimensions of Human Rights in the US." George strongly supportive. Impressed at what they've done. Not sure what impact will be. They have done a lot of stuff, will do more. This is part of ongoing work. Always been skeptical about international tribunals, but it might be worth helping them now. Questions raised about whether or not there was any chance the curriculum would be adopted by NY schools. There are ways to get stuff in.

Women

24) Feminist Resources Unlimited (Providence, RI) - NO GRANT. They had asked for \$540 for a bulk mail fee and for printing & mailing costs for their newspaper, "The Third Wave." Reference not very good. Louis doesn't want us to base our decision totally on Haymarket as a reference. Proposal itself doesn't look good. Not starting from a place that would make them multi-racial. Weak place to begin. Not a Resist priority.

25) Progressive Women's Network/Reproductive Freedom Committee (Hadley, MA) - \$600 toward expenses of a series of forums. Good reference from Marlene.

Community Organizing/Anti-Racist Work

26) Concerned Black Citizens of Blakely (GA) - \$600 for general expenses. Exciting proposal. Should we do a newsletter article on them? What do we think about their answer to political work question? Maybe they didn't understand it, as they are clearly part of a movement.

27) North Carolinians Against Racist & Religious Violence (Durham, NC) - \$600 grant toward expenses of their Police - Community Relations Project and \$1000 loan (see below). Wechsler wasn't sure she liked this particular project. People thought it was actually bird-dogging the police and they liked that. Good they are doing follow up to report. Important work, not too many people doing it. This is how panthers in Bay Area started. Do they work with teenagers to let them know their rights when stopped?

28) Anti-Displacement Project, Inc. (Springfield, MA) - \$600 for newsletter. Strong recommendation. Copying machine will be well used. Outfit doesn't seem mainstream. What are their politics? They should look into "in-kind" contributions from corporations. They might be able to get a used copy machine when a company was upgrading. Question: Are they doing education around why the displacement is happening? Nothing political in handouts. We should encourage them to do education about why displacement is happening, the reasons behind displacement.

29) Casa Latina, Inc. (Northampton, MA) - NO GRANT. They had requested \$600 for a stipend & for materials for a work study intern to work with adolescents in a cultural diversity & anti-racism project. Nice project, makes kids feel good, but it's coming to

us because fed funds have dried up. Haven't reached out to other groups. Not a lot of interaction with other groups. Good answers to question #9.

Organization sounds good. This is not the kind of project we normally fund. Send encouraging letter suggesting they re-apply for an organizing project. They should send us another proposal.

AIDS Activists

30) ACT UP/Portland (Oregon) - NO GRANT. They had requested \$600 for expenses of a needle exchange program. Reference very positive, they do lots of things. Questions raised about their comparison of Khomeni to the publisher, possibly fueling anti-Arab racism. We would like to see flyer. Questions raised about whether or not we have a position on needle exchange programs, and whether or not we want to fund them. Questions raised about their Outing of Mark Hatfield. We need more information. What are their goals for needle exchange. Do they expect the government to expand their program? Is this medical/social service work or are they challenging government to change climate around needle exchange? How is it done now by the city, what do they want to happen? We need to understand the politics of it better. Is this an act of CD? Let them know we have funded many ACTUP projects and that AIDS activism is a priority for us. We are divided about funding needle exchange programs. So either come back to us with another proposal/project and/or send us more information on the politics of what they are doing around needle exchange.

31) ACT UP/NY - Women & AIDS Book Group (NY, NY) - NO GRANT. They had asked for \$600 to hire a translator for a Spanish edition of the book, "Women, AIDS & Activism." Pam read two chapters. Unique aspects of HIV infection excellent chapter. Interesting statistics, well written. Most women AIDS activists know this information, critical to get info out to others. Lesbians and AIDS chapter very weak. Spanish translation: is this a good use of our money? Do we want to give NY ACTUP money, given their large budget? Questions raised about whether or not they could or would do a culturally sensitive translation. Do we want to fund a book project. Is this an organizing project or not? This is not a good use of our money. Say we are glad they've done the book. We have concerns about a literal translation into Spanish. Mammoth task. Bigger than what we can consider funding. Our grant would be a drop in the bucket.

