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A call to **RESIST** illegitimate authority

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Board Meeting - June 7, 1992 - 11am
George Vickers' apartment
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Dear board member,

From my poll of members, it seems that most of the non-Boston area board members will be able to attend this meeting and that most of the Boston area members won't. In this case, I'll be asking a few of the non-Boston area members to review some material that came with proposals and is too thick to copy with the packet. They will report their opinions at the board meeting.

Please note that the maximum grant amount is now \$800, a "some" grant is \$275, and a "token" grant is \$150.

You'll find the business items for 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

Community/Anti-racism

1) Welfare Warriors (Milwaukee, WI) - Requesting \$860 (?) for expenses of organizing a new group, Mothers and Grandmothers of the Disappeared." Postponed from the last meeting. We needed clarification about some of their statements.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

2) Southern Arizona People's Law Center (Tucson, AZ) - \$800 asked toward the salary of an organizer for their Low-Income Tenant Empowerment Project.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

3) Community for Creative Non-Violence and the National Coalition for the Homeless (Washington, DC) - They're asking for \$500 toward the expenses of a campaign to increase the number of homeless people registering to vote.

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4) Hope Alive! (Pueblo, CP) - Request of \$486 for the purchase of a printer and modem for their computer.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

5) Clergy and Laity Concerned (Eugene, OR) - \$800 request toward expenses of their youth projects.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Central and Latin America and the Caribbean

6) Philadelphia Area Alliance for Central America (PA) - A request of \$800 to help pay the salary of the editor of their bi-monthly newsletter. Postponed from the last board meeting. We needed their yearly budget.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

7) Wisconsin Coordinating Council on Nicaragua (Madison) - Asking for \$600 toward the non-travel expenses of a speaking tour of the director of a women's center in Nicaragua.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

8) Committee for Health Rights in Central America (San Francisco, CA) - Request of \$595 for a fax machine.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

9) Northwest WINDS Media Project (Seattle, WA) - \$600 request for expenses of a traveling photo exhibit about women in El Salvador and a slide show. Postponed from the March board meeting and then withdrawn by group from April meeting agenda. We needed more information about the photo exhibit, a script for the slide show and a reference for the group. They sent the information for this meeting.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

10) Political Asylum Project of Austin (TX) - Request of \$750 for printing and mailing costs of three issues of their newsletter.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

11) Konbit: Haiti-American Solidarity Alliance (Cambridge, MA) - Asking for \$800 for salary of a staff person to work on outreach to the African-American and Latino communities.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Prisoners

12) Prisoners with AIDS-Rights Advocacy Group (Hampton, GA) - They're asking for \$800 for the repair of a donated copy machine, and for the mailing costs of their newsletter. Newsletter is many-paged; I'll have a board member review and report at the board meeting.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

13) Iowa CURE (Des Moines) - Request of \$600 toward the costs of printing and postage for mailings to prisoners and supporters.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

14) American Friends Service Committee/Criminal Justice Program (Ann Arbor, MI) - Asking for \$793 for expenses of their Michigan Prisoner Advocate Network. (Please note that \$200 of the request is for travel expenses.)

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Middle East

15) Palestine Aid Society (Burlingame, CA) - Request of \$800 toward the purchase of a computer and a printer.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

16) Jewish Peace Lobby (Silver Spring, MD) - They're asking for \$600 for non-travel expenses of a week-long organizing campaign in Vermont in mid-1992.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

17) Brattleboro Area Committee for Peace in the Middle East (VT) - Request of \$800 for expenses of a Children's Disarmament Day in September.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

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19) Pax Christi Metro DC (Washington, DC) - A total of \$800 asked: \$200 toward the expenses of printing and postage for a mailing about their Day of Education and Activism for the Quincentenary; and also \$600 for honoraria for the speakers at the event.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Peace/Anti-militarism/Anti-nuclear

20) Educators for Social Responsibility/New Hampshire (Concord) -Asking for \$800 toward the expenses of a year-long training project to develop new leadership.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

21) Brandywine Peace Community (Swarthmore, PA) - Request of \$650 for organizing their campaign for the anniversary of the first atomic test and the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

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Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

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Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

24) Fellowship of Reconciliation (Portland, WA) - They're asking for \$800 for printing and mailing costs of two issues of their newsletter, Justice for All.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Women

25) ProChoice Coalition of Eastern Tennessee (Knoxville) - Requesting \$800 to purchase computer equipment.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

26) Women's Institute for Leadership Development (Boston, MA) - \$1,000 (?) requested for consultant's fee, staff salary, and postage and copying for their grass roots fund raising project.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

27) Tateyah Topa (Portland, OR) - Request of \$800 for speakers' fees, scholarships, postage and phone costs for their Women's Renewal Workshop in late June.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Environmental

28) St. Louis Left Green Collective (MO) - \$800 requested toward the expenses of producing an activist organizing monograph on women and the environmental movement. We turned down their previous request in March because they didn't have the articles for the monograph ready for us to review. They do now. Since it is many pages I'll ask a board member to review it and report to the board meeting.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

29) Boulder Green Alliance (CO) - Requesting \$800 for expenses of organizing an Economics Training Program prior to the National Green Gathering in August.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Media

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Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

31) Boston Media Action (MA) - Request of \$800 to partially fund three issues of their Bulletin.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Gay and Lesbian

32) International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission (San Francisco, CA) - \$800 asked for production of their "Action Alerts."

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33) Network for Battered Lesbians (Boston, MA) - They are asking for two grants. The first is for \$800 to implement a year-long community outreach campaign on lesbian battering.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

34) Network for Battered Lesbians (Boston, MA) - The second request of \$800 is for accessibility equipment and American Sign Language interpreters.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

BUSINESS/POLICY ITEMS

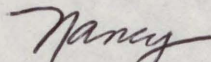
* Resist's 25th Anniversary

* Office - Staff, finances and other miscellaneous items.

