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A call to **RESIST** illegitimate authority

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Board Meeting - July 19, 1992 - 11am

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Nancy Wechsler
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Dear board member,

I'm sorry to report that, at the last board meeting, I made the mistake of counting the four Some grants as being for \$200 (our old Some) instead of for the new amount of \$275. I also typed the \$200 amounts into the minutes that you received for that meeting. I've corrected that mistake and all four grantees have their \$275 grants. The new total amount given at that meeting is \$16,961, which is within the amount allocated for that meeting. I'd like to apologize for the error.

As usual, the business items for the meeting are 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

Central and Latin America and the Caribbean

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2) Voices on the Border (Washington, DC) - \$650 asked for production of a new brochure.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

3) Brazil Action Solidarity Exchange (San Francisco, CA) - Request of \$600: \$450 to sub-title, in English, a video, and \$150 for two members to attend a grant writing workshop. Since the video is in Portuguese, I'll ask Tess Ewing and Jack Hamilton to review.

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Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Media

19) NW Alliance for Alternative Media & Education (Portland, OR) - Request of \$800 to pay for labor to build the Active Community section of their newspaper, The Portland Alliance. Most board members will have a copy in their packet.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

20) Council for Public Media (Austin, TX) - They're asking for \$500 for the production of a media press kit for grass roots organizing. It's many pages so I'll ask a board member to review and report at the board meeting.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Prisoners

21) Prison Literature Project (San Francisco, CA) - They're asking for \$600 for the expenses of mailing books to prisoners (and for a brochure?)

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22) Justice Watch (Cincinnati, OH) - Request of \$800 for production and mailing costs of their newsletter.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

23) Committee to End the Marion Lockdown (San Francisco, CA) - \$800 requested toward the expenses of a national conference and demonstration in August.

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Miscellaneous

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Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

25) Missouri Progressive Vote (St. Louis, MO) - Asking for \$600 toward the purchase of a computer.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

26) A Part of the Solution (Roxbury, MA) - Request of \$800 for the printing and mailing costs of their voter education project. We said no to their previous request in March of this year because it didn't seem to be a project arising out of any specific political perspective. They're applying again and their letter on the subject is included with their previous proposal.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

27) Human Rights Research Foundation (Chicago, IL) - \$800 request for a fund raising mailing.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

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Loan

29) Dollars & Sense (Somerville, MA) - They're asking for a loan of \$1,000 for six months to help with the printing and production expenses of a Real World Macro.

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BUSINESS/POLICY ITEMS

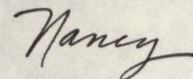
* Resist's 25th Anniversary - Report from Yana and discussion. You'll find a letter from Nancy Wechsler in this packet which speaks to the last board meeting's concern about having the 25th's invitations substitute for our Fall fund raising mailing.

* Office - Staff, finances and other miscellaneous items.

* The next board meeting will be in the Boston area and on September 13, 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

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Dear Board,

Upon reading the June 7 New York City board minutes, I felt I should respond to board members concern about having invitations to our Anniversary event substitute for our Fall fundraising mailing.

My thinking about this, and my plan, is as follows: The September newsletter goes out with a pledge drive letter, encouraging everyone who is not already a pledge to become one. It includes a return card that allows people to chose to become a pledge, or check off a box that says they don't want to become a pledge but are sending a contribution. We do this mailing every year, and will do one this year focussed on our Anniversary. (The last two years we have also sent out a flyer with the October or November newsletter encouraging people to buy t-shirts and/or gift subs for their friends for the holidays. I haven't decided whether or not to repeat that this year, but probably will.)

Also in the Fall we will do a first class or third class mailing of invitations to the anniversary event, with a reply card that will give people who are not coming the opportunity to send a donation. This invitation will go to everyone on our current list, as well as the New England part of our "deadbeat list." I believe our donors, sensitive about how much mail they get from us, would consider that enough, and not want to receive another fundraising appeal. If our Fall/Winter income seems lower than usual from these sources and from the money that just generally comes in with the newsletter, I have reserved the option of sending a fundraising letter out in January (also a good time to fundraise). If I send a mailing out in January, I would probably send our Spring fundraising letter out in June instead of April/May. I've mailed that late before and it has worked out fine.

Obviously there is some amount of guessing and gambling in all this, but I believe that we will do all right, and that we always have the option of sending a letter out in January. I believe our donors will feel less alienated receiving a January mailing than yet another one in the Fall.

Unless I hear continued strong opposition to this plan, I will work on the assumption that this is okay. Feel free to call me at the office Monday-Wednesday with your feedback and concerns, or bring them to the next board meeting (or both).

in solidarity,

Nancy

Nancy Wechsler, Resist Staff (once again)

Manufacturers' Alliance for Productivity and Innovation, *Does Employee Involvement Improve the Performance of U.S. Industry?*; Economic Report ER-212, MAPI, Washington, DC. To obtain a copy, call Publications Dept., MAPI, at (202) 331-8430.

Recycling in America: Profiles of the Nation's Recycling Cities. Available free from the U.S. Conference of Mayors, 1620 Eye St., N.W., Washington, DC, 20006. (412) 456-3844.

The Woodstock Institute has published a series of booklets on funding for community economic development: *Lenders of First Resort: Community Development Loan Funds*; *Banking Services for the Poor: Community Development Credit Unions*; *The Business of Self-Sufficiency: Micro-Credit in the United States*. The reports are available for \$8 each for government/university or nonprofit organizations. Contact: The Woodstock Institute, 407 S. Dearborn, Suite 550, Chicago, IL 60605.

S. Hecker and M. Hallock, eds., *Labor in a Global Economy, Perspectives from the U.S. and Canada*. \$15 + \$1.50 postage from Labor Education and Research Center, Univ. of Oregon, Eugene, OR, 97403-1289.

An annotated *Bibliography on Sustainable Economics* is available for \$3 from Center for Economic Conversion, 222 View St., Suite C, Mountain View, CA 94041.

A discussion of a Sustainable Socialist Strategy including a bibliography on "Sustainability & Strategy" is pro-

vided in the December, 1991 issue of *Crossroads: Contemporary Political Analysis & Left Dialogue*. Institute for Social & Economic Studies, P.O. Box 2809, Oakland, CA 94609.

The People Centered Development Forum circulates papers on people-centered, non-governmental development. The Forum is dedicated to advancing voluntary action embodying people-centered development through a global movement for a just, sustainable and inclusive society. Contact: David Korten, PCDF, P.O. Box 740, Makati, Metro Manila 1299, Philippines.

Christopher Canfield, "Investing in a Sustainable Future: The Cerro Gordo Community & Equinox Industries". *Catalyst*, Winter/Spring, 1991. Catalyst: P.O. Box 1308, Montpelier, VT 05601.

Susan Meeker-Lowry, *Breaking the Corporate Grip: How You Can Stop Corporations From Destroying the Earth*, 1992 paper, \$12.95 from Catalyst (see above).

Donald R. Katz, "Where Credit is Due: Microloan Programs," *Investment Vision*, August/September, 1991.

The Institute for Community Economics has published a comprehensive legal manual for community groups that want to implement land trusts. *The Community Land Trust Legal Manual* is available for \$100. They also publish the *Community Land Trust Handbook* (free with legal manual purchase). ICE, 57 School St., Springfield, MA 01105-1331.

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ment or on Environment and for their grant guidelines to Mott Foundation Building, Flint, MI 48502-1851.

And for one of the best brief guides to private foundations which assist many forms of constructive economic organizing, send just \$1 to RESIST, One Summer St., Somerville, MA 02143, for their "Beginner's Guide to Foundation Research." It contains an excellent sampling of responsive larger foundations, as well as Community Funds, Alternative Funds, and Black United Funds.

"Global Linking" continued from page 3

Winter, 1992. (Editors' note: our account is based on an article written by Dan Bell of NOEOC; he can be reached there at Kent State University, Kent, OH 44242; 216-672-3028.)

These instances of global cooperation across national borders are just that: three examples of a much broader phenomenon. In subsequent issues, GEO will follow up these cases and, in addition, examine this (we think, growing and hopeful) phenomenon more fully. Thus, Gary Hansen, of Utah State University, will describe his current work, at the International Labor Organization in Geneva, helping develop industrial cooperatives in Eastern Europe and Asia. And if you know of other examples, write us about them.

