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Resist Board Meeting, Dec. 13, 1992

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Dear board member,

I'm not sure if we've ever had as few as the 22 requests that we have on this agenda. I've talked with other progressive foundations, and it seems that the number of proposals on their agendas are down also.

You'll find the business items for the meeting at the end of the grants agenda portion of this letter, as usual. 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

Environmental

1) Left Green Network (Iowa City, IA) - Requesting $800 toward the expenses of editions or sections of their newsletter in Spanish.

   Yes ___ No ___ Maybe ___

2) Northwest Environmental Advocates (Portland, OR) - Request of $700 for handouts and signs for their Slough Awareness Project, part of a Local Community Assistance Program.

   Yes ___ No ___ Maybe ___

3) Biodiversity Liberation Front Earth First (Burlington, VT) - Requesting $800: $600 for mailing costs of their newsletter, and $200 for the expenses of two demonstrations. They had previously asked us for an emergency grant for a newsletter already published and were turned down for that. They wanted to submit this proposal for a regular grant.

   Yes ___ No ___ Maybe ___
Central/Latin America and the Caribbean

4) Boston CISPES (Jamaica Plain, MA) - A request of $790 for organizing expenses for the Boston segment of a New England speaking tour in late January, early February, of Guadelupe Flores, an organizer in El Salvador.
   Yes ____ No _____ Maybe ____

5) Guatemala Human Rights Commission/USA (Washington, DC) - $800 requested for the expenses of printing and mailing of a follow-up report to their conference.
   Yes ____ No _____ Maybe ____

6) Clergy & Laity Concerned - Nashville Chapter (TN) - An $800 request for the expenses of their Haitian Awareness Month.
   Yes ____ No _____ Maybe ____

7) South North Communication Network (San Francisco, CA) - A request of $780 for a promotional mailing and for an ad to expand the subscriber base of Barricada Internacional.
   Yes ____ No _____ Maybe ____

8) Delaware County Pledge of Resistance (Media, PA) - $700 requested toward the expenses of outreach for their work opposing the North America Free Trade Agreement.
   Yes ____ No _____ Maybe ____

9) Jewish Reconstruction Congregation Sanctuary Committee & the Guatemalan Cultural Community Organization (Evanston, IL) - They're asking for $800 to print flyers and labels, and to duplicate and mail a documentary video, "The Long Road Home." We will be able to view the 30 minute video at the board meeting.
   Yes ____ No _____ Maybe ____
Prisoners

10) Michigan CURE (Kalamazoo) - They're asking for $650 to print a brochure, "The Pre-Sentence Investigation Report: Know Your Rights."
   Yes ___  No ___  Maybe ___

11) Free US Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War (Madison, WI) - Request of $600 toward the expenses of an art show of prisoners' works.
   Yes ___  No ___  Maybe ___

12) The Center for Creative Alternatives (Islington, MA) - Requesting $800 toward general expenses.
   Yes ___  No ___  Maybe ___

Community/Anti-racism

13) Oregon Human Rights Coalition (Portland, OR) - $600 requested for printing and mailing costs of a newsletter for welfare and low-income Oregonians.
   Yes ___  No ___  Maybe ___

14) Taller Sin Fronteras (Oakland, CA) - Request of $800 to purchase art materials for their workshops for youth.
   Yes ___  No ___  Maybe ___

15) West Virginia Economic Justice Project/AFSC (Charleston) - $600 request to purchase a fax machine and supplies.
   Yes ___  No ___  Maybe ___
Native Americans

16) The 1851 Awareness Campaign (Porcupine, SD) - $790 request for interpretation and translation from English into the Lakota language of the Treaty of Fort Laramie for organizing purposes.
   Yes ____ No ____ Maybe ____

17) Sacred Earth Coalition (Portland, OR) - A request of $600 toward printing and mailing costs of a brochure and a program for their People of the Salmon Summit in the Spring of 1993.
   Yes ____ No ____ Maybe ____

Miscellaneous

18) UAW New Directions (Woonsocket, RI) - Request of $600 toward the purchase of a copying machine.
   Yes ____ No ____ Maybe ____

19) Black Coalition - UMASS Dartmouth (N. Darmouth, MA) - They're asking for $600 for a recruitment and retention project.
   Yes ____ No ____ Maybe ____

20) Revolutionary Sisters of Color (Roxbury, MA) - A request of $600 toward expenses of producing a Spanish version of their brochure.
   Yes ____ No ____ Maybe ____

21) ACT UP/Portland (ME) - Request of $800 for the salary of staff to conduct a survey of the needs of HIV-positive people in Maine.
   Yes ____ No ____ Maybe ____
22) Capitol Peace Vigil (Austin, TX) - Request of $800 toward the purchase of a computer and software.