* The next board meeting will be in the Boston area and on July 19, 1992. We'll need someone to host that meeting.

I'll send you references and additional material before the board meeting. I hope to see you in New York.

For peace and justice,



Nancy Moniz, Resist staff

Resist Board Meeting
June 7, 1992
George Vickers' apartment, NYC

Present: Paul Lauter, Larry Goldsmith, Nancy Moniz, George Vickers, Hank Rosemont, Frank Brodhead, Louis Kampf (minutes), and Cheryl Smith (by proxy.)

GRANT REQUESTS: We gave a total of \$16,661 to 25 groups. References for the proposals are enclosed after the minutes.

Community/Anti-racism

- 1) Welfare Warriors (Milwaukee, WI) - NO GRANT. They had requested \$860 (?) for expenses of organizing a new group, Mothers and Grandmothers of the Disappeared." Postponed from the last meeting. They seemed to pit clients against welfare workers. They did not respond to our letter. Rejected, but they can re-submit.
- 2) Southern Arizona People's Law Center (Tucson, AZ) - YES to an \$800 grant toward the salary of an organizer for their Low-Income Tenant Empowerment Project.
- 3) Community for Creative Non-Violence and the National Coalition for the Homeless (Washington, DC) - NO GRANT. They asked for \$500 toward the expenses of a campaign to increase the number of homeless people registering to vote. Hank gave a good recommendation for them. People worried about the size of their budget: \$749,790 (over three years.) Rejected, because of the size of their budget.
- 4) Hope Alive! (Pueblo, CO) - YES to a grant of \$486 (as requested) for the purchase of a printer and modem for their computer.
- 5) Clergy and Laity Concerned (Eugene, OR) - YES to an \$800 grant toward expenses of their youth projects. People felt real good about this.

Central and Latin America and the Caribbean

- 6) Philadelphia Area Alliance for Central America (PA) - YES to a request of \$800 to help pay the salary of the editor of their bi-monthly newsletter. Postponed from the last board meeting because they submitted no yearly budget. They sent budget for this meeting and their request was approved.
- 7) Wisconsin Coordinating Council on Nicaragua (Madison) - YES to a grant of \$600 (as requested) toward the non-travel expenses of a speaking tour of the director of a women's center in Nicaragua. George said that the Luz Marina Torres Center is independent of the FSLN, a real women's center, rather than a front for Sandinistas. People thought the project was really building relationships between Wisconsin and Nicaragua.
- 8) Committee for Health Rights in Central America (San Francisco, CA) - YES to a request of \$595 for a fax machine.
- 9) Northwest WINDS Media Project (Seattle, WA) - NO GRANT for this \$600 request for expenses of a traveling photo exhibit about women in El Salvador and a slide show. Postponed from the March board meeting and then withdrawn by group from April meeting agenda. We needed more information about the photo exhibit, a script for

the slide show and a reference for the group. They sent the information for this meeting. Louis disliked the script. Larry disliked the politics: script questioned whether people should have electricity, etc. Nancy M. thought that a lot of the photos were good. Rejected, because the script is bad; too much emphasis on guilt of North American narrator; talks to the converted, and therefore would not be valuable for organizing; to some degree militarism is glorified.

10) Political Asylum Project of Austin (TX) - YES to a request of \$750 for printing and mailing costs of three issues of their newsletter.

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Prisoners

12) Prisoners with AIDS-Rights Advocacy Group (Hampton, GA) - YES to a grant of \$800 for the repair of a donated copy machine, and for the mailing costs of their newsletter. Larry reported on the newsletter: good source of information; good letters section; feels the newsletter is useful.

13) Iowa CURE (Des Moines) - NO GRANT to a request of \$600 toward the costs of printing and postage for mailings to prisoners and supporters. Nancy M. thought they didn't really tell us what they want to print. Some people at the meeting thought that the project was liberal. Larry said that they're doing work no one else is doing. Frank said that their politics seem more radical than the request. We rejected this particular request because we felt it was not really connected to political organizing, but we wanted to encourage them to submit another proposal which is more political.

14) American Friends Service Committee/Criminal Justice Program (Ann Arbor, MI) - NO GRANT. They were asking for \$793 for expenses of their Michigan Prisoner Advocate Network. We received a strong recommendation for them. Some board members thought that this particular request was strictly social service. We said no to this request, but will encourage them to apply with another project.

Middle East

15) Palestine Aid Society (Burlingame, CA) - NO GRANT for a request of \$800 toward the purchase of a computer and a printer. Board members felt that this group mostly does fund raising for Palestinians in the Occupied Territories; charity.

16) Jewish Peace Lobby (Silver Spring, MD) - YES SOME (\$200). They were asking for \$600 for non-travel expenses of a week-long organizing campaign in Vermont in mid-1992. Hank reported positively on them, but doesn't think they need the money. An objection was raised about Resist giving money for car rental, airfare, honoraria. We decided on some. Letter to say: We don't fund electoral organizing, but think this is important.

17) Brattleboro Area Committee for Peace in the Middle East (VT) - YES SOME (\$200) of their request of \$800 for expenses of a Children's Disarmament Day in September. We received a mixed recommendation: politics of group OK, but they don't seem to be effective, because they're politically purist - therefore don't relate to other organizations, and don't do grass roots organizing. We decided on Some and would say in our letter that this project is not a main priority for us, but we wish them

well. They should apply to Haymarket, Green Mt. Fund and Ben & Jerry's.

Native Americans/Resistance 500

18) American Indian Environmental Council (Casa Blanca, NM) - YES to a grant of \$800 for two typewriters and a answering machine.

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20) Educators for Social Responsibility/New Hampshire (Concord) - YES to a grant of \$800 toward the expenses of a year-long training project to develop new leadership.

