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Board Meeting - April 18, 1993 - 11am
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Dear board member,

This meeting will be held in New York City since a minimum of four non-Boston board members have confirmed that they can attend (Merble, Hank R., Paul L. and George V.) I'm not sure yet exactly how many Boston area members will be able to attend.

We'll need to remember that it was decided at the last board meeting to raise the formula for determining how much we have in funds to grant for each meeting. The new formula is \$500 per proposal on the meeting's agenda. That means that we have \$17,500 to give out at this meeting (\$500 x 35 proposals.) You'll notice that we have received 9 proposals for/from women's groups/issues. I don't remember that many at one given meeting. Perhaps this is indeed the "year of women."

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

If you have any comments and can't come to the meeting, please send in your feedback as well as your proxy.

AGENDA

** Any last minute items of information by staff which are important to meeting. A report on any emergency grants given since the last board meeting.

GRANT REQUESTS

Gay & Lesbian

1) Women's Safety & Freedom Project (Randolph, VT) - \$800 asked toward the cost of producing a booklet detailing the legal rights of lesbians and gay men in Vermont. This was postponed from the last meeting since we didn't have the text of the booklet. (We also had other questions for the group.) As soon as they send that, I'll ask a board member to review it for a report at the meeting.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

2) Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (TX) - Request of \$800 toward production of a brochure and of a newsletter.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

3) Lesbian Community Project (Portland, OR) - \$650 requested toward the mailing and copying costs of their information program, "Project: Informed."

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Women

4) Somerville Committee Against Stopping Violence Against Women (MA) - Asking for \$700 toward expenses of their march and rally on May 18th.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

5) Western New York Peace Center (Buffalo, NY) - Request of \$600 toward the salary of staff and for resource materials for their Nonviolence Conflict Resolution project for women concerning their reproductive rights.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

6) Women and Cancer Project (San Francisco, CA) - Requesting \$800 toward the expenses of organizing their second annual Walk on May 22.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

7) Wall of Respect for Women (Somerville, MA) - Asking for \$800 toward the expenses of a mural.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

8) The Women's Union (Montpelier, VT) - A total request of \$800: \$607.50 for childcare for low income women to attend this group's meetings, and \$192.50 to mail out updates on those meetings.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

9) Federation of Feminist Women's Health Centers (Sacramento, CA) - Request of \$720 for the costs of printing and mailing postcards to their list for the purpose of updating that mailing list.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

10) Kitchen Table: Women of Color Press (Latham, NY) - They're asking for \$800 toward the cost of printing a flyer about the Press.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

11) Born of Woman (Occidental, CA) - Request of \$800 for a VCR, printed materials, videos and personnel costs for their educational campaign about violence against women.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

12) Appalachian Women's Guild (Beersheba, TN) - Asking for \$800 toward the expenses of taking five low income women to Washington to picket at the White House.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Central and Latin America and the Caribbean

13) Haitian People's Support Project (Woodstock, NY) - Asking for \$800 for the costs of phone calls, faxing and coping for their work.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

14) National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights - Philadelphia Chapter (PA) - A request of \$800 for the production and mailing of their quarterly newsletter, and for the expenses of a membership drive and a pledge campaign.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

15) Centro Comunitario Centroamericano (Los Angeles, CA) - Asking for \$800 toward the expenses of either their convenience store or their women's cooperative projects.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

16) Philadelphia CISPES (PA) - Request of \$600 toward the expenses of organizing the Philadelphia section of a national tour by an FMLN representative.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

17) National Central America Health Rights Network (New York, NY) - Requesting \$800 toward the purchase a photocopier for their national office.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

North American Free Trade Agreement

18) Carolina Interfaith Task Force on Central America (Raleigh, NC) - Asking for \$800 toward the expenses of their 1993 Pilgrimage for Peace and Life, focusing on the NAFTA's implications to the peoples of North Carolina and Central America.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

19) Cleveland Inter-Religious Task Force on Central America (OH) - \$800 request to help fund their publicity and educational campaign for a northern Ohio Anti-NAFTA Rally on May 5th.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

20) Minnesota Fair Trade Coalition (Minneapolis) - Request of \$800 for a display focusing on the NAFTA, to be used at the Earth Day Expo in their city.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Community/Anti-racism

21) Healthy Families/Healthy Neighborhoods Coalition (Boston, MA) - Requesting \$800 toward general expenses and for scholarships for low income people for this annual conference.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

22) Texas Alliance for Human Needs (Austin) - They're asking for \$600 for the expenses of housing three of their interns for one year.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

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

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

24) Campaign to Abolish Poverty (San Francisco, CA) - They're asking for \$700 toward the costs of a demonstration.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

25) Women Against Violence (Norfolk, VA) - \$800 asked for the purchase of a program for African American youth.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Prisoners/Criminal Justice

26) Veterans for Peace (Portland, ME) - Request of \$800 toward the expenses of their VFP Incarcerated Veterans Support Program.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

27) Murder Victims Families for Reconciliation (Liberty Mills, IN) - Asking for \$800 toward the expenses of their Journey of Hope throughout Indiana in June.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Miscellaneous