17 groups

Resistance 500 Projects funded in from Jan. 1991 to ~~August~~ ^{Sept 17} 1992

Adelante! Street Theatre Project

Asian, Latino, African & Native Americans for Justice and Peace (Portland, OR)
\$600 to fund their Communities of Resistance Art Project, part of the
Resistance 500 Campaign.

Austin Peace & Justice Coalition Education Fund

Cape Codders Against Racism

Chicago Religious Task Force on Central America (IL) \$600 for workshops to
train people in the use of the group's book about the Quincentenary.

Clergy & Laity Concerned (Eugene, OR) \$600 toward expenses of their "1492-
1992: Rethinking the History of the Americas" campaign.

Columbus in Context (New Haven, CT) \$150* and \$350 for expenses of their
exhibition, "1492, What Really Happened."

Council Fire (Leverett, MA) \$600 toward expense of their project on the
Quincentenary.

Fellowship of Reconciliation/Cape Cod Chapter (Harwich, MA) \$500 for
printing and for prizes for their Quincentenary essay contest for high
school students.

Future Leaders Network

"How to '92" (New York, NY) \$600 for production of this handbook for action
during the Quincentennial.

Leonard Peltier Support Group/San Francisco Chapter

Minnesota Peace and Justice Coalition (Minneapolis) \$600 for organizing
their Quincentennial Billboard Project.

New Haven/Leon Sister City Project (CT) \$600 for an event on the
Quincentenary featuring the Bread & Puppet Theatre.

Progressive Student Network (Chicago, IL) \$600 toward organizing for
Columbus Day 1992.

Rethinking Schools (Milwaukee, WI) \$600 toward the cost of publishing a 60
page magazine for their Rethinking Columbus Project.

St. Louis Interfaith Committee on Latin America (MO) \$770 for organizing for
the Peace and Dignity Journey 1992 through Missouri.

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- July 19, 1992 -
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PRESENT: Louis Kampf, Tatiana Schreiber, Larry Goldsmith, Fran White, Tess Ewing, Nancy Wechsler (minutes), Ken Hale (chair), Cheryl Smith (chair), and Hans Koning by proxy.

Correction from last minutes: Please note that the four SOME grants from last meeting were \$275 and not \$200, and that the new total for that meeting is \$16,961.

GRANT REQUESTS We gave out a total of \$13,975 to 21 groups. That is slightly over the \$13,300 we had allocated to give out at this meeting. See separate sheets for references.

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2) Voices on the Border (Washington, DC) - YES to a grant of \$650 (as requested) for production of a new brochure. Very little discussion. People felt positive about the group.

3) Brazil Action Solidarity Exchange (San Francisco, CA) - YES to a grant of \$600 (as requested): \$450 to sub-title, in English, a video, and \$150 for two members to attend a grant writing workshop. Tess watched the videos, and explained what they were about. She thought they were good. You got to hear voices of people, not what other people were saying about them. Effective. Question raised about point of solidarity movement around Brazil here in the U.S. They have a stronger left than we do. They get support from a lot of places. People felt we also have things to learn from them, good to make links with Brazilian community here. Impressed by range of issues this group was working on. First video is a good contribution to Quincentennial work. Grant is for sub-titles and for fund raising workshop. People felt it was important to add to the information that comes to US about Brazil.

4) Ofensiva '92 (Rio Piedras, PR) - A LOW YES of \$550 (out of \$800 requested) toward the cost of printing their book on Puerto Rican women political prisoners. Tatiana read the 54 page book(let). Not in depth look. Did provide a lot of very strong information about how the government views these women--the level of repression compared to the crimes--also discussion of their treatment in prison. Book starts off with history of women's commitment to Puerto Rican independence--starts off slowly--didn't capture Tatiana's attention. Rhetorical. It assumes you support independence, instead of persuading you to support it. Their support of independence and political struggle has helped them survive incarceration. The book improved considerably in following sections, about how government treats the women. Overall-- it has important information, but needs a lot more editing, restructuring, less rhetoric. Discussion: Important for people to work around the issues

of the women but pretty rhetorical how it is being done. Group focusses on getting women out of prison--but otherwise group represents themselves as apolitical in proposal. Say something like this to them: Reservations were raised by some board members that the rhetorical style is not persuasive enough for their goal. If the book is supposed to be an argument for PR independence, they shouldn't assume people support it but make a persuasive argument for it. Tatiana will be willing to write something to them, re: editorial suggestions. Close vote for a yes, then re-discussion of whether or not to give them a SOME. Finally we agreed on a low yes.

Pacific

5) Friends of Gabriela (Chicago, IL) - YES to a grant of \$800 for a slide projector and screen and for a fax machine. Gabriella has rhetorical problem also, not very persuasive. Reference was very positive. They will share equipment with other groups. We should suggest they apply to Crossroads for a grant, as well.

6) Campaign to Oppose the Return of the Kmer Rouge (Washington, DC) - YES to a grant of \$800 for production of their new campaign brochure.

Community/Anti-racism

7) Do the Right Thing Festival (Brooklyn, NY) - YES to a grant of \$700 (out of \$1000 requested) for printing of their brochure. Discussion as to whether this was political enough. Seems like planning helps pull people together.

8) Free My People: Youth Leadership Movement (Dorchester, MA) - YES to a grant of \$800 toward the expenses of their 4-day retreat. NM said their budget was about \$60,000. Questioned raised about how out front they are about adult participation. They do mention this in their application. Question raised about their relationship to AFSC, and their hassles with AFSC re: march to Madison Park HS during Gulf War Protest.

9) Green Acres Tenants Association (Richmond, VT) - YES to a grant of \$750 (our of \$1,000 requested) for the expenses of their campaign to improve conditions in their Mobile Home Park. Questions raised as to how overtly political this is. Is there potential for this to be bigger--politicizing? Proposal informative about what's going on. What if this was a housing project? Would this be political organizing? Probably. Five years ago this would have been a no. Rightward swing of country has effected all of us, as it should. Questions raised as to whether or not this was as political as #11. Every group has to start somewhere. They are making connections. But where does Resist come in on this continuum of "starting somewhere." Which groups do we fund along the way? Suggestions were made to give them a SOME. It was pointed out that they are hoping to go statewide. Displacement is a significant issue. Letter that came with proposal put organizing into a wider context-- part of housing issue but also investors and speculators and developers. Rural areas always more conservative-- we should see this grant as a positive step to reach to new constituencies. We should let them know that the Institute for Community Economics (W. MASS) has info on Mobile Parks. Also Mass Tenants Organization.

10) Citizens for Fair Utility Regulation (Fort Worth, TX) - YES to a grant of \$500 (as requested) for the cost of printing and mailing six issues of their newsletter. Discussion of readability of newsletter. NM passed around a newer issue, which was better.

- 11) The Anti-Displacement Project (Springfield, MA) - YES to a grant of \$800 for flyers, booklets and other expenses of their "Getting the Word Out" project. Pam looked at two booklets, thought they were very good, useful. Likes project, but not sure it is a priority for funding. Mass Tenants Organization from Western Mass closed, makes this organization more important.
- 12) Campaign to Abolish Poverty (San Francisco, CA) - NO GRANT. They has asked for \$650 (including \$250 for travel) toward the expenses of their membership campaign. Too grandiose, vague and naive. Larry read a little book of theirs and reported it was dull, naive, grandiose, vague. Didn't say much about causes of poverty--just solutions. Not thrilled with door to door canvassing.
- 13) Voices in Action (Malden, MA) - NO GRANT. They had requested \$841.45 for printing and mailing costs of material for their campaign against lead paint in housing. A liberal foundation should be able to fund this. Possibly the Boston Foundation or the Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts--that money is donated to charitable causes. Ask Boston/Mass Bar Association for information.
- 14) Empty the Shelters (Philadelphia, PA) - YES to a grant of \$800 for public transportation tokens and passes for shelter residents and project coordinators to attend meetings and demonstrations. Larry had additional information. It is going on already, going fine. Four major projects, two are going very well, two not as well. Question--is this an ongoing thing? It has happened every summer, but also they want to keep it going during the year. Long range goal to raise money and recruit people who would otherwise have to work over the summer.
- 15) Opening Books (Huntsville, AL) - YES to a grant of \$600 (as requested) for the purchase of books, videos, cassettes and periodicals for the African American section of their lending library. Question raised about \$102,000 budget, is this over our limit? Discussion of whether or not this was a bookstore, library or gathering place. Chicago Resource Center said from the application they received it was primarily a gay/lesbian bookstore-- but that isn't how they made it seem to us. Question raised about who gets to vote for board-- it looks like only the more expensive membership gets you a vote. Maybe we should ask them about this.