21) Brandywine Peace Community (Swarthmore, PA) - YES to a grant of \$650 (as requested) for organizing their campaign for the anniversary of the first atomic test and the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Larry expressed concern about people from Swarthmore going to the G.E. plant in Camden without having made connections with local groups. Several board members said that this is a group that has a strong history of CD type activism; they are never likely to be involved with working class, however. They are purists, but some board members felt that we're at a time when we need their sort of activism - even though they may be insensitive to the working class. We decided to make the grant.

22) Grass Roots Network for Peace and Justice (Dorchester, MA) - YES SOME (\$200) of the \$800 requested toward the salary of a part-time staff person to focus on outreach. Board members were interested in their project, but we didn't see yet that they've gotten substantial support. If they get support by (this time) next year, they should apply again.

23) Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice (Orlando) - YES to a grant of \$800 to cover the costs of two national mailings and the printing of a call for a national organizing meeting on nuclear weapons in space.

24) Fellowship of Reconciliation (Portland, OR) - YES to a grant of \$800 for printing and mailing costs of two issues of their newsletter, Justice for All. George knows them, and thinks well of them. The letter to them should ask why they have no position on reproductive rights.

Women

25) ProChoice Coalition of Eastern Tennessee (Knoxville) - YES to their request of \$800 to purchase computer equipment.

26) Women's Institute for Leadership Development (Boston, MA) - YES to a grant of \$800 (of the \$1,000 requested) for staff salary, and postage and copying for their grass roots fund raising project.

27) Tateyah Topa (Portland, OR) - YES SOME (\$200) of the \$800 requested for speakers' fees, scholarships, postage and phone costs for their Women's Renewal Workshop in late June. We didn't see an organizing component to their conference. But since we have a good reference for them, we decided to give them Some.

Environmental

28) St. Louis Left Green Collective (MO) - NO GRANT. They had requested \$800 toward the expenses of producing an activist organizing monograph on women and the environmental movement. We turned down their previous request in March because they didn't have the articles for the monograph ready for us to review. They sent it for this meeting. Amy Swerdlow reviewed it and reported to the board meeting. Amy thought that it really wasn't a "monograph", but rather a collection of articles which were good, politically correct. She agreed with all the contents. The review of Gloria Steinem's book is one of the best she's read. Amy had questions about how many people this reaches, seems more a struggle between "white girls and white boys", no issues of race in it, but an important issue for the Greens to deal with. Amy wasn't sure if this is the sort of thing we fund. The reference NM got on the group was not positive. We rejected this proposal: We don't fund theoretical work that is not involved with organizing.

29) Boulder Green Alliance (CO) - YES to a request of \$800 for expenses of organizing an Economics Training Program prior to the National Green Gathering in August. Letter should ask them why didn't they apply to the Chinook Fund.

Media

30) Earth on Air Radio Works (Seattle, WA) - YES to a request of \$780 for satellite feeds and for tape distribution of their programs. Both Yana and George gave positive reports on the tapes of programs the group sent us.

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34) Network for Battered Lesbians (Boston, MA) - NO GRANT for their second request of \$800 for accessibility equipment and American Sign Language interpreters for their work in general. Board members felt that we don't fund accessibility for a whole program, but for a project or event. We should write that if they have a project or event for which they need accessibility funding, they should come back to us with another proposal.

BUSINESS/POLICY ITEMS

* Resist's 25th Anniversary - Yana submitted a written report (see following pages) with requests for direction/decisions on some points.

Fees for Performers - Board members felt that it's OK to pay for a band. But we

don't want to pay poets and speakers, since they should be people who are part of our movement, and therefore help with our work; if they were from out of town, we'd pay their expenses. This event is not a fund raiser, therefore attracting new people is not a major issue.

Food - Catering is OK - But keep expenses down.

Invitations - People felt doubtful about this being a substitute for the Fall fund raising mailing. (Invitations) mailing should go to Boston or New England list.

Boston Art Show - Boston group should go ahead with the art show but coordinate with a New York City show - if the latter happens. Some board members felt dubious about the use of performance artists in the show. The budget for this show seemed low to people.

New York City event - Paul reported that they've been planning an art show, but it won't get done unless they have a (temporary) staffer. (It also was reported that the proposal to have it at Cooper Union was rejected by CU for the date proposed.) He wondered whether Boston and NYC should do their art shows separately. We voted to allow the NYC committee \$3,000 on the basis of which to plan a budget which they'll submit to the board. They can hire someone to initiate research on the budget. They should check with the office on expenditures.

* Office - During the six weeks since the last board meeting, we made an emergency grant of \$150 to the NLG National Haitian Refugee Center for expenses of volunteer law students to help Haitian refugees in Miami apply for political asylum.

We were also asked if a group which received a \$200 grant in January could apply again. The Central America Round Table sent new information, which said that some 30 leaders of CA organizations have expressed a desire to attend their conference in the Fall. They'd like to apply for a full grant (of \$600) based on this. George said he'd check with his contacts in the larger CA networks on this. If his feedback is positive, we decided that we would consider another request from the group. Nancy M. talked with George on June 9th. He said his contacts said that there is a lot of enthusiasm for the round table and a real need for this kind of thing. Therefore, it will be on the agenda of the July 18th Board meeting.

* Finances:

Cambridge Trust	\$ 20,788.88
Calvert Cash Fund	107,657.05
1st Trade Union CD	56,381.73
Calvert Bond Fund	114,462.44
Working Assets Cash Fund	<u>31,183.94</u>
Unrestricted TOTAL	\$330,474.04
Resist Endow. Fund	\$ 16,163.50
Cohen Endow. Fund	10,365.21
Working Assets Loan Fund	<u>5,621.08</u>
Restricted TOTAL	\$32,149.79

TOTAL of all funds \$368,244.91

* The next board meeting will be in the Boston area and on July 19, 1992. We'll need someone to host that meeting.