Yes ___ No ___ Maybe ___

BUSINESS/POLICY ITEMS

* Resist's 25th Anniversary - Report and discussion about the November 14th event.

* Resist's Art Show - The tentative date for this has been pushed back to the Fall of 1993. We'll need to discuss if we can or should go forward with this.

* The Cohen and the Resist Endowment Funds - Should we make a grant or grants from these? The staff will have an accounting of both Funds, as well as the guidelines for the Funds, at the board meeting for a decision.

* Office - Staff, finances and other miscellaneous items.

* The next board meeting's date has not been set yet. We will have to set the date for that, as well as the place. Should that next meeting be in New York City?

* I sent out a sheet with suggested dates for meetings in 1993. We'll have to decide if we'll go ahead with those dates.

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 Moniz, Resist staff
Resist Board Meeting  
December 13, 1992  
Renae Scott’s apartment  
Cambridge, MA


GRANTS: We gave out a total of $10,860 to 15* groups. That is just $410 above what we officially allocated for this meeting. All groups that were funded were given what they asked for. (*After the meeting Wayne found out that the tour proposed by CISPES in #4 was cancelled. Based on this information, we will not give them the grant voted by the Board. Nancy Moniz has talked to them, and they will submit another proposal, for another project, for the next board meeting.) SO IN FACT $10,070 was given to 14 groups.

1. Left Green Network (Iowa City, IA) POSTPONED. They had requested $800 toward the expenses of editions or sections of their newsletter in Spanish. Questions raised as to whether they can really get this publication out to people. Has any one ever seen the paper? Proposal seemed jargony. Proposal seemed to have same information/actions as their last proposal had. Have they done anything else since then? How real a thing is this? Decision: Postpone. We don’t have a sense from the proposal of the effectiveness of their work. It didn’t have specific information. What Spanish speaking groups are they working with? How is the proofreading process going to work, have they lined up someone to do it? Who is their distributor in NY? How is publication going to be distributed? Who are they working with? How did they come to the conclusion that there was a need for their publication in Spanish— did some group ask for this or did they just decide they wanted to do it? Some skepticism was raised about a computer translation program. What kind of Spanish is it?

2. Northwest Environmental Advocates (Portland, OR) NO GRANT. They had requested $700 for handouts and signs for their Slough Awareness Project, part of a Local Community Assistance Program. They have a big budget and are a liberal environmental group. Material is interesting, but has mixed messages. A local government should normally be doing this. In MASS there are multi-lingual signs up. They should be organizing against the fact that their signs have been taken down. They claim to make “behind the scenes negotiations with business and government.” Is this something to be proud of?

3. Biodiversity Liberation Front Earth First (Burlington, VT) NO GRANT. They had requested $800; $600 for mailing newsletter mailing costs, and $200 for the cost of two demonstrations. We had previously turned them down for an emergency grant. Louis felt their emergency grant application was openly asking for money for sabotage. While this proposal seemed cleaned up, it was suggested that they perhaps could not really be trusted as to what they were up to. We wondered what their relationship was like with the Abanaki. People were upset about their answers to questions of class. Decision: NO. Say something like-- We were disturbed that you felt that working with the wobblies was a way to "educate the working class." The IWW doesn’t represent even the progressive part of the working class and we suggest you try to find other progressive working class organizations to work with. Your political analysis of the working class is not developed enough at this point to get a Resist grant.

4. *Boston CISPES (JP, MA) SEE ABOVE. We voted at the meeting to give them a grant of $790 for organizing expenses for the Boston segment of a New England speaking tour in late January/early February, of Guadelupe Flores, an organizer in El Salvador, but then found out, after the meeting, that the tour would most likely be cancelled. At the meeting,
Wayne reported on his talk with CASA about this project. They thought this was a good idea. Wayne wasn't sure how developed the project is. This person is supposed to be good. NM talked to George. Guadelupe is part of the faction that national CISPES supports. CISPES is back into the turf thing, but also working with other groups. Otherwise George thought it was fine, the person was fine.