32) ACT UP/Maine (Portland, ME) - \$600 to purchase and produce fund raising materials. Good project, good group. \$600 will make a difference to them.

Miscellaneous

33) Refugee Voices (Washington, DC) - NO GRANT. They had requested \$600 for expense for radio project. Tatiana listened to tapes. Well produced technically. Had problems with whole format. Didn't give enough information. PSA's were very mainstream. Immigrants have a really hard time, you should welcome them, create a warm atmosphere toward all refugees.

34) American Friends Service Committee/Southern Africa Working Group (Northampton, MA) - \$450 to produce materials for their Coca-Cola boycott campaign. There is a lot happening in Northampton where there is a bottling company. It is important to push boycott/divestment issues now.

35) National Whistleblower Center (Washington, DC) - \$100 (TOKEN) They had asked for \$500 for a national mailing to public interest, union, anti-nuke & other groups concerned with workers' rights. Hank: This is a one person show. Info for mailings could be extremely important. Hank would like to see what is going into mailing. We talked about postponing until we could see mailing. Would we fund this individual even if we liked the mailing? What about reference? Finally we decided on a token, figuring the mailing would

probably be useful. ASK THEM FOR A COPY.

LOAN REQUEST

36) North Carolinians Against Racist & Religious Violence (Durham, NC) - YES to a loan of \$1,000 for three months for expenses of their Annual Meeting & Fund Raising Dinner.

BUSINESS/POLICY ITEMS

* Grace brought up the suggestion that Resist should issue a new statement, a new "call to Resist." We are letting Refuse and Resist get away with everything. Can we issue new statement re-affirming support for resistance against war? Decision: Next staff/board lunch meeting would come up with a way to do this at December board meeting. Maybe we can issue a one paragraph statement re-affirming our old Call, and saying that while we have grown and changed, we haven't forgotten our roots.

* Feedback on typed references. Positive feedback on written recommendations. What does Nancy Moniz think of it? It's good to have a written record of it. Saved us a lot of time, easier for minute taker. Unless Nancy Moniz finds it too onerous, it is a really good thing. Makes it easier to read application. Makes it easier to know what to think. Hank didn't want to use the written references as a crutch. We decided to ask Nancy Moniz to do it one more time and then make a decision on whether or not to continue.

* Office:

Finances:	Cambridge Trust	\$ 17,847.04
	Working Assets Invest Fund	121,544.23
	Working Assets Loan Fund	5,151.93
	Calvert Bond Fund	50,551.12
	First Trade Union CD	<u>50,067.02</u>
	Total unrestricted	\$245,161.34
	Cohen Endowment	10,692.58
	Resist Endowment	5,461.19
	Total All Funds:	\$261,315.11

Possibility of New Office Space:

We are negotiating with the building and with Dollars & Sense over some space across the hall from where we have space now. Our hopes are that D&S would move out of the office we split with them and take over the new office across the hall. Since they can't afford any more rent money, we are discussing other possibilities, such as a Resist ad in D&S each month to make up the cost differences. Board was favorable to this plan and authorized a sub-committee to discuss and hopefully approve a final negotiated agreement. The sub-committee consists of: Pam, Louis, Tess, Wechsler, Moniz, and Tatiana. This should all be settled in a week or two.

* Next board meeting - December 16, 1990 in Boston.