Resist Board Meeting 6/7/92

25th Anniversary Planning Report

Tatiana Schreiber, Coordinator

Sorry I'm not able to attend the meeting - but I hope you'll all read this report and contact me with any comments, questions, ideas...There are a couple of items which need decisions. They are highlighted in bold below.

1. Hours: I continue to work 10 hours/week. I anticipate working at this rate, possibly additional hours closer to the time of our event and/or prior to the spring art show if we do it (see below).

2. General organizing is going smoothly. In Boston, we have a monthly meeting of our "large" planning group, which is primarily working on our event planned for Nov. 14th at the Jorge Hernandez Cultural Center (Villa Victoria) in Boston. We have also have an "art group" that is meeting seperately to plan an art show for the spring. In addition, we are working on:

- * new design of our logo, to be completed by end of July so we can order new T-shirts and sweatshirts for fall

- * new design of newsletter (not very substantial changes), stationary and envelopes, also to be ready by end of July.

- * new brochure featuring 25 years of Resist history with quotes and photos from old newsletters. Theme: "Resist Remembers/Remember Resist"

- * plans for newsletter to include "looking back" section and "looking forward" section in each issue. Looking back will include reprints from the past. Looking forward will include new articles on the same topics, or related ones. I will be asking current and former Resist supporters to write these new articles. In some cases, the writer will be the same as the original writer, asking that person to reexamine the same topic from a current vantage point. This is one way I will use the outreach list I prepared last month. I am still trying to track people down so if you said you'd help with this, please do it! and call if you've located someone or a way to reach them. I will also be asking for separate commentaries from some of these people on the subject "how did your activism at that time (particularly earlier involvement with Resist) affect who you are now, your political work, your outlook on the possibilities for social change and social justice." So, if you are prepared to write something on this subject please begin to think about it.

July 15th latest!!

* PR - we want to prepare a press packet which will include an article about Resist and it's history. Louis and Wayne were to begin working on this. It's needed in July so we can have the packets ready by August 1. I will then be looking for board members willing to talk to reporters about Resist. Contact me if you are interested. Note: I haven't developed budget for this part yet.

3. Event. Most of the work so far has gone into planning our party which is shaping up well. The event will go from 6 - 1PM. It will include exhibits from some of our grantees on panels in the lobby. These can be viewed from 6PM to 7:30 with accompanying noshing going on. What kind of food and how much we spend on it depends on budget. Please review budget and suggest limit on spending for food. Consider what kind of food you would want, catered versus homemade and donated. Remember that dealing with food would be extremely time consuming. Boston committee would prefer catering with some food being contributed by grantees.

Speaking/performance part of event is 7:30 to 9:30. So far we plan to have three story teller/poets including Grace Paley and Kate Rushin. We've also asked Jean-Claude Martineau (Haitian poet) but he hasn't committed to this. Also, Kate Rushin (Black poet) would require \$250 in order to participate. I would like to be able to pay this if possible. If smaller amount is suggested, Kate and I could negotiate. Other speakers/performers include some of our grantees (at least one youth group will perform), one or two musicians, our MCs (Resist current and former board members) and Paul will give commentary including some Resist history. We've also asked Barry Crimmins (comedian) for short performance but are in the midst of negotiations. Fee here is highly negotiable. We're considering asking Derrick Jackson (Boston Globe columnist, particularly on race issues) Many folks I've told this to are very excited about having Jackson so I'm going to pursue it seriously. I've spoken with someone at CPPAX who had Jackson and highly recommended him. "He's really saying what needs to be said." He would probably require \$300 or so. I Everyone will be asked to keep things brief. At 10:PM we'll switch to dance band. Dance band will be decided at next meeting, probably latin band which plays eclectic range of latin, caribbean, american music. We'll need to pay the band!

Look at budget, decide limit on fees to performers. Keep in mind that while many people would prefer to donate their time to Resist they are not able to given their current financial situation. Offering some compensation will really help when folks are trying to decide if they can make a commitment to be at our event. (I.E., Kate Rushin, Derrick Jackson, Barry Crimmins, Jean-Claude and the dance band). When considering budget, please note that we may be able to bring in some money at the event, and will use our invitation to the event in place of our annual fall fundraising letter. So we can also expect donations there.

In general, please consider overall budget and offer suggestions, or top limit for expenses. Remember this is our 25th anniversary!!! It will only happen once and we want it to be something everyone enjoys, is moved and inspired by, or at least remembers for awhile...

Preliminary [very rough] Budget for Nov. 14th Event

	Low End	High End
Space Rental:	950	950
Police Detail: \$22/hr/4hrs	88	88
Permit	25	25
Sound System with technician	250	400
Performers Fees	750	2000*
Lighting	200	300
Materials for Exhibit	250	500
Food/Drink	1200	2000
Design of Invitations/flier	donated	150
Printing of Invitations 4 pieces 1 color ink/ 60 lb light card stock return envelopes/reply card		
2000	900	
4000		1365
7500		
		1800***
Mailing of invitations/Watson		
2000	200	
4000		400
7500		750
Printing of Flyer		
2000 fliers, unfolded	140	
5000 fliers, unfolded		235

Design/Placement of Ads [no separate charge/this will replace our fall advertising]

Postage to mail Invitations

2000

225

7500

835**

Postage for fliers [these will mostly be inserted in newsletters of other groups, but assuming we sent some out to various lists:

110

280

*Performers fees really vary/it depends how much we want to spend but if we have a band and pay one or two of the performers we can anticipate at least \$750.

** These costs are not really additional costs to Resist because this mailing will take the place of our fall fundraising mailing. The return cards will ask for donations if folks can't attend the event.

