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# A call to **RESIST** illegitimate authority

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Board Meeting - October 25, 1992 - 11am  
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Dear board member,

Beside the agenda and proposals for the next meeting, you'll also find a copy of the survey I did of the grants that we've made as of September 22nd. I thought you might find it interesting. 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

### Gay and Lesbian

1) Rhino Reality (Boston, MA) - They're requesting \$800 toward the expenses of a subway poster campaign.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

2) LambdaCom Inc./The Lambda Report (Denver, CO) - Request of \$800 for video tapes for this TV program about gays and lesbians in Colorado.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

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Community/Anti-racism

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

7) Rural Southern Voice for Peace (Burnsville, NC) - \$500 request to upgrade their computer system. We turned them down last November because we had problems with an article in their newsletter. You will find relevant material on that with their current proposal.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

8) Asian Americans United (Philadelphia, PA) - A request of \$800 toward production of their newsletter "Asian American Justice Watch."

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

9) Honor Our Neighbors Origins and Rights (Milwaukee, WI) - Requesting \$800 to produce a brochure that addresses racism against Native Americans through the use of logos, mascots and symbols.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_



10) North Carolinians Against Racist & Religious Violence (Durham, NC) - \$800 grant (they're also asking for a loan) requested toward the publication of a manual, "Racism and Bigotry is No Laughing Matter."

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

#### Women

11) Media Watch for Improving Women's Image in the Media (Santa Cruz, CA) - A request of \$800 to purchase two VCRs.

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

14) Women's Community Cancer Project (Cambridge, MA) - Request of \$800 toward the production and distribution of a public service announcement for TV, and towards copying and mailing costs of the response packet.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

#### Students

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_



16) Education for the People (Washington, DC) - They're asking for \$600 toward production costs of their student and youth newspaper. Since its lengthy, I'll ask a board member to review a copy and report on it to the board meeting.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

17) Campaign for an Affordable Rutgers Education (New Brunswick, NJ) - Request of \$800: \$300 for a fax machine, and \$500 for production of one issue of their newsletter.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

#### Central/Latin America and the Caribbean

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## Prisoners

22) Odyssey Enterprises (Dedham, MA) - They're are asking for \$800 toward the publication of a special edition of their magazine focusing on the erosion of civil rights. Magazine will be reviewed by a board member for a report at the meeting.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

23) Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants-NH (CURE-NH) (Nashua, NJ) - Request of \$500 toward the expenses of their conference on October 10th. I'll ask them to send a report.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

24) Virginians Against State Killing (Charlottesville, VA) - Requesting \$800 toward the cost of a survey of public opinion leaders on the issue of the death penalty.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

## Culture/Media

25) Miracle Theatre/Teatro Milagro (Portland, OR) - Request of \$800 for expenses and stipends for a children's play entitled "Earth Summit."

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

26) Citizens for Political Reform (Bennington, NH) - They're are asking for \$764.52 (?) for printing and postage for their newsletter. I'll ask a board member to review a copy for a report at the board meeting.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

## Loan Request

27) North Carolinians Against Racist & Religious Violence (Durham, NC) - Requesting a loan of \$1,000 for ? months for expenses of their November annual meeting and event.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_



**BUSINESS/POLICY ITEMS**

- \* Resist's 25th Anniversary - (19 Days and counting!) Report from Yana and discussion.
- \* Office - Staff, finances and other miscellaneous items.
- \* The next board meeting will be in the Boston area and on December 13, 1992. We'll need a host house for that meeting.

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

For peace and justice,

*Nancy*

Nancy Moniz, Resist staff



9/22/92  
draft

RESIST GRANT PROGRAM  
ANALYSIS OF 1991 AND 1992 (so far)

	1992	1991
Number of meetings	6	9
Number of grants given (at meetings)	129 (21.5/mtg)	179 (19.9/mtg)
Number of rejections (at meetings)	64 (10.67/mtg)	75 (8.3/mtg)
Total number of proposals considered (& approval %)	193 (75%)	254 (71%)
Number of proposals considered/meeting	32.2	28.3
(Emergency grants	8	19 )
Total money given in grants/year	\$81,246.00**	\$94,394.00 ** (not incl. dd)
Grants given by issues*	# (% of total)	# (% of total)
Central & Latin America	29 (21.1%)	36 (18.2%)
Peace/Anti-Draft/ Anti-Nuke	24 (17.5%)	21 (10.6%)
Community empower- ment/Anti-Racist	17 (12.4%)	29 (14.6%)
Africa/Asia/Internat.	4 (2.9%)	10 (5%)
Cultural & Media	2 (1.5%)	5 (2.5%)
Lesbian/Gay/	7 (5.0%)	17 (8.6%)
Native American	14 (10.2%)	12 (6.1%)
Health/AIDS	5 (3.6%)	8 (4%)
Middle East	4 (2.9%)	12 (6.1%)
Prisoners' Rights	11 (8.0%)	13 (6.6%)
Labor	2 (1.5%)	8 (4%)
Women	11 (8.0%)	14 (7%)
Miscellaneous	3 (2.2%)	2 (1%)
Human & Civil Rights	0	0 (0%)
Students	0	3 (1.5%)
Environmental	4 (2.9%)	8 (4%)
Geographically *		
Boston area	28 (20.4%)	32 (16.1%)
CA (state)	11 (8.0%)	19 (9.7%)
NY (state)	13 (9.5%)	23 (11.6%)
Southern states	12 (8.6%)	30 (15.2%)
Midwest & Mt. states	30 (21.9%)	49 (24.7%)
OR, WA, HI, AK	7 (5.1%)	15 (7.6%)
New England (outside Boston)	21 (15.3%)	14 (7%)
DC, MD, DE, PA, NJ	15 (10.9%)	16 (8.1%)

