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A call to **RESIST** illegitimate authority

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Board Meeting - September 22, 1991 - 11am

Nancy Wechsler's house

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Dear board member,

We have quite a few less proposals than at the last meeting. But, as usual, more than half of them came in on the deadline day!

You'll find the business items for the meeting at the end of the grants agenda portion of this letter. I'll send you any updated info for the requests, plus the references, about a week before the board meeting.

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-Militarism

1) Disarmament 2000/Common Security Working Group (Philadelphia, PA) - Requesting \$600 to subsidize expenses and travel (?) for persons to attend a conference on September 20 through 22.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

2) Oregon PeaceWorks (Salem, OR) - \$600 asked to develop 2 resource packets, and for training and travel(?) for presentation teams of their Peace Education program.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

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Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

4) Arms Control Research Center (San Francisco, CA) - \$600 requested to help pay for the production on a report on their findings about environmental impacts of the Gulf War.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

5) Peace & Justice Radio Project (Chicago, IL) - Request of \$600 to organize a brunch for fund raising and to promote community radio in Chicago.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

6) The Social Justice Center (Albany, NY) - They're asking for \$600 toward the purchase of a computer printer.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

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Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

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Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Community/Anti-Racism

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Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

10) Mayfair Manor Resident Association (Tucson, AZ) - Request of \$600 for expenses of incorporation as a non-profit organization.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Women

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Central & Latin America

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Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

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Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Gay & Lesbian

17) Outwrite '92 -- OUT/LOOK (San Francisco, CA) - Request of \$600 for special needs expenses at this conference in April of 1991: signing and printing of information in languages other than English.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

18) Concord Feminist Health Center (CA) - Request of \$691.50 for production and distribution costs of brochures about their Lesbian Health Clinic.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

19) Lesbian, Gay, & Bisexual Campus Center (Madison, WI) - Requesting \$585 to send three of their volunteer staff to the NG<F Creating Change Conference to attend the People of Color and the Diversity Training Institutes. (\$240 of request is for hotel rooms.)

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

20) The Matlovich Society (Portland, ME) - \$600 asked toward the purchase of a photo copying machine.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Middle East

21) Local Alliance for Mideast Peace (Knoxville, TN) - Asking for \$600: \$255 for printing and distribution of their newsletter; \$70 for publicity for an event; and \$275 for ??

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

22) Coalition for Peace in the Middle East (San Diego, CA) - Request of \$600 toward the printing and mailing of their follow-up to the Gulf War newsletter.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Labor

23) Sin Fronteras Organizing Project (El Paso, TX) - Request of \$600 to produce a booklet about their history and struggles.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Miscellaneous

24) Videoteca del Sur (New York, NY) - \$600 requested toward production, distribution and mailing costs of their newsletter, "Magicamerica." This is in Spanish. I'll ask Tess, Yana or Ken to review copies.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

25) Broadened Horizons Clean Water Project (Whitwell, TN) - They're asking for \$600 to purchase a slide projector and two special camera lens to document environmental abuses by the TVA.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

26) Odyssey Enterprises (Dedham, MA) - \$??? requested for general expenses (?) Their magazine is thick; I'll have a board member review a copy for the meeting.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

27) Michigan Coalition for Human Rights (Detroit) - Request of \$500 for distribution of a resource guide of their collection of South Africa and civil rights films, etc. (Large guide to be reviewed by board member for report to meeting.)

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

28) REPOhistory (New York, NY) - \$600 asked for ?? of their Lower Manhattan Street Sign Project.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

29) "How to '92" (New York, NY) - They're asking for \$600 for production of this 32 page handbook for action. They'll send a more detailed outline.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

30) PINTIG: Artists for the People (Chicago, IL) - A request of \$600 for the expenses of a cultural performance and art exhibit to mobilize people for peace in the Philippines and to oppose US intervention there.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

31) New Liberation News Service (Cambridge, MA) - Requesting \$600 toward expenses of a subscription and fund raising drive. They included a thick packet which I'll ask a member to review.

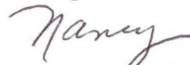
Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

BUSINESS/POLICY ITEMS

- * Resist's 25th Anniversary - Discussion.
- * Board Search Committee - Report.
- * Office - Finances and other miscellaneous items.
- * Next board meeting - We'll need a volunteer to host the next meeting, scheduled for November 3rd.

That's it for now. I hope you had a nice summer. I'll see you at the board meeting.

For peace and justice,



Nancy Moniz
Resist staff

Resist Board Meeting
September 22, 1991
Nancy Wechsler's
57 Moore St., Somerville, MA

PRESENT: Tatiana (minutes), Nancy Wechsler, Nancy Moniz, Ken Hale, Fran White, Tess Ewing, Louis Kampf.

Note: Connie is back in town, interested in rejoining board, but not available on proposed meeting dates until January. Louis let people know that Amy Swerdlow's husband Stanley had died.

GRANT REQUESTS We gave out a total of \$10,985 to 20 groups. (Reference sheets follow the minutes.)