5. Guatemala Human Rights Commission/USA (Washington, DC) Yes to a grant of $800 for printing and mailing of a follow-up report on their conference. Conference cost too much money for us to fund. They had originally come to us for that. We asked them to come back with proposal for follow-up, which they did.

6. Clergy and Laity Concerned/Nashville Chapter (TN) Yes to a grant of $800 for expenses of their Haitian Awareness Month. Questions: Who was invited, what’s the purpose? Proposal does not include details. What are they doing with the video, what are their connections? We decided to give them a grant, because the reference was so positive, and most people were willing to trust it would be good. Tell them that in the follow up report to please be detailed about how the money was used and what exactly they did. Let them know that this will influence their future grants from us. Tell them we usually need this information in order to give a grant, but because we had such a strong reference, we gave them one anyway.

7. South North Communication Network (SF, CA) Yes to a grant of $780 for a promotional mailing and for an ad to expand the subscriber base of Barricada International. Tess looked over publication and liked it. Has lots of interesting bits of information. Had small article on Peru, which didn’t say anything about the Shining Path. She found this odd. They did report on the split in the women’s movement in Nicaragua—fairly balanced coverage. Wayne said he finds it useful. He said Noam just visited his daughter in Nicaragua and people there don’t know what to make of what is going on in Peru, or the Shining Path. Wayne thinks the publication might collapse. Our grant is to see if we can help them survive.

8. Delaware County Pledge of Resistance (Media, PA) Yes to a $700 grant toward expenses of outreach for their work opposing the North American Free Trade Agreement. They had a non-answer on reproductive rights, but they do work with NOW. Has this come up before with them? [Tatiana wants to ask them for a newsletter article about their work.]

9. Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation Sanctuary Committee & the Guatemalan Cultural Community Organization (Evanston, IL) Yes to a grant of $800 to print flyers and labels, and to duplicate and mail a documentary video, "The Long Road Home." We viewed the 30 minute video during the lunch break. People liked the video. We would have liked to see more in the beginning (history) and thought they could have cut some stuff in the middle. How much of the oppositional movement is guerilla, and how much is more above-ground? They seem to imply that opposition is guerilla. We suggest they make sure that a presenter can answer political questions people may have, including more specifics about the various forms opposition to the government and military take.

10. Michigan CURE (Kalamazoo) NO GRANT. They had asked for $650 to print a brochure, "The Pre-Sentence Investigation Report: Know Your Rights." Fairly long discussion of this—was it service or organizing? Many people felt it was too service oriented. Ultimately we felt it was a good goal, but not organizing. We would fund demonstrations/events to educate the public.... Maybe a public information campaign about how this system isn’t working. We need to see a proposal about organizing those outside or organizing prisoners for change. We hope they will take position on gay/lesbian and disabled prisoner’s concerns, as there are gay/lesbian and disabled people in prison.
11. Free US Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War (Madison, WI) NO GRANT. They had requested $600 toward the expenses of an art show of prisoners' works. People raised the issue of what it meant to focus on political prisoners—how do they define it? They define people who end up in jail from committing crimes of economic need as political prisoners. In general the proposal seemed very sectarian. These same prisoners are the object of a lot of organizing. How do they think of other prisoners? Who will they solicit and accept art work from? People felt the script was bad, heavy handed, romanticizes this group of people. Art show is a good idea, but who will come? This is a good project, but we don't believe they will do it well.

12. The Center for Creative Alternatives (Islington, MA) NO GRANT. They had requested $800 toward general expenses. Is there anything really here? Do we want to support a project that would create a business venture? Too new. Wait 6 months. If they have a definite organizing project as opposed to a service project, come back to us. Have they made any ties to existing efforts such as Project Aware at MCI Framingham?

13. Oregon Human Rights Coalition (Portland, OR) Yes to a grant of $600 for printing and mailing their newsletter for welfare and low-income Oregonians. Publication doesn't seem as good as the one here, Spare Change. Questions raised as to whether they should be doing more outreach to Middle Class people, specifically potential allies such as welfare workers. We realized this was a big topic—with a lot of history. People briefly mentioned the issues raised by including/not including Middle Class people in this work. We also briefly touched on their answer to the abortion/reproductive rights/norplant/no-forced sterilization answer. [From this it was suggested we do a newsletter article focussed on issues of reproductive rights and teen pregnancy.]