\*includes emergency grants



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**Resist Board Meeting**  
**10/25/92**  
**Louis Kampf's, Cambridge, MA**

**Present:** Louis, Nancy M., Nancy W. (minutes), Pam (chair), George, Wayne, Tatiana, Larry, and Cheryl (chair after Pam left).

**Emergency Grant:** Staff reported that the following emergency grant was given since the last board meeting: \$150 to Native Resource Coalition of Porcupine, SD for telephone and copying expenses for demonstration at Wounded Knee grave sight.

Nancy Moniz announced she has been doing more outreach to various sectors to encourage them to apply for grants.

**25th Anniversary Report:** Tatiana gave a report. Volunteers are needed for various tasks, especially the day of the event. Since only 2-3 people have been coming to planning meetings lately, the rest have been cancelled, and Tatiana will coordinate things over the phone. The Press packet has gone out. Invitations have gone out, and money has started coming in. Tatiana is still working on getting ASL interpreter for event. We had a discussion about whether or not to have Jorge from Red Sun Press do a limited edition silk screen to sell at the event. Since there isn't much time left before the event people felt there wasn't enough time for a good approval process. Postpone commemorative poster till later date. We could still sell it through the newsletter, or at Art event in Fall.

The Board/Staff lunch discussed the Art showing and Tatiana's hours after the November 14th event. Art show is now postponed till the Fall, because they hadn't gotten a space for the Spring. There seem to be a few possibilities for space. Art show will be closing of anniversary celebration. The art group is trying to get some other funding and not rely totally on Resist. If in December it looks like the art group can't really follow through we will re-evaluate project and decide whether or not to continue. In the meantime Tatiana will keep working. While she will be working more months, total hours will be about the same.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Tatiana passed around a sign up sheet. We need people to sit at Resist table, take money at the door, sell t-shirts, etc. Also need clean up help. We can leave displays up till Sunday or Monday.

People were asked to bring old political t-shirts to display at event. Bring before 6pm.

**Photographer:** Should we pay someone to take pictures? We decided we would ask around and see if people would do it for just the cost of supplies. Wechsler said she could take some pictures. Wayne was going to ask Stanley Honda, a Resist pledge who is also a photographer. Any other people?

**Budget:** Tatiana will include budget information. It looks like we've spent very close to high end of original estimate.

**Report from Central America:** George gave us a report on what was going on in El Salvador and Nicaragua. I can't possibly include everything (or even most of what) he said. A few highlights: Key dates for most of El Salvador accords coming up soon. A very tense and defining time. No international pressure being put on process. Re-organizing of solidarity groups going on in



US. El Salvador is having many elections in 1994--one of the few years that so many offices are up at once. FMLN is still waiting to decide on electoral strategy to see how the accords are fulfilled.

Nicaragua: Sandinistas continue to disintegrate. Some people working with government to isolate the right, but are alienating their base.

**GRANTS:** We gave out a total of \$10,935 (out of a possible \$12,350) to 16 groups. We also made one loan.

1. Rhino Reality (Boston, MA) NO to a grant. They had requested \$800 toward the expenses of a subway poster campaign. NM had trouble finding reference. No one had really heard of them. Marla of RA suggested she talk to Steven Tierney. He said this was a new group, well organized. Mass Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus has worked with them as has Boston Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance. Tierney thinks the ads could be more radical. Discussion: People felt the ads didn't have enough political substance. Underlying politics give the message: "we are all the same". Since Tierney hasn't been all that radical in the past, it was telling even he thought the ads could have been more radical.

Decision: We endorse the concept of making visible the gay/lesbian community, but it looks like you could get other funding. We support gay/lesbian projects that are for self-empowerment and liberation, not just tolerance. We want more than the message "people are all the same, gay people are just like everyone else." We look for more of a gay left/liberationist political perspective.

2. LambdaCom Inc./The Lambda Report (Denver, CO) SOME (\$275), out of a requested \$800 for video tapes for this TV program about gays/lesbians in Colorado. Pam watched a video. Felt it was nice to have on Cable TV, but not a Resist priority. Too representative of professional strata of gay community. Not a lot of diversity in show. Questions raised about the fact that this is Colorado, so maybe we should have different standards. We decided on a Some, because of our questions and concerns, but desire to support gay work in Colorado.

3. The Stonewall Alliance of Chico (CA) YES to a grant of \$800 toward the purchase of a computer and printer. Not much discussion.

4. Inter-Action of Franklin County (Greenfield, MA) YES to a grant of \$500 (as requested) to put on a series of five events focusing on multi-cultural and working class issues around the world. Not much discussion.