Peace/Anti-Militarism

- 1) Disarmament 2000/Common Security Working Group (Philadelphia, PA) - YES to a grant of \$600 to subsidize expenses for persons to attend a conference on September 20 through 22. Most felt it was a good idea for these groups to get together. Some concern re really pulling in groups of color, but several are involved. Name of coalition sounds too narrow.
- 2) Oregon PeaceWorks (Salem, OR) - NO GRANT. They had requested \$600 to develop 2 resource packets, and for training and travel(?) for presentation teams of their Peace Education program. Pam C. recommendation (as read by Nancy Moniz) 'Interesting to read it because I knew that statewide curricula was approved by State Board. Packet has a variety of issues but not those can't find elsewhere. Resources could be helpful to teachers but not so much that's different. Teachers might already know about ??these?? but not radical or that progressive--very mainstream in message- skimpy- nothing in training packet sets it apart. Good answers in application form, (#10). Seem to have supported closing of local nuke plant. No sample lesson plans in packet. A lot missing in packet. Maybe applied to early. Lots of things are good (planning, structure). Could be postponed if they could give more info about how they're training teams, don't need to see curricula. Typical ESR project.' We should say we are supportive of this work, but we have limited funds, committed to most radical, suggest other funders.
- 3) Mobilization for Survival (New York, NY) - YES to a grant of \$600 for expenses of a public day of education at the MfS national convention October 4th through October 6th. Louis commented that local affiliates of MOBE are not really connected with national. Also they are a high budget organization. But people seemed to think the organization was important. Not too many national organizations left.
- 4) Arms Control Research Center (San Francisco, CA) - YES to a grant of \$500 (out of \$600 requested) to help pay for the production on a report on their findings about environmental impacts of the Gulf War. Additional material was reviewed by Louis. He didn't find it very informative. Group has a good track record. Doing critical work. We should suggest they circulate Joni Seager's article from the Women's Review of Books on the environmental impact of the war. Some concern that they have good funding already. Do they need us? On the other hand, it seems more radical than some other groups. Possible newsletter article after they return from Iraq.
- 5) Peace & Justice Radio Project (Chicago, IL) - POSTPONE. They had requested \$600 to organize a brunch for fund raising and to promote community radio in Chicago. Tatiana liked the program. Good local radio. NM concerned about lack of people of color involved from start. NM wants to ask them to wait, come back later, at present doesn't feel like it's multicultural. Tess agrees this is important for a community radio group. We don't know who they are and what issues they are covering. Issues seem to be somewhat multicultural. If they are not currently multicultural, ask what steps they plan to take

to become so.

6) The Social Justice Center (Albany, NY) - YES to a grant of \$600 toward the purchase of a computer printer. People felt supportive of their work.

7) Women Against War (Bethania, NC) - YES to a grant of \$600 for a photo copying machine. Tatiana impressed by all they have done since the war. Louis was impressed by inclusion of moslems. Diverse in terms of class, etc. Only peace group in area.

8) Campaign to Stop War Toys/War Resisters League (New York, NY) - SOME (\$200) out of \$600 requested toward expenses of their public access TV teach-in. Louis raises question about whether program on public access TV is useful. Do people watch public access TV? Tess thinks they have a big enough budget. Much discussion about this. People think campaign is important but not convinced as to whether public will watch the program.

Community/Anti-Racism

9) Concerned Citizens of Tillery (NC) - POSTPONE. They're asking for \$600 toward the purchase of a video camera for their Nubian Visions educational/empowerment project. No position on reproductive rights. There is no info on curriculum or programming plans for Nubian visions. We need to see more info. Send supportive letter. We discussed whether we should fund without seeing more info, but decided against it. Maybe we should write something about the group in the newsletter.

10) Mayfair Manor Resident Association (Tucson, AZ) - SOME (\$200) out of request of \$600 for expenses of incorporation as a non-profit organization. Jerry Robinett, our pledge in Tucson, gave us a reference. He said the fiscal sponsor is radical. Feels group is poor people working hard to get improvements. Discussion: Louis: Good housing organization, does important work, but no wider politics. Tess: Maybe this kind of organizing is good base for further political work. Louis disagrees. Says this is Alinsky style of organizing. It doesn't naturally lead to something more radical. Problem is we really don't know where (if anywhere) this is going. Ken: have knowledge of Tucson. Difficult place to organize, but great needs. Thinks there is potential here and that we should support anything in Tucson. People were very offended by "Comedy Corner" section in newsletter. They need to be sensitive to experience of non-Native speakers. Also, mention that we don't normally fund groups that don't have wider political perspective, but we want to support their work, hope they will develop broader agenda.

Women

11) Forest Park Southeast Women's Support Group (St. Louis, MO) -YES to a grant of \$600 for their project, "Heat is a Human Right." Louis: sounds good, but no position on repro rights. Yes. Sounds like strong community base.

12) Date/Marital Rape Education Project (Berkeley, CA) - POSTPONE. They are asking for \$600 for general expenses of a mailing. Rochelle Ruthchild highly recommends, but this was on a message on our answering machine. We didn't get to actually talk to her. Rebecca Gordon checked around. Heard that Laura X tends to work alone, puts in a lot of work. Project is being reborn, it's an important issue. NM and NW both spoke with her on phone. She seemed difficult. We need to think about this. Is the project important enough, resources valuable enough to support? Fran: no, organization doesn't seem together. Not convinced they can reactivate. Want clearer idea of who they are at this time. What is the organization? How does New York fit in? Who is responsible for what? Several want to postpone so we can talk to Rochelle and find out more info. We have to be straight with her, get her honest opinion. In letter to Laura X say we haven't completed our investigation (or gotten all references).

13) AFROS/Association of Right On Sisters (Roxbury, MA) - NO Grant. They had requested \$600 for printing and mailing a planned quarterly news letter. References were positive.

