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Board Meeting - October 23, 1994 - 11am
Paul Lauter's apartment
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Dear Board member,

There are 30 requests on the agenda for this Board meeting. This means that we have $18,000 to give out for grants ($600 x 30). We can also spend the $4,707 not used at previous board meetings for a grand total of $22,707 for grants.

Please remember the Maximum grant is $1,000 (but could be less); Some grant is $300; Token grants remains at $100; and emergency grants have been raised to $200.

I'll send you references and updated information for these requests about two weeks prior to the board meeting.

AGENDA

** Any last minute items of information by staff which are important.

EMERGENCY GRANTS

Update report.

GRANT REQUESTS

Central and Latin America and the Caribbean

1) Witness for Peace - Mid-Atlantic (Newtown, PA) - Requests $1,000 toward the expenses of the salary of their regional coordinator for two months, mainly to arrange for the speaking tour of a Nicaraguan woman.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

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3) Peace and Justice Education Project (Rochester, NY) - Request of $1,000 as start-up money for a national newsletter for the purpose of movement building and for sharing of resources in the U.S./Latin America Solidarity movement.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

4) Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala (NISGUA) (Washington, DC) - Requesting $800 to be used in organizing and promoting the visit of Guatemalan activists to various regions throughout the United States.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

5) Cambridge-El Salvador Sister City Project (Cambridge, MA) - Asking for $700 to help cover the printing and postage costs of their December Work-A-Thon brochures/pledge sheets and letters.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

6) Carolina Interfaith Task Force on Central America (Raleigh, NC) - Request of $800 to fund the expenses of organizing a youth delegation to travel to Nicaragua.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

7) Committee on U.S./Latin American Relations (CUSLAR) (Ithaca, NY) - Requesting $1,000 to purchase a new computer and a laser printer.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

8) Jubilee House Community (Winston-Salem, NC) - Asking for $800 for the printing and postage expenses of a new brochure for a membership drive mailing.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

9) St. Louis Inter-Faith Committee on Latin America (MO) - Requests $320 for the expenses of organizing meetings in the U.S. with local activists who will go as a delegation to urban and rural Missouri and to Nicaragua.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

10) SEA-GUA (Sanctions, Education, & Action with Guatemala) (Seattle, WA) - Request of $625 for the expenses of their Clean Green Coffee Campaign which aims to improve workers' rights in Guatemala by promoting consumer actions.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

11) compost magazine (Jamaica Plain, MA) - Requesting $1,000 toward the expenses of producing an issue on Haiti.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

12) Pediatricians and Parents for Peace (Los Angeles, CA) - Requests $1,000 toward the purchase of a computer and a laser printer.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

13) July 26th Coalition (Cambridge, MA) - A request of $800 for the production of a brochure (in English and Spanish) on Cuba and the Cuban Revolution for public distribution.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Women

14) Women's Action Coalition (San Francisco, CA) - Asking for $900 toward the expenses of advertizing and distribution of a CD to be used as a fund raiser for the group. A Board member will review the tape for a report to the Board meeting.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

15) Women's State-Wide Legislative Network of Massachusetts, Inc. (Boston, MA) - Requests $1,000 for a laser printer and accessories.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Community Organizing/Anti-racism

16) Worcester Area Rainbow Coalition and Clergy and Laity Concerned (Worcester, MA) - Requests $1,000 toward the expenses of copying and mailing their newsletter, "The Rainbow Express." Postponed from the last meeting because of a lack of a reference.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

17) La Escuela de la Comunidad (Pasadena, CA) - Request of $1,000 to purchase a scanner and software for their computer, to assist with their community newsletter. A Board member will review the newsletter for a report to the Board meeting.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

18) Homes Not Jails (San Francisco, CA) - Asking for $1,000 toward organizing and office expenses.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Media/Cultural

19) Guerilla TV Productions, Inc. (Detroit, MI) - Requests $1,000 toward the purchase of a video camera for their Zamani Sasa project. Postponed from the last Board meeting for a reference and additional information.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

20) Autonomous Zone Foundation (Chicago, IL) - Request of $1,000 toward the costs of purchasing, transporting, and repairing a printing press for printing their journal, (dis)connection. A Board member to review the journal for a report to the Board meeting.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