28) Philadelphia Jobs with Peace (PA) - Request of \$800 to fund expenses of a Tax Day Rally on April 15th.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

29) Minnesota Peace & Justice Coalition (MN) - \$600 requested toward the publication of their annual directory of member organizations.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

30) Alliance for Progressive Action (Pittsburgh, PA) - \$600 asked toward the purchase of a computer.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

31) Peninsula Peace & Justice Center (Palo Alto, CA) - They're asking for \$744 for the costs of outreach (flyers and postage) for their monthly forums.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

32) Friends of Bosnia (So. Hadley, MA) - Requesting total of \$1,000 (?) for the expenses (\$600 for photocopying petitions, flyers and action sheets, and \$400 for speakers) of a march and rally in Boston on March 20th. I'll ask them to send a report on that event for our meeting.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

33) Committee of 500 Years of Dignity & Resistance (Cleveland, OH) - \$800 asked toward the costs of organizing a demonstration on April 5th protesting the use of a Native American as a logo for the Cleveland major league baseball team.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

34) National Network for Immigrant & Refugee Rights (Oakland, CA) - They're asking for \$800 toward the expenses of an outreach campaign against employer sanctions.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

35) Palestine Aid Society/SF Bay Area Chapter (Burlingame, CA) - Request of \$800 toward the expenses of their annual Walk-a-thon.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

BUSINESS/POLICY ITEMS

* Newsletter - Our newsletter has gradually increased from eight to ten or twelve pages with an accompanying increase in expenses. We will need a discussion about this. Do we want to have longer newsletters? Yana will have cost estimates for printing 8, 10 and 12 pages.

* Office - Staff, finances and other miscellaneous items.

I'll send you references and additional material before the board meeting.

For peace and justice,

Nancy
Nancy Moniz
Resist staff

Resist Board Meeting
 April 18, 1993
 Merble Reagon's Apartment, New York, NY

Present: Louis (minutes), George, Paul, Merble, Wayne, Tatiana, Hank (chair), Frank.
 Proxies by Pam Chamberlain and Nancy Moniz.

Emergency Grants: The following emergency grants were made since the March 1993 board meeting: 1) Midwest Committee for Military Counseling, \$150, to help pay the back rent for their office space; 2) Religious Task Force on Central America, \$150, toward the purchase of a computer to replace the one that suddenly and terminally crashed.

Grants: At this meeting a total of \$14,039 was given out to 24 groups.

1. Women's Safety and Freedom Project (Randolph, VT) They had asked for \$800 toward the cost of producing a booklet detailing the legal rights of lesbians and gay men in Vermont. This was postponed from the last meeting since we didn't have the text of the booklet. Decision: POSTPONED again, since we don't have the text of booklet.

2. Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (TX) SOME: \$275. They had requested \$800 toward production of a brochure and of a newsletter. Question was raised whether this group does political organizing. But it's hard area to work in, and it's important. Decision: SOME. They can apply again, when they have organizing project.

3. Lesbian Community Project (Portland, OR) YES to a grant of \$650, as requested, toward the mailing and copying costs of their information program, "Project: Informed."

4. Somerville Committee on Stopping Violence Against Women (MA) YES to a grant of \$700, as requested, toward expenses of their march and rally on May 18th. People worried about the group never having applied anywhere else. Letter should state strongly that they should apply elsewhere next time.

5. Western New York Peace Center (Buffalo, NY) YES to a grant of \$600, as requested, toward the salary of staff and for resource materials for their Nonviolence Conflict Resolution project for women concerning their reproductive rights. Some were worried about "Search for Common Ground" supplement. Others worried about just how people would be gotten together for mediation; what would be done; how can it work. However, it's clear they do important work with minority women. Approved.

6. Women and Cancer Project (SF, CA) SOME, \$275, out of \$800 requested toward the expenses of organizing their second annual Walk on May 22. Some said they seem to be able to raise lots of money. Some worried that we funded them last year. So should we keep funding them? Some saw it as very social servicy. But they have outreach. Decision: SOME. Letter: We like their outreach, but we don't really see what political organizing they do; also, they seem to be capable of being independent.

7. Wall of Respect for Women (Somerville, MA) NO GRANT. They had asked for \$800 toward the expenses of a mural. Discussion: She hasn't really involved community in the project. Rejected.

8. The Women's Union (Montpelier, VT) YES to a grant of \$800 for child care for low income women to attend this group's meetings, and to mail out updates on those meetings.

Some asked where they'd get money for future childcare. Approved. Letter: we do not normally approve this, but we'd like an analysis from them how it worked; and we urge them to make long-range plans for childcare.

9. Federation of Feminist Women's Health Centers (Sacramento, CA) YES to a grant of \$720, as requested, for the costs of printing and mailing postcards to their list for the purpose of updating their mailing list. Approved.

10. Kitchen Table: Women of Color Press (Latham, NY) YES to a grant of \$800 toward the cost of printing a flyer about the press. Approved.