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- 16) Maine Draft & Military Counselors (Houlton, ME) - YES to a grant of \$725 (as requested) for printing and distribution of an information packet for their Youth Outreach Project. Pam reviewed it and thought it was excellent. Highly supports it.
- 17) US Peace Council (Philadelphia, PA) - NO GRANT. They had requested \$800 for publication and distribution of a booklet, "To Save the Soul of America -Black Leadership of the US Peace Movement." Somewhat long discussion, particularly about what to say and not say to them. Basically we agreed to say we didn't want to fund this booklet because it has lots of historical inaccuracies. It treats the Korean War as if it was just US imperialism, fails to mention the role of Soviet Union, China, and North Korea. Draws implicit parallels to Vietnam, which we feel obscures the real history.
- 18) Northwest Veterans for Peace (Portland, OR) - NO GRANT. They had requested \$800 for a TV and VCR for their coffeehouse, and for mailings for their video showings. Objections raised to camcorder funding. People didn't feel like what they wanted to do with it was a

priority or worthwhile. What videos are they planning on showing on the TV and VCR? We haven't seen quarterly mailings, so we can't fund them. Encourage them to come back with different project-- maybe about their High School work.

Media

19) NW Alliance for Alternative Media & Education (Portland, OR) - YES to a grant of \$800 to pay for labor to build the Active Community section of their newspaper, The Portland Alliance. References were very positive. This seems to fit our criteria for when we fund publications--tied into movement building.

20) Council for Public Media (Austin, TX) - NO GRANT. They had requested \$500 for the production of a media press kit for grass roots organizing. Louis read brochure. Said it was readable and instructive. Apolitical, non-partisan, well intentioned. Kit makes it clear they are talking about progressive groups. Decision: NO. Tell them we had so many good proposals and limited funds.

Prisoners

21) Prison Literature Project (San Francisco, CA) - YES to a grant of \$600 (as requested) for the expenses of mailing books to prisoners. Very much like Prison Book in Boston, despite some of their weird "California" answers.

22) Justice Watch (Cincinnati, OH) - YES to a grant of \$800 for production and mailing costs of their newsletter. They have done a lot in one year. Impressed by group. People liked newsletter.

23) Committee to End the Marion Lockdown (Chicago, IL) - YES to a grant of \$800 toward the expenses of a national conference and demonstration in August. Larry had additional information. In 1990, 200 people came to conference.

Miscellaneous

24) Queer Nation (Portland, ME) - NO GRANT. They had asked for \$775 for expenses of their anti-violence project: for whistles, publicity, and for a self-defense seminar. Question raised about paying \$1.50 per whistle. Questions raised about funding self-defense project. Project ill-defined. Community has to be organized to hear and respond to whistles. NO, but when ready, they should re-apply and let us know specifically how they'll organize around issue of self-defense. Tell them to go to Haymarket.

25) Missouri Progressive Vote (St. Louis, MO) - SOME (\$275) (out of \$600 requested) toward the purchase of a computer. We discussed this proposal and #26 together to some extent. Talked about difference between this state project and the next proposal. Question raised about their support for electing "progressive" candidates--does this mean progressive democrats? They say they want to elect activists from their member groups. Voter registration should get more mainstream support. Discussion of what Missouri is like-- compared to Alabama. We should look at the proposal in that context. Discussion of our position vis a vis electoral work. #26 is in process of defining politics and issues to work around, but haven't developed their agenda yet. Maybe they should come back to us after they have gotten more specific. We said this the last time to them. Are we looking at a trend of new groups just getting together, upset about what is going on, not sure what to do-- proposals are vague and mushy.

Are these the kinds of projects Resist funds? Would Roxbury group get liberal money? Less mainstream. Could leave them no where. Vote on #25 very split. We agreed to give them a SOME: \$275.

26) A Part of the Solution (Roxbury, MA) - SOME \$275 out of \$800 requested for the printing and mailing costs of their voter education project. SEE discussion of #25.

27) Human Rights Research Foundation (Chicago, IL) - YES to a grant of \$750 (out of \$800 requested) for a fund raising mailing. Our definition of organizing projects seems to include groups which provide information to help other groups organize.

28) Tompkins/Cortland Labor Coalition (Ithaca, NY) - NO GRANT. They requested \$800 toward the purchase of a laser printer for their computer. Tess had more background material. Feels mixed about this group. They do good work, don't do much beyond straight labor stuff. They do what state AFL-CIO should do, but doesn't. What is their relationship to the Central Labor Council? Doesn't push people beyond traditional labor concerns.

They skirt around reproductive rights issues. We tend to support labor projects that push union movement to the left and push harder issues, it's not clear where this group stands on this. They are doing good stuff (Mass Cosh gets money from the State, they do good stuff, too). Good work, but Resist work?

Decision: NO. Letter: We think you are doing terrific work, but we don't have much money, and we had a lot of proposals, and we think you can get support from other sources--including your member groups. Come back with a proposal for work that labor doesn't traditionally support. The work you are doing now is work that labor traditionally does or should support. We'd like to see work that pushes the limits of what is seen as labor work.

Loan

29) Dollars & Sense (Somerville, MA) - YES to a loan of \$1,000 for six months to help with the printing and production expenses of a Real World Macro. Cheryl read booklet on banking that they published this year. Serves a useful purpose in the classroom. Thought their decision was good to print the banking issue and postpone printing a new edition of Real World Macro.

We discussed the financial stability of D&S. Not that many groups come to us for loans, we can afford it. It's a risk whether we will get it back. There was some discussion as to whether or not we think we should be a priority for being re-paid if D&S does not manage to survive this crisis. We will discuss this again if it comes to that.

Announcements:

Louis Kampf announced that the Sister City project which he has worked with for many years has decided to fold. Certain things will keep going.

BUSINESS/POLICY ITEMS

* Resist's 25th Anniversary - See Tatiana's report (enclosed) Tatiana went over her written report. New art show idea-- instead of soliciting art like is proposed, we could exhibit best of art (videos, etc) that we have funded.

It doesn't look like there will be one keynote speaker that ties everything together, but several people giving short speeches.

We had a long discussion to re-consider NY board meetings decision not to pay

speakers. There was more support at this meeting for paying travel and honorariums. We decided that we could pay up to 4 people \$200 each.

It was suggested it might be more inspiring to have people get up and not give analysis but greetings in solidarity. More of this and less speeches.

The board wishes to thank all those who are volunteering their time to work on this anniversary.

Discussion of MC's. Right now it looks like we will have 3 or 4 people who will alternate and move things along. Possibly Renae, Connie, Madge and Frank. Someone suggested Abe Rybeck. We need someone in charge of keeping time and moving things along.

Press suggestions: Maybe Leslie Cagan, Peter Drucker, Urvashi Vaid or Sue Hyde could help with press--as consultants or to do some of the work.

Decision of Press spokespeople: Tess, Fran, Pam, Louis.

LOGO: Board should decide on new design. Send the board xerox copies of possible new logos.

Finances: See enclosed report. Cheryl presented the thinking behind the recommendations. Discussed current problems with Working Assets. She discussed the different options for deciding on how much money to give out of endowments each year. Financial proposal was accepted as written.

Cheryl will send Nancy Wechsler some information about Working Assets and we will write them a letter explaining the reasons we are taking out money out.

See enclosed report of our current assets.

Board accepted Nancy Wechsler's proposal to let the anniversary invitation serve as a fall fundraising letter. (see Nancy's letter to the board that came with your board agenda.)

Typewriters for Prisoners:

Larry explained history of project and gave an update. Questioned raised on effectiveness. Can we find enough prisoners who are doing organizing on inside--as opposed to individuals helping themselves out or helping others out? Larry has felt more positive about the ability to find prisoners who fit our criteria. We need to go over old minutes and see what we decided about the future of this project. Wechsler recalls that we wanted the project to fall under the auspices of Prison Book. People could still drop off typewriters at Resist (and we could still advertise for them in our newsletter) but in effect, people would be giving them to Prison Book. Wechsler believes we agreed that we would pretty automatically fund them each year for this project if they wanted to continue doing it. Nancy Moniz believed that they wouldn't have to go through a formal application procedure. Let's check old minutes. Meanwhile we agreed it would be a max of \$800/year.