21) Videoteca del Sur (New York, NY) - Requesting $800 for advertising and telephone costs incurred in organizing a series of screenings/seminars of and about Cuban film and video.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

22) Agitator Index (Minneapolis, MN) - A request of $1,000 toward the purchase of a computer. A Board member will review their newspaper for a report to the Board meeting.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual

23) Gay, Lesbian, & Bisexual Speakers Bureau (Boston, MA) - Requests $808 for expenses of printing, postage, telephone, and scholarships for their Religious Outreach Committee.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

24) Vermont Coalition for Lesbian & Gay Rights (Montpelier) - Requesting $1,000 toward the (non-travel) expenses of their annual conference, entitled "A Queer Town Meeting."

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Miscellaneous

25) Health Security Coalition (Leominster, MA) - Requests $800 for the expenses of their project of educating the public about establishing a single-payer health care system in the state.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

26) Austin Peace & Justice Coalition (TX) - Request of $1,000 toward the costs of printing and postage for an issue of their newsletter devoted to environmental issues facing Austin. Several Board members will recieve a copy of a past issue of their newsletter for a report to the Board meeting.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

27) Institute for Global Education (Grand Rapids, MI) - Request of $800 for the costs of printing an organizational brochure and for the printing of their newsletter. A Board member will be reviewing their newsletters.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

28) Thomas Merton Center (Pittsburgh, PA) - Requests $1,000 toward the cost of a used copying machine.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

29) Fully Informed Jury Association (Helmville, MT) - Requesting $1,000 to print a new "Jury Power Information Kit."

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

30) Black Workers for Justice (Rocky Mount, NC) - Asking for $800 for general expenses.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

BUSINESS/POLICY ITEMS

* Office -
  (1) Newsletter report.

  (2) Finances report.

  (3) Miscellaneous/other.

* The next Board Meeting has not been scheduled yet. I would suggest a date of (no earlier than) Sunday, December 4th in the Boston area.

For peace and justice,

Nancy

Nancy Moniz, Resist staff

RESIST BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 1994
NEW YORK CITY

PRESENT: Merble Reagon, Ken Hale, Grace Paley, Bell Chevigny, Paul Lauter, Frank Brodhead, Louis Kampf (minutes); Nancy M. and Hans K. filled out proxies.

Emergency grants: Toward the end of September we made an emergency grant of $200 to the Empowerment Project of Chapel Hill, NC for the expenses of an emergency series of film showings for the general public on Haiti.

Business: Nancy Moniz did a survey of the grants made and money given out so far this year, as well as a projection for the total year based on those figures. So far, at 6 board meetings we've made 125 grants for a total of about $107,000 (and an additional $1,600 for emergency grants). In all of 1993 we gave out $109,000 for grants and emergency grants. Since we have two more board meetings this year (including this one), we could project giving out about $145,000 in 1994, an increase of about $36,000 over last year, or 33%.

Finances:

Cambridge Trust Co.	$ 23,733.57	
Operating Fund	$ 74,967.17	
Managed Growth Portfolio	$ 97,120.95	
Bond Fund	$ 33,121.48	
Sub-total (unrestricted)	$228,943.17	
Loan Fund	$ 6,160.75	
Resist Endowment	$ 27,493.50	($393 above principle)
Cohen Endowment	$ 10,069.68	($69.68 above principle)
Sub-total (restricted)	$ 43,723.93	
Total all funds:	$272,667.10	

Please note that at this time we do not have enough interest accumulated in either the Cohen or Salzman funds to give out a grant.

At the end of September, our 1994 expenses exceeded our income by $59,000, while our donor income remained relatively the same as last year. This increase represents, I believe, greater grants given out and a decline in our investments-- we should recoup some of this loss in November and December, months of high donor income and hopefully a better yield on investments!

GRANTS: We gave out a total of $17,295 to 23 groups, with a provisional grant of $1,000 still on hold for a decision.

1. Witness for Peace - Mid-Atlantic (Newtown, PA) YES to a grant of $1000 toward the expenses of the salary of their regional coordinator for two months, mainly to arrange for the speaking tour of a Nicaraguan woman.

2. U.S./Guatemala Labor Education project (Chicago, IL) YES to a grant of $750 to produce and distribute a Spanish language edition of their basic brochure.