***Red Sun needs to discuss potential donation of part of this. Wouldn't be able to decide until we were more specific about what we were getting.

	Low	HIGH
TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EVENT	5,288	10,033

Event Income [Of course, we could do better than this, and this does not include income from donations by mail in response to invitation.]

Admission - 900

We will charge suggested donation of \$3.00/with expected attendance of at least 300.

Sales - T-shirts 20 at \$10.00 200

sweatshirts 20 at \$15.00 300

Contributions [made at the event] ????? 250

TOTAL INCOME 1650

BALANCE

3638

8,383

4. Art show. The art group will meet again July 1st. This is a very preliminary budget based on a very preliminary idea. The proposal is to have an art show with the working title "Art/s of Resistance" in the late spring/early summer of 1993. We have a fairly eager and enthusiastic bunch of folks who want to work on this. We don't have anticipated income, but could charge a small admission fee to panel discussion that we hold in conjunction with the exhibit.

General Theme: Relationship/s between art/politics/social change. Including art that a) represents/reflects/documents people's ability to resist; b) has itself been a form of resistance; c) enables people/artists to resist. Resisting: being killed, marginalized, silenced, impoverished, stereotyped, disenfranchised, homogenized, exiled, etc., etc., etc.

Format: Art is several mediums. May include performance art. Work of 3 - 8 artists to allow for more development of ideas [rather than larger show of many artists] We will put out limited call for submissions locally and through Resist and artists' networks.

Desired: represent work of artists of color; represent work of women artists; include work addressing issues of race; include work addressing resistance to war; focus on areas Resist has been most involved with; provide inspiration/courage to viewers to continue work toward social justice.

Please give us the go ahead to continue planning with the proposed budget. Or, tell us to forget it. I think the art show idea has generated a lot of interest in Resist and appreciation toward us for planning something that recognizes the contribution of art and artists to our work. It would continue our anniversary into the spring/early summer next year and renew interest/maybe generate more donations, etc. As far as collaboration with New York committee, we are open to including work from the New York show in our spring show or combining efforts and just doing one show...but Boston art group wants to use the occasion to highlight work of some of our local artists.

Budget

Curator	200
Hanging Show/Taking Down	100
Preparation of Proposals	150
Slide duplication	125
Proposal copying	50
Press packets	60
Food for opening	300
Printing (announcement)	200
Postage	300
Gallery rental	300*

*May not be necessary to pay for gallery if show is selected

TOTAL

1785

References for the June 7, 1992 Resist board meeting:

- 1) Welfare Warriors - I talked with Tom Boswell of the Wisconsin Community Fund (WCF) about this group. WCF has "worked with the group quite a lot over the years... received at least 3 grants from us... well regarded by the board...put out an excellent newspaper for the Milwaukee area... do real good work... all welfare women... good mix of black and white... entirely run and controlled by welfare recipients... real good project... network with other issue groups, particularly around poverty issues (government budgets, housing, etc." He highly recommended funding.
- 2) So. Arizona People's Law Center - For their last request, I talked with William Hill of the Tucson Union of the Homeless who said that the Center is "a very good thing." They do advocacy work and have fought the government of Arizona about a Fund used for housing for women and children. "The Center fills a needed gap... does legal work for the poor.... The Center is not social service but considered political... impact litigation to change structures for the poor."
- 3) CCNV/Coalition for the Homeless - Hank Rosemont checked with his contacts on this. Hank said, "A+ on CCNV work... registering homeless to vote.... already have brought in over 100 homeless and are working through neighborhood advisory commissions in DC.... good stuff.... doing splendidly." Hank will have more to say at the board meeting.
- 4) Hope Alive - Mike Roque of the Chinook Fund in Denver said that the group's organizers are good and that this is a good organization. "Fairly effective but always hamstrung for money... working now on getting a bus line into low-income Latino neighborhood... They spearhead progressive work in the area... do a lot of networking with other groups, especially Central America and women... challenge the City council... Pueblo is strange, very conservative, a Deep South mentality, right of center, politics very much an old boy network, a throw back to the 50s." Last year's women's conference was very good, low-income and women of color. From that other committees formed to deal with various women's issues. Mike wasn't sure if the conference dealt with reproductive rights or the concerns of lesbians, but said he'd heard that the coming conference will have something about lesbian concerns.
- 5) CALC/Eugene, OR - This group has been funded by Resist in the past. I've always gotten excellent references. Diverse programs, very good politics. Last year I talked with Linda Reymers of McKenzie River Gathering Fund who said that this group is, besides working on many projects, an "incubator of projects" for South Africa, Central America, Witness for Peace, etc. A lot of the independent groups in the area got started at CALC because the group has resources to use. This is a unique and excellent group. The best." Linda, this time, affirmed her comments of last year and recommended funding.
- 6) Phila. Area Alliance for Central America - Frank B. suggested I call Angie Berryman of AFSC/Phila. She said that this network is into broader Central America work than CISPES. She is especially impressed with their work because they have not only dealt with issues on Central America but also local and domestic issues. She mentioned that recently they had a speak out on women, which included African American, US Latina, Guatemalan, and Salvadoran women. The Alliance works with a diverse constituency and their newsletter is good, including local as well as international issues. Recommended.

I asked their contact person about the lack of a Honduras committee in their

alliance. She said that not much has been done on Honduras in Philadelphia, but they did co-sponsor part of the Elvia Alvarado tour in March. The event did generate some interest in starting a new committee and PAACA offered its help. I also asked about the difference between their Salvador committee and Phila. CISPES. She said that CISPES relates to the FPL sector of the FMLN (in the northern part of E.S.), and PAACA's committee relates to the ERP (eastern part). All projects and fund raising from the two would relate to those sectors. She did say that the two committees have worked together on general Salvador issues and continue to explore ways to work cooperatively.