Louis: Doesn't feel they are ready to apply, still working out what they want to do. Tess: We haven't seen a copy of the newsletter, and outline is so vague, doesn't give an idea of what they'll do. Decision: No, with supportive letter. Wait until they have more clear idea of what they are going to do-- both in terms of newsletter and projects. Need more info on political perspective. Fran: vague on issue of diversity--not clear who they are versus what they would like to be. Wants clarity on steps to achieve goal of becoming a multi-racial group.

14) Association of Haitian Women in Boston (Hyde Park, MA) - YES to a grant of \$600 toward production of a pamphlet about rape and women battering. Great group. How about an article for newsletter? This is their first application to any foundation. We should give them some suggestions for other foundations.

Central & Latin America

15) Women's International Network for Development & Democracy in El Salvador (Washington, DC) - YES to a grant of \$600 for a copying machine. Tess: Salvadoran refugee community in Washington, DC is good at raising funds. She thinks this is a good project.

16) U.S. - El Salvador Sister Cities (New York, NY) - NO GRANT. They had requested \$600 toward the purchase of a computer. Much confusion over whether this is useful/necessary given that the Sister City projects haven't decided it is needed. She could come back later, once this decision has been made. Question as to why NEST isn't doing it anymore. Also we weren't sure about need for separate computer. She is using NEST's now.

Gay & Lesbian

17) Outwrite '92 -- OUT/LOOK (San Francisco, CA) - NO GRANT. They had requested \$600 for special needs expenses at this conference in April of 1991: signing and printing of information in languages other than English. NO, we don't usually fund conferences, unless they have more specific political organizing focus. Also, potential income is greater than expenses. Send supportive letter.

18) Concord Feminist Health Center (NH) - NO GRANT. They had requested \$691.50 for production and distribution costs of brochures about their Lesbian Health Clinic. Arnie Alpert--thinks oppression awareness workshops were good. Thinks public lesbian clinic is political move. Tess: budget is big, project not clearly political. We have scarce resources. NO. Open to proposals on political project. Supportive letter.

19) Lesbian, Gay, & Bisexual Campus Center (Madison, WI) - YES to a grant of \$585 (as requested) to send three of their volunteer staff to the NGTLF Creating Change Conference to attend the People of Color and the Diversity Training Institutes. Tess: Supportive of efforts to be inclusive. Suggests we give them loan while they see if they get big grant from school. NM- supportive but doesn't want to set precedent funding hotel rooms. NW- people need a place to stay, so if we are going to fund them to go we should fund the whole thing.

20) The Matlovich Society (Portland, ME) - NO GRANT. They had requested \$600 toward the purchase of a photo copying machine. People had questions re: name, speakers very mainstream, haven't initiated their own actions, backhanded comment re: MGLA. We fund projects that seem less mainstream than ones that invite the speakers they have listed. We are a strong anti-war organization and we feel very uncomfortable with a group named after a military person.

Middle East

21) Local Alliance for Mideast Peace (Knoxville, TN) - YES to a grant of \$600: \$510 for printing and distribution of their newsletter; and \$90 for publicity for events.

22) Coalition for Peace in the Middle East (San Diego, CA) - Yes to a grant of \$600

toward the printing and mailing of their follow-up to the Gulf War newsletter. Louis: trusts reference but has questions about statement--weak on condemning Iraq. He has questions about call for removing all sanctions. NM: Feels San Diego is difficult place to work, they are good, etc. Louis: Comment on no women or articles about women in newsletter. Decision: Yes, letter supportive but note our criticisms of statement, and need for including women's issues. Tatiana: questions usefulness of newsletter. Fran: questions usefulness of coalition. NM: Thinks important to have a group working on Middle East issues.

Labor

23) Sin Fronteras Organizing Project (El Paso, TX) - YES to a grant of \$600 to produce a booklet about their history and struggles. No position on reproductive rights.

Miscellaneous

24) Videoteca del Sur (New York, NY) - NO GRANT. They had requested \$600 toward production, distribution and mailing costs of their newsletter, "Magicamerica." Ken and Tess read issue of "Magicamerica". Tess: Group has network across Latin America. That's not something we'd usually fund. We might fund showing in NY, but the literature wasn't really an outreach tool. The films sound great, great resource for community. Articles not that useful for leftish filmmakers, not clear who audience is for newsletter. NO, supportive of work, possibly come back with a proposal for events in the community, showings of films.

25) Broadened Horizons Clean Water Project (Whitwell, TN) - YES to a grant of \$600 to purchase a slide projector and two special camera lens to document environmental abuses by the TVA. Nancy talked to someone in TN Environmental Council. Says group is good, does educational work, did a visibility event that got good media coverage in Nashville. Louis: says it's imaginative and important work, worth funding. Fran: Why are they left? NM: because they are critical of the TVA and corporations. Fran: What about other sources of funding? Louis: Thinks this is more radical than what most environmental foundations would fund. How about an article for newsletter?

26) Odyssey Enterprises (Dedham, MA) - Yes to a grant of \$600 for general expenses of the magazine. It's a great mag but too big a project. unrealistic. In context of difficulties in publishing field, it's too big, too glossy. Decision: YES, with letter suggesting scaling it down. Tatiana is interested in a short article on Odyssey for newsletter. Tell him Thursday is best day to call her at the office.

27) Michigan Coalition for Human Rights (Detroit) - YES to a grant of \$500 for distribution of a resource guide of their collection of South Africa and civil rights films, etc. Big budget (but not huge), but we like them. They don't have out front position on reproductive rights. (Should we include this in letter?)