14. Taller Sin Fronteras (Oakland, CA) Yes to a grant of $800 to purchase art materials for their youth workshops. Good recommendation, specific project. [This would make another nice newsletter article.]

15. West Virginia Economic Justice Project/AFSC (Charleston) Yes to a grant of $600 to purchase a fax machine and supplies. What about the deficit? Will they survive? NM thinks national AFSC won't let them go under.

16. The 1851 Awareness Campaign (Porcupine, SD) Yes to a grant of $790 for interpretation and translation from English into the Lakota language of the Treaty of Fort Laramie—-to be used for organizing purposes. We decided to make this the 1992 SALZMAN GRANT recipient. They are working closely with the Native Resource Center, but they are a separate project. Ken favors this strongly—reinforces notion that important information should be put into Native language. Proposal is drawn up by Indians themselves. They asked for a typewriter—do we have one to give them? We decided they should get whatever one they wanted. Question raised as to what will happen with this after it was translated? What organizing will they do? How will this be used? They have a whole awareness project. The purpose is to organize around the treaty.

17. Sacred Earth Coalition (Portland, OR) Yes to a grant of $600 toward printing and mailing costs of a brochure and a program for their People of the Salmon Summit in the Spring of 1993. Ken said that Sally's first cousin lives down the street from them and that they are very high profile, very visible. Do they need our funding? Is there money from environmental funds they can get? Good group, seems like an effective, working coalition.

18. UAW New Directions (Woonsocket, RI) Yes to a grant of $600 to purchase a copying machine. Hardly any discussion.
19. Black Coalition - UMass Dartmouth (N. Dartmouth, MA) NO GRANT. They had requested $600 for a recruitment and retention project. Reference said this is a real group, a coalition of faculty, staff and students. Worked with women’s center on some project. Good people. Is this what we should fund? We don’t see anything particularly radical here, or that is organizing. Tell them that with student groups we usually fund groups that work with community groups. We might consider funding organizing within the community and at the College to put pressure on University to meet their obligations—getting the state to do their job.

20. Revolutionary Sisters of Color (Roxbury, MA) Yes to a grant of $600 toward expenses of producing a Spanish version of their brochure. Question raised as to what exactly is the project. What is program of organization? Important that they have brochure in Spanish. We see this as seed money to help them get organized and started. All they have said is that they are feminist, socialist and activist. Skimpy proposal. Probably they will try to put our their political perspective on the Left—organize around national issues from a women of color perspective. (Such as the organizing that went on around the Anita Hill/Clarence Thomas hearings.) Questions raised about Merle Woo, her sectarian politics and dishonest representation of her own and the University’s case against her. Renae said the group is meeting next month, maybe we can get more from them.

21. ACT UP/Portland (ME) Yes to a grant of $800 for the salary of staff to conduct a survey of the needs of HIV-positive people in Maine. Question as to whether or not this is something we fund? It is a part of their work. Survey is part of organizing tool—so they can organize to get services. How are they going to deal with confidentiality?

22. Capitol Peace Vigil (Austin, TX) Yes to a grant of $800 toward purchasing a computer and software. NM had trouble finding other groups that knew of them. Project is imaginative. Recommend they get in touch with the Austin Coalition.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Endowments: Cohen endowment has $10,451.43 as of 12/8/92. The original donation was $10,000. We decided not to give out a Cohen grant this year, but to let the interest income build up so that we could give out a grant next year.

Resist Endowment/Salzman fund: The Resist Endowment has $17,581.10 in it as of 12/8/92. This is $1481 more than the original contributions of George Salzman and Sam Rose. Some of this interest is from both of their donations. The Rose money is not committed to anything in particular. He just wanted it to go into an endowment. We decided there was enough money in this account to give out a Salzman grant, even if some of that money was actually money from Rose interest. Grant #16 is this year’s Salzman grant.

Cheryl and Nancy W. will come back to the board with a proposal for determining how much we have to give out from these endowments each year. One question is whether or not we want to let the funds build up to allow for inflation.

Finances: Cambridge Trust Company $ 14,142.88
Calvert MM $123,818.04 ($50,000 of this may be transferred elsewhere, and $11,000 is still prospecting money.)
Bond Fund $121,586.77
unrestricted subtotal: $259,547.69
Loan Fund (2 outstanding loans) $ 3696.39
Cohen Endowment $10,451.43
Resist Endowment $17,581.10
Total all funds: $287,580.22

(Total funds as of December 15, 1991= $338,547.97. Balance is down $50,967.75 from last year.)