5. Hartford Working Group on Community Economic Development (CT) YES to a grant of \$800 for the expenses of a series of workshops on local economic development. Discussion: They didn't answer the question on Reproductive Rights. You would expect the municipality to get people together to discuss community economic development. You might not get these particular people. Doesn't seem like Resist priority. Electoral coalition is splintered--so this might be a group that is backing off from all the in-fighting to have some discussions. Is this the kind of thing we fund? Hartford is in desperate shape.



6. Virginia Coalition for the Homeless (Richmond) NO GRANT. They had requested \$800 for the expenses of their Anti-Poverty Network, dissemination of materials on pending legislation and budget amendments. Hank was the reference and he didn't think we should fund them. No wider politics on issue of homelessness. No real budget. Not homeless people organizing for themselves. We should tell them it is an important project, but not a Resist priority.

7. Rural Southern Voice for Peace (Burnsville, NC) NO GRANT. They had requested \$500 to upgrade their computer system. We turned them down last November because we had problems with an article in their newsletter on abortion. Discussion of our former refusal to fund them and their printing our rejection letter and responses in their newsletter. They have printed letters but not a pro-choice article. Question raised re: listening project and its politics, but that isn't what they are asking us for money for. The editor says they have no position on abortion or other issues that divide the progressive community. Does abortion really divide the progressive community?

We are glad you are planning future articles on the issue of who decides around abortion. Perhaps you should come back to us after you have printed some articles that support a woman's right to choose. To clarify to you our position around abortion, it has been our policy not to fund groups which are against a woman's right to choose. We have funded some groups which do not have a stand on abortion, though we prefer groups to be pro-choice. We saw your printing a "pro-life" article without another article to balance it out in the same issue as problematic. We were glad you printed a lot of letters to the editor, but think it would have been important to have a full length article in the same or subsequent issue. [We see a woman's right to choose as a bottom line issue for the progressive movement.--I'm not sure we thought we would say this to them or not.]

8. Asian Americans United (Philadelphia, PA) YES to a grant of \$800 toward production of their newsletter "Asian American Justice Watch." Good references. Frank Brodhead said they could use our money, even though they have a large budget and lots of grants.

9. Honor Our Neighbors Origins and Rights (Milwaukee, WI) YES to a grant of \$800 to produce a brochure that addresses racism against Native Americans through the use of logos, mascots and symbols. Good brochure, answers people's questions. Questions raised about their budget.

10. North Carolinians Against Racist & Religious Violence (Durham, NC) NO GRANT, but YES to the Loan (#27). They have a big budget and lots of grants. People felt they could get more mainstream money to be against the Klan. People felt they were a good group and doing great work, but had gotten too big for us. A definite yes to the loan.

11. Media Watch for Improving Women's Image in the Media (Santa Cruz, CA) NO to a grant. They had requested \$800 to purchase two VCR's. The video had just come into the office Friday. Nancy M. watched it and thought it was well done. Touched on lots of things--violence in the media, sexism, racism, AIDS and homophobia, domestic violence, battering. Question raised as to why MS. foundation turned them down? Cheryl looked at newsletter. Found it



disturbing. "Pornography is that which harms women." They say they aren't for censorship--but the newsletter feels like that isn't true. Newsletter not very analytical, unfocussed.

Question raised as to why they had printed a little endorsement blurb from Fulani of the New Alliance Party. Question raised whether or not there is a clear connection between porn and violence against women. Does group do organizing or just education. Should we postpone to get more issues of newsletter, more people to watch video? We had a long discussion on this. People thought that if Nancy liked the video that we would too. The video was done by someone different from the newsletter. People had real problems with the newsletter. Questions raised re: budget. 1992 income far exceeded expenses. Decision: NO. We have limited resources. You are in better financial shape than most of the groups that come to us. Glad to see your video is as popular as it seems to be. We support efforts to confront violence, homophobia, sexism in the media... that have a concrete organizing objective, but your media watch newsletter raised question for us. We weren't sure what politics you were advocating. We liked the video, but had real concerns about the newsletter.

12. Breast Cancer Action Group (Burlington, VT) YES to a grant of \$780 (as requested) to purchase a hard disk and desktop publishing software for their computer. Grace strongly recommended. Green Mt. Fund turned them down about a year ago. They seem to be doing more political work now. Frustrations raised about Breast Cancer movement-- organizing in reaction, not working in coalition. Unhelpful comparisons to AIDS-- such as more people have died of breast cancer than AIDS, so breast cancer should be more important [than AIDS]. I'm not sure if people were saying that this group did this, or just that there is a tendency in this new movement to do that. In letter we should say something like " we hope you will make connections to health issues and the broader political implications of breast cancer. We hope you will make connections to AIDS activism and other health activists."

13. Gabriela Network (NY, NY) YES to a grant of \$780 (as requested) for the expenses of producing their newsletter. Important work. Positive reference. Some people felt that for a national organization, their newsletter was not very impressive.