11. Born of Women (Occidental, CA) SOME, \$275, out of \$800 requested for a VCR, printed materials, videos and personnel costs for their educational campaign about violence against women. Merble has seen Goddess Remembered, and thought it was informational. People said though they're California spacy, they do good work. But other don't want to fund these videos. Decision: SOME. They should apply again for one of their political actions.

12. Appalachian Women's Guild (Beersheba, TN) NO GRANT. They had requested \$800 toward the expenses of taking five low income women to Washington to picket at the White House. Some people thought it's good organization, but see no point in taking a few poor women to Washington and plunking them in front of the White House. What's the point of a five person picket? Rejected. Letter: Encourage them to come back for other project; we like their work; but this is pointless.

13. Haitian People's Support Project (Woodstock, NY) NO GRANT. They had requested \$800 for the costs of phone calls, faxing and copying for their work. Objections to their asking for operating expenses. Others objected to giving them money so they could keep in touch electronically. But they seem to do good work. Yet we're not sure what they're doing in the U.S. Rejected. Letter: No specific project stated in request; if and when they have specific project, especially involving political work in U.S., we encourage them to apply again.

14. National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights, Philadelphia Chapter (PA) YES to a grant of \$800 for the production and mailing of their quarterly newsletter, and for the expenses of a membership drive and pledge campaign.

15. Centro Comunitario Centroamericano (LA, CA) NO GRANT. They had requested \$800 toward the expenses of either their convenience store or their women's cooperative. People thought it's good project, but they seem to have ability to raise substantial amounts of money from other sources. What would they do with a mere \$800? These are the kinds of projects they should be able to raise other money for.

16. Philadelphia CISPES (PA) SOME, \$275, out of \$600 requested for the expenses of organizing the Philadelphia section of a national tour by an FMLN representative. Vickers wondered what point there is to this, since there are differences on left about electoral strategy; there are strong tensions within FLMN and all work in El Salvador for coming year will be done on elections. Vickers thinks a FPL Comandante coming here in current sectarian situation would increase sectarianism. Kampf wondered what the value of this speaker addressing the converted in U.S. would be. Lauter argued that El Salvador has to be kept in people's consciousness. Decision: SOME. Letter: There's lots of divisions in FLMN over electoral strategy, so we're not comfortable giving full grant, however, we feel

it's important to keep issue before people in U.S.

17. National Central America Health Rights Network (NY, NY) YES to a grant of \$800 toward the purchase of a photocopier for their national office. Approved. Article for newsletter desired.

18. Carolina Interfaith Task Force on Central America (Raleigh, NC) SOME, \$275, out of \$800 requested toward the expenses of their 1993 Pilgrimage for Peace and Life, focusing on the NAFTA's implications to the peoples of North Carolina and Central America. Discussion: People had problems with them not saying anything about reproductive rights. SOME. Letter: They've done it several times before, so they should have organized funding base for it; we'd like to know why they said nothing about reproductive rights.

19. Cleveland Inter-Religious Task Force on Central America (OH) YES to a grant of \$800 to help fund their publicity and educational campaign for a northern Ohio Anti-NAFTA Rally on May 5th. People noted that they said nothing about how bad NAFTA would be for U.S. workers; others said this is taken for granted by group. Letter should mention that they haven't used money from previous grant; we want to know whether they can complete that project; if not, do they have alternative proposal?

20. Minnesota Fair Trade Coalition (Minneapolis) NO GRANT. They had requested \$800 for a display focusing on the NAFTA, to be used at the Earth Day Expo in their city. Letter: we approve project, but the unions should be contributing money for this; also, they should be engaging economic and political issues as well as environmental ones.

21. Healthy Families/Healthy Neighborhoods Coalition (Boston, MA) NO GRANT. They had requested \$800 toward general expenses and for scholarships for low income people for this annual conference. Letter: Have access to funds elsewhere; social servicy.

22. Texas Alliance for Human Needs (Austin) YES to a grant of \$600, as requested, for the expenses of housing three of their interns for one year.

23. Fellowship of Reconciliation/Cape Cod Chapter (Harwich, MA) YES to a grant of \$500, as requested, for expenses of, and for prizes for, their essay contest for high school students. Letter: Since we also funded this project last year, we don't want them coming back to us for this again; propose another project next time.

24. Campaign to Abolish Poverty (SF, CA) NO Grant. They had asked for \$700 toward the cost of a demonstration. Some thought they were very vague about how their political program would be implemented. Recommendations were mixed. People wondered how a local organization of 20 people can organize around this program, except to bring it to other organizations, and ask them to sign on. Rejected. Letter: We think the brochure is fine, but we'd like to know specific organizing strategies they propose around the program, rather than just taking it to other groups and having them sign on.

25. Women Against Violence (Norfolk, VA) YES to a grant of \$800 for the expenses of a program for African American Youth.

26. Veterans for Peace (Portland, ME) NO Grant. They had requested \$800 toward the expenses of their VfP Incarcerated Veterans Support Program. Some thought the group is too middle-of-the-road. Rejected. Letter: Getting their materials into prison is not a priority for us; it's not really a prison project, but only interested in reaching

veterans in prison, whatever they are there for.