A fundraising letter is going out to our donors in January. A direct mail to new donors has just gone out. (Which means we paid for it in 1992, and will get money back in 1993.)

25th Anniversary Report: Discussion and praise of November event. Tatiana went over report. New York Times will be including Resist in an article they are doing. We are still trying to generate some more press. Rick would like to continue working with us the rest of the year, meet with staff to go over his ideas. Is it worth spending the rest of the press money to keep working with Rick? Wechsler explained why Rick and Pam Rogers thought we didn’t get press for the event--a combination of having the event on Saturday night, and this just wasn’t the hook. Some places are interested in the fact that we are celebrating our 25th anniversary, just weren’t interested in the event.

The event seems to have generated a lot of good spirit. AFSC has done an article on Yolanda and mentioned Resist’s anniversary.

ART SHOW: Some grants were submitted, one turned down, waiting to hear about two others. Resist board had previously agreed to spend $1500. Budget included in Tatiana’s report is budget they submitted to foundations, but she feels that if they have to they can stick to the $1500 plus her salary. Mobious gallery has said they would have the show- probably 3-4 weeks in October. The Call for this has gone out in some art circles. We are looking for interns. Someone has volunteered to supervise them. Do we feel comfortable going ahead with this? Questions raised as to whether or not this can be pulled off. How reliable are people involved in doing this? Questions raised as to load on staff and total financial expenditures. What will we get in return for this? Any arrangements made in case of sale of art? Would we get anything? That’s how most art shows make money. Ask people on committee what would happen if we don’t get any foundation support.

Tatiana is thinking of maybe doing some other events in conjunction with show-- such as having speakers, panels, opening reception.

We still need some staff time for press work. Is there staff time and Resist money available for this art show? Questions people had for Tatiana and committee:

How much work will committee do? Does Mobious do publicity? What happens if any art sells? Is there an expectation of the committee for board/staff involvement-- commitment of a certain amount of time? What is the timeline and tasks? Revised budget? Estimates of Tatiana’s time, NW and NM’s time.

We thought the next board meeting would be in NYC, and thought it didn’t make sense to discuss this all there, so we set up a subcommittee to discuss going forward with the art show. The subcommittee is Louis, Pam, Larry and the staff.

Question raised as to whether or not artists will be interested in placing art with the show. Tatiana thought they would. People seem interested and excited. We should send the Call to the two art shows we just funded--talk to them.

Other anniversary ideas: Tatiana-- Forums showcasing media work (videos) of groups we’ve funded. Screening some of the work. Having discussion of how useful they are.

Larry’s idea-- see if the Boston Public Library would do a display of the panels the groups made for the party. Is the art committee willing to work on either of these?
New England War Tax Resistance CC: They have called us and asked for a meeting with us and Haymarket to discuss how we make decisions, etc. They have called the meeting to learn from us. NM will go. We can suggest they ask the Boston Women’s fund as well.

Guidelines: Nancy Moniz announced that the guidelines and application form have now been translated into Spanish.

Board Meeting Schedule: Nancy Moniz handed out a list of proposed board dates. They were approved. Nancy Wechsler brought up the potential problem of having NYC board meetings in the winter, and suggested we go back to having them in NY in the Spring and Fall. **People decided to have the January meeting in Boston, and plan on having the April and October meetings in NYC. NM will check with NY board members. We hope this works out with them. Given the recent blizzard in Massachusetts, it seemed best to try to schedule meetings when people were less likely to meet up with bad weather for traveling.**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** January 24, 1993 in Boston area. Place to be announced later.
References for the December 13, 1992 Resist board meeting:

1) Left Green Network - Board members might know about this network and its history and politics. When they came to us last year, I talked with Bill Douglas of Criminal Justice Ministries, the Pledge, and other groups in Iowa. He said that the national clearinghouse is in Iowa City, although there are groups all over the US. He has a favorable opinion of this. It "operates as a progressive caucus within the larger greens movement... doing a good job of pushing the movement in a left direction... make good connections with issues outside environmental ones... deal with political rather that "spacey spiritual" stuff. He recommended funding.