14. Women's Community Cancer Project (Cambridge, MA) YES to a grant of \$800 toward the production and distribution of a PSA for TV and towards copying a and mailing costs of the response packet. Question raised as to whether PSA will get on TV. People felt that good people were working on this and that they must have thought of that issue, and a way to deal with it. Some stations do run announcements. Good proposal.

15. DC SCAR (Student Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism) (Washington, DC) YES to a grant of \$600 (as requested) toward a stipend, and for other expenses, of a student intern for their Campus Organizer position. Good group, very little discussion.

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Network. NM read more info from group in answer to that question. This is Nader spin off. A lot of info in newsletter, but who reads it? Haven't seen it at MIT. Larry hadn't seen it at Penn, but noticed there was an article about Penn (or Philadelphia?) in it. Who uses this? What practical organizing work does it tie into? They provide speakers, research, technical assistance to support their work. They work with DC SCAR.

17. Campaign for an Affordable Rutgers Education (New Brunswick, NJ) NO Grant. They had requested \$800-- \$300 for a fax machine and \$500 for production of one issue of their newsletter. People had serious questions about this. Important issue, but what they did was stupid. You need mass support for a building occupation. Question raised whether a goal should have been to have Barraka tenured-- or fired. People felt focus was too narrow. No to fax machine, who will get it once they fold? Not ongoing organizing. We discussed possibility of giving them a SOME for production of the newsletter and then decided on NO grant.

18. US/Guatemala Labor Education Project (Chicago, IL) YES to a grant of \$700 (as requested) for a fund raising mailing. Very little discussion. People liked group.

19. Guatemala Maquiladora Campaign (Cambridge, MA) YES to a grant of \$800 for the expenses of this year-long joint CASA/City Life campaign. Long time activists. Pretty solid. Connection with City Life good.

20. PeaceWorks (Morristown, NJ) YES to a grant of \$600 (as requested) toward the expenses of a NJ tour of Nicaraguan community activists in November. George hadn't heard of people they were bringing. Sounds like good project.

21. Queens Peace & Solidarity Council (Douglaston, NY) NO GRANT. They had requested \$500 for the expenses of their work on the issue of Cuba. Somewhat long discussion on this. NM gave history of this groups' relationship with Resist. We had given them a grant on condition of getting more information, but they never got us the information, so we never gave them a grant. Question raised re: Cuba, what do they think of it? Question #10, didn't say anything on les/gay issues. No substance to what they are doing. George talked to some people in NYC. They liked them. They are part of group that pulled out of CP and are involved in Committees of Correspondence. Done a lot of community based work in Queens. Work out of Black church and had some ties to Black community.

Substance thin. No analysis except to go vacation in Cuba. NO GRANT. We need more specifics. Proposal didn't address your position or analysis of Cuba. What educational purpose do you hope violating the embargo will serve?

22. Odyssey Enterprises (Dedham, MA) YES to a grant of \$800 toward the publication of a special edition of their magazine focusing on the erosion of civil rights. Larry reported on publication. He has liked a lot of issues, it is around in a lot of bookstores. They have one wealthy benefactor. We decided to give them a grant, but let them know their budget may be getting too big for us.

23. Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants-NH (Nashua, NH) YES to a



grant of \$500 (as requested) toward the expenses of their conference on October 10. NM asked for a report from 10/10 conference. She got a long report. They had a budget shortfall. \$460 deficit.

24. Virginians Against State Killing (Charlottesville, VA) NO GRANT. They had requested \$800 toward the cost of a survey of public opinion leaders on the issue of the death penalty. Hank said NO. They haven't articulated wider politics. Survey doesn't matter that much. What is purpose/value of survey? We have questions as to its value.

25. Miracle Theatre/Teatro Milago (Portland, OR) NO GRANT. They had requested \$800 for expenses and stipends for a children's play entitled "Earth Summit." They avoid answering questions re: abortion and gay/les issues (no mention of Q9 ballot initiative). Not a priority? They are working against Right. Stipend seems to be for playwright. How do you follow-up on Earth Summit stuff? Maybe we should suggest they go to LEF foundation.

26. Citizens for Political Reform (Bennington, NH) NO grant. They had asked for \$764.52 for printing and postage for their newsletter. Louis looked at paper and agreed with reference. No substance. Decision, NO: Your newsletter doesn't go into any kind of depth or detail on issues that we consider important for the Left to discuss these days.

27. See #10 above. Yes to the loan.

#### Other business:

Live Oak Foundation of Texas (a funding exchange affiliate) has folded.

NM raised concerns about how much our total funds are down in the last three months. She pointed out that the July totals (from board meeting minutes) of unrestricted funds were \$325,000 and this meeting it was \$276,000. That's a \$49,000 drop.

Our income remains about the same as last year, minus the special large unusual donations. Our expenses are up from Anniversary, and producing a new prospecting mailing brochure. Cheryl and Nancy W. will discuss how much money to transfer from Calvert MM to tie up longer term, and how much to have ready for us to use. (\$57,000 from 1st trade union CD came due and was transferred into Money Market account. We had planned to put it into BOND Fund, but are waiting to see what the market looks like after the election.) Wechsler will have more detailed info about financial situation soon. We had decided to spend some of the money we had been sitting on, we just need to see if we are spending it too quickly. A lot of our money usually comes in during December and January, so we will have a better sense of what to do in 1993 when 1992 ends. We will have to see then if we can continue to give out \$800 to all the groups we like which ask for it, or just the ones we think are really good.