REFERENCES For the November 4, 1990 Resist Board Meeting

- 1) St. Anne's Peacemakers/Cadman Plaza Action Forum - Peter Drucker of National Mobe knows of these folks. The Cadman group is a member in good standing of the Brooklyn Coalition for Peace & Justice. It's a good organization. He feels that they can pull off a good event.
- 2) S.F. Nuclear Free Coalition - 10/17/90 I talked with several trusted people in the Bay Area who are activists. Rebecca Gordon didn't know much, Bill Hoffman had heard of it but didn't know much, Linda Lucero of Vanguard didn't know anything, it doesn't have a high profile, it seemed strange that she hadn't heard of this. I finally called one of the Coalition member groups, AFSC/SF. I first talked with Jean Ishibashi, who knew that AFSC is part of the Coalition, felt it was a necessary project, but hadn't seen much publicity about it. Altho' she signed the petition, she hasn't been directly involved lately. She suggested that I talk with David Hansell (?), the Executive Secretary of AFSC, who had pushed for AFSC membership in the Coalition. He said that the Coal. has speakers & literature out, but it is a low budget project, have to rely on volunteers. A recent poll showing this a little ahead, but the opposition will be putting major money into advertising in the next two weeks. He said that the top thing on the ballot is the Green Initiative, so this is getting less notice there. / I asked the Coal. to send an update on progress before the Nov. 4th meeting.
I had also called them for more info about 2 weeks ago - they left out responses to #10, & #11 on our application form. Info came in today.
- 3) COMD - I talked with Margarita Ramirez of Liberty Hill Foundation in L.A. They've funded them a number of times in the past. Group is very consistent/ only group in San Diego doing this type of work/ very effective, do much on smallish budget/ lots of projects/ good high school and people of color work - they focus on these groups/ this is the type of group which isn't able to get foundation support from other than progressive funders. Highly recommended.
- 4) NE INFAC - Lee Ferris of Boston Mobe - Mobe hadn't worked with them in the past mostly because Mobe hadn't been focusing on corporations, she thinks. Mobe will be working with them in future - INFAC will be participating in the National Mobe "After the Cold War" tour events/ their staff person seems quite good & is open to working with Mobe. Lee didn't know much of org., suggested I talk with former Mobe staff person Tony Palomba. He feels that they are a straight forward grass roots group which started working on the Nestle boycott & then progressed to working against corps./ focus on GE - fine group - out there doing their thing/ As far as coalition work, don't do a lot because they do focused work which is positive because they "really drive at their target" - feels its an opportune time for this work because of the military spending controversy. This particular project seems good, they seem to be branching out. For coalition work, they'll sign statements, do a mailing, (he thinks this is good), but not much active participation. Feels this is a good organization.
- 5) NH Action for Peace - I talked with Arnie Alpert of AFSC/NH. He thinks that they're doing well in a conservative state. Real range of politics in leadership - liberal to radical/ this group and C.A. network fill real need

of smaller groups around state to relate to each other in state-wide campaigns. He feels that organiz. is moving in a good direction/ takings leadership role in the Gulf crisis situations - have had events, demos, resources. AFSC works closely with them but since NH Action is taking leadership role in Comp. Ban project, AFSC can do more support role. AFSC/ NH is focusing more now on racism & local domestic issues. AFSC's major goal in the '80's was to develop a strong independent disarmament movement in NH - this group is one of the results of that work. Recommended.

6) Gay & Lesbian Student Assoc. - Ruth Thone of Alternatives to Military in Lincoln knows of them/ one of more active groups/ she's checked with contacts there - received great recommendations/ they've "courageously confronted ROTC issue on the campus"/ are effective in their work/work in coalitions for example with the Women's Resource Center.

7) GLAAD/SFBA - Linda Lucero of Vanguard Foundation said that they had just funded this group for outreach to people of color/ particularly liked the fact that the issue of diversity is built into GLAAD's structure - they do need to diversify & she feels that Vang. grant will help with that. She felt that this is a good group/ their newsletter is pretty sharp on their issue/ didn't know, but would be surprised if they didn't participate in coalitions with other groups. As far as funding options, she feels that they are sophisticated enough to have the skills, constituency & options for fund raising.

8) Altern. Resources of the Triad - Mandy Carter of WRL/NC thinks they do very good work/ provide both social services & do political work for entire area/ are doing a "fantastic job"/ they also do training on organizing/ all this is "desperately needed in the area"/ on the question of diversity, she's not sure but said this would be a general problem of many groups, even tho' Greensboro area has a higher % of black people than the state in general. She recommends this group.

9) Labor Cmtee. on ME - Bill Hoffman of SF Pal. Sol. Cmtee. has worked with in past on a tour/ knows them pretty well - they've done a lot of good things/ the bulk of their membership is rank & file union members - their strategy is educating rank & file/ they have good relations with progressive trade union leadership/ have a newsletter which goes out to a lot of unionists/ group makes connex with other issues. Recommended.