3. Peace and Justice Education Project (Rochester, NY) YES to a grant of $1000 as start-up money for a national newsletter for the purpose of movement building and for sharing resources in the U.S./Latin America Solidarity movement. Some reservations, given Vickers' luke warm endorsement. Bell wondered whether they duplicate what CUSLAR does.

4. Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala (NISGUA) YES to a grant of $800 to be used in organizing and promoting the visit of Guatemalan activists to various regions throughout the United States. Question raised about their budget being over $100,000. YES. People recommend that budget limit be raised to $150,000. This to be discussed at next meeting.

5. Cambridge-El Salvador Sister City Project (Cambridge, MA) YES to a grant of $700 to help cover the printing and postage costs of the December Work-A-Thon brochure/pledge sheets and letters.

6. Carolina Interfaith Task Force on Central America (Raleigh, NC) YES to a grant of $800 to fund the expenses of organizing a youth delegation to travel to Nicaragua.

7. Committee on U.S./Latin American Relations (CUSLAR) (Ithaca, NY) YES to a grant for $1000 to purchase a new computer and lazer printer. Bell gave a good report on their Newsletter. People wondered why they don't have access to computer stuff at Cornell. Provisional "YES," based on staff asking them why they can't use Cornell's stuff. If satisfactory answer, they get grant. **10/25 - Nancy M. called them and they had good reasons to need their own computer, etc. Approved by LK, NW and NM.**

8. Jubilee House Community (Winston-Salem, NC) NO GRANT. They had requested $800 for the printing and postage expenses of a new brochure for a membership drive mailing. Their work at present is not in U.S. Write them supportive letter, saying we'll be open to proposal when they do work in U.S. again. We were also worried about the size of their budget.

9. St. Louis Inter-Faith Committee on Latin America (MO) YES to a grant of $320 for the expenses of organizing meetings in the U.S. with local activists who will go as a delegation to urban and rural Missouri and to Nicaragua.

10. SEA-GUA (Sanctions, Education, & Action with Guatemala) (Seattle, WA) YES to a grant of $625 for the expenses of their Clean Green Coffee Campaign which aims to improve workers' rights in Guatemala by promoting consumer actions.

11. <u>compost</u> magazine (Jamaica Plain, MA) TOKEN GRANT ($100) out of $1000 requested toward the expenses of producing an issue on Haiti. People liked magazine. But they're not related to organizing. They hardly reach anyone.

12. Pediatricians and Parents for Peace (LA, CA) YES to a grant of $1000 toward the purchase of a computer and a laser printer. Letter should ask why they're buying such high end computer equipment.

13. July 26th Coalition (Cambridge, MA) NO GRANT. They had requested $800 for the production of a brochure in English and Spanish on Cuba and the Cuban Revolution for public distribution. We can't give grant without text. Why do they need money for research, since Center for Cuban Studies has loads of materials? NO. When they have text, they can reapply.

14. Women's Action Coalition (SF, CA) TOKEN ($100) out of $900 asked for toward the expenses of advertising and distribution of a CD to be used as a fund raiser for the

group. Question was raised whether they have any kind of political focus, only focus on being civil disobedience. Token because their disk is nice, but no political focus.

15. Women's State-Wide Legislative Network of Massachusetts, Inc. (Boston, MA) SOME ($300) out of $1000 requested for the purchase of a laser printer and accessories. People felt they should have access to other sources of funding. But they do important work, so we'll give them SOME.

16. Worcester Area Rainbow Coalition and Clergy and Laity Concerned (Worcester, MA) YES to a grant for $1000 toward the expenses of copying and mailing their newsletter, "The Rainbow Express." Postponed from last meeting because of lack of a reference.

17. La Escuela de la Comunidad (Pasadena, CA) YES to a grant of $1000 to purchase a scanner and software for their computer, and to assist with their community newsletter. Merble reported on their newsletter: "It looks like a peace corps newsletter in a third world country." The articles are very useful for practical help for constituency. There is nothing overtly political in newsletter, but its contents could draw people into organization. People thought it important they work on domestic violence.