Finances: Cambridge Trust \$17,654.77

Calvert Money Market Fund \$137,939.62 (of which \$57,385.38 is from 1st Trade Union CD, and may get invested elsewhere; and \$25,000 is from Prospecting Fund. That leaves \$55,554.24 as our real overflow)

BOND fund: \$120,757.54



unrestricted total \$276,351.93

Loan Fund: \$4692

Resist Endowment \$16,060.03\*

Cohen Endowment \$10,086.96\*

Total all funds: \$307,180.92

\*We have to decide at the December meeting if we can give out Salzman and Cohen grants this year. When we switched from the money market fund to the mutual fund we paid a load charge that temporarily ate up our interest.

Break in at Office: Someone came through the false ceiling. Stole our petty cash (and D&S's) and started unhooking computers but didn't take them. Ceiling has now been secured with thick plywood, and the Somerville Community Corporation is putting in more secure doors for the upstairs of the building. We should call Larry G. re: info on computer locks.

Nancy Moniz is including suggested dates for the next year's worth of board meetings. Please look them over and call in with feedback re: possible major conflicts of holidays, conferences, demonstrations and the like.

NEXT board meeting: December 13 in Boston. Place to be announced.

That's it. Nancy Wechsler



October 25, 1992

References for the October 25, 1992 Resist board meeting:

- 1) Rhino Reality - I'm having a problem with getting info on this group. I've talked with Marla Ehrlein of RA, Sue Trotz, Sue Hyde and Stephanie Poggie so far. They each had either not heard of the group, or, in Sue's case, had heard mention of them but can't find out who they are from her usual contacts. I'll try other folks.
- 2) Lambda Report - I talked with Laura Golden of the Chinook Fund. They have a proposal from this group also. Laura said that the group is "politically not too progressive yet but since it is a volunteer operation there is a possibility of further development with the inclusion of more politically developed members... They do a lot within the community to promote the Gay & Lesbian Center and the upcoming voting for a constitutional amendment... good at getting out info on issues of concern to gays and lesbians, but as far as getting out more radical political issues, not great, no analysis of making the connections between issues of race and class... Program is an important venue to have available... In Denver, the gay and lesbian community is very single issue, which is not racism but more a lack of awareness. The Lambda Report reflects this." Overall, Laura is in favor of funding them.
- 3) Stonewall Alliance of Chico - I talked with Linda Lucero of Vanguard about this. She said that the group is on their next board docket, but she has no information on them yet. I then called Richard Wood of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force who said that one of the NGLTF staff people had lived in that area, knew of the group, thinks it is a good group, small but doing "good stuff." I also put in a call to the Chico Feminist Women's Health Center about the group. Still waiting on them.
- 4) Interaction of Franklin County - Rob Wilson of the Veterans Education Project said he knew of this group and is "very impressed with their work... gone to events.. really seem well organized and focused... a lot of groups don't have their shared energy and purpose.... They had an event last spring on El Salvador.. turned out a lot of folks, had radio coverage... The group has a small core group of activists.. do quality events... It's a hard sell in these times but this group gets folks out." Recommended.
- 5) Hartford Working Group - Paul Lauter said that his contact for Hartford, Jim Miller, knows people involved in this. They've been around a long time; have been actively involved; are, on the whole the furthest to the left in a variety of issues; experienced hands and likely to do something which would be useful. Jim said that these are "reasonable people to support."
- 6) VA Coalition for the Homeless - Hank Rosemont checked with his contacts in Richmond who said that these are "nice people, but mostly social workers and ministers," not homeless people organizing for themselves. The group seems to mainly coordinate (state and local) agencies, nothing impressive. They do a bit of lobbying and networking. Hank and his contacts feel that this isn't a group we should fund. Hank votes No on this.
- 7) Rural Southern Voice for Peace - George Vickers knows of the group. He'll be



at the board meeting and will comment then. Jack Beckford of the Fund for Southern Communities knew of this group and thinks they're doing good work. He doesn't know anything about their position on abortion and reproductive rights (a lot of foundation don't ask.) I also talked with Christina Davis-McCoy of NCARRV who knows of the group. NCARRV has worked with them on Listening Projects to do with racism. She said that their newsletter has an "analytical and strategic approach to organizing... They have been instrumental in coalition building against a new white supremacist group which has started in the state, and are working with people of color and gay and lesbian groups in their part of the state (western NC)." Christina hadn't seen the article we had problems with and doesn't know what their position is on abortion and choice, but did know that a number of their folks were involved in the mobilization for the NOW march in DC.

8) Asian Americans United - Frank Brodhead said that he can give "an enthusiastic reference on AAU... Like them a lot, Tenants Organization works with them closely, and just hired (a member) as an organizer... It's true that most of their big budget is restricted; they're looking for funds to make some trouble (in a good sense." Frank recommends funding them.