10) Association of Palestinian Women - Jenifer Bing-Canar of Chicago AFSC Middle East desk knows of them/ one of more active Palestinian groups in Chicago/ they network nationally with other orgs/ very involved with coalitions on gulf crisis/ working to some degree with New Jewish Agenda (who have women to women political prisoner (Pales.) project = this project is good one to unite the 2 communities. Assoc. is visible politically (in Chicago, it's frustrating for her that there is a lack of a visible women's movement, not like in Boston.) She's very glad that this group is also doing women's social development work because the Arab-Amer. community in Chicago tends to be conservative on social issues in particular as well as being male dominated. AFSC worked with the Assoc. on Intern. Women's Day = this was the first time for Assoc. It's not clear to her about their politics but they seem to be on left of political spectrum. There is some factionalism in Chi., i.e. there are 3 different Arab Centers, but the

community doesn't make a big deal about identification with different factions/lines - very different than in NY or Boston.

11) Indian Treaty Rights Cmtee. - Jackie Schad of Crossroads Fund in Chicago knows of group/ they've just re-funded them. Group has done impressive work in Illinois and Wisconsin (spear fishing struggle). Group recently re-organized their structure in order to incorporate more people in the group. They're very vocal & visible, especially recently on a local burial ground issue/ have done public actions and demos - had good press coverage/ doing anti-racist protests. They continue to do good work. She recommends this group.

12) SAIIC - Linda Lucero of Vanguard said that they have funded this group in the past/ really like them a lot, board members speak highly of this group. Especially like their work with Native Americans here & indigenous people in the Americas - they make very good connections on the issues facing groups of Indians - this is one of their real strengths & they're quite successful at it. Fund raising for them is always a struggle, more so in light of the 500th anniversary work, which they're involved in & which will increase their costs as an organization. Highly recommended.

13) Building with the Voiceless of El Salvador - George Gary of NISGUA has worked with them in coalitions/likes the work they do/ one of best newsletter for fund raising for communities in El Salvador/ they work with Cabanas in east & Honduran camps/ SHARE works on Chalatenango area/ feels work of group not redundant/ they deal more with the issues of refugees resettlement, the Salv. military, development orgs. that have formed & less with U.S. foreign policy.

Mike Prokasch of NECAN was helpful in explaining more of the dynamics of why there are several different orgs. like this doing the same type of work - he feels that the reason has to do with suggestions from the leadership of different groups in El Salv. the separateness in the U.S. reflects the different structures in the Movement in El Salv. Even though groups are fairly cooperative they do have separate programs and identities.

14) Casa Proyecto Libertad - Graciela Sanchez of Esperanza Center in San Antonio knew of them, excellent work but doesn't work directly with them and referred me to Jeanne Durrell of the Refugee Aid Project (S.A.). Jeanne said Proyecto is an excellent group/ one of the best/ very dedicated people/ they mostly do legal work for refugees & they're swamped with this alone = they can't do much direct organizing on U.S. foreign policy because of this, mostly have to work on INS policy and refugee issues. She feels though that they have a good analysis of US role in Central America & publicize this & educate thru their newsletter.

15) Association of Salvadoran Women - I first talked with Kelly Ready of Friends of COMADRES. She'd worked with them on a joint project, had met members in El Salv. There were a number of women's groups there but there are fewer since the offensive. ADEMUSA still going, pretty resilient, tho their office in San Salv. had been ransacked. She could highly recommend their work in El Salv., but doesn't know much about their US work. She said that she does know from COMADRES work that having ADMUSA women here would be very important for this type of solidarity work. Most of the Salv. groups are headed by men, therefore very important to have reps of women's groups

here. She suggested I talk with MADRE in NYC. Vivian Stromberg of MADRE said that MADRE has worked closely with them both in El Salv. and here. ADEMUSA helps to connect women's groups here and shares info on ongoing work about Salv. women. There are just a few women in NYC & some on West Coast - difficult & dangerous situation for reps. Their newsletter is the only way, she felt, to get info on Salv. women here/ it's sent to a good number of groups/ style of the NL not the loveliest but the information is always accurate & good - she calls on them as a resource for documentation often. A grant from Resist would be well used since they don't have many options right now. She recommends we fund.