Application Form: There was a proposal to add "G. Youth" to the form. Questions raised about the effectiveness of Question 10. Are we going to keep adding categories? Can we change elderly to elderly/youth or elderly and youth? Youth is not a category of oppressed people. Lots of questions and discussions. We need to re-look at the whole application form at the end of the year. In the meantime we voted to add the Youth question.

Interns: We are trying to get an intern to cover 1-2 days/week. Kate G. has sent out a leaflet. Looking for someone September-May.

* The next board meeting will be in the Boston area and on September 13, 1992.

25th Anniversary - Report to Board Meeting July 19th

1. **Generally speaking**, I think things are going OK. I am still working approximately 10 hours per week, and expect to work somewhat more during September and October. A certain amount of that time is taken up coordinating the different volunteer groups' meetings, but I've got the process down pretty well so it's not too time consuming. There is one large group working on the event, meeting monthly (next meeting August 10th) There is separate art group meeting (next meeting in June 21st), also a PR group (TS and Leigh Peakes) and history group working in newsletter (TS, Kate Gyllensvard, Fran White, Wayne O'Neil). Anyone wanting to join these groups is welcome.

2. The **art group** is planning an art show for next May or so. Currently working on the call to artists. The theme is "An Act of Resistance: Making Communit/ies." We are leaning toward a show in several media, focusing on the work of 5 - 6 artists, soliciting work from greater Boston area. I haven't heard progress report from NY, so unsure what ways two events could be combined. The Boston group will look into any possibilities for fundraising for this event so that we could have a larger budget to work with.

3. The **event group** met July 8th. We discussed speakers, music, and involving grantees. We also talked about the budget, and issues raised at NY Resist board meeting June 7th recommending not paying performers, only band, as they should be part of our movements and participate as a way to support Resist. Some agreed with not paying, others felt performers, cultural workers, poets, should be paid some amount, like \$200. I would like to reopen the discussion and propose allowing \$200 honorarium for several participants who would add something important to the event but would not be able to attend without the fee.

Potential speakers/performers:

Grace Paley, yes
Kate Rushin, needs payment, not sure she can commit to fall
Derrick Jackson, needs payment, open to speaking
Paul Lauter, yes
Jean Claude Martineaux, sent info, interested, can't commit for fall.

No contact yet:

Pat Smith, journalist, poet
Carmen Fields, news anchor
Michealanne Bewsee, community activist on housing issues in Springfield (works with group we funded), recent participant on delegation to Nicaragua, ties local economic issues with solidarity work together very well.
Barbara Neely (WEJ)
Billye Avery (Activist, Black Women's Health, Repro Rights, etc)
Loretta Ross (now with Center for Democratic Renewal)
Pam Cross (Black woman newsperson)
Wobanacki chief, group we funded in Vermont, Ken H. could contact.
Kim Tall Bear, Native American poet
Mariana Romo Carmona (Latina woman activist, spoke at Outright)
Yolanda Huet-Vaughn - Gulf War Resister

Loretta Williams, teacher, spoke at recent rally in Boston on LA violence

Winona LaDuke (sp?) Native American woman activist
Jan Elliot, Indigenous Thought, Indian Info Center

We talked about all these people, the only consensus reached was a preference for a woman speaker, and one who could address quincentennial/Native American and indigenous resistance issues.

Youth groups: We would like at least one performance or speak-out by a youth group:

Suggested groups are:

WEATOC
Dreamer's Inc (Ruthless Quest rap group or Females on Their Own, performers, this group sounds good)
Honduran youth dance troupe
South St. Survivors
Boston Area Youth Council
Bridge Over Troubled Water
Boys and Girls Clubs, Roxbury.

Music: Suggested groups are:

Wildest Dreams - nice, political, a little "sweet and harmonious"
Maconda - latin, caribbean, american - don't have tape yet
Humano - very nice, political, latin music, one woman singer
Ache ???no tape
Hatian band (Jean Antoine knows) - no tape yet
WomanCenter at Plainville, nice, multicultural group, TS will ask if Carolyn McDade can pull together some women to do short set at end of the talking part of the evening.

Sentiment was, prefer a women's band, and woman DJ if possible.

Anyone with ideas or tapes please call the office or bring by the tapes!!!
We'll have a small group listen to more tapes and make a decision, or at least narrow it down so a decision can be made at next meeting.

Grantee participation: 120 or so letters are going out to grantees requesting their participation in various ways including: panel exhibits at the party; food, speakers/performers, helping with advertising, etc. Anyone with time to help doing follow-up calls can talk to me and I'll give you a list. So far, we've heard from a few groups. Vets Ed Project in Amherst wants to have a speaker, a Vietnam vet at the event.

4. PR group. We talked with Riptide Communications in NY, seeking consultation on targeting media, and help making a budget for the PR part of this. Riptide charges \$150 an hour or \$3000 a month if retained to provide PR work. They might do it for us for \$1500 a month. I figured this is unlikely but wanted to check, see if people have other suggestions for help with the national media. We will do local media ourselves, hiring someone for a few weeks in September to do follow up calls. We will design press packet. **WE NEED:** article about Resist and short biographical statements from four Resist board member spokes. Who will be spokespeople? [I want to sign you up now and ask for material I

can use to write the bio statements]

5. **History** group. Working on looking back, looking ahead articles. Probably first will be reprint from first issue, and taped discussion from the group members on "looking ahead."

6. **Logo:** Bonnie Acker has no time to redesign old logo. We have two artists working on potential redesign but no consensus yet. Some people really want a change. Others don't. We need to decide this in a smaller group. Anyone with strong feelings about it, please call in. One possibility is to have new design just for 25th limited edition T-shirts, envelopes, the newsletter, and keep old design for(ever?)

7. Outreach to formerly involved Resist staff and board has moved to a back burner. I'm not really sure what to ask them other than to come to the party. But please let me know if there's anyone you are very concerned that I contact, and feel free to contact anyone you know and at least tell them the date of the party and ask them to come.

That's it.

Resist Finances:

7/17/92

Cambridge Trust Company 7/12/92	\$ 30,953.39
Calvert Bond Fund as of 7/10/92	\$118,198.57
Calvert Cash Money Market 7/15/92	\$88,259.60
1st Trade Union CD as of 6/30/92	\$ 56,643.43
Prospecting Fund (Working Assets Money Market as of 6/31/92	<u>\$ 31,347.88</u>

<u>Sub-Total unstricted:</u>	<u>\$325,402.87</u>
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RESTRICTED FUNDS:

Loan Fund (Working Assets Money Market) as of 6/31/92	\$ 5650.59
Resist Endowment Fund (Calvert Money Market) as of 7/10/92	\$ 16,268.74
Cohen Endowment Fund (Working Assets Money Market) as of 6/31/92	\$ 10,419.68

<u>Sub-Total restricted:</u>	<u>\$ 32,339.01</u>
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<u>Total All Funds:</u>	<u>\$357,741.88</u>
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To: the Resist Board
From: Nancy Wechsler
Re: Resist Finances and Investments
Date: July 13, 1992

Cheryl Smith and I met on July 13 to discuss Resist investments. We are making the following recommendations, which we will discuss at the board meeting.

1. When our Certificate of Deposit at the First Trade Union Bank comes due this September, we will take that money (currently \$56,643.43) and invest it in the Calvert Bond Fund.
2. We will transfer both Endowment Funds (the Resist Endowment Fund and the Cohen Endowment Fund) from their current money market accounts to Calvert's Managed Growth Portfolio mutual fund. Nancy will determine with our accountant whether to open two managed growth funds or put the money together into one, and continue to track their growth separately. Given current interest rates, we can no longer expect to earn enough money in a money market fund to give out even one grant per year. The Managed Growth Fund is a more logical investment for something as long term as an endowment.
3. We will transfer our Loan Fund from the Working Assets money market fund to Calvert's money market fund. Calvert's has been doing consistently better.
4. We will transfer our Prospecting Fund from Working Assets money market fund to either a Calvert Money Market Fund, or a 1 year CD (1st Trade Union Housing CD, South Shore Bank, or Community Capitol Bank of Brooklyn). We will make the decision on whether to put the money in a money market versus a CD based on interest rates at the time. (We could decide to put this money into our already existing Calvert money market cash account, and no longer keep a separate prospecting account, but know that that money is there when we need it.)
5. Change our current Cambridge Trust Company NOW account to their Cash Management account. (We will then need to keep a \$5000 minimum balance, and will receive greater interest than the NOW account, and still no service charges.) Every six months we will compare the interest on the Cash Management with the Calvert Money Market. At such time as the Calvert Money Market is earning greater interest than the Cash Management account we will consider changing back to a NOW, and keeping more in our Calvert money market account.