18. Homes Not Jails (SF, CA) YES to a grant of $1000 toward organizing and office expenses. Question was raised whether in organizing homeless people, activists aren't exploiting the homeless for their own political reasons. People also wondered what happens to squatters after squat is over. YES. Letter should say something about our concern over the above issues.

19. Guerilla TV Productions, Inc. (Detroit, MI) Provisional YES based on call from reference in Detroit. They have asked for $1000 toward the purchase of a video camera for their Zamani Sasa project. Postponed from the last board meeting for a reference and additional information. Merble looked at some of their videotapes. They are interviews and videos of conferences, and people like Jeffrey, Eulani; it's amateurishly done; focussed on pan-Africanism; but it does get people and events on TV who don't generally get there. YES provisional on phone call from reference in Detroit. Paul Lauter will check with someone in Detroit.

20. Autonomous Zone Foundation (Chicago, IL) NO GRANT. They had requested $1000 toward the costs of purchasing, transporting, and repairing a printing press for printing their journal, (dis)connection. Louis reported that their magazine is amateurish and has little information in it. People wondered why they wanted a press from the 1940's. NO. We do like that they have based themselves in a neighborhood and stayed there.

21. Videoteca del Sur (NY, NY) YES to a grant of $800 for advertising and telephone costs incurred in organizing a series of screenings/seminars of and about Cuban film and video. Question was asked whether they have much outreach; but they do in Latino community. YES.

22. Agitator Index (Minneapolis, MN) NO GRANT. They had requested $1000 toward the purchase of a computer. Paul reported on their paper, The Blast. He says it's a real throwback; language is a bit extreme, but they do have a sense of humor; he can't see how the paper can produce any outreach. NO.

23. Gay, Lesbian, & Bisexual Speakers Bureau (Boston, MA) NO GRANT. They had requested $808 for expenses of printing, postage, telephone and scholarships for their Religious Outreach Committee. Something as mainstream as this should be able to get funding elsewhere. But we do think they're doing good work.

24. Vermont Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights (Montpelier, VT) $400 out of $1000

requested toward the (non-travel) expenses of their annual conference, entitled, "A Queer Town Meeting." There were worries about their narrow goals; they're in no coalitions with peace and justice organizations; and show no concern about connecting queer issues with other issues. Therefore, only $400.

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29. Fully Informed Jury Association (Helmville, MT) NO GRANT They had requested $1000 to print a new "Jury Power Information Kit." Budget too big.

30. Black Workers for Justice (Rocky Mount, NC) YES to a grant of $1000 (they had asked for $800) for general expenses.

Other business: Paul has the archives of RESIST for its first 10 years. He's had problems about getting anyone to take them. Frank suggested trying U. Mass. Boston. Paul will look into this. Paul would like suggestions.

Next Meeting: December 4th, 1994 in Boston.

October 14, 1994

1) Witness for Peace - MidAtlantic (Newtown, PA) - **Judy Kading of Midwest Witness for Peace** (a Resist grant recipient) has known Andrew Mills for several years, and says that he has worked for a long time with the national Witness for Peace before taking over this new regional office. She highly recommends this group for funding. Kading thinks that Mills has worked on social justice issues and on El Salvador for many years, and that he is plugged into both the national Witness for Peace as well as all the regional offices. He coordinates the computer and communications work between all the regional offices of WFP. Even though this office is new, she knows that they are already working on a speaking tour for the fall.

2) US/Guatemala Labor Education Project - We've funded this group in the past and always received good recommendations. I talked with **Michael Willis of NISGUA** about this request. He said that they do "terrific work... have done a great job with a small staff and budget... most recently done a lot on the Van Heuesen campaign... also on trade benefits international commerce agreement between the US and Guatemala, which has put a lot of pressure on the business community in Guatemala... They work with labor and solidarity groups around the US to provide resources and leadership... planning to move toward working on the issues of Guatemalan agricultural labor in the future." Highly recommended.

3) Peace & Justice Education Center - George Vickers check on this. In fact, he met with the contact person in DC recently. George feels that there is interest around for this newsletter from organizations as long as they don't have to do it themselves. These folks are willing to put a lot of time into it. People feel that it's a good idea and useful to provide information since there are a lot fewer sources of info available because of the disappearance/transitions of organizations and publications on Latin America. George does have questions to do with the newsletter not having an institutional base but feels that they do have very good networking and contacts with a range of groups. George also is skeptical since the L.A. solidarity movement is dwindling. But, all in all, George did say that he feels that this is worth funding this time and seeing if they can sustain it in the future - he feels there is a real need to keep people feeling connected to a movement.