7) Wisc. Coordinating Council on Nica. - Wisconsin Cmty. Fund last gave them a grant in 1991. Folks there said the group is well thought of; has a very good reputation, been around a while, members are activists in the community and network with other Central America groups. WCF didn't fund them this year because the WCF board is now more interested in environmental issue groups and is pulling back on funding Central America groups. Steve Starkey at WCF did say that this group does very good work, active, well known and respected, work very hard. He recommended that Resist fund their request.

(For the group's last request in 1991, I had talked with George Vickers who knows one of the people on WCCN's Advisory Board. S/he told George that s/he thinks highly of the people involved in WCCN; they've worked at this a long time and are very good at it, but George's contact didn't know of the Women's Empowerment Project yet. Said that the issue of El Salvador has been bigger, gotten more attention, in Wisconsin than that of Nicaragua.)

8) Committee for Health Rights in C.A. - For their 1991 request, I first talked with Linda Lucero of Vanguard Foundation in S.F. She said that this is a really good group. They weren't funded in the last Vanguard cycle only because it was felt that other groups on the agenda had fewer resources than CHRICA. Linda feels that this is a very effective and consistent group. Effective in connecting Central American issues with local work. She gave an example of how they have work brigades doing projects in different neighborhoods in the Bay area. I then talked with Rene Valle. He also said this group does very good work. They have a "very rehab orientation and work with doctors and professional organizations." They have a committee on El Salvador to provide material aid. He knows some of the people involved. Rene said that CHRICA is very active in the Bay area and is one of the most active chapters in the U.S. I called Linda for this request and she said that they're still doing good work, have kept their movement going, have a lot of visibility. Vanguard's only question has to do with the group not being very diverse. Linda still does recommend funding.

9) NW WINDS - I called John Bartlett of the Seattle Tenants' Union (and formerly of Seattle CISPES) who said that the group has done some good work, has brought good people from Central America to town for speaking engagements. He said that "they don't do tons of stuff" but do work when they have access to resources and resource people. He said that right now they are doing events with their slide show. He recommends funding the group.

10) Political Asylum Project - I talked with Rogelio Nunez of Proyecto Libertad in Harlingen. He said that his group works closely with the Project. There are 11 asylum projects in Texas and the Proyecto filters refugees to them. They recently had a situation with children in detention and PAPA handled the legal work. Excellent advocacy work by this group, "good outfit." He said that they have had a few public education and awareness events and have a newsletter. Also done

organizing and education around the Temporary Protection Status issue and collaborate with other groups to educate the public on refugee issues. "They are the asylum group in Austin... real solid group... good staff... do pro-bono work." Recommends.

11) Konbit - Tom Reeves at Roxbury Community College said that he's worked with the group (although not a member) for some time now. The group has been trying to put together a Hotline, which would be very valuable. The purpose of the group is to reach out to non-Haitian solidarity groups in the city, while the Haiti Communications Project (which we funded at the last board meeting) works mostly on media issues. Tom said that he's not clear about the overlap between the two groups; some people are members of both. This group's contact person is very effective and hard working. The group has been very supportive and helpful, has gotten people out to events. It has done a good job with few resources. It's best work so far has been in reaching out to white churches. One of the strongest needs right now is to link up different groups. Tom said that the proposed staff person is thoughtful and has good ideas, but Tom isn't sure if he would be effective in the outreach since he doesn't know if he has connections in the African American community. In any case, Tom strongly recommended funding the group.

12) PWA/RAGS - Last time, Judy Greenspan of the ACLU National Prison Project said that this is "a really unique group...the only newsletter around supporting prisoners with HIV/AIDS in the federal prison system....It's a joint effort of supporters outside and prisoners inside." She had seen the demand for the newsletter growing, many calls and letters for info. She said it's a battle to get it into the prisons but they do. She'd gotten lots of positive feedback about the NL from prisoners and felt it was definitely a needed resource. She said that she knew that they really needed financial and other support and strongly urged that we fund this group.

13) Iowa CURE - Aric West of Iowa Citizen Action Network said that he knows the group and that the organizers are very competent and committed to the issue; the people involved have been involved in the past with other issues, such as peace and gay & lesbian work. The group is still in the early stages, the mailing list of about 120 is growing. Their effectiveness right now is in family of prisoners counseling and in campaign to get people to contact legislators on prison bills. He didn't know about the diversity of the state-wide membership, but said that the Des Moines group meets at an integrated church located in a neighborhood which is predominately people of color. Recommends funding their request.

14) AFSC/Ann Arbor - I talked with Jacky Walker of ACLU National Prison Project. She said that they do a lot of good work, long time activists, organizing and prisoner support work, excellent project. recommended. (Also see letter of reference in packet.)

15) Palestine Aid Society/Calif. - I called Bill Hoffman of Palestine Solidarity Committee in S.F. about this. He said that they do "pretty good work... 95% of the work is in the Palestinian community... Their one big public event is a walk-a-thon, which brings in participation of people other than Palestinians... They do very good fund raising and bring in a lot of money from the walk... Their women's group does work with other groups... Like most Palestinian groups, in their community they do political organizing but don't have general political educational events open to the general public, other than participating in a recent coalition on Tax Day... PAS does mostly social and fund raising for projects in the Occupied

Territories." Bill said that "PAS hasn't really set up solidarity committees (as far as he knows), other than maybe a city here and there, working with different groups. PSC has worked a little with them.