9) HONOR - Steve Starkey of the Wisconsin Community Fund said that WCF has funded this group three times. "A really good group, very active, has been involved in networking with other Indian treaty rights groups around the state... WCF is giving them a special award, the Funding Exchange Quincentennial Award... an extremely responsible group, good brochures... a diverse group, people of color, white and Native American." Highly recommended.

10) NCARRV - For past requests from this group, I've talked with Mandy Carter of WRL/South and Mab Segrest of NC for Gay & Lesbian Equality, both of whom had nothing but good things to say about NCARRV's work. This time I called Jack Beckford of Fund for Southern Communities who said that NCAARV is a great organization; none better. Highly recommended.

11) Media Watch for.. Women - Paul Lauter gave me numbers for his contacts in Santa Cruz, but so far I either get no answers or the numbers are disconnected. I'll keep trying, but in the meantime I talked with Linda Lucero of Vanguard Fund in San Francisco. Linda said that Vanguard gave the group a grant last year for their video and really liked the group. Most of the board liked the video (I called the group to send us a copy), some didn't. I asked her about any indication of censorship/pornography issue in their proposal or in the video (this group lists Andrea Dworkin as a reference for us.) Linda said the video doesn't deal with that at all. She said that the group made national news when Ann Simonton entered a beauty pageant and wore meat in the contest as a statement. You might remember hearing of that. The group is small and "not real diverse," done conferences, speaking engagements with their video, feminist politics.

12) Breast Cancer Action Group - Will Miller of the Green Mountain Fund said that this group had applied to GMF but was turned down. The people involved have good reputations in service work and community education on the issue, but GMF felt that, at the time, their work was mostly service with no community organizing component. Grace Paley also gave a strong recommendation for this group, saying that it definitely is doing political organizing and education work. Highly recommended.

13) Gabriela Network - For their last request I had talked with Peter Drucker of National Mobe. He felt that they're "pretty good.... they're tied with the Bayan,



the broad popular movement in the Philippines." One of the women in this group was a speaker in Mobe's national speaking tour last Fall. He didn't know too much else, except that Mobe has received fliers for some of their events in the NYC area. I then called Karin San Juan Aguilar, late of Dollars & Sense, Filipina activist. Karin said she knew of GN, it's a middle class alliance of women, there are other women's organizations (peasant women and workers), but Gabriela seems to get the most notice and publicity. She felt that they do good work, especially around the issue of the bases in the Philippines.

For this request: George Vickers will check them out.

14) Women's Community Cancer Project - Yana knows of the group. I also checked around with other contacts. Sue Trotz of R2N2 said that she knew of the group and R2N2 wants to "touch base with them about the new Breast Cancer Coalition" just formed after the demo last weekend. Sue was pretty disgusted at the line-up of speakers which included politicians and hospital administrators and doesn't have any confidence in a coalition of the groups that put on the demo, which apparently did not include this group. She feels that this group would be the one that they should start with to form a good coalition on the issue. Sue said that "This would be the group I'd go to in order to find out the real info on the issue." She recommends funding them. (I also have two letters of reference for the group from the National Women's Health Network and the Women's Center.)

15) DC SCAR - We've always gotten very good references for this group in the past. In 1990 I had talked with John Willoughby in DC. He was quite impressed with reports about this group. They pre-date the Howard U. demos and now are working on other campuses in the area. Very unique group. Black-led but now more integrated. Good politics. Important in pushing for inclusion of people of color in the nationwide student movement at national conferences and in other networks. He recommended them then.

For this request I called Hank Rosemont who said that the intern was effective last year. The group is very good, a "bright group... has a visible presence on almost all campuses in the DC area... more women than men in group.... work well together." Hank recommends funding them.

16) Education for the People - Again, our man in Washington Hank Rosemont says that this is an effective group with very good politics. They also work with DC SCAR and Progressive Student Network among others. More diverse than PSN and work with more diverse and working class colleges and student groups. Hank said that he feels that it is a good thing to do more organizing on state and working class campuses (as this group is doing) because of colleges going broke in the future. Hank gives this group "good marks and worth a \$600 grant."

17) Campaign for Affordable Rutgers Education - Ken Hale checked with his contact at Rutgers. Ken Safir's thorough letter is included with these sheets.

18) US/Guatemala Labor Education Project - For their last request I talked with Tess Ewing who felt that this group does good work and that Guatemala is an important area that's been more or less overlooked by (labor) groups working on Central America. She had met the staff person who seemed responsible and hard working. She thought that this group is an important part of the picture because Guatemala would be left a blank in the area of C.A. solidarity (without it.) Tess definitely recommended this group.

This time I talked with Lorna Stone of AFSC, who was recommended by Jenifer Bing-Canar. Lorna is also in Women for Guatemala which works with weaving coops in



Guatemala. Her group has used the Labor Projects's contacts, resources, etc., especially labor, and she said that she had a meeting with them before she went to Guate. and was given material she hadn't seen before, specifically on the structure of the labor movement and connections with the AFL/CIO. Laura said that the group "is doing really good work... really the only (national) group focusing on labor and on the issue of maquiladoras in Guatemala... seems to be growing and expanding." She highly recommends the group.