2) NW Environmental Advocates - I called both AFSC/Portland (staff there didn’t know anything about the group) and A Territory Resource foundation (no info available since this group didn’t make it through their screening process.) I then called Linda at McKenzie River Gathering. She said that MKRG hadn’t funded the group, had rejected several requests from them because they didn’t meet the criteria of funding grass roots, diverse and/or rural organizing. She said the group "is an effective, slick environmental organization, not very grass roots, don’t seem to be broad based group, more staff based and run... It has raised visibility of the issue in Portland... but very out on their own.... able to get foundation money." Not recommended.

3) Biodiversity Liberation Front - I talked with Grace Paley about this. She said that she talked with them in her capacity as a VT Haymarket board member. Grace said that "they’re real serious organizers, but it’s difficult to know who they’re organizing.... they’re split from the (other, crazy) wing... Some of their literature is so dumb...." Grace said that she’s not totally for them but they are doing things in Vermont. VT Haymarket gave them some but not all they requested. I had also talked with Will Miller of the Green Mountain Fund. He said that GMF gave the group a small grant for demos and events, but feels that they probably used part of the grant for other than demos. He said its a "new and militant group... sometimes pisses people off, especially in the Left... anarcho-left-anti-capitalist politics... work-style abrasive." He said he could only give a "mixed bag reference," since there’s not a lot going on about the issue in Vermont, with the exception of this group, that’s not been coopted.

4) Boston CISPES - Wayne O’Neil will check this out.

5) Guatemala Human Rights Commission/USA - Hank Rosemont talked with two of his contacts about this group. Both were very positive. Hank’s son said that whenever he wants to know anything about Guatemala he calls this group. The other contact told Hank that he’d been to the conference, thought it was very good with first rate information and material available, which should be disseminated. Hank said that we "really ought to fund" this group.

For their last request in 1991, I had talked with people at NTSGUA which has worked with them. They felt that GHRC had very good info and resources; they’re dedicated and committed people. NTSGUA highly recommended funding them then and feel the same now.

6) CALC/Nashville - The Appalachian Community Fund staff suggested I talk with Dan Rosemergy of the Nashville Peace & Justice Center, since Nashville is out of ACF’s
funding area. Dan, who's co-chair of NP&JC, said this is "an excellent group... coalitions are very important, and I'm impressed with their ability to form and join in coalitions... In the last ten years, they've been involved in extremely important issues, and have spun off other groups, including Latin American solidarity and anti-racism groups... One of first groups in the city which made an effort to diversify their board... extremely important work on many issues... do forums and events... Way before Haiti became a public issue, CALC was doing work on the issue." He recommends funding this group.

7) South North Communications - Rebecca Gordon said they have excellent politics, have gone out of their way to create a diverse board, are committed to doing other projects to facilitate communications between the south and north, recently hosted a reception for Dona Maria Tellez. Although Barricada is FSLN newspaper, the editorial board does have a lot of latitude and does publish articles outside "FSLN line" and also debates in different issues, such as the differences in the women's movement. As for the present request to us, Rebecca thinks it's important since she'd heard that their subs were decreasing, and other left pubs have failed recently. She feels that "it's an uphill fight for them but they need to do this outreach in order to continue."

8) Del. County Pledge - I'd talked with Frank Brodhead in previous years about this group and he had recommended talking with Anne Doley and Rhonda Jordan of the Bread & Roses Fund in Phila. They said that the group was active in coalition building in the county, got good participation in rallies, had been a volunteer group, make links with other groups in the area, made connections between Central American issues and the need for housing in the area, also work with Jobs with Peace and Sane/Freeze. B&R board likes this group and funded them in 1989 for staff; also funded them in 1990. Highly recommended.

This time I talked with Angie Berryman of AFSC who said that she admires the group's work. they do a variety of things, continue to do direct action around issues that others "have let go." They also do projects other than direct action and have good input into national Pledge strategy. Angie feels that this project on NAFTA is a good one since it's important to start dealing with economic issues. She recommends funding.

9) JRC/GCCO - Cindy Poppin of the Chicago Religious Task Force on L.A. knows of these groups and of the video. Solid groups, good work, good at following up, work in a larger coalition with groups in Chicago. Cindy feels that the video is good and a valuable tool and would be timely for education and organizing. Recommended.

10) Michigan CURE - Penny Ryder of AFSC-MI/Criminal Justice Program said that AFSC helped to develop this group because grass root organizing was needed and AFSC couldn't. They do work with the group, networking. MI CURE has only been in existence a couple of years but already has over 600 members, mostly due to the organizing skills of their staff, who travel all over the state. "They are the best organized and growing chapter of any I know in the US... have chapters in various parts of the state." Penny feels that the brochure "is for the empowerment of prisoners... prisoners have no idea about what the PSI would do to them in the future. Since they would now have this info on their rights, the brochure is important to organizing people to act in their own behalf in prison."