28) REPOhistory (New York, NY) - YES to a grant of \$600 for production costs of signs for their Lower Manhattan Street Sign Project. Newsletter article after some signs are up about how people responded, etc.

29) "How to '92" (New York, NY) - YES to a grant of \$600 for production of this 32 page handbook for action. Concerns raised about Lisa's personality, some groups not wanting to work with her. Others felt pamphlet had lots of inventive ideas for demos. We don't really know enough about her, err on side of funding.

30) PINTIG: Artists for the People (Chicago, IL) - YES to a grant of \$600 for the expenses of a cultural performance and art exhibit to mobilize people for peace in the Philippines and to oppose US intervention there. People were supportive.

31) New Liberation News Service (Cambridge, MA) - NO GRANT. They had requested \$600

toward expenses of a subscription and fund raising drive. Louis: unimpressed. Tess: graphics not good enough to reproduce from. Discussion about role of this now--with changing technology--not sure how it can be used. Decision: NO. Real questions about place of the service now, people might find it more useful if they had it on disc. Graphics need to be on white paper, not newsprint. They need more staff. Basically, although we realize all this costs money, we don't see this as useful right now, in current form.

BUSINESS/POLICY ITEMS

* Resist's 25th Anniversary - Tatiana and Wechsler presented outline of job description for staff person. Tatiana is interested in the job. NW: Thinks it is worth spending the money (Max \$15,000 for 18 months). It will be bringing in money, publicity for Resist. Louis: Worthwhile to have Tatiana as the staff person because of involvement with Resist. Benefits outweigh lack of experience. NM: Important to clarify elements of project and time spent on this project versus (if Tatiana) other staff work. What about the idea of a reunion--it isn't in proposal. Do we want to do this? NW: Doesn't think it's possible to completely clarify role of this person. Louis: Suggests long conversation with Paul about this. He has lots of experience with projects like this. Suggests subcommittee on board to deal with potential problems, and negotiations among staff as to who will do what. Suggestion was made that Tatiana work 6-10 hours extra right now to further clarify job description, between now and the next meeting. She will talk to people who have done this kind of thing. Fran: Suggests if we hire outside of current staff, we do affirmative action process. NW: Not sure, as this is a part time, temporary position. We need someone we know or who knows organization. Fran: Yes, need references, need qualified person, but we should do an aggressive search. Tess: For next meeting, figure out different breakdowns if Tatiana does one part of job and we find other people to do the other parts.

* Board Search Committee - Larry Goldsmith is interested. We are waiting for his letter of intent, etc. That will be forwarded to search committee.

* Office - as of 9/20/91

Unrestricted Funds:

Cambridge Trust Co.	\$ 15,886.20
Working Assets Cash	\$ 30,364.15
Calvert MM Cash	\$103,449.51
1st Trade Union CD	\$ 53,213.57
Calvert Bond Fund	\$108,122.51

Total unrestricted:	\$311,035.94
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Restricted Funds:

Loan Fund	\$ 5482.44
Cohen Endowment	\$ 10,684.31
Resist Endowment	\$ 10,839.86

Total restricted:	\$ 27,006.61
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Total all funds:	\$338,042.55
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* Next board meeting: November 3rd at ?

September 20, 1991

REFERENCES for the September 22, 1991 Resist Board meeting:

- 1) Disarmament 2000 - I think you know the groups involved.
- 2) Oregon PeaceWorks - I called Dan Petegorsky of Peace Development Fund/West. He didn't have recent info about them, been a couple of years since PDF funded the group. Generally, he remembers them as a solid group, a merger of a lot of peace groups in OR which provided valuable networking functions for relatively small groups, their strength. I then talked with Linda Reymers of McKenzie River Gathering. She said that in the past McKRG had funded the development of materials for their Peace Ed Project. She said they have a really good curriculum; they have real good contacts with educators; that project is the best they've done. She said that McKRG's only criticism was that this is a very white group; in Oregon a lot of the groups outside of Portland and Eugene are like this. This group has pretty much concentrated on their issue, she doesn't think they've been very pro-active in doing outreach to communities of color, even though there is a large migrant community around Salem itself. She agreed with Dan about their strength being their networking of small peace groups. As far as their politics, Linda said they're "between liberal and progressive...certainly not Oregon's most left group."
- 3) National Mobilization for Survival - Betty Kapatanakis of North Star Fund in NYC said MfS recently had a proposal in to them. Board members who interviewed MfS recommended funding; they have good projects planned. One continuing question for North Star was the inclusion of more people of color into MfS. Board members did feel that MfS is seriously working on that, and seemed open to suggestions and criticisms. They have a person of color staff person and are also going to be hiring a NYC organizer. Betty said that they continue to be a great source of resources and info for the peace movement. North Star feels positive about Mobe as a useful organization.
- 4) ARC - Linda Lucero of Vanguard said ARC's "been doing really well.. VG's only criticism was that they might be too ambitious considering the size of the group... They've really expanded in the last year." She feels that they are more than a one person group which is quite cohesive. They're "doing work no one else is doing and on a high level... valuable work for now and in the future." She said the materials they produce are used locally and nationally; they've done conferences as well as research. Vanguard feels good about them.
- 5) Peace & Justice Radio Project - Jenifer Bing-Canar of AFSC/Chicago has been working with them "a little... Exciting project." This came out of meetings of groups after the Gulf War who were frustrated with the local media; started talking about an alternative needed to local radio. This is just getting started, they've produced 8 tape programs, which are aired on a local college station and, recently, on a large FM station. Jenifer feels that it "holds great promise." Many different sector groups (i.e. labor, women, solidarity, etc.) feel this is a good way to get the news out to the general public. She feels that it's been well received so far. As far as the brunch - "So far expenses have come out of pocket" and they also "wanted to have an event which is accessible to community people so as to get them involved" in producing shows of their issues.
- 6) Albany Social Justice Center - I talked with Mary Lou Murock of the Women's Building which is about a block away from SJC. She said that she has "the highest regard for them." The Center houses about 25 social justice groups. Responsible, committed, highly respected and stable organization. Lots of events by the different groups occur at the Center, which itself sponsors some events and co-sponsors others. The Women's Building groups co-sponsor with the Center also. Mary Lou finds the Center "responsible, sensitive, and they don't compromise their values.... a very good group."