16) Jewish Peace Lobby - Last time I talked with Louis Kampf who knew the contact person, a good guy, and also has seen their mailings which he thinks are politically good, good stuff on peace proposals. Louis didn't know what else they're doing so I called Peggy Hutchinson and Joe Stork at MERIP. They know some of the people in the group and feel that they have a formidable task and have a good take on the situation. Their sense is that the group is trying to build up their Jewish base as an alternative to AIPAC (American Israeli Political Action Committee), an extremely powerful pro-Israel lobbying group. They don't know how effective the JPL is yet but feel it's extremely necessary to have an alternative lobbying group (other groups work on other facets, not lobbying.) The JPL has a justice oriented position on the issue of Israel (2 state solution on '67 borders & Palestinians right to a state.) They would trust their perspective. They are also calling for an international conference with involvement of the PLO.

This time I asked Hank Rosemont for a reference. He said the group is "very, very good at lobbying... have organized lots of rabbis in the DC area... If they want to organize rabbis in Vermont that's OK but am not sure about Resist funding that... This is the only Jewish group making noise on the issue of the Palestinians."

17) Brattleboro Cmtee. for Peace in the M.E. - Grace P. couldn't find info on this group, but did know Shoshona Rhine, ex- of the VT Haymarket board and a long time grass roots activist. Shoshona knew of the group and has a "mixed opinion" of the work. She said that she didn't want to put them down because the work is needed and this is the only group focusing on the issue of the Middle East in the area. They have progressive politics and their political perspective on the Middle East is "virtually unassailable." She agrees with all their positions on the Middle East. She has questions about their effectiveness, though. They don't seem to do a lot of grass roots organizing and are not involved in the local progressive movement. There are long-time activists in the group, but their key people disagree with her about how to build a movement. They maintain a "purist line", in her opinion, i.e. "the revolutionary upheaval of the system," therefore they don't involve themselves in grass roots movement, don't speak to lots of people outside the group and don't get their message out to the general public.

18) American Indian Environmental Council - Lynda Taylor of the SW Research & Info. Center said that this is a good group with an excellent contact person. Lynda's done a lot of work with her in the past, "a top activist... does a lot of work also with women and youth." She's seen the group's work of organizing in local communities, very committed to grass roots work in the Indian community, good newsletter. Lynda's done a training session on electoral issues with them. They connect issues of racism and the environment, involved with cross-cultural communications; they work on inter-community issues and involve youth; work well with environmental and other groups. Recommended.

19) Pax Christi/DC - Hank Rosemont said this is a new chapter, "fledgling but not flaky." He said that this is an "OK group... training grant would be useful thing."

20) Educators for Social Responsibility/NH - Last time the group applied, Arnie Alpert of AFSC/NH said that this organization really struggling to get off the ground; had a hard time getting started because they're all teachers and very busy.

He said they're great people. Part-time staff would make a great deal of difference to them. They have good politics. ESR, as a national organization, started with a narrow scope/focus, nuclear issues, but has broadened to have more of a focus on ways to resolve conflicts on controversial issues. He feels this is its strength, rather than taking positions on an issue = more process oriented than activist group. He also said that the people in the NH group whom he knows are pro-choice and advocates of gay & lesbian rights. "Real good folks in the group. In a place like NH, it's very easy for a progressive teacher to feel isolated = ESR can give these teachers a sense of solidarity and also provide resources about different issues."

I talked with Arnie about this request. He agreed with his last recommendation. He also said that the group has had good attendance at recent workshops and that "real good people have applied for the new part-time staff position... The group continues to do good work." Arnie said that he has "a great deal of confidence in the people involved, who are teachers active in other groups as well, such as Veterans' for Peace, Central America and women's groups. He feels that their methods of conflict resolution would come from a progressive politics. Arnie recommends funding again.

21) Brandywine Peace Community - Frank Brodhead said that he didn't know too much about the group now but they are "a long-standing group which has done non-violent direct action including civil disobedience in a fundamental passive resistance way. They were fairly effective in highlighting the issues... not a mass organization and doesn't work to become one... work with people who share their views already... a Berrigan-type work." Frank suggested I talk with Bruce Bercherd of national AFSC for an opinion of the group's recent work. Bruce said that he's known these folks since the '70s. They continue to organize around GE and weapons production, do vigils, demos and CD actions. The group is still quite active. He has a lot of respect for the group for staying with this effort, which, he feels, is a really important part of the peace movement. He recommends funding their request.

22) Grassroots Network for Peace & Justice - I first talked with Tommie Harris of Haymarket People's Fund. She said that HPF gave this group a big grant last year because of the very good work they had done during the Gulf War, but she didn't know what they are doing now. I then called Tim Harris of Boston Jobs with Peace. He said that BJwP is involved with the Network, but only peripherally right now because they are quite busy with the Common Agenda Coalition. They are, though, excited about the "Naming the Moment" workshop and will have members going to that. He said that the focus of this Network is connect the smaller groups without staff, while the Common Agenda is to connect the larger Boston groups with staff and large memberships. The Network "has a real priority in networking suburban and urban groups, have an emphasis on this." Tim said that JwP is "very excited with the group.... They're trying to be a diverse network... making connections between global and local issues... This kind of thing is very hard to do, a slow difficult process but it seems to be going in the right direction... building a solid base and good trust among the groups." He recommends funding.

23) Fl. Coalition for Peace & Justice - Resist has funded this organization many times in the past and we've always gotten good references for them from Mandy Carter at WRL/Southeast and from national Mobilization for Survival. This time I called Jill Somberg at national Mobe who said that the FCPJ does very good work, has excellent staff, very thorough, a critical and very important group. She said that the group "is a significant convergence in Florida for smaller peace and justice groups.... the work done around space weapons is not being done by other organizations." She recommends funding.

24) FOR/Oregon - Donna Redwing of the Lesbian Community Project in Portland raved about this group. She said that she was asked to do a workshop on homophobia at their retreat about two years ago and it was "an amazing experience that literally changed my life." Because of that, Donna agreed to be on their board, which she doesn't usually have time for. (She's no longer on their board because of other commitments.) She said that their mission statement has "a wonderful affirming statement on gay and lesbian people, and takes responsibility also for past injuries to gays and lesbians.... never seen such a great statement... I love FOR.... it's about people living in integrity... group includes elders who are life-long peace makers... I'm greatly moved by their integrity.... excellent work.... incredible group of people... great politics." She highly recommends funding.