4) NISGUA - George V. checked on this also. He talked with some of the people there and with staff at the Central America Working group. This organization is quite active and is relied upon to take the lead on Guatemala. People think highly of them. One of WOLA's staff has a long experience of Guatemala and feels NISGUA continues to do very good work. Recommended.

5) Cambridge-El Salvador Sister City Project - I called **Mario Davilla of AFSC/N.E.** about this. He said that "in my opinion, this is one of the very few groups that has provided leadership to solidarity work locally and nationally... done a great deal of work, organizing and public education here as well as working on material aid... has maintained a solid core of people... work well with other groups... at different times, they've created links with local issues to help local groups... (on diversity) primarily white with a couple of people of color.. diverse sexually.. have made an effort to diversify by working with local groups... most people of color are invested in their own issues, but this group does try to involve people." Recommended.

6) Carolina Interfaith Task Force on Central America - For their first request I talked with **Mandy Carter then at 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. Last 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.

For this proposal I talked with **Ginnie La Sada of the Black Workers for Justice in North Carolina.** She said that BWJ has done joint work with this group. "Active a number of years primarily on Central America issues and have supported other groups doing local work... very much fighters in the struggle and good allies... have worked with BWJ by doing events for textile workers here and a Black Nicaraguan labor woman on tour, also helped with the organizing on a Friendshipment for Pastors for Peace with Black Churches. Citca was very cooperative and sensitive, I was very positive about the events and how the group worked on them." Recommended.

7) CUSLAR - Resist has funded this group many times in the past. For their request in 1989, I received two excellent references. **Sylvia Sherman of the Nicaragua Network in DC** said that they're "a very stable local committee, organizing in the community and doing well.. good politics... very good newsletter with in depth articles... good events... excellent group." **Walter Cohen of Cornell Univ. (and the Cohen Endowment)** sent a long letter of reference. For their last proposal I talked with Walter Cohen again for an update on the group. He said that he had no been as active in the past, but knew that, "of all the organizations at Cornell, CUSLAR is the most active, both off and on campus... not as big as before, but Latin American issues do not have the cache they did in the past... cut out staff person, but have good volunteer input... get just a little money from the University... have speakers, good newsletter, work on projects with high school and grammar school teachers... currently working on Guatemala, Peru, Haiti and NAFTA... doing good stuff." He recommended funding and we did.

For this request, I called **Karl Foyer of the Tompkins Courtland Labor Coalition** who said the group's been around "a long time... their office is at the university but they are very active in the broader community... prime source for Latin America solidarity work in the area... worked with us on issues of local labor...I have nothing but praise for CUSLAR, an excellent group."

8) Jubilee House Community - **Gail Phares of CITCA in North Carolina** said that she knows them well. She has questions about just how much work they do in the US since most of the community in now in Ciudad Sandino in Nicaragua. She said that they have "wonderful politics, radical in belief and deed... Presbyterians with some Catholic Worker types... in the past they worked on a broad range of issues here... strong on including people of color, very diverse racially... They'd use the brochure to recruit volunteers for Nicaragua and when those folks come back to the US, they would use their experiences for public education."

9) St. Louis Inter-faith Committee on C.A. - For their last request I called **Bill Ramsey of St. Louis AFSC.** He said that this is a very active and very good organization. Work well with other groups. A lot of projects, very good staff, good politics. Highly recommended.

I checked with **Bill Ramsey at AFSC** again for this one. He said that they're working with them on this. He feels that this project is "one of those presently on the cutting edge... the group has made a substantial effort to do outreach and fund raising to assure that low income people will be part of the delegation. They've got really good connections to be able to get into the rural areas and into East St. Louis. The committee is also working on the 50 Years is Enough campaign about the IMF and 3rd World countries, part of the national campaign. These two projects are their primary work right now. Their analysis is that economics issues are key ones for organizing right now... Very good work." He recommended funding this.