July 3, 1992

Ronald Woodbury
7 Hillcrest Drive
Potsdam, NY 13676

Dear Ronald,

We want to thank you for your interest in helping in the work of Resist. One component of our efforts to be more inclusive of the Spanish speaking community has been our intent to offer our printed Guidelines and application form in Spanish. Unfortunately, we haven't completed that task yet, principally because we haven't found the right person to translate. We did have someone lined up to do the translation but she suddenly moved to Central America.

When I read your letter, it struck me that possibly this would be one way that you could help with Resist's outreach. I hope that this isn't presumpt^{ive} of me since it does seem to me to be a large job. I'm not sure if this is something you can or want to take on yourself. If not, perhaps you could suggest someone else.

I am enclosing copies of both the Guidelines and application form for your information. It would be good to talk with you on the phone concerning your ideas about this. I'm looking forward to hearing from you and, again, thank you for your interest in the work of Resist.

For peace and justice,

Nancy Moniz
Resist staff

8/92 Can get native speaker student to do + he can check it
for \$100 → \$200 for translation

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Monday, June 22, 1992

Nancy Wechsler
RESIST
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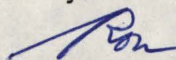
Dear Nancy,

This letter has been waiting around a long time to be written since I put aside my March issue as a reminder to write. Between then and now you have had your baby and I recall that someone else has taken over for you but I cannot find my latest issue to check on whether it was Tatiana or someone else. In any case, I am responding to your commentary in the March issue, and I know you are still involved. (By the way: Congratulations!)

My purpose in writing is particularly to pick up on comments you made about outreach to new groups and especially the Spanish-speaking community. It occurred to me that I might be of some use. Although I live a fair distance away, I could occasionally travel to the Boston area and I might help out in other ways. I speak Spanish from 30 years of living, studying, and working in Latin America, and I have a great deal of administrative experience, including experience with granting agencies. I hardly dare mention my very conventional credentials as a Ph.D. in Latin American history and a Vice President for Academic Affairs at Potsdam College of the State University of New York. As you hopefully know, some of us old boys have never lost the true faith and some of us have even managed to gain positions of some power without compromising all our principles! My sense is that a lot of folks trying to make change could use some of the skills that folks like me have garnered over the years.

So, if you think I might help, perhaps even as a member of the Board, let me know.

Sincerely,



Ronald G. Woodbury
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A call to

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Frank Joyce
Louis Kampf
Hans Koning
Paul Lauter
Nancy Moniz
Richard Ohmann
Wayne O'Neil
Carlos Otero
Grace Paley
Roxanna Pastor
Merble Reagon
Henry Rosemont
Tatiana Schreiber
Rena Scott
Meredith Smith
Amy Swerdlow
Ken Tangvik
Rene Valle
George Vickers
Nancy Wechsler
Fran White

Dear Board,

Upon reading the June 7 New York City board minutes, I felt I should respond to board members concern about having invitations to our Anniversary event substitute for our Fall fundraising mailing.

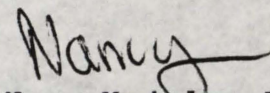
My thinking about this, and my plan, is as follows: The September newsletter goes out with a pledge drive letter, encouraging everyone who is not already a pledge to become one. It includes a return card that allows people to chose to become a pledge, or check off a box that says they don't want to become a pledge but are sending a contribution. We do this mailing every year, and will do one this year focussed on our Anniversary. (The last two years we have also sent out a flyer with the October or November newsletter encouraging people to buy t-shirts and/or gift subs for their friends for the holidays. I haven't decided whether or not to repeat that this year, but probably will.)

Also in the Fall we will do a first class or third class mailing of invitations to the anniversary event, with a reply card that will give people who are not coming the opportunity to send a donation. This invitation will go to everyone on our current list, as well as the New England part of our "deadbeat list." I believe our donors, sensitive about how much mail they get from us, would consider that enough, and not want to receive another fundraising appeal. If our Fall/Winter income seems lower than usual from these sources and from the money that just generally comes in with the newsletter, I have reserved the option of sending a fundraising letter out in January (also a good time to fundraise). If I send a mailing out in January, I would probably send our Spring fundraising letter out in June instead of April/May. I've mailed that late before and it has worked out fine.

Obviously there is some amount of guessing and gambling in all this, but I believe that we will do all right, and that we always have the option of sending a letter out in January. I believe our donors will feel less alienated receiving a January mailing than yet another one in the Fall.

Unless I hear continued strong opposition to this plan, I will work on the assumption that this is okay. Feel free to call me at the office Monday-Wednesday with your feedback and concerns, or bring them to the next board meeting (or both).

in solidarity,



Nancy Wechsler, Resist Staff (once again)

References for the July 19, 1992 Resist board meeting:

1) Central America Solidarity Roundtable - George Vickers talked with John Rushroff of WOLA about this. He said that there is a lot of enthusiasm about this from the national CA organizations. It seems that more folks want to go to it than there might be space for.

2) Voices on the Border - I had talked with Jean Hardisty of Political Research Associates last year. She thought that they're a "wonderful group." The impetus to start this came from U.S. people who went to the camps in El Salvador and came back with requests to help protect the refugees from Honduran troops. This group is a combination of Salvadoran and US religious folks. They had done education on incursions into the camp at Colocumbo and also did accompaniment work with Salvadorans returning to their country. Do alert work now and have a network of folks around the US. A year ago they were working on a shoestring and trying to make this a national effort by networking with other groups doing this type of work. When I talked with Jean last May, she said the group wasn't yet a formal network (it seems they've done this now.) She felt that their work wasn't redundant with other networks since the needs in El Salvador are huge and networks are stretched thin. She highly recommended them.

For this request, Hank Rosemont checked with his contacts in DC. Hank said of the group, "A plus, all the way around... continue to good work and are expanding that work (outreach, more sister cities, etc.)... monitoring peace accord stipulations... energetic, politically on the ball." All three of Hank's sources said that these are really good folk, working hard." Hank thinks that their project request is good and recommends funding. I had also talked with NISGUA who said the group does really good work and was helpful to NISGUA about work around the situation of Guatemalan refugees.

3) Brazil Action Solidarity Exchange - Nilo Cayuqueo of the South and Meso American Indian Info. Center knows of this group. He said that they're "very good, serious people doing good work... predominantly women.... organize events and do human rights work... work well with other groups... work on the political situation, spread the word about indigenous people, work on environmental issues." Nilo recommends funding them.

4) Ofensiva '92 - Juan Vega suggested that I talk with Edwin Rodriguez, an activist on Puerto Rico. Edwin said that he knows of the group, "doing great work... When it started it was a few left people but has expanded a lot into all political spectrums interested in human rights for the political prisoners... Everybody in Puerto Rico admires these people... (The contact person) is a very respected person in Puerto Rico, a professor at the university, who is quoted a lot in the media, a long time activist." Edwin felt that the book would definitely be used in organizing and is important in getting the word out.

5) Friends of Gabriela - I called Jenifer Bing-Canar of AFSC/Chicago. She knew of the group and said that a lot of the Filipina women had been active in supporting Middle East work, making connections between Filipina and Palestinian women. The group includes both Filipina and North American women and always do good work, work well with other groups. Jenifer said that "for a long time, it seemed that every event I went to, they seemed to have at least a cultural presence... They had a picket in the Fall at the Philippines Consul and were involved in International Women's Day. She said she didn't know what they're doing currently. Recommended.

6) CORKR - Hank Rosemont checked on this and said it was "pretty much a one person, 1 issue organization". It's funded by a large group of support organizations such as Oxfam and SE Asia organizations who are very pleased with the work of CORKR. Hank said that this is a solid organization, very good work. Hank recommended we make a grant.

7) Do the Right Thing Festival - Betty Kapatanakis of the North Star Fund in New York said that this is a "very good festival... brings a broad range of people together... speeches, music, tables of many groups.. very political event, not a feel-good festival... even though there are a lot of groups participating in this, the groups don't have a lot of extra money.... not really easy to get funds for this, maybe from some local businesses... good long-time activists involved who know funding sources, but since they didn't get much, there's not much funding out there." Betty attended the festival last year and feels that it is a good community event. She recommends funding.