27. Murder Victims Families for Reconciliation (Liberty Mills, IN) YES to a grant of \$800 toward the expenses of their Journey of Hope throughout Indiana in June. It was brought up that they're single issue. Also that they might be able to raise other money. Others thought that this is very effective strategy vs. death penalty.

28. Philadelphia Jobs with Peace (PA) NO Grant. They had requested \$800 to fund expenses of a Tax Day Rally on April 15th. Brodhead reported that rally got very little media coverage. Brodhead feels rally is not their most important project. Letter: We like organization; but this activity not priority for us; send us another proposal.

29. Minnesota Peace and Justice Coalition (MN) YES to a grant of \$600, as requested, toward publication of their annual directory of member organizations. Kampf gave strong approval of directory.

30. Alliance for Progressive Action (Pittsburgh, PA) YES to a grant of \$600, as requested, toward the purchase of a computer. Some thought that alliance of 41 groups should be able to chip in \$20 each. Some thought a 286 computer would not do the job for them, and will be dated in a year. Approved: but tell them they should get a 386 computer.

31. Peninsula Peace and Justice Center (Palo Alto, CA) YES to a grant of \$744, as requested, for the costs of outreach (flyers and postage) for their monthly forums.

32. Friends of Bosnia (So. Hadley, MA) SOME, \$275, out of a total of \$1000 requested for the expenses of a march and rally in Boston on March 20th. Questions were raised about nationalism of group; stopping horrors does not necessarily imply support for Bosnia as state. Others said the issue is stopping the horrors and bringing them to public attention. SOME. Letter: We're pleased they're active in this; but we think raising the issues within context of Bosnian nationalism is not productive; we urge them to make alliances with non-Bosnian peace activists.

33. Committee of 500 Years of Dignity and Resistance (Cleveland, OH) SOME, \$275, out of \$800 requested toward the costs of organizing a demonstration on April 5th protesting the use of a Native American as a logo for the Cleveland major league baseball team. Letter: We agree that it's racist, but is this a good place to focus one's energy?

34. National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (Oakland, CA) YES to a grant of \$800 toward the expenses of an outreach campaign against employer sanctions. Perhaps we can get newsletter article from them.

35. Palestine Aid Society/SF Bay Area Chapter (Burlingame, CA) NO GRANT. They had requested \$800 toward the expenses of their annual Walk-a-thon. Letter: We don't fund direct aid projects unless tied to domestic projects affecting U.S. politics.

All those proposals approved that did not get "SOME", got the amounts they asked for.

Newsletter Discussion: Tatiana reported that the Newsletter has been longer than usual length (8 pages). She asked board whether she should keep things to 8 pages, rather than running on to 10 or 12 pages.

People thought that 8 pages should be norm, but if 10 or 12 pages are warranted,

Yana should go ahead.

There was discussion about switching to desk-top editing. Also usefulness of us putting things on internet. Board decided to bring in a consultant on this stuff. Results of this will be reported at next meeting.

Finances:	Cambridge Trust Company:	\$ 56,336.72
	Calvert money market:	\$124,933.58
	Calvert Bond Fund:	\$129,754.87
	unrestricted sub-total:	\$311,025.17
	Cohen Endowment Fund:	\$ 10,734.61
	Resist Endowment Fund:	\$ 17,241.67
	Resist Loan Fund:	\$ 4,774.88
	restricted sub-total:	\$ 32,751.16
	TOTAL ALL FUNDS:	\$343,776.33

That's it. See you all at the JUNE 6th board meeting in Boston.

References for the April 18, 1993 Resist board meeting:

1) Women's Safety & Freedom Project - Grace P. said that these are very good people. She's known some of the women involved for a long time. The contact person is a good lawyer. Grace says that she trusts them and this project is a good thing to do. They know everybody for connections for organizing. The Haymarket/VT board supported them for a total grant. Grace said that there is a bit of controversy about this project: some women feel that booklet should be for all women, some feel it should only be for lesbians. Grace said the dialogue is OK, and she plans to talk this over with the group. I also talked with a friend of Nancy Wechsler, Leah Wittenberg. She said that she didn't know much about the work of this group but that both persons are "very upfront and do a lot of work getting themselves out publicly... I feel really good about them as attorneys... good resources for the community... don't know a lot of what they've done politically." Leah said that she thinks that they're planning to do a workshop around Gay Pride Day. (I asked them to send the text of the booklet and other info, but they haven't responded yet.)

2) HATCH - Jude Filler of TAHN suggested I talk with Julie Sexton of the First Unitarian Church in Houston. Julie said that this group has been meeting since 1988 and is a strong and thriving group. Although it does have some social events, it mostly is a support group, but doesn't do direct political organizing. They have both male and female groups which have talks on issues of importance to youth and coming out. They've been featured in the media, including some on HBO/Cable. Recommended.

3) Lesbian Community Project - For their last request, Nigel Griffith of McKenzie River in Portland said that this is "the most visible voice (sic) for the lesbian community in Portland." They do a very good job on their projects and work with other groups in forums and coalitions. They bring lesbian issues before the general public in interesting ways: one example was having a float in the Rose Festival there. Excellent group, good newsletter. For this request, I talked with McKRG again. They said that LCP was one of the leading voices against Oregon Citizens' Alliance in the November 1992 referendum against gay & lesbian rights. The contact person for the group is a nationally respected and well known spokesperson on gay and lesbian issues. The group does wonderful work. Highly recommended.