7) Women Against War - I asked Mandy Carter of WRL/SE about them. She said that she knows a little about them. They "have done a very good job on tax resistance and women.... had a huge spread (about them) in the Winston-Salem paper... seem like a good group of women." That's about all Mandy knew. I then talked with Claire Hanrahan of Rural Southern Voice for Peace. She met many of the members of this group at a Peace Fair they held recently. Claire was impressed with them, good organizers involved, a mixture of long time activists and new people. "They have a good newsletter.. The group is doing good things and really pulling things together there... Winston-Salem is a large city with a multitude of problems." Claire said, from her observations, they're diverse racially and economically. Since they've been able to pull together a nice group of people, she feels that they'll grow. Highly recommended.

8) Campaign to Stop War Toys/WRL - I think most of us know the War Resisters League. I talked with Kate Cloud about the national Stop War Toys. Kate said that when she was working on the issue a few years ago, the info and resources from the national office were excellent, just about everything on the issue came from them.

9) Concerned Citizens of Tillery - I called Christina Davis McCoy of NC Against Racist & Religious Violence about them. She said the area is called the Black Belt of the South and this is the major community. Their contact person had been on NCARRV's board. This is a very active group on a number of issues: education, board of education, voter registration, inclusion, grass roots organizing. She said they're "on the front line in people empowerment... excellent group.... the Nubian culture perspective fits right in with the context of the new movement for inclusion of an African American perspective in the schools and is in line with NCARRV's programs with schools." Christina said that she's really excited about this particular project by them. She highly recommends the group. (Black Workers for Justice said that the LINC group is a local empowerment group.)

10) Mayfair Manor - This might be a tough one for which to get a reference, but I did talk with Mary MacEwan of Tucson about it. She's checking around.

Mary said that she won't be back in Tucson until 9/15 so probably won't be able to check on the group. I then called Jerry Robinett who'll check for us. Jerry did say that he knows of the group's fiscal sponsor, the So. Arizona People's Law Center. He said it's a great group radical people, NLG lawyers. Jerry said that "if they're backing this group, then the group's OK... this puts an OK on it for me... I trust them all the way." The People's Law Center supports a lot of grass roots groups including tenants and homeless groups. / I just got a note from Jerry. He said "Regarding the grant to Mayfair Manor....Do it! Good cause according to the director of the S. Ariz. People's Law Center. This Mayfair Manor is Section 8 housing - I went there yesterday to talk with (the contact person) but she wasn't home... Noticed a number of Chicanas & Chicanos & talked with a Chicano security guard. This group fought like hell to get security after a shooting took place (there)...is very poor and has worked hard to get improvements & better treatment. The Center has worked with them for over a year... Take care & stay in the struggle - We need you."

11) Forest Park SE Women's Support Group - I first talked with Maggie Fisher of the St. Louis Interfaith Cmtee. on C.A. Maggie didn't know of the women's group but knows the neighborhood; their sanctuary house is there. Neighborhood has major problems with drugs, violence; low income people live there alongside strips of gentrification; there's a "wonderful health center, a lot of good community stuff going on amid horrid violence... an area which is holding on and trying to make the neighborhood livable." Maggie said that the parent health committee, which she knows, is composed of very politically active people. She referred me to Bill Ramsey of AFSC/St. Louis who knows the area better. Bill said that the women's group spun off from the health committee so that they could pursue a political agenda about the heating issue. The decision was also made to assure that the women's committee would be controlled by the low income women involved in the issue. The contact person is an "excellent community organizer," who had worked in the past in the

peace and Central America solidarity movements. Bill knows some of the other women in the group who are "indigenous to the neighborhood, low income women very much responsible for the group." The heating issue is very important for low income neighborhood people and a good one for them to move on. (Bill agreed with Maggie's analysis of the neighborhood, elaborating on the fact that there are different agendas on how to improve life there, coming from the gentrifying property owners and low income people who rent apartments.) In summary, he highly recommends funding the group and project.

12) Date/Marital Rape Education Project - I called Rebecca Gordon who hadn't heard of the project, but said, for some reason, Laura X was a name familiar to her. Rebecca is checking further on this for us. I also talked with Linda Lucero of Vanguard who hadn't heard of this project. NW recommended I talk with Rochelle Ruthchild in our area. Unfortunately, she'll be out of town until 9/23, but did leave a message for us that she highly recommends the Project.

Rebecca did some checking for us: her contacts had heard that Laura X tends to work as an individual. The rap/gossip is that she puts in a great deal of work but usually as 1 person groups. Rebecca said that this Project is being reborn, there have been letters in the local press, it has archives for resource/research. She feels that this is a very important issue and that there are not many resources like this around the country.