8) Free My People - Renae Scott said that the more she hears of the group, the better she likes them. They take principled political decisions. It's youth led and run, meets regularly. Boston Women's Fund interviewed them and BWF liked the group a lot. Renae said that there is good participation by young women. The group is really trying to provide a political space for young people and works on community issues, a place for youth to go to feel empowered. They did work around the Gulf War, initiated a rally after the Rodney King decision. We talked about the incident at Madison Park High School and Renae supports the outcome of that, their voice was heard on the issues, despite some adverse media coverage. Renae strongly supports funding the group.

9) Green Acres Tenants Assoc. - Will Miller of the Green Mt. Fund said that this group has also applied to his Fund. He said that the group has a "good track record.. good media on them... They're struggling against landlords and are attempting to build a state-wide tenants organization in the trailer parks, which are a source of low income housing... These are genuinely low income people organizing for themselves, as opposed to outside social service types doing it.... They're likely to fare well in our (GMFund) process for a grant but our meeting won't happen until late July." Will recommends that we fund this request.

10) Citizens for Fair Utility Regulation - For their last request, I talked with Jude Filler of Texas Alliance for Human Needs. She said that one of the members of this group is "the best connected guy in Fort Worth, considered to be the tops in social justice organizing there." She first heard of them about 3 years ago; they're members of the Dallas Peace Center (the best in Dallas), which "is usually a good reference in itself." About 4 years ago, the group started in FW. She feels the group is a good one, their politics very good. Fort Worth is more conservative (both in business and social justice work) than Dallas. There's very little left political action there. Therefore this group is even more worthy of funding. She said that "it's still 1950's in FW....real hard to diversify membership of groups there... difficult to find organizers in the minority communities and those are mostly in churches." For all of the above, she recommended funding this group.

I talked with Jude again about this request. She confirmed the above reference and said that this group is reliable, non-establishment and a real grass roots group. Recommended.

11) Anti-Displacement Project - Michaelann Bewsee of Mass. Tenants' Organization /Western Mass. thinks they have an excellent organizer/ they've helped to organize

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

For this request, I talked with Pam Border of the Mass. Tenants Organization. She said that they are a "great group... working with HUD subsidized building tenants... definitely doing organizing work, tenants and advocates working together. They're doing a good job of educating tenants about their rights... doing really important work. MTO closed its western Mass. office so this group has to do much more work on the issues." Pam recommends funding.

12) Campaign to Abolish Poverty - I called Linda Lucero of Vanguard Foundation. She said that Vanguard had funded the Tenderloin Project's Solutions to Poverty Workshop it was the first time that there was low income organizing in that area. Vanguard did feel that the group didn't have a good plan beyond that, seemed vague. Linda hadn't heard anything recently. I also talked with Rebecca Gordon who hadn't heard of this but, after I read her the list of endorsers, said that they were good groups involved as well as progressive officials.

13) Voices in Action - I talked with Valerie Bonner of the Coalition for Basic Human Needs who said that this is "a great group... work with the Coalition... definitely grass roots, low income people involved... trying to for a bridge between AFDC and working women for dialogue to break down the barriers." Recommended.

14) Empty the Shelters - Frank Brodhead said that this is a "high quality organization... leaders are among the most widely respected in the shelter movement.. work for political rights and support, also personal problems such as drug abuse." The group is a combination of shelter residents and social worker types. Frank said their request is good because it is a real problem for the homeless to get to meetings, etc., since public transportation is expensive. Larry Goldsmith also knows about this group.

15) Opening Books - Please read the letters of reference in your packet. Not having any contacts in Huntsville, I first called the Appalachian Community Fund who hadn't heard of this since it's outside the Funds area. I then called the Chicago Resource Center which had funded them in the past. Janice DiGiovano at the Center said that they had made a site visit to the store. She said that it is a very nice place, very well recognized in the community and she felt that it would be there for a long while and is solid. It's primarily a gay and lesbian bookstore, has a bulletin board for events, some of which are at the store. It's unique in the area, one of a kind, "a definite plus for the community." The Resource Center also has a proposal from them for their next cycle and Linda feels they will be funded. She recommends that we give them a grant.

16) Maine Draft & Military Counselors - Jerry Genesio of Veterans for Peace said that they're very active and in touch with Vets for Peace. There are about 12 to 15 trainer/counselors around the state and they do very good work. They've worked with Vets for Peace to help train counselors for CO status, etc. Jerry highly recommends

funding them.

17) US Peace Council - I sent a copy of their proposal to Frank Brodhead. Frank looked at it and felt that it was "a basically dishonest application, in that the history of the Peace Council in the peace movement could be described as destructive or contentious. The application doesn't address their historical extremely close relationship to the Communist Party, a pronounced factor in their work... They mention a grant from the Sandy Pollack Foundation, but don't mention that he was close to the CP... In the booklet: see footnotes.... Typical of relationship to the peace movement as a whole, in important situations such as the issue of Cruise missiles in Europe, the Peace Council was very bad on this." Frank does not recommend funding the organization.

18) NW Veterans for Peace - I called Linda Reymers of McKenzie River Gathering. She said that this is a "really interesting group, really good solidarity people... lend energy to groups working on a range of issues, such as the Middle East war, Native Americans.... have ongoing work, very progressive peace and justice group... coffeehouse is very good, they get a good response from vets. It's excellent resource for empowerment and support." She recommends funding.

19) NW Alliance for Alternative Media - I talked with Linda Reymers of McKenzie River Gathering Foundation who said that this is a "wonderful publication... won awards... They present material in a readable format... really good content... have a Spanish language section... a broad spectrum of in-depth issues. People read it a lot. They are chronically under-funded. Really serve a purpose of keeping folks up to speed on issues... useful in organizing. There are all activists involved who know what's important to include in the paper." Recommended.

20) Council for Public Media - Jude Filler of TAHN said that this group is on the board (with TAHN) of the Lone Star Forum, a coalition of progressive groups which work in concert to do a monthly article which is distributed to the media throughout Texas. Jude said that this group is good and has seen their newsletter which she feels is "adequate, not special. Jude feels that there are a lot of small groups in the state who need to learn how to do press work and could use this group's media/press kit.

21) Prisoners Literature Project - I first talked with Rebecca Gordon who hadn't heard of the project but knew of the bookstore they work out of. She said that it's an small anarchist shop, good people, non-sectarian. I then called Murray Rosenblith of the AJ Muste Fund in NYC. He said that they had a request from this group a few years ago. Since Muste doesn't fund this type of work, they got a publisher to send the group a couple of cases of books. Murray said that the core group are people who work at the store, activists. He didn't know much else except that the group is a low key, shoe string operation.

22) Justice Watch - I called Jana Schroeder of the Dayton AFSC Prison Project. For their last request she had said that there were long time activists in the group who had worked on prison and other issues. People involved followed up on things, had a good network of people, were good organizers, activist oriented. This was pretty much the only group in Cincinnati addressing a range of issues (there are other single issue groups, such as Death Penalty and friends, families of prisoners.) One of the people involved, Rev. McCrackin, is very well known, excellent person, respected, principled. She recommended funding this group. I talked to Jana again recently and she said that she is "even more positive this year. In May they had a

first anniversary event and about 70 people came. They've done a lot of projects, very helpful to the AFSC program in turning out numbers of people... so active, have meetings once a month, educationals... the group is inter-racial, inter-class, low income people, church and university folks, a broad range of people involved... do good fund raising (but modest) in membership.... really, really good and doing a whole lot... good outreach, enthusiastic... Their newsletter is very good." Jana recommends we fund them again.

23) Committee to End the Marion Lockdown - I talked with Linda Thurston of the National AFSC Criminal Justice Program. She said that this group is "incredibly valuable to keep track of control unit prisons... This committee has dealt the issues in the national and international view... do newsletter, organize demonstrations, do legislative work, law suits, real important... The new thing in prisons.. lockdowns. Real definitely to the left but do a range of work, liaison with national church organizations, left and local community groups." Linda feels that their conference will be well attended since this is the national group for the issue. Recommends funding them.

24) Queer Nation/Portland, ME - I called Kathy McInnis of the ME Haymarket board. She knows of the group, a new one and trying to model itself after other QNs around the country. A point in their favor is that they're not afraid of tackling big issues. At heart they're very militant but a little lacking in strategy, she said. They are struggling with how to be militant in a conservative state like Maine. Tremendous energy, have had a big impact on hate crimes issues and have worked with officials, police. There are a handful of members, but the out gay population isn't large also. They're doing some voter registration and are thinking of CD actions for the future. They're doing good work. Moderate gays in the state feel they're too radical. Kathy recommends funding them.