4) Somerville Committee on Stopping Violence Against Women - We've always received good recommendations for this group in the past, including high recommendations from Kate Cloud. This time I talked with Megan McCaffrey of the Welcome Project in Somerville who said that "the march has been an amazing thing unique to Somerville because it manages to appeal to a real cross-section of women and people in general, all segments regardless of income, etc. One of the nice, unifying things in the city. Its diversity is its strength... great to combat stereotypes... great to see women marching with their children... part of a really strong message about what isn't to be tolerated... wonderful event." Highly recommended.

5) Western NY Peace Center - I talked with Liz Kennedy in Buffalo, who said that this "is a very good group... one of the longest term and most consistent peace activist groups in the area... involve themselves in a lot of issues, such as Central America, the Middle East and women." Recommended.

6) Women and Cancer Walk - I talked with Rebecca Gordon about this. She said they're "great folks (Women's Resource Center)... it started long before recent

consciousness on the issue.... good politics... both feminist and class conscious. Deal with issues about who has access to health care and who doesn't... I have a lot of respect for them and how they organize. The other groups involved are very good also....continues to be very good project."

7) Wall of Respect for Women - Kate Cloud said that this is "a wonderful person trying hard to connect political art with people. She already has done a mural in Somerville which is one of the biggest in the US... involves people in the projects.. might not be something that Resist funds but it is tricky, (since this was not initiated by a group) but she's really open to working with people." Kate feels that this artist does work with groups although it's an individual's project at this time. She is setting up an advisory committee of groups and individuals which is diverse as far as age and culture. This is a unique type of mural (all women.)

8) Women's Union - (Paul Lauter has the copy of the report on the status of women for a report to the board meeting.) Leah Wittenberg, a friend of Nancy W., said that she knows of this. The contact person is a former state senator, a very progressive one. The group is involved in the workfare issue, and one of the few vocal opponents, an advocate for women, low income and minority people. It was formed because some of the groups expected to work on the issue didn't come forth. The governor of Vermont come out badly in statements against women on welfare. This group is quite outspoken, in the press a lot, and people are talking about this. It's a grass roots group, doing extra time and work, not much funding. This particular project sounds right to Leah. This is "a highly reputable group from my perspective." Recommended.

9) Federation of Feminist Women's Health Centers - Marlene Fried said that this "is a very long-standing group which has pioneered self-help (i.e. menstrual extraction, self-examination) abortion techniques. For many years, a friend of the general movement, though controversial, more recently there's been enormous interest in their methods... people more open to them. After the Webster decision in 1989, they did a video which they sent around... have recently been swamped with requests for information. A group of health centers are associated with them (not the NH or VT centers), i.e. Chico, CA and Atlanta, GA... They have a very do-it approach, which I love... very important project... should be supported."

10) Kitchen Table - Merble Reagon said that she hasn't had recent contact with them but in the past had gone to some of their events. Merble feels that they do a very good job of promoting work by women of color. She also said that, although she doesn't agree with everything they publish, nor is everything to her taste, she feels that the press does important and fine work. Merble thinks that they are not well to do and are a struggling group financially. Grace Paley was listed as a reference for this, but I haven't been able to get in touch with her.

11) Born of Woman - (Merble R. has a copy of one of the videos for a report to the board meeting.) I called Jean Caiani of Speak Out!, the Z Magazine national speakers bureau in San Francisco. She said that the group is "really great... They just did a fantastic event with Serbian, Bosnian and Croatian women speakers... also had a press conference and linked their issues with local issues of rape... they drew some 200 people the noon event... The European women really also got a real feel for women's issues in this country... This group is also part of a coalition supporting an African American woman doctor in Sonoma County who has been targeted by Operation Rescue. We're talking with the group about working jointly on a

national tour of that doctor... Group has a lot of support in the area. Feminist spirituality is very strong in northern California and the group is trying to bring strong politics to that constituency... They do have a real balance between spirituality and political activism... Their panel discussions reflect a broad range of feminists and the different ways that women are working in the movement... (the group) is grounded in political analysis... tremendous balance." Jean said that she is usually critical of some brands of women's spirituality but "this group is different." She highly recommends funding them.

12) Appalachian Women's Guild - Wendy Johnson of the Appalachian Community Fund said that ACF has funded this group in the past. She said that "they are doing a lot of really good work in the area... community based projects for low income women in a very rural area... a place with nothing happening there except this project... group is doing empowerment projects, as well as setting up direct services." Recommended.

13) Haitian People's Support Project - I called Nancy Rice of Caribbean & Latin America Support Project in their area. Nancy said that this group has "done a lot of work... also work with CLASP... work closely with Haitian groups in NYC... The contact person is Haitian... worthy people... only Haiti group this side of NYC... great resource on Haiti for the whole area... deeply committed... membership group... also do fund raising for medical aid to Haiti... great people." Highly recommended.