11) FUSPP&POWs - Jackie Austin of Wisc. CURE said that CURE has worked with this group and is impressed with them. They've helped CURE with research for reports. Serious group, do important work others don't do, do good public education, also on
campuses. Some are members of ACT UP which did work around the issues of PWAs in prison. "I'd give them lots of points on their work... feel they're a responsible group doing radical politics... fill a niche in the need to push prison issues to the left." Recommended.

12) Center for Creative Alternatives - Larry Goldsmith suggested that I talk with Barry Phillips. He said that he'd heard of this in the past as trying to teach people alternatives to violence, but didn't know much on how it's being used now. "Dot Walsh has been around a long time, a good person, quite creative on developing projects to address real needs... I feel there is a real need for transitional help for folks getting out of prison." Since he feels that Dot sometimes takes on too much, he said that he would need to see a concrete organization and plan with some kind of assurances it would continue after the initial enthusiasm and money support runs out.

13) OR. Human Rights Coalition - I talked with Donna Redwing of the Lesbian Community Project. She knows of them; they work in the coalition of progressive groups in the area; group works on the issues which concern low income people. Donna said that they're "really unique, in that these are poor and working class speaking for themselves, very powerful." Recommended.

14) Taller Sin Fronteras - Linda Lucero of Vanguard Fund said that this is "a real good group of people very much rooted in Oakland... raise funds for a group in El Salvador through different shows, as well as having other projects for Asian and African American youth.... The real plus of the group is that they are multi-cultural/racial... definitely do political work... the reason they use silk screen is to demysticize art, since anyone can do silk screen, one also needs to work with others, work is not one of a kind and can be used to do posters.... not many groups in area doing this kind of work." Recommended.

15) WV Economic Justice Project/AFSC - I talked with Wendy Johnson of the Appalachian Community Fund who said they did very good work on economic and anti-racism issues. Solid work. Recommended.

16) The 1851 Awareness Campaign - I talked with Emily Iron Cloud Koenen of the Native Resource Coalition (to which we gave an emergency grant a few months ago.) It got a little confusing for me, talking with her, since the NRC seems to be helping this group with office space, use of equipment, etc. It seems that NRC primarily does environmental work, but does help other groups. Emily said that "several people (other than NRC) have been working on the idea for a couple of years... an important project... a real void in knowledge and information about the treaty, especially among younger people. There is a need for a real concerted effort on education and on media coverage on the issue."

17) Sacred Earth Coalition - Donna Redwing of Lesbian Community Project knows of them, "a really sterling reputation in the community... one of the few native groups consistently out there... one of the best groups in the area... very respectful of native people... includes non- as well as native people in membership... excellent work." Recommended.

18) UAW New Directions - Tess Ewing suggested I call Rand Wilson of Jobs with Justice who said the group's work is "critical, vital, two thumbs up... raise issues that are very important to the labor movement... long term work, real tough fight... great group." Rand said that his only problem with them is that "they don't always
have a good organizational plan toward long term goals, but overall this is an absolutely essential group which needs to be nurtured and supported."

19) Black Coalition/UMass Dartmouth - I can't seem to find out anything about this group. I asked Kate Gyllansvard, who teaches at UMASS if she would ask around. She suggested that I talk with Sue Mitchell of the Women's Center there. Sue didn't know of this group; she did know about the United Black Sisters and Brothers, a student group, which she said is a good group, but hadn't heard of the Black Coalition.

20) Revolutionary Sisters of Color - Renae Scott said that this came out of a discussion with Barbara Smith at an event which challenged women of color to deal with issues. Renae knows some of the people involved. They've done a series of discussions and forums in the community. Renae says their important work is to organize but also very hard because each ethnic group has its own agenda. Core members of this group are also involved in other issues. Renae feels that this is an emerging group, solid people, haven't made a big splash yet. They participated in a national conference in DC in September. Are doing a membership drive in November. She feels that their request to print brochures in Spanish is a good project.