25) Missouri Progressive Vote - Maggie Fisher of the St. Louis Interfaith Committee on Central America said that she has "the greatest respect for their contact person (who had been the head organizer for ACORN)... great organizers, good political analysis.... good groups in the coalition... good union participation.... not redundant with other organizations in the state... in Missouri, real conservatism, closed minded state... The governor hates women, hates the poor, slashes budgets for the poor... a few good state legislators, but we need more... trying to get more women in.... really need anything to open up the process... very discouraging state to be in.... I'm all for this group."

26) A Part of the Solution - Ken Tangvik recommended I talk with Mike Wolfson. He turned out to be a member of the group. He said that their idea is to target a set of precincts where voter registration and turnout is low, to find the existing agencies and organizations and let them know about this group, to find out concerns of the community, if the groups are working together, and how this group could help them achieve their goals. He said that it is important to the group not to just jump into the community but to network with existing groups.

The contact person said that John Demeter knew them. I talked with him. He said that Theresa Reed had worked on the Ellis-Hagler campaign, is a consultant with Jobs with Peace, long time activist. The people in the group are progressive activists from the communities of color, and is predominately people of color. He feels that they are "well positioned in the community." He said that they've talked with Teens as Community Resources, among other groups. He feels that the communities of color are "pretty fragmented... important to get people plugged into the process." He feels that larger foundations are more likely to fund larger, glossier organizations

that this one. They'd be competing for grants with the bigger organizations.

27) Human Rights Research Foundation - Last time, I talked with Jennifer Bing-Canar of AFSC/Chicago about this group. There hadn't been a lot of people doing this in the area. Jennifer felt that, in the past, HRRF had concentrated on info about the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Jerusalem, and not enough on good info about Palestinians in Kuwait and the Occupied Territories, but seemed to be starting to rectify this weakness now. She said that their info is really used - people who are doing articles and research use them for excellent and needed info. They also have done public speaking and educationals. They were swamped with requests during the Gulf War.

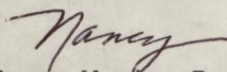
For this request I talked with Lucy Smith of the Crossroads Fund. (Jennifer is out of the country.) Lucy said that CF didn't give this group a grant last time only because the Fund's guidelines have narrowed to solely organizing projects. She said that this organization is very valuable for the communities/groups who have use for their information for organizing. "Wonderful information, it's not available anywhere else in the Midwest... They get their information directly from the source. They are now trying to broaden beyond their constituency and doing outreach to the Latino and African American communities." Recommended.

28) Tompkins/Cortland Labor Coalition - In the past I had talked with CUSLAR in Ithaca about the group. They said that this is a good group and CUSLAR's worked with them on Central America solidarity projects. They put out good information, are good on issues outside their labor focus, and are progressive on other issues such as women and gay and lesbian rights. I couldn't get in touch with CUSLAR this time, so I talked with Jane Slaughter of Labor Notes. She thinks "they're great.. quite impressed with their work... fairly unique group and newsletter which is very good.. not controlled by local labor council strictures and hamstringing since they're quite independent." Jane highly recommends funding the group.

I also talked with Kathy Johnson of CUSLAR. She said that CUSLAR has worked with them quite a bit over the years. More recently they did a joint project on the maquiladoras. The group does a lot of different things, has a good newsletter, does training and support work with local unions. She said that this is a very good organization doing a lot of good work. Kathy recommends funding them.

29) Dollars & Sense - Well known to Resist board members.

For peace and justice,


Nancy Moniz, Resist staff

Lam C's reviews

#11

Anti Displacement - materials not what they're translating. That's in packet — Pamphlets she looked @ good, easy to understand, first person accounts. Very useful material for project. But is this Resist priority for funding / She likes project

#16

ME Draft — Packet — also excellent, exactly kind of info a vol needs, practical advice on getting into schools, get info displayed totally appropriate, not needed in color tho Good group, covered major school districts in ME + @ this can cover rest of Mt short, compreh ext prac Highly supportive of this.

Last Resist grant June '92

Dear Maine Draft and Military Counselors Supporter,

Our efforts to get alternatives to what young people hear from military recruiters into schools has received a setback.

Lee Armen, a founder and driving force behind Maine Draft and Military Counselors, died of cancer on July 17. Although he battled the disease, it finally overtook him, but much later than was expected because Lee put up such a fight. He was 46 years old.

Lee was a conscientious objector from 1968 to the early 1970's at The Children's Hospital Medical Center in Boston. The experience affected him deeply, since he maintained an interest in the issue throughout the rest of his life. He organized Aroostook Draft Counseling in 1984 and took a leadership role in getting MDMC going the following year. He will certainly be missed! Cards or letters can be sent to his family at RFD 4 Box 3630, Houlton, ME 04730.

It is hard to continue our work without such a pivotal person, but we must persist, as I am sure Lee would have wanted. The difficult question now is, HOW?

Lee had been acting as a minimally paid (\$100/month) coordinator, keeping in touch with various local school contacts to keep their interest alive, distributing literature which I printed, and researching changes in the world of the draft and militarism (which then appeared as articles in our quarterly newsletter). He also compiled a list of speakers (vets and C.O.'s) and was helping to arrange talks by them as well as showings of Steve Bentley's powerful video.

Either we need to find another person who can take on these responsibilities or to divide them among other MDMC members. (A third option is to stop doing this work, but I think we all believe it is important to continue to stem the tide of militarism in the U.S.)

Can you step forward to act as a coordinator? We probably can raise some money to pay a person for 12-18 months (\$100/month plus phone/postage expenses) through a grant from the Haymarket People's Fund. (We actually had submitted a grant request, which had a good chance of being funded, but we withdrew it when Lee learned of his illness.)

Or can you help by:

(1) making calls to other local school contacts just to encourage them to keep working on their schools?

(2) Helping to compile information for a periodic (2-4 times/year) newsletter?

(3) Distributing literature to people for various schools throughout the state?

(4) Helping to arrange showings of Steve Bentley's powerful video, "Beyond Vietnam: Lessons Unlearned" and talks by veterans and conscientious objectors in Maine classrooms.

I can continue to do some MDMC work, but I can't do it alone.

If you can step forward to help in any way, please contact me as soon as possible. This is rewarding, though not well compensated, work. Please let me hear from you so we can continue this important educational project.

For Peace,

Larry

Larry Dansinger/MDMC

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Calvert Social Inv. Mgd. Grth.

OBJECTIVE	LOAD %	YIELD %	ASSETS (\$MIL)	N.A.V.
Balanced	4.75	4.9	369.9	28.52

Calvert Social Investment Fund Managed Growth Portfolio seeks a total return above the rate of inflation.

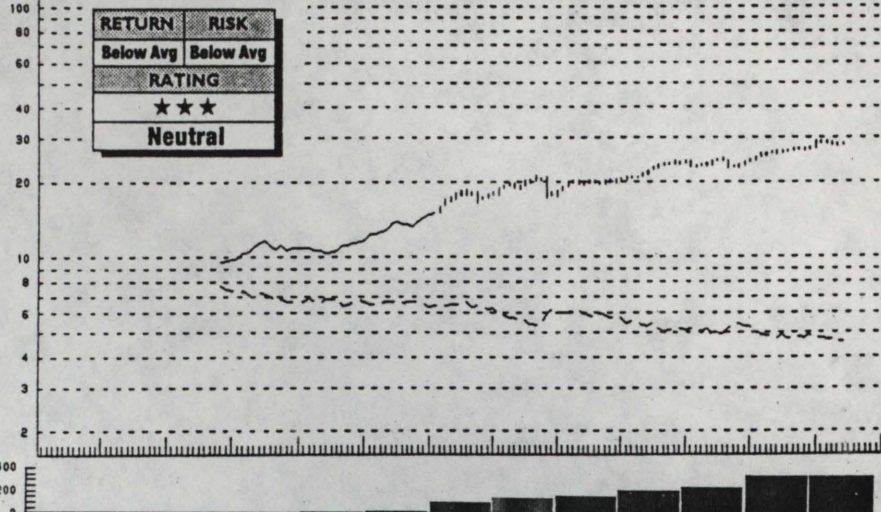
All potential investments are first screened for financial soundness and then evaluated according to the fund's social criteria. The fund invests in companies with solid social values and employee relations. The fund will not invest in securities of issuers engaged primarily in nuclear energy production or equipment manufacture, business activities in South Africa, or the manufacture of weapons systems.