14) National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights/Phila. - Frank Brodhead said that this is a "relatively loose organization which is the only one in Philadelphia which represents the city-wide Puerto Rican left-wing in Philadelphia.... works primarily as a loose coalition of individuals in other coalitions of other issues... making an attempt in the last six months to create some internal stability. A Resist grant would be important for priming the pump in terms of their ability to do fund raising."

15) CCCA - Gary Phillips of the Liberty Hill Fund said that they gave this group a large grant last year. (Liberty has a special grants program called "Fund for a New LA; grants to community based organizations responding to the challenges posed by the riots in LA. The grant was part of this program.) Gary said that this group is doing "very good work... used to be a Salvadoran refugee committee, changed to this after the uprising of last year... working on a community development plan, starting businesses, cooperatives, quite different than the corporate (Ueberroth) type development planning... very timely and key... working in the Latino (Pico) area... They have an excellent ideological base in their core group.. have a progressive agenda to their projects, i.e. collectives, empowerment... separate as a group and with their budget from El Rescate." He highly recommends funding the group.

16) Phila. CISPES - We've funded this group several times. I had talked with Frank Brodhead who, in 1988, said they were "consistent, always there." A good group. I called Frank last time, but he said he'd not been in touch with them lately which was no reflection on them since he's been busy with other things. Frank suggested I talk with Angie Berryman of AFSC/Phila. She said that the group focuses on El Salvador which is important now with follow-up to the Peace Plan. They work well with other Central America groups. She hasn't seen any "turf" issues in Philadelphia, as has happened in other parts of the US. She said that this is a good group. I called Angie again for this request but she said that she hasn't had much of a relationship with them recently, so she couldn't comment. She suggested

that I talk with Wes Calender of the Philadelphia Area Central America Alliance. He said that he's "very familiar with the group... cooperated on some projects with them... separate from PACAA... main focus on El Salvador whereas PACAA more like CASA in Cambridge." (Wes used to work at Oxfam and with CASA.) PACAA also has an El Salvador committee, CISPES is more oriented toward particular regions in El Salvador and the PACAA committee with other regions (i.e. Morazan, work with Voices on the Border, the Women's Communal movement). There had been tensions in the past between CISPES and the forerunner of PACAA, which came from pacifist, church roots, because of the tension between non-violence and the militant FMLN solidarity folks. Over the years a good working relationship has developed between the groups, but Wes said it works better as two separate organizations. He said that the speaker, Mirtala Lopez is a leader of the youth movement of the FMLN political party; thinks that she was a comandante of the FMLN; is an articulate and dynamic speaker. He's looking forward to hearing her. Wes recommends funding this project.

17) National C.A. Health Rights Network - For their last request, George Vickers said that he knew them well. He said that they're quite active and important. With the cutbacks in focus on Central America, they're still maintaining their work with less resources available. They also provide an umbrella for other projects in Nicaragua which does inflate their budget. George uses them all the time for contacts in Nicaragua. Fax machines are very important for communications to Central America. He recommended funding.

Bell Chevigny knew at least some of the people and also the work of this group. She said that they're "a terrific organization.... originally a network but now more centralized although still a network... involved the last 3 years in El Salvador with reconstruction of the health system... no other organization as involved." Bell said that they had a colloquium last year which was "extraordinarily successful." They also send people long term to Nicaragua. She said that they "really do need a fax." As for fund raising, she thinks they get \$10,000 a year from grants and more from direct mail. "Great and responsible work." Recommended.

18) Carolina Interfaith Task Force on Central America - For their last request I talked with Mandy Carter of WRL/SE who said that she "knows some of the people real well.... group around a while, one of the leading groups in state in Central America activities... great type of work... don't see much visibility of people of color (other than C.A. Latinos) in organization... otherwise excellent group, wonderful." She said this is a faith based group which she thinks is good; doesn't know about their position on repro rights (tough issue in NC), but they're very good on g/l issue, always there for g/l community. Do good networking with other issues, recently co-sponsored a state rally on the Middle East. She didn't know about their fund raising, but said they're fiscally responsible, seem to get funding for projects and seem to be on firm ground financially, but this is just her sense of it. Mandy recommended funding. This time I called Christina Davis McCoy of NCARRV who said they had worked with this group on a New Priorities project which focuses on economics and defense funding. She said this continues to be a good group.

19) Cleveland Inter-Religious Task Force on Central America - Harold Barton of Cleveland CALC said that this group "does fantastic work... CALC works with them, uses their resources... thorough, good politics, work well with other groups... work with a wide range of C.A. groups... make good connections with other issues... CALC is working on the NAFTA issue also." Recommended.

20) Minnesota Fair Trade Coalition - I talked with Laurie Millhoss of the Headwaters Fund who said that HF had funded this in the past. They do good grass

roots work, helped to start a Latino coalition, make good connections with lots of groups, work with unions, work on local, national and international issues. Since they mentioned that there are some 80 groups in their coalition, I asked Laurie if she thought they could just ask \$10 per group for this display project. She said that she thought that most of the Coalition's funds go for general work and perhaps they don't have the money for special projects like this one. She also said that many of the groups involved are small as well as poor ones.