19) Guatemala Maquiladora Campaign - Ann Wright of NECAN said that they're working with this group, which is one of a number in the NE area. She feels that this is very important work, solid people in the group, good politics, and have done good coalition work drawing in more than the usual people. She said that they had a victory in September, in that the union at the Van Huesen factory in Guate. was recognized by the Guatemalan government. This doesn't mean that the union is recognized by the company, which is the next stage of organizing for the group, lots more work to do.

20) PeaceWorks - I talked with Sharon Lean of the Central American Human Rights Network in NYC. She said that the group "does a lot of organizing in central Jersey and also material aid to Nicaragua campaigns... do great work.... famous for getting material aid donated and getting the stuff to Nicaragua efficiently and cheaply... good at organizing on a grass roots level... good connections in Jersey and in Nicaragua... good large mailing list..." She'd heard that the group is expanding its focus beyond Central America, they did Gulf War organizing. She recommends funding the group.

21) Queens Peace & Solidarity Council - George Vickers talked with people he knows in the West Side Committee. They think that this group is very good, stable, long time group. They have a large and active participation in their meetings with a stable membership. George's contacts gave the group a positive reference.

22) Odyssey - One of Yana's contacts, Nan Levinson, thinks the magazine is "impressive... quite good... They're determined to make this happen... seems to bridge people outside and inside... examines specific issues." She's helping them in an advisory position for the current issue. Nan recommends funding.

23) CURE-NH - Arnie Alpert of AFSC/NH said that AFSC is working with this group on organizing the Conference. Last year, AFSC and groups other than this one organized a conference on prison issues with the goal of starting prisoner support groups, just about the time that CURE started. This year's conference came from that work, with a focus of dealing with policy issues. Arnie said that "the pot's bubbling (in NH) on this issue.... CURE has the potential to be the grass roots group that takes the lead on the issue (which AFSC/NH can't)... No other group is doing this. They also have good national connections, very good local people involved... will deal with a range of issues.... good mix of people (religious community, experienced activists), doing good work now with a good future potential." Recommended.

24) Virginians Against State Killing - Hank Rosemont also checked with his contacts on this group. He said that this is more or less the same kind of group as the other Virginia group on our agenda, good people but... He wasn't sure why they split with the Death Penalty group. He feels that the survey could be done by a university class. Wouldn't recommend Resist funding this. Hank votes No on this.

25) Miracle Theatre - I talked with Barbara Green of A Territory Resource Fund



which had given a grant to the group for their Bridges Teen Theatre project. Barbara said they do "really good work... diverse group... good politics... rally involves the kids... Their plays talk about racism and other intense issues... get audiences involved in talking about issues... They do a lot with a small budget." Recommended.

26) Citizens for Political Reform - I also talked with Arnie Alpert of AFSC/NH about this group. He said he knew of it; it grew out of the Nader campaign. They've had meetings and do a newsletter. Arnie said that "like Nader, they are all focused on process (such as term limits, voter education procedures) and not at all on issues. I feel that that's not the way to do things, need to organize around issues.... feel that the folks who would be organized through this would be more affluent and concerned about procedural reforms.... I have problems with something in their newsletter which deals with the None of the Above tactic, that referring to the Louisiana governor's race with David Duke, a good example of the politics of process getting away from the politics of life.... (The group) are well meaning folks but not something I'm interested in.... The issues they deal with are not the ones I think are crucial to the voters in New Hampshire right now."

*Nancy*

Nancy Moniz, Resist staff



Suggested Dates for Resist Board Meetings in 1993

Sunday, January 24, 1993

(NM)

Sunday, March 14, 1993

Sunday, April 25, 1993

Sunday, June 6, 1993

(NM)

Sunday, July 25, 1993

Sunday, September 12, 1993

Sunday, October 24, 1993

Sunday, December 5, 1993



Budget report to Oct 25th meeting.

So far we have spent, or are planning on spending, a total of \$11,020 on the event (not including my salary and incidentals, primarily food for meetings). This is a little less than \$1,000 more than we anticipated for the higher end budget. We spent exactly \$1,000 more than we anticipated for the invitations, because we had 10,000 printed instead of the maximum of 7500 that we had anticipated. We will have sent out almost all the invitations. Therefore our postage cost~~er~~ for invitations was also higher. Other unanticipated costs include \$150.00 for interpreters; \$150 for an illustration for the brochure; \$380 in airfare for Yolanda. We saved money elsewhere. The only anticipated costs that I haven't included in this budget are travel expenses for speakers coming from out of town, i.e. Kate R. from Providence, and Michaelann Bewsee from Springfield.

For the press aspect, we anticipated \$1300 and will have spent a total of \$1085.00 so we are saving a \$215.00 there.



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## Resist Anniversary Event Planning

Meeting 10/8/92 [This is doubling as report to the Resist Board]

NEXT MEETING/S ARE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

OCTOBER 21ST, Wed, 7:00 PM, 39 St. Joseph St., Jamaica Plain. Call 522-7720 for directions or for a ride.

*Cancelled* ~~NOVEMBER 4TH, Wed, 7:00 PM, place to be announced.~~

Attending this meeting were Steffi Wright, Tatiana Schreiber, Nancy Nichols, Kate Cloud and Nancy Moniz. Those who want to help but can't make meetings, please let us know if you are available to do any of the volunteer jobs outlined in the notes below.