25) ProChoice Coalition of E. Tenn. - Jessie Bond of the Appalachian Community Fund said that this group is "definitely a force in the area which is predominantly anti-choice, but there are a number of people who are pro- and this project will help to identify and activate them... Both of the houses of the Tenn. legislature are very close on the issue, so there is a real need to get choice candidates in the legislature. Every year there is legislation proposes against abortion rights. This Coalition is very important." She explained that the eastern part of the state has always had a majority of Republicans, differs from western part of Tenn. Jessie recommends funding the project.

26) WILD - Tess Ewing said that she's not totally objective, having been involved with the group for several years. She did say that this is "wonderful, fantastic organization... do fantastic job every year with their state-wide women's institute. Last year had a component in Spanish and will again this year... everybody who goes has a great and educational time... builds leadership.... stretched for money, a lot of the unions can't fund this and the Institute can't give scholarships... It makes sense they're doing a fund raising effort.... They do a real push to have diverse leadership.... Maybe half and half African-American and white on program committee... Most of the women of color are involved with the diversity component of the Institute... Diverse teachers for classes." Tess recommends funding.

27) Tateyah Topa - Donna Redwing of Lesbian Community Project also knew of this group. LCP has helped it with small things. She said that it is an "incredible organization and really brings Native Americans together. It's primarily for native people and very well respected in that community. They've done a lot of work in bringing elders and young people together. They had a Gathering which was excellent, "an astounding event for elders and youth." Donna felt that the women's renewal workshop was a "wonderful idea. They can pull that off. They do extraordinary work." Highly recommended.

28) St. Louis Left Green Collective - I called Maggie Fisher at the St. Louis Interfaith Committee on Central America. She said that there have already been "two splits from the Greens here. They're proliferating like rabbits!" She's very concerned about the splits. The original group was the Gateway Greens which have a good newsletter, good coalition and other work. The contact person for this Collective belongs to two of the groups, both the Gateway Greens and this grouping which, she says, is leftist, Trots, not into electoral politics or reform, not into issues like composting, etc. "Recycled Trots." She checked around and none of her contacts know exactly what the Left Green Collective is doing.

29) Boulder Green Alliance - I talked with Tom Marshall of the Rocky Mt. Peace Center. He said that the Center has done joint work with this group. He's found

them to be both effective and good at following through with what they said they'd do. They're an active group with progressive politics. Tom is impressed that the group has a broad range beyond "tree hugging", look into the economic roots of issues, have embraced workers rights and the issue of a superfund for displaced workers. They work in coalition on peace issues, have sponsored talks on racism, Native American and migrant farm workers issues. He feels that the group is "quite qualified to coordinate this Economics Training project and feels that it is a "well thought out project." Recommends funding.

30) Earth on Air - I called Dan Petegorsky of Peace Development Fund/West. PDF has a proposal from this group, so Dan checked on them with some of his contacts. Dan said that this is "a head scratcher" for him, and doesn't feel that the issue will be a high priority for his board, which has nothing to do with the validity of the group. Dan said that the group "gets pretty good marks... the programming is good and diverse, but the collective needs to diversify (their board is all white and staff is almost all white. They are trying to diversify.) Dan had questions about their budget, but his contact said that the group's budget is not big for this sort of thing. EoA is good/flexible for programming, stations can use parts/segments of programs (which can't be done with other types of set programs.) Dan said that their programs are more radical than a lot of similar projects since they make connections between issues. "On the edge, doing experimental stuff.... technically solid - editing, writing and production.... a pretty glowing recommendation from my contacts." Dan did have some questions on how to measure the effect of this on the general public, as well as questions about how this is used in organizing, both of which he feels are hard to judge.

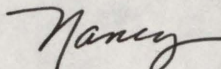
31) Boston Media Action - Tommie Harris of Haymarket Fund said that they gave this group a grant after the Middle East War. She said that, since then, they have done very good work, the Bulletins are good for organizing. They had a well attended conference and did good outreach to communities of color. Recommended.

32) International Gay & Lesbian Rights Commission - I called Linda Lucero of Vanguard Fund in San Francisco. She said that this group does both international and US work, but Vanguard feels that the US work needs to be developed. They're "real successful" but don't get a lot of funding. "One of the lead groups in getting Amnesty International to recognize gays and lesbians as possible political prisoners.... A lot of people in exile in San Francisco are working with the group, mostly on other countries, such as Peru and Mexico, but also do work locally.. very energetic.. good local media... The group has been working with the city it a gay and lesbian component in the main public library." Recommends.

33 & 34) Network for Battered Lesbians - I talked with Hayat Imam of the Boston Women's Fund. she said that this is a good organization with political women involved. She also said that, given that there's very little support for this issue, the Boston Women's Fund considers the group's work to be political, even though they do focus on support and service work. This is one of the few groups working on this particular problem. She said that she doesn't know if the group would fall within Resist's definition of political work. Under the Women's Fund's guidelines, Hayat would recommend funding their request.

Kate Cloud read the proposal and the later letter from them. She felt that they answered my questions about the political aspects of their work as well as could be possible. She said that this is one of the cutting edge groups on violence against women, raising important questions and making important connections, for example, violence against gays and lesbians and violence against women. Raising these issues

well. It also raises an important issue of women being violent, important and not fully thought out in any other literature she's seen. She knows and likes these folks. Kate said that if she voted, she'd say yes to a grant for 33 & 34. She said that she can understand the logic behind the access request for the ongoing work. Recommended.



Nancy Moniz, Resist staff