21) Healthy Families Coalition - I called Donna Finn of the Dorchester Women's Committee about this. She said that she knew of it but not too much. Her impression, though, was that the HF/HN Coalition is well funded; she asked why were they coming to Resist. She also suggested that I talk to Janet Connors of Dorchester CARES who said that this conference of a combination of grass roots agencies, participants in programs, and the directors of larger agencies. It reaches a wide variety of people and also includes those people in the planning. Deborah Prothro-Stith will be a keynoter; there will be a panel on family violence. Janet said that the agencies aren't able to support the conference financially. Wayne O'Neil is also checking on this.

22) Texas Alliance - When this group came to us for a grant in December, 1990, I talked with Charlie MacMartin of Austin CISPES. He was familiar with them. Has worked in coalitions with TAHN, made connex between Central America & domestic human needs issues. Their work is real good - agitating around tax reform, education, housing etc./ actively confront elected officials when officials don't take a stand on issues. Some 50 low budget, grass roots organizations around the state are part of this - important formation in state. Everyone feels good about them. "No weird politics" in groups involved. He also worked with them in a coalition on the Middle East - had a speaker on human needs from TAHN - made connex with state issues & ME. He feels TARN is politically progressive. Member groups do more of the street action and rely on TAHN for other broader focus work. This is definitely not a social service organization. They're real good on diversity - more Latinos than African Americans, mostly because of demographics in TX, but more so because African Americans are into their own focus & programs of self-empowerment. Very good org. ~~has a time I talked with the Comandante Hernandez of AFSC/Austin~~ who agreed with Charlie's recommendation. This organization is still going strong. I talked with Ruth Powers of AFSC this time. She said that TAHN continues to do great work. As far as their budget, it's a big state with many groups competing for money and funding is drying up. Live Oak Fund folded last year. Recommended.

(P.S. This organization is the best resource I have for information and contacts throughout Texas. They really do know everyone in all parts of the state. I also want to make note of the fact that, although their 1993 financial budget is over \$100,000, in-kind income is \$37,000. Jude Filler said that they were very optimistic on projecting their income. She also said that providing housing for interns would be a long-term benefit.)

23) FOR/Cape Cod Chapter - Peg Lilienthal of the Haymarket Board knows the group well. They do good work and, among other projects, have one she feels is unique there. They also deal with local issues (the only group on the Cape to call in a person from the Wampanogs to talk to the community.) This group keeps the community current on local, national and international issues. Peg feels that the project for which they're asking a grant is "wonderful" since the only information getting into the high schools is from the military. Nauset High School has a "gung ho" principal who, a couple of years ago, had the Air Force land a helicopter on the football field and handed out model M15 rifles to the students. This FOR project gives the

students the opportunity to think about important issues. Last year they had a good response and good essays from the students. Peg thinks this is a "really important program." Recommended.

24) Campaign to Abolish Poverty - For their last request in July, 1992 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 had 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.

This time I called Linda Lucero again. She said that Vanguard had turned the group down, but she didn't have any information other than one of their board members did say that this was a "viable group." She didn't know why the group didn't get a grant. I then talked with Mark Miller of AFSC/SF (Community Relations) who said that AFSC has endorsed the Campaign. He feels that they have been "steadfast, even during the Reagan/Bush years... The change of administrations has given new impetus to their efforts and they're doing more events/projects now... have put together a forward looking proposal on poverty, calling for an ambitious \$50 billion program to employ low-income people... have articulated effectively and have organized with the religious, homeless and grass roots sectors to bring the issue to Congresspeople (He thinks that Ron Dellums is putting forth a bill on this in the Congress.) He said that they have the ability to bring groups together and had heard of their demonstration on April 6th (and that it was good), but hadn't gone to it. (I had asked the group to send more details of the demonstrations, as well as the names of contacts in three other groups as references. They haven't done so yet.)

25) Women Against Violence - Candace Pollack of the Richmond Peace Center said that this "is a great group... real community based... primarily minority people involved... really good work... seem to have a broader political perspective... do a lot of community anti-violence work... do a good bit of legislative work as well as community organizing... I've heard a lot about them in the past two years. I'll be on a panel with some of the women in this group at a conference in September on strategies against violence in communities." She highly recommends funding.

26) Veterans for Peace - I called Kathy McInnis of Haymarket/Maine who said that they're "good people... do weekly vigil in Portland.. worked with other groups on the Gulf War." Todd Ensign of Citizen Soldier said that this is important since it is the only progressive national veterans' organization (VVAW has split along sectarian lines). He said that, like a number of organizations, some chapters do more than others. The San Francisco chapter is very active, he knew. The national office sends out their magazine regularly and raises important issues with a difficult-to-organize veterans' population, issues that the big mainstream vets organizations don't. Todd thinks that this project for incarcerated vets is a very good one. He said that Citizen Soldier itself gets a number of inquiries from vets in prison and he doesn't know of any other such project.