U.S. Trust of Boston is the fund's subadvisor.

TOP LINE:
Performance

BOTTOM LINE:
Relative Strength

RETURN	RISK
Below Avg	Below Avg
RATING	
★ ★ ★	
Neutral	



TOTAL RETURN %					TOTAL
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	
1987	11.16	2.68	3.59	-11.22	4.97
1988	7.70	1.63	0.36	0.81	10.73
1989	2.79	8.10	4.72	2.02	18.72
1990	-3.24	4.37	-5.72	6.88	1.76
1991	5.76	0.48	3.46	7.14	17.79
1992	-2.51	---	---	---	---

INCOME					TOTAL
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	
1990	0.00	0.31	0.00	1.00	1.31
1991	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.14	1.14
1992	0.26	0.00	---	---	0.26

CAPITAL GAINS					TOTAL
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	
1990	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.75	0.75
1991	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
1992	0.00	0.00	---	---	0.00

PERFORMANCE/RISK					05/31/92
	TOTAL RETURN %	+/- S&P 500	PERCENTILE RANK	ALL	OBJ.
3 MONTH	-0.52	-1.92	75	81	
6 MONTH	5.83	-6.51	47	84	
1 YEAR	7.37	-2.48	81	89	
3 YEAR AVG.	8.72	-4.00	57	72	
5 YEAR AVG.	8.15	-2.99	70	66	
10 YEAR AVG.	---	---	---	---	
15 YEAR AVG.	---	---	---	---	

M-STAR RISK		MORNINGSTAR RETURN RISK		MORNINGSTAR RISK-ADJUSTED RATING	
ALL	OBJ.	1.00 = HYBRID AVG.			
3 YR	44	13	0.78	0.55	★ ★ ★
5 YR	46	26	0.87	0.63	★ ★ ★
10 YR	---	---	---	---	---

Percentile Ranks: 1 = Highest, 100 = Lowest.
Except M-STAR Risk: 1 = Lowest, 100 = Highest

STYLE

	V	B	G
L			
M			
S			

L=Large, M=Medium, S=Small
V=Value, B=Blend, G=Growth

Alpha -0.8 48 58
Beta 0.47 86 84
R² 84 35 70
STD. DEV. 2.26 56 84

ANALYSIS

Calvert Social Investment Fund Managed Growth Portfolio's moderation hasn't won awards lately.

This socially conscious vehicle typically holds a conservative asset mix of established equity issues and high-quality bonds, which usually provides average returns. It has recently sputtered, though, slipping into the group's lowest quintile both in 1991 and so far this year.

Yet this setback is no cause for worry. The fund has simply paid for its discipline when moderation was not in favor. For example, manager Domenic Colasacco has rarely weighted stocks at more than 50% in recent years. But last year, an especially low 40% to 47% equity stake hurt badly, as the market skyrocketed.

The equity side has caused trouble again this year by turning sluggish. Colasacco has remained faithful to his long-term favorites—firms with "consistent, steady,

predictable earnings over time." For instance, although the fund's retail stake is considerable, many of these firms are food services or grocery chains, which can weather slow economies. Unfortunately, though, 1992's market has frowned on steady growth. In response, Colasacco is looking at cyclical. Although he won't buy issues too dependent on commodity prices, he has moved about one third of equity assets into other cyclical, including many machinery and capital-goods issues.

However, Colasacco isn't deserting his basic asset-allocation approach. Stocks are too overvalued at present to weight them any heavier, he thinks. He'll keep bonds at slightly over half of assets, and he'll stick with intermediate-term government and high-quality corporate securities.

Shareholders can be happy that moderation isn't out the door; as in the past, it should pay off eventually.

OPERATIONS

ADDRESS	4550 Montgomery Avenue Suite 1000N	TELEPHONE NUMBER	301-951-4820
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ADVISOR	Calvert Asset Management	PHONE SWITCH	Yes
DISTRIBUTOR	Calvert Securities	# OF SHAREHOLDERS	33569
PORTFOLIO MANAGER	Domenic Colasacco (1984)	MINIMUM INITIAL PURCHASE	1000
MANAGEMENT FEE	0.70% flat fee	MINIMUM SUBSEQUENT PURCHASE	250
FEES	4.75%L, 0.25%B	DATE OF INCEPTION	10/21/82
TICKER	CSIFX	SHAREHOLDER REPORT RATING	C

PORTFOLIO TOTAL # STOCKS 70 TOP 30 EQUITY HOLDINGS AS OF 12/31/91

SHARE CHANGE	AMOUNT	STOCK	VALUE \$000	% NET ASSETS
0	120800	WW GRAINGER	6553	1.80
0	80000	QUAKER OATS	5990	1.64
0	100000	AMP	5863	1.61
0	120000	SYSCO	5595	1.53
20000	120000	AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING	5460	1.50
0	100000	SIGMA-ALDRICH	5300	1.45
-25000	135000	ALBERTSONS	5299	1.45
0	100000	MAY DEPARTMENT STORES	5250	1.44
10000	135000	HJ HEINZ	5248	1.44
-15000	75000	BECTON DICKINSON	5138	1.41
19700	79700	ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS	5081	1.39
0	100000	RR DONNELLEY & SONS	5000	1.37
70600	130600	RUBBERMAID	4995	1.37
0	100000	GANNETT	4550	1.25
25000	75000	BETZ LABORATORIES	4463	1.22
0	100000	EQUITABLE RESOURCES	4088	1.12
0	40000	GENERAL RE	4075	1.12
0	50000	MARSH & MCLENNAN	4069	1.11
0	80000	NORDSON	3680	1.01
0	75000	BELL ATLANTIC	3619	0.99
60000	60000	BLOCK DRUG CL A	3570	0.98
0	75000	CLOREX	3178	0.87
0	50000	AMERITECH	3175	0.87
0	52500	HUBBELL CL B	2966	0.81
15000	40000	AMR	2820	0.77
0	50000	BELLSOUTH	2588	0.71
0	75000	TOYS 'R' US	2447	0.67
0	100000	GIANT FOOD CL A	2413	0.66
71200	78200	UNITED ASSET MANAGEMENT	2395	0.66
0	50000	HANNAFORD BROTHERS	2275	0.62

PORTFOLIO STATISTICS 05/31/92 SECTOR WEIGHTINGS

PORT. FOLIO OF S&P AVG. STOCKS 500	% REL.	PORT. FOLIO OF S&P % 500	% REL.
PRICE/EARNINGS RATIO	20.8 94 1.03	NATURAL RESOURCES	8.8 0.52
PRICE/BOOK RATIO	3.6 98 0.92	INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS	15.7 1.36
5 YR. EARN. GR. %	9.1 92 0.90	CONSUMER DURABLES	5.5 1.07
RETURN ON ASSETS	8.7 94 1.12	NON-DURABLES	16.5 0.68
DEBT % TOTAL CAP.	23.6 94 0.78	RETAIL TRADE	16.9 2.24
MED. MKT. CAP. (\$MIL)	3517 99 0.29	SERVICES	17.9 2.16
COMPOSITION % 03/31/92		UTILITIES	9.5 0.70
CASH 1.0	PREFERRED 0.0	TRANSPORTATION	2.6 1.37
STOCKS 47.0	CONVERTIBLES 0.0	FINANCE	4.5 0.55
BONDS 52.0	OTHER 0.0	MULTI-INDUSTRY	2.2 0.84

Resist Finances:

7/17/92

Cambridge Trust Company 7/12/92	\$ 30,953.39
Calvert Bond Fund as of 7/10/92	\$118,198.57
Calvert Cash Money Market 7/15/92	\$88,259.60
1st Trade Union CD as of 6/30/92	\$ 56,643.43
Prospecting Fund (Working Assets Money Market as of 6/31/92	<u>\$ 31,347.88</u>

<u>Sub-Total unstricted:</u>	<u>\$325,402.87</u>
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RESTRICTED FUNDS:

Loan Fund (Working Assets Money Market) as of 6/31/92	\$ 5650.59
Resist Endowment Fund (Calvert Money Market) as of 7/10/92	\$ 16,268.74
Cohen Endowment Fund (Working Assets Money Market) as of 6/31/92	\$ 10,419.68

<u>Sub-Total restricted:</u>	<u>\$ 32,339.01</u>
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<u>Total All Funds:</u>	<u>\$357,741.88</u>
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