16) North/South Communications/Barricada International - George Vickers subscribes to this/ they're doing a good job right now/ have reorganized in design & content = this is good, they are not just touting the FSLN line as in the past, but are deliberately focusing on the internal debate in the Frente/ they also include news from La Prensa and other periodicals in Nica. BI is also reporting on deterioration of programs such as health care. Also analysis of UNO economic progress(?). BI has most in English but some in Spanish. He feels pleased with the changes, felt before was not all that interesting/ doesn't now seem to be taking sides with different factions in Frente. He finds BI very useful now. They also include news of other countries. Feels they need to be self-sustaining since not funded by FSLN any more.

I also talked with Rebecca Gordon. She feels that BI has gotten to be a very good paper, every issue is better. In the last year, this presents the most diverse set of voices coming out of Nica. It's very timely since it is printed in US. She feels that as the US media interest in Nica falls off, BI will become much more important for news. Recommended.

17) Comite do Unidad Guate. - Rebecca Gordon suggested I talk with David Loeb of Guate.News & Info Bureau in Oakland. He knew of the group/ small group of Guatemalans, around for a while & have been trying to organize a committee - now seems to have pulled it together - this is great/ GNIB has worked with individuals in past - has tried to co-sponsor events but sometimes they haven't come thru/ feels just growing pains/ a tour is coming up & GNIB will co-sponsor with Comite/ One big problem, since the split of ERP from URNG in 1986, has been factionalism in Guate. community in US/ affects work, many tensions, makes it difficult to do grassroots work within Guate. community/ positive sign that this group is progressing but feels not in wider community/ Non Guate solidarity network (such as GNIB) seems not to have fallen into taking sides.

18) Hondunet - I talked with Anne Wright of NECAN. She feels they're committed people/ she's excited his is happening since work about Honduras has not had much attention paid to it/ this work is given a solid base, she feels, in the 1 or 2 material aid projects they're doing/ this could raise funds to be sent to Honduras as well as educating people here about the situation/ she trusts them as a group/ this group is helpful as a resource for New England wide work - there's a structure for human rights work, useful in rapid response/ she'd also worked with some of the members of this group before it started (general C.A. solidarity work.)

19) Del.County Pledge - Frank Brodhead had referred me (in 1988) to Angie Berryman who thought this group was four-star, and in 1989 to Rhonda Jordan

of Bread & Roses Fund who said then that they were active in coalition building, had good participation in rallies, were all volunteer, made links with other groups in area, make connex with C.A. & need for housing in area. I just talked with Rhonda again. Her opinion is that the above is holding true & that they are in fact making progress/ they recently had a town meeting event on the Middle East/ working with Jobs with Peace, Sane/Freeze & other groups on different issues. B&Roses board likes this group a lot/ recently funded them again for a staff person & office.

20) Lawyers' Coalition for Peace in C.A. - I called Mike Prokasch of NECAN. He thinks they're a good group/ basically formed last Dec./ they wanted to set up something that didn't have the rep of being National Lawyers' Guild - no problems politically in decision but, strategically, wanted to distance themselves from the left image of NLG in order to have more entree with mainstream lawyers & organizations/ have done some politically good events for the legal profession but one that Mike went to was not well attended/ he doesn't know how much outreach they've done/ contact person very good but he doesn't know what they are accomplishing (they may be doing things he's not aware of) or what their focus is (human rights, material aid, legislative, education?)

21) Interfaith Prisoners of Conscience Project - Linda Thurston of National AFSC knows them/ thinks the book is very good. They have a hard working staff & Organization/ great at working with churches on POConsc. focus, including with mainstream churches/ gotten lots of church conferences involved. These are constituencies that can influence national & international bodies, since they have solid reps. Project also seems to have good ties outside of church networks. Non-sectarian as far as both churches & political organizations/very persistent on their issue. On the question of their options for funding - she doesn't feel they have many options because they focus on mainline churches. Yana is reviewing the whole book and will have a report for the board meeting.