27) Murder Victims Families - I talked with Jimmy Ileschild of the Indiana Peace & Justice Center who said that the Center is working with the coalition on this project. He's very impressed with the organizers. They're primarily focused on the issue of the death penalty but do have a broader analysis of issues. The core group are middle class, white people, but have worked to involve African American people

and churches. The coalition is doing a lot of outreach. Indiana is a conservative state and the legislature favors the death penalty, not from the pressure of opinion of the citizens, but rather because "they feel this shows that they're getting tough on crime." Recommended.

28) Philadelphia Jobs with Peace - Frank Brodhead said that they've "successfully made the transition after the Cold War... under strong leadership and represents a diverse membership and has roots in both the peace and social justice communities." As far as their Tax Day Rally, he'll be able to say more at the board meeting.

29) Minnesota Peace & Justice Coalition - (Louis K. has a copy of the directory for a report at the board meeting.) In the past, I had talked with Dan Petegorsky of the Peace Development Fund West. He said they're "great." Probably the biggest, longest standing multi-issue organization around. Really do the work. Have good programs, newsletter; they've been doing a lot on the Middle East in the past few years. Real energetic, bring in lots of groups, do demos, events. Good decision making process, great staff, excellent range of issues. They've also done a lot on Native American issues. They got a lot of folks from MN to go to the spear fishing lakes/have good working relationships with Native American groups. They've made a real impact. This is a solid organization; Dan likes them a lot.

This time I talked with Laurie Millhoss of Headwaters Fund who said that this "is one of the best, strongest grass roots organizations in the state. They work with people organizations such as African Americans and Native Americans. Laurie felt that they have a very good Directory of groups, in fact Headwaters is thinking of using the format for their own directory. Highly recommended.

30) Alliance for Progressive Action - Molly Rush of the Merton Center in Pittsburgh said that "the most important thing so far is that this is getting groups to know each other, sharing information and figuring out how they can work together... very exciting... has a lot of potential and could use funding... a different sense of things in the city with this Alliance up and running... quality people involved... Labor groups and minority groups as part of this is a big step forward for the city... good work on the issue of racism... Last year after the Rodney King verdict, they were able to pull 3-5,000 people out to a demo because of having the Alliance." Highly recommended.

31) Peninsula Peace & Justice Center - Rebecca Gordon said the group has been around a long time, a lot of work on Central America, more on general peace issues more recently. They're predominantly white and middle class but they're "the only game in town... non-sectarian" The fact that they had a forum on East Palo Alto (which is predominantly minority, low income, crime ridden) is a good sign that they're trying to diversify and pay attention to important local issues. Rebecca said that the forums "sound like reasonable stuff to do."

32) Friends of Bosnia - Frances Crowe of AFSC/Western Mass. said that AFSC is working with these people. It's "a hard working group of mostly Muslim students... a lot of energy.. pulled together a march in Boston of about 600 people... demos in western Mass. also... very able people... doing a great job, presently working on a teach-in at western Mass. colleges... active in education at the campuses.. work well with other groups, including groups of people of color. Frances said her only problems with the group are that they support the lifting of the arms embargo against Bosnia, as well as support a military solution and intervention by the US/UN. Presently they do have a narrow focus on Bosnia only, but she said that she is trying to open their consciousness to a broader political analysis of the


situation. She feels that they are open to that.

33) Committee for 500 Years of Dignity - I called Harold Barton of Cleveland CALC who said that this group "does great work... Last year they were the lead group for Quincentennial events in Cleveland; had events, demos, a day-long celebration/demo on October 12th in the center of town, a big event with an evening City Council meeting which passed a resolution supporting Native Americans... The committee is a diverse organization in solidarity with Native American concerns, making a conscious effort to work with Native people... a majority of their voting seats are for representatives of local Native American groups." Recommended. (I asked them to send a report on the demo.)

34) National Network for Immigrant & Refugee Rights - I talked with Linda Lucero of the Vanguard Foundation about this group. She said that they are "a really excellent organization... political leadership is very strong... very progressive... Their staff is diverse (director is a Filipina, chief organizer a Chicano)... the leading organization of progressive groups and also works well with more mainstream organizations such as AFSC... key player on the issue... excellent newsletter... do action alerts... Since there's been a big backlash against immigrants and undocumented workers, this is an important project and this group has the connections to do something on the issue." Linda likes them a lot and recommends funding their request.

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

I called Bill again for this request. He pretty much agreed with what he'd said previously, but said that the last Walk-a-thon wasn't as successful financially as previous ones. Bill said that one thing that's changed for the group is that more North Americans are involved but it is still primarily a Palestinian membership. Because of North Americans being involved the group is doing more coalition work now and more outreach to other communities. They still have a primary focus on fund raising for projects in the Occupied Territories. Bill said that work on the Middle East is "pretty minimal." (PSC itself is reorganizing nationally and not doing much.) There was a big demonstration in the Bay Area around the expulsions but otherwise it's "pretty dead." The Break the Silence Mural Project is still quite active. Bill feels that PAS/SF is "one of the more active groups." He didn't have an opinion on funding or not funding them, but also didn't have anything negative to say about them.


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