13) AFROS - Lakhana Peou of AMALGM said that she's worked with them on a boycott of Indigo and they "seem pretty tight." She doesn't think that there's another group like this in Boston for lesbian and bisexual women of color. They have film showings monthly, then discussion after, then plan actions (example: action against "Miss Saigon" in NYC). They have a membership of 130 to 140, mostly in the greater Roxbury area. I also talked with Aya DeLeon of Free My People. She said that she's worked with the group; it's a good one; unique. They work on a variety of political and cultural issues and have a good sized membership. Free My People supports the work of the group.

14) Association of Haitian Women - Donna Finn of the Dorchester Women's Committee sent the enclosed letter of reference. I also talked with Donna who said that she feels that this group poses issues that people in the community can relate to (such as solar energy). They combine a lefty political analysis with nitty gritty issues, make connections between Haitian women here and in Haiti. Donna said that the solar issue (mentioned in their leaflet) is a good way to talk with Haitian women here since it's an important organizing issue in Haiti. The Association's key work now is the issue of battering. They're trying to organize women into support groups for networking and advocacy work. Battering is a big problem in the Haitian community. They want to develop a core group which the Dorchester Women's Committee feels is an exciting development. This group is also working on the issue of AIDS. "Great group of women... they've had a real hard time on inreaching." Came to the Dort. Women for help and advise. Highly recommended.

15) WINDS - They had listed Tess Ewing as a reference. Tess said that this is a good group; their projects are good. A part of their work is for support of women in El Salvador but they also do organizing here in the US for education and support. Tess recommends funding.

16) US-El Salvador Sister Cities - I called David Grosser of the Cambridge Sister City Project. He said that this is an attempt at a sort of national center for a somewhat diffuse network of local committees. Originally the sister cities projects were organized by the NEST Foundation until a couple of years ago. Then, on a volunteer basis, Holly Grant, the NEST staff person, started coordinating. There has been no decision, as yet, by the local sister cities to have a national center; it's still under discussion. The network is somewhat anarchic (my words), no formal structure other than a yearly convention. This is solely networking, sharing of ideas between local projects, but no discussion of national campaigns or work (other than one yearly national delegation to El Salvador.) There was some discussion recently about having a coordinated national

campaign but no decision yet. David feels that Holly, and the 2 new staff person do fill certain needs: coordinating the delegations from the locals; communication about human rights abuses; and working with new committees. He seems to feel that there is a need for a national center.

17) Outwrite '92 - I talked with Rebecca Gordon about previous conferences and about OUT/LOOK. She said that she hadn't gone to the conferences, in fact, decided not to. She had heard from friends about various things. She mentioned that at the last conference the keynote speaker was Edward Albee who "turned off the entire plenary audience in 2 minutes flat." (If you're interested in more details, you could read the Fall 1991 issue of OutLook.) She said these are nice people (OutLook) but not her politics. The first conference's emphasis was on "professional writers", with which she disagreed. (It also seemed there was more weight placed on gay men writers than on lesbian writers historically.) She's known folks who've attended and made good contacts. Rebecca said that "OUT/LOOKs ethos is for slick and professional" products. She "has problems with them editorially, sometimes the stuff they print is for shock value." She knows conferences have been tremendously well attended and they have done work to be inclusive.

Yana recommended that I also talk with Karen Kahn of Soujourner who had been to the first conference. Karen thought that was great and is very excited that they're going to have this next one in Boston. She said they did have some problems at the first conference with diversity and with not having enough on journalism. She knows that they do have a diverse steering committee to plan the one here. She also mentioned that the first "didn't have open space for 'non-professionals' to share their work, which surprised her. But in general, Karen thought that it was "fabulous to be with that many gay and lesbian writers."

18) Concord Feminist Health Center - In the past I'd talked with Ellen Girshen of Laconia, NH. She said the Center does really good work, a fair number of speaking engagements to high schools on homophobia, abortion, racism, etc., as well as internal group workshops. They do outreach to the community about their more overtly political programs. She felt that it was difficult for them to find funding for their political work. Ellen gives them credit for actively doing political work in the community.

I called Arnie Alpert of AFSC/NH for a current assessment. He said that the Center has started doing oppression awareness workshops, including one with the NH CA Network on class issues. He didn't know about the current request but said that the fact that they're having a public lesbian health clinic is a political stance in itself. "The Center has been one of the significant radical institutions in the community.... always been ready to be involved in social change work... co-sponsor events, including several with AFSC (a conference on hate crimes, and workshops for high school students on racism and sexism.)"

19) LG&B Campus Center - Steve Starkey of Wisconsin Community Fund had just happened to have recently spoken with them. He said that their fiscal sponsor, the 10% Society, had been on campus a number of years. It's a social group of gay white men doing seminars and fund raising dances. Steve's impression is that gay and lesbian people of color on campus felt out of touch with both the 10% and with the people of color communities. He feels that this Center is something that's really needed. There have been many racist incidents on campus over the past few years, including gross stuff at frat houses. The number of people of color on campus, including faculty, is small and the number of racist incidents are increasing. Steve feels that the Center's approach to include people of color is very good, and is also impressed with their contact person. Although the University has said that it's pro-gay, their actions have not shown this, so Steve is skeptical of them funding the Center.