Linda also had the following information: Church funding seems to be drying up, she feels. the National Council of Churches has cut down on funding, has a loss of staff & task forces. Other bodies seem to be experiencing this also (such as AFSC.) Right wing funded churches are growing & more progressive mainline churches are losing constituencies. She sees churches pulling back from funding political (Central America) work to funding refugee/humanitarian work.

22) Lesbian & Gay Prisoner Project - Judy Greenspan of ACLU Prison Project in DC highly recommends this group/ said it was most unfortunate that this is the only group doing this type of work nationally - wishes there were more groups but not enough interest in the G & L community yet. Their costs are large because they send out free info to prisoners who write them/ make connections of prisoners with resources & support groups/ act as resource/info center for whole US/ extremely helpful to work of ACLU/ Project does support work for all prisoners who write to them. Couldn't say enough good things about Project & Mike Riegle.

23) Tribunal for Political Prisoners in US - Please see letter of recommendation from Matt Meyer of War Resisters League - in packet.

24) Feminist Resources Unlimited - I talked with Mark Toney of the RI

Haymarket board. This group had a proposal in to them also/ Mark had just been on a site visit interview with the group. Haymarket decided not to fund their request because: Haym.'s priority is to fund organizing or projects that have connex with organizing (i.e. organiz.tools) - this Newspaper isn't either, the group doesn't view it as such but as a communication thing. Haymarket also felt group has weaknesses in diversity - very few women of color/ it has no membership base/ they don't look at issues of race & class in relation to feminism/ Haym. also looks at how groups are looking into ways other than grants to do fund raising - this group doesn't, it's a network of 30 groups: to be a member a group has to agree to 4 principles and pay \$5/year (he knows groups have resources to help fund the NP). As far as the Newspaper: Haym. board felt that there were no or few articles on everyday issues & things happening to women, rather had opinion pieces which seem to come out of a somewhat narrow philosophy/ core group seems to be white, middle class & non-critical feminists. Felt this NP is not a Sojourner.

25) Progressive Women's Network - Marlene Fried of the Abortion Rights Fund of Western Mass. thinks this is a good group/ relatively new/ they just co-sponsored an event with the Fund/ she feels that they will be a lot like R2N2 = really will be multi-focus & community based action group, focused on activism, not a student group & will work in coalitions/ diverse in age, class/ much needed in their area/ a great boon for the Fund which doesn't have time to do too much more than fund raising/ this will supplement the activist part for the issue/ feels they will do whatever they say/ says they don't seem to have many resources/funds yet but do get a lot done. I also talked with Fran White - she's checking.

26) Concerned Black Citizens Committee - I talked with Jack Beckford of the Fund for Southern Communities. He was familiar with them, they have a proposal from this group for their next cycle. Hadn't done site visit yet but everything they know about the group is favorable. A preliminary reading by board members rated this group #1, highest ranked of all their proposals. Everything said about their situation is true, it's a very bad situation in Blakely. Since this is a relatively new group, he feels that can use all the financial help they can get. Highly recommended.

27) NCARRV - Mandy Carter of WRL/NC feels that they're A+++/ incredible work, the best/ can't recommend them highly enough.

28) Anti-Displacement Project - Michaelann Bewsee of Mass. Tenants' Organization/Western Mass. thinks they have an excellent organizer/ they've helped to organize the 3 largest projects in Springfield. MTO has worked with them on legislative work/ they definitely need the funds for newsletters - great organizing tools/ the Project in an interesting situation - it had been a project of Loan Fund which folded - now working with Institute for Community Economics/ Project putting together a board of at-risk tenants, she feels will be a good & active one/ Project working with tenants of about 1200 units of at-risk housing & plans to expand. (I questioned why the Project doesn't buy a copier. She said that ARISE, a community group she works with, did buy a copier, least expensive was \$2,000 with a trade-in/ it is being fully used by ARISE but even this isn't adequate for their needs alone.) She highly recommends group & project.