21) ACT UP/Portland - Kathy McInniss of the Maine Haymarket board said that the split with ACT UP Maine was "some personality, some political" Maine wanted to do advocacy and Portland wanted to be more grass roots and militant. She feels this group has done good effective work in past year, including national demos at the Bush place in Maine, work with teen agers and high schools, guerilla theatre, CD training. Their primary quality is creativity, one flaw is they sometimes try to tackle too much, but have been lucky so far and haven't messed up yet. Able to pull out hundreds to local demos. For this project, she has questions of the confidentiality of info from PWAs. She understands why they want to do survey because of questions about the effectiveness of the money spent in Maine for PWA needs. PWAs have filed complaints with this group about the issue. Her concern is that the group needs to be really clear that they would in fact do this and follow up on it. She was enthusiastic about the group in general.

22) Capitol Peace Vigil - Kerry Cooper of the Dallas Peace Center said that he'd met some of the people involved. They had an around the clock vigil at the state capitol for a few months during the Gulf War, but he doesn't know much about what they've done since. He had heard about the concert held at the Peace Farm outside of Amarillo, didn't know how many attended, seemed like a good idea (a music and alternative energy focus), setting was a little remote for folks. I had also talked with Jude Fuller of TAHN in Austin and Claire Saxton on Austin Peace and Justice Coalition neither of whom knew of this group. Next I talked with Mavis Belisle of the Peace Farm who said that on the whole the concert went well, was well planned, a lot of people came, the main problem was that the planning for follow-up wasn't good. She didn't know of anything else this group has done since the Gulf War vigil.

That's it for now.

Nancy Moniz, Resist staff
December 11, 1992

Additional references for the Dec. 13, 1992 Resist board meeting:

4) Boston CISPES - Wayne to have more info at the meeting. See minutes.

5) Guate. H.R. Comm. - **Hank Rosemont** talked with two of his contacts about this group. Both were very positive. Hank’s son said that whenever he wants to know anything about Guatemala he calls this group. The other contact told Hank that he’d been to the conference, thought it was very good with first rate information and material available, which should be disseminated. Hank said that we "really ought to fund" this group.

19) Black Coalition/UMass Dartmouth - I can’t seem to find out anything about this group. I asked Kate Gyllansvard, who teaches at UMASS if she would ask around. She suggested that I talk with Sue Mitchell of the Women’s Center there. Sue didn’t know of this group; she did know about the United Black Sisters and Brothers, a student group, which she said is a good group, but hadn’t heard of the Black Coalition. She later called back and said that, in fact, she did know of this group’s work and the Women’s Center had worked with them on cultural diversity. She thought they were good.

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*Signed* Nancy Morey
Approved Dates for Resist Board Meetings in 1993

Sunday, January 24, 1993

Sunday, March 7, 1993

Sunday, April 18, 1993 (in NYC)

Sunday, June 6, 1993

Sunday, July 25, 1993

Sunday, September 12, 1993

Sunday, October 24, 1993 (in NYC)

Sunday, December 5, 1993
**Budget Analysis**

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Haymarket List for invites
Program Printing (labor donated)
Food for meetings (includes art group and NL history group)
Misc. xeroxing (includes art group)

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EVENT 5,288 10,033 10,974

[Salary: TS 1/17/92 to week ending Dec.11th 436 hrs/at 14.88 = 6,487.68 gross pay. Averaged about 10 hrs/week.]

Extra hours: includes art group meetings, history group meetings, event group meetings, and extra anniversary work.

Notes:
1. The higher price for this is primarily because we printed and mailed 10,000 invitations, using it in place of our usual fall fundraising drive.
2. We spent $3292 on advertising this year, in contrast to $2618 in the same ten months last year, so we have indicated this as 674 in extra 25th advertising expenses.
3. I'm not sure how much was spent on first class postage for either invitations or fliers other than that already noted, because this was taken from postage on hand in the office.

INCOME Projected Actual

Admission - 900 981
We will charge suggested donation of $3.00/ with expected attendance of at least 300.
Sales - T-shirts 20 at $10.00 200
sweatshirts 20 at $15.00 300 494

[cost of T-shirts not accounted for here]
Contributions [made at the event] ????? 250

TOTAL INCOME 1650 1475

BALANCE Came in from mailing [not as good as last year, same time?] 9499

ADDITIONAL 25TH ANNIVERSARY EXPENSES

25th Anniversary Stamp 25.00

Brochure [not included]
### PR BUDGET

**Planned Budget**

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**Total** | 1300.00

**Actual**

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[Spent 490]
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