20) Matlovich Society - I called Diane Elze of the Maine Lesbian & Gay Alliance. She said that they appear to be doing "wonderful work.... good events...great speakers... very good attendance to events. (Diane asked that the following comments be held in strict confidence by Resist board members. Diane said that what's difficult about her giving a

reference is that she can't be totally objective about the leader of the Society since there has been "a feud going on between the coordinator of Matlovich and the president of MELGA which is a mess... very destructive." Diane herself is on the MS "enemy list," but said that "the organization as a whole is doing very good work." She hopes that the feud would be resolved. This kind of thing has never happened in Maine before. From what she said, it seems to be between the two people and is personal/political. She hopes that the boards of both organizations, who are more objective, will be able to resolve the conflict.) Diane does support what the MS is doing and feels that they should be funded.

21) LAMP - I talked with Wendy Johnson of the Appalachian Community Fund which has funded the group. She said they organized a number of local rallies, had good speakers for educationals including draft resisters. They're talking about trying to set up a more permanent vehicle/organization on peace in general with an office, etc. There is no centralized presence in Knoxville on the issue. Wendy feels they have progressive politics with a lot of support in the community. They've focused largely on the Middle East but are really trying to broaden their focus. She feels this is a solid group.

22) Coalition for Peace in ME - It seems that all my contacts in San Diego are involved with this. I hadn't talked with Kathy Gilberd of NLG for awhile, so I called her. She's the NLG rep to the Coalition. She said that since "the objective conditions are not good in the real world, subjectively it's positive that this (Coalition) is going forth." They've been in a process of internal re-thinking, strategizing, and have come up with a new statement of principles (in the packet). They've now finished with their internal process which included struggle around Israeli occupation. She feels this has been healthy and positive for the organization. On the question of their politics: this is a mass organization which includes both new and traditional non-violence groups, Palestinian and Middle East groups. They decided not to align themselves with either of the national organizations because they needed to include many groups/positions. In their literature, they did "run closer to the National Campaign line." They had weekly demos of from 50 to 2000 people during the Gulf War...."amazing and strong for San Diego but difficult to sustain the work once the War was over... Counter-demos were a significant problem for the Coalition." Kathy is supportive of the Coalition.

23) Sin Fronteras - Delia Gomez of Las Americas Refugee Project in El Paso is familiar with the union and the contact person. She said that this is a very good organization and that she is very supportive of the project. She feels that there is a real need to publicize the struggle throughout the community. Delia said that she can vouch for the UTAF, very important group. The organizers are excellent and very good on follow-up.

24) Videoteca del Sur - I called Norm Fruchter. He checked with Margie Fein of North Star which had funded this group. She said this is a good group. Good diversity, good resource library, terrific dissemination of resources in the Latino community. Highly recommended.

25) Broadened Horizons - This was a tough one. All of the following people hadn't heard of them: Appalachian Community Fund, the Youth Project/South and the Highlander Center. I finally found a reference through the Youth Project: John MacFadden of the Tennessee Environmental Council. He said that he knows of the group and has worked with them (they do some water quality monitoring and he's helping them to get equipment for more comprehensive testing.) John said that it is, in fact, a group of more than two people. They do good press work, educating on the conditions of the river; they do slide programs to school groups, fisherpeople, etc. He said that "relative to the general Tenn. environmental community, they are on the left politically, a good thing." They did a visibility thing which got good media in Nashville about pollution there. He felt that the request submitted was a good one, could definitely put the equipment to good use. I asked if they work on/relate to issues outside of their focus - he said that he hasn't "seen them relating to other than environmental or health issues."

26) Odyssey - We've funded this magazine in the past. Yana said that she will give a report on the publication. I had talked with Fran Rosnowski of the Nuestra Familia group for Norfolk Prison. Fran said that it's a good publication, a good cross section of voices, poetry, art, legal, Spanish section. It also has more content than most prison pubs. People have a political perspective on prisons and on the movement.

I also talked with Linda Thurston of AFSC/National who referred me to Eleanor Natalizio of AFSC/NE Criminal Justice Program. She said that she is in contact with them and has written an article for issue #3. She also said that she thinks that the magazine does an excellent job for prisoners to get their voices to the public. Although she has no reservations about the content of the magazine or the group, her only reservation is that she feels that they've embarked on a costly pub which is a wonderful think but not sure if they're practical about raising the funds necessary to produce it, she feels they might be overly ambitious. Eleanor said that their circulation is much broader than the Norfolk population and that they hop to make this a pub for the national prison population. She recommends funding them.

27) MCHR - Phil Kwik of Labor Notes feels that this is a good group. He'd worked with their South Africa Committee in the past. They've done a number of things. Also send school children on the freedom rides program, have film series and study groups. They have ties to Black churches in the city and to some unions, good African American participation from church people. They've done a lot of outreach to the Black community. They have progressive politics on the South Africa issue and a lot of the people in the group come out of progressive religious roots. They're based at the Episcopal diocese headquarters. The Episcopal bishop of Detroit has been very outspoken on pro-choice and gay & lesbian rights. Phil said that he would assume they would support pro-choice events. He doesn't know about any options for funding from church sources, but they are good at grass roots fund raising.

8) REPOhistory - Betty K. of North Star Fund said that this is an interesting project. The only reason turned them down for funding was because they had many proposals at that meeting which were more of a priority for funding. Betty said that this project sounds useful combined with other work. She's familiar with the people who have been planning this for a while. A worthwhile project with good politics. She said that she knows that this has been a good learning process for some of the artists involved who had not been politically active before.