*decision: no for now, maybe for art show*

1. Poster: RSP is not able to donate a poster after all, expresses regret, is considering donating further to our printing costs for invitations or brochure.

*Sum. Journal coming @ 11am 10/27*

2. Press packet. Rick Swartz hired to be press person. He is working on press list. Leigh and TS working on press packet. Hope to get it out by October 16th.

3. Art Show. Art group wants to plan to do show next fall. TS to continue working on this on minimal basis. Next meeting scheduled for December 7th, 7:30 - JP.

4. Invitations are done and being sent out.

5. Event

**Speakers/Performers.** We worked on tentative schedule as follows:

6:00 - 7:30 - Food and Schmooze/View Panels

7:30 Paul Lauter/Intro - 5 min

Stephen Sossamen, intros Yolanda - 5 min (*Veteran's Education Project*)

Dr. Yolanda Huet Vaughn - 12 min

~~Grace Paley - 8 min~~

Jean Claude Martineau - 8 min

Rox Boys and Girls Club - 15 min

Derrick Jackson - 12 min

Kim TallBear - 8 min

Michaelann Bewsee - 8 min

Tito Meza - 5 min [we talked about inviting him at meeting -he agreed]

Kate Rushin - 8 min

Dreamer's Inc. - 8 min

9:30 Solidarity Greetings from folks including

Asso. of Haitian Women, AMALGAM, Dorchester Women's Committee, D&S, RA, RSP. Everyone on stage together, brief greetings.

*(Kelly Ready - stage manager)*



9:30 - 10:00 Break

10:00 - Music: Macondo 2 - 3 sets.

**Tapes:** Jeremy Grainger is working on dance tapes and we need to offer him advice about what to include. Kate C. has tape to give to J.

### Food

Rami Merlin is coordinating donations from restaurants. She will write letters to restaurants and solicit donations. We need volunteers to help pick up food and also make sure paper products are there, etc. Anyone who would like to help with this call so we can connect you with Rami. Ethiopian womens' group will provide catered appetizers, mostly vegetarian, for 200 people. \$550. The Dorchester Women's Committee, Assoc of Haitian Women, CORES and Comite Hondureno will also make food, we'll provide money for ingredients.

**Grantee Participation.** We have about 14 groups making displays, expect total of 20. We will need volunteers to help display materials groups have sent us, and to hang up displays that are sent in.

Sign language interpreter. We will try to provide. Leigh will do some research into this but more help needed. Please call if you know of signers or whom to call. Felice Shays? Laurie Dernas? Women and Disability Project? (If we call them, ask for mailing list to send fliers or invitations)

**Volunteer Needs - Committee members and board members,** please see if you are available to do any of these things and contact TS at office or home.

Pick up Yolanda at airport and take care of her - *Lee Cronberg*

Be available to "take care of" other speakers

Stage manager - Susan Moir is thinking of doing this

Lighting person - available <sup>Wk</sup> to turn lights on and off

Pick up food and supplies - 4 needed, Rami to coordinate

Serve food

Coordinating change/over to dance, move tables, etc.  
need coordinator, several volunteers

Pick up panels from Steffi's work for display (Ask Tom B.?)

Make banner for people to sign - idea to have banner that all people who have ever been part of group that got Resist funds would sign. - Leigh? Ask Kelley re Grace Peters? (Suggestion of someone, I don't remember)

Organize coffee/tea (call WEJ, ask if Ethiopian women can do it)

Set up, hanging displays and other paraphernalia - Call Kelley, Nancy S., Kati T. Eileen B.



Make program book - we'll do at office

Collect money when people come in and check off names of those who paid in advance. 12 people needed. Nancy M., Kate C., Nancy W. all would do this.

Clean up - 10 people needed.

Need to call VW, find out how much clean-up they do, etc.

Pack up food and take to soup kitchen at 10:00 PM. Call Casa Myrna.

*sign @ front table  
- These are the times -  
escort groups to T +/or  
parking @ 11 - 11:30 etc.*

*Does  
VW have lock  
box / security for  
valuables?  
TS*

Missing links - we need to double check about parking. We need to consider if we will have escorts (people to walk or drive folks back to cars and the T) If so, how? We didn't really resolve this at the meeting.

Photographers? Do we want to pay someone? Talked about asking friends who are photographers to take pictures, we could pay some of costs. Nancy N. to ask Eric Schultz. Larry G. should contact person at Boston Globe.

#### Slide show

Lee C. available to set up slide show. Still unclear if grantee groups are going to send slides. TS to follow up.

#### Hosts

TS to check with each host. Make sure they can do it. They will organize how they want to do it.

6. Budget. TS will have report at meeting. Generally we are doing OK, very close to what we anticipated - costs for invitations substantially higher because we decided to send them out to more folks, using it as a fundraising mailing.

*TS estimate for  
party = \$11,000 -  
→ (not including  
TS salary  
or brochure)*

*NM - set up display panels for  
groups sending in loose stuff  
(get board, glue etc)*

*NM - buy in T-shirts*