29) Casa Latina - Fran White suggested I talk with Ada Sanchez at Hampshire College. She's a long time activist. Ada said that, although she's not a member of the group, she has worked with them on community issues since 1987. She said they're "wonderful"/ their programmatic approach, both present and planned, such as programs for empowerment & skills, are exactly what the Latino community needs/ they're respected in the Valley & the Latino community. They're definitely a progressive political organization, do direct service also, but programs are geared toward activating Latino community, teaching assertiveness skills so that both youth & adults are able to articulate needs & develop leadership skills. They support rallies & action oriented events. She gave them a "rave review."

30) ACT UP/Portland, OR - I talked with Nigel of McKenzie River Gathering. They also have a proposal from this group for this project. This group has had a decided impact on the community on the issue/ highly respected/ work in coalition with many groups/ he hasn't heard anything but positive things about them. The climate in Portland for needle exchange - city gov't is conservative, no one else doing this, this is a cutting edge project.

31) ACT UP/NYC/Women & AIDS Book - Peter Drucker of Mobe had said when they applied in Jan. 1990 that this is a "wonderful organization" but that they have plenty of funds/ they are "skilled fund raisers"/ they do a good job of giving funds to other ACT groups around the US/ for a great majority of people in the group this is their first political activity - great consciousness raising tool. Pam Chamberlain is reviewing two of the chapters & will be able to report on them at the board meeting.

32) ACT UP/Maine - I talked with Kathy McInnis of Haymarket/Maine board. She said they started recently/ group based on ACT UPs around US/ they've had a tremendous amount of publicity in a short time/ Diane Elze of the G&L Political Caucus is one of their founders. They're very pro-active - civil disobedience & protests, focus on a lot of guerr. theatre - other g & l groups do more legislative work, direct service = more conservative in approach / this is radical, challenging more conservative members and movement to "wake up." She feels this has a tremendous potential/ giving AIDS community an avenue to do its work without giving funders excuses to cut funding = ACT UP "takes the blame for rabble rousing." She thinks "They're tremendous." / She also mentioned that Haymarket/ME hadn't gotten a proposal from the group & that they have some emergency funds available. I gave her their number & she said she'd call them.

33) AFSC/So.Africa Working Group - Fran White thinks they've done great, thinks highly of them/ they put on good events/ have kept current with events & info about Southern Africa/ also participate in events at Hampshire College/ these people have been steady & serious. I also talked briefly with Margaret Cerrulo who feels the same about them.

34) Refugee Voices - Tess Ewing suggested I talk with Ben Davis of DC Labor Cmtee. on C.A. He knew of them/ contact person Jesuit father who worked in SE Asia, doesn't work for them now(?)/ edits radio programs, legislative updates for religious sector on refugee issue/ progressive current of Catholic activists on refugee issue to push Cath. sector to left/ feels they do a good job on issue, the Church is a major player on reform of

immigration & refugee laws, he feels./ He has problems with them on repro & abortion rights issues/ feels they come out of the "pro-life, seamless garment" sector of church people. Yana will report on sample tapes of programs that were sent to us with the proposal.

35) National Whistleblowers Center - Hank Rosemont is checking on them. I had some problems with a reference for them: they don't say which groups they work with, (nor did they include their full financial statement, income & expenses) I called to ask them to send the above info/ nothing yet. Tess Ewing suggested I talk with Ben Davis of the National Labor Cmtee. on C.A.: he had heard of them but didn't know anything about them. I also talked with Judy Greenspan of ACLU Prison Project (NW says she's good on prison issues but also part of Workers World) who knew of them, but suggested I talk with Debbie Katz, a lawyer who works on this issue. This is where it gets heavy. Debbie knows one of the people involved, she'd worked with him at the Gov't Account. Project in DC/ there was a big public fight & split initiated by this Steve Cohn & he now has a law suit against them. She said that this Center is not a public interest group & doesn't exist as an entity: it is his law firm. Heavy charges! I asked Hank R. to check this out. Hopefully he'll have the info at the board meeting. All of the above ref. might be sour grapes, political infighting or even true. Hang onto your opinion until further notice.