29) How to '92 - Betty at North Star hadn't heard of this, but some of the same people who are in #28 above are involved in this. I'll ask Hans K. about it, though. I also called Jan Elliot of "Indigenous Thought" in Florida. They're doing a lot of Quincentenary work. Jan said that this is all that's left of CALC's Columbus in Context project (which we had funded.) It fell apart and Lisa Knauer is it. Jan said that, in her opinion, Lisa does a lot of good work, knows a lot of people, gets things done, a good person who can do a lot with a little bit of money. But Jan also said that this is basically a one person deal and that other people and groups do not have the same good opinion of Lisa as she does. Jan said that "Indian groups in New York won't work with Lisa because she tries to take over too much." Jan also recommended I talk with Hans Koning about this, since she feels has a different opinion about Lisa, also.

Unfortunately, Hans wasn't available to give his opinion.

30) PINTIG - I talked with Jenifer Bing-Canar of AFSC who has "been very impressed with the Philippine work (in Chicago) and the Philippine solidarity community's ability to branch out to general solidarity work in Chicago." This group does "wonderful cultural performances for themselves and for many left events." Jenifer said that she's learned a lot about the Philippines from them. She's impressed with their mailings, performances, politics, gender equity, and involvement of youth. They also do solidarity work on other issues. She's very supportive of them.

31) New Lib. News Service - I called one of the pubs that use this service: Off Our Backs. Joann Stato there said that OOB uses some of their graphics. OOB thinks NLNS has good politics which is shown through their material - anti-racist, multi-cultural, feminist in nature. ** I also tried to call the other papers they mention (eight pubs as a representative sample of their member pubs.) None but the Madison Insurgent had phone numbers listed. I did talk with the Madison people who said that they are not a member. Third World Forum in Davis, CA does mention the paper as part of NLNS network.

For peace and justice,

Nancy

Nancy Moniz
Resist staff

25th Anniversary - Additional staff

1) ● Need clear job description:

(a) areas of responsibility

1) event (2) - coordinating = speakers, place, cultural, food, transportation, program

(also if 1 in NY + 1 on West Coast = coordination @ host or host cmtel + above)

2) NL - will this person be responsible for additional material for issue or issues on 25th? Will we do 1 big issue (for event) like Nature 125th issue?

3) Resist reunion - Will we have one (say at Harlow^(MD) or Grace (VT) place)? If so, need coordination - correspondence, transportation, meals, etc.

4) Other - press/media work
slide show
advertising
25th anniversary special products (T-shirts, mugs, etc)

(b) Clear agreement @ regular staff about their (additional) areas of responsibility (+ time) to be spent on 25th - No assumptions, please.

(c) Need some time + page limits for position - also if Yana - need clarity that 25th time is in addition to regular NL + staff time.

25th Anniversary Job Planning

Nancy and Yana met and further *fleshed* out what would be involved with this. It seems to us that the job could be one person, or one person plus additional hours of current staff. Yana is interested in either doing the job herself or in doing part of it. However, board needs to decide if this makes sense versus looking for someone who had more experience with this kind of thing and/or whom we could pay a little less.

Timeline: We are looking at someone to work between Nov. 1, 1991 and May 30, 1993 (or 18 months). We are assuming the job/s will require 10 - 15 hrs per week, hrs expected to vary considerably. We expect to offer approx. 13/hr minimum. We need to discuss whether we would offer benefits.

Initial Job Development: Talk to other foundations/organizations that have planned anniversary events. What was involved? What worked and didn't? How long did planning take? How many hours per week were needed?

Publicity:

1. 25th anniversary stationary, mugs, literature, T-shirts, new advertising. The staff person could hire someone to do design.
2. Generate articles about Resist in mainstream and movement media; interviews on radio and TV. Op-ed articles.

Newsletter:

1. Soliciting commentary from past and present board on theme "where we have been and where are we going."
2. Researching old articles to reprint (from Resist only, or elsewhere?)
3. 25th anniversary logo for newsletter. New newsletter design?

Events: One big event in Boston, probably in fall. Two or three smaller events, probably in spring, in NY, SF, or Seattle. Events to be celebratory rather than primarily for fundraising, but hope to break even.

1. Begin researching locations/types of entertainment/speakers/etc. Ask former board members, Spock? Current activists who support Resist. Have music, theatre, readings. Have multi-racial cast of characters.
2. Program book with photos, commentary, advertising.
3. Slideshow of groups we fund in action?

Resist's 25th Anniversary

IDEAS

- 1) Books by Resist board members
 - a) incentives for fundraising
 - b) short articles ^{in each} or continuing feature in Resist NL
 - c) How about a Resist publication of selected chapters from books?
- 2) Have Bonnie A or David Fichter or?
design a 25th anniversary card or?
- 3) For NL -
 - a) How about short autobiocs from some contributors (i.e. Jerry Robinett)
 - b) How about having an ongoing insert of ^(with special logo?) 2 pages on 25th Anniv. features

Criterion for Emergency Grants

From the Chinook Fund in Colorado:

"Emergency funding is restricted to organizing in response to recent, unforeseen events such as an invasion of another country or the passage of repressive legislation."

From Vanguard Public Foundation:

".... for urgent political actions in response to extraordinary conditions."

From Haymarket People's Fund:

"...for activities of demonstrated urgency."

From the Crossroads Fund:

"The purpose of these (emergency) grants is to enable an organization to respond to an issue or development which arises unexpectedly, needs an immediate response, and to which the group is capable of responding with a small amount of money. Emergency grants are not available for cash-flow problems or for issues that should be addressed with a proposal during the regular grant cycle."