10) SEA-GUA - **Steven Coats of the US/Guatemala Labor Education Project** said that his group has been working with this group around Starbucks Coffee. He said that this seems to be a good and useful project, especially since Seattle is the capitol of

the coffee industry. They're using the campaign to educate the public about Guatemalan workers' rights. Good people. He's said that he's excited about the potential of the idea becoming a national campaign since it has the potential to engage a lot of people, both at the grass roots and also corporate responsibility groups. Recommends funding.

11) compost magazine - **Tim Wise of Grassroots International** said they're "great!... an interesting and very different literary journal... done some amazing cross-cultural stuff... did a great issue on Vietnam... given an airing to a broad segment of artists not seen elsewhere... new but gotten rave reviews within the literary community... very political agenda.. think they'll be excerpting a speech of Aristide in Haiti issue... all the issues have a strong political sense... They're connected with a broad array of dissident movements... have some literary heavy hitters enthused about them who'll get them good distribution for the magazine." Tim recommends funding them.

12) Pediatricians & Parents for Peace - **Blaise Bonpane of the Office of the Americas (a past Resist grantee)** said that he had traveled to Mexico with the Pastors for Peace and this group was part of that, responsible for gathering much medicine, etc. for Cuba. He has seen the group working in the L.A. area and on the caravans; responsible people. The members are pediatricians, on the whole. The group does political education both to the medical community and for the public at large in order to get people involved. They have progressive politics and have a good deal of credibility. Blaise feels that they've done a wonderful job of mobilizing help and at the same time in educating the public on what the embargo has done to Cuba. Recommended.

13) July 26th Coalition - I talked with **Jim O'Brien** who said this is a committee of LACASA but has to raise its own funds. They've been affiliated for about 1 1/2 years and has become the biggest, most active committee at this point. Jim finds them "very good people... a number of older people (40s and 50s), non-sectarian... work well with Pastors for Peace and took part in a PfP Friendshipment." I asked about diversity in the group and Jim said that he'd been to one of their meetings (very well attended) and noticed a good number of people of color there. Also their representative on the Board of LACASA is a Black Caribbean man. Jim recommends funding the group. (They said that they will not have the text of the brochure for consideration at the Board meeting.)

14) Women's Action Coalition - **Rebecca Gordon** said that she doesn't know much about them recently other than they've been taking part in the organizing against California's Proposition 187, a very cruel anti-immigrants initiative which would deny social services, education and health care to immigrants. Rebecca said that the group started with a "big bang", had well attended meetings, a lot of enthusiasm, seemed to be filling a gap for feminists in their 20s who wanted to do something active. She said that since then most of the lesbians involved have been more attracted to the Lesbian Avengers. This group is not as visible as before and Rebecca hasn't seen a lot of activity lately. I then checked with **Vanguard Foundation** and they said about the same as Rebecca. Same with **Melanie La Rosa of S.F. CISPES** who said that this was a very direct action oriented group, used to be into everything, in your face demos. She hasn't seen much of them recently. She went to a meeting about 6 months ago where they were planning for clinic defense but hasn't heard if they are doing this. Her biggest criticism is that they don't seem to make a big effort to advertise themselves so that they would be visible outside of a certain segment of the movement.

Pam Chamberlain reviewed the compact disk. Her comments are: "The tape itself is a series of performances, poetry, skits and music dealing with feminist themes. They are pleasant to listen to and are interesting, disk well made." Pam said that she couldn't see why Resist would fund this, though, because it "lacks a political focus.. also unclear what WAC would do, from the message of the disk." Not recommended.

15) Women's State-Wide Legislative Network of Mass. - **Renae Scott** said that, historically they've done things like work on the Poor People's Budget, lobbying, trainings, and holding legislators accountable to women's issues. Lately, they've been trying to do more work with

low income and poor women around welfare reform and low income women's issues. Renae was part of one of a series of forums cosponsored by them with a group from Boston College, Women in Government, a series on the welfare debate. Renae feels that they have access to other sources of funding and, politically, are pretty mainstream, not radical but good people.

16) Worcester Area Rainbow Coalition and Clergy and Laity Concerned (Worcester, MA) - **Claire Schaeffer-Duffy of Catholic Worker House** knows that the groups has been around for several years and has been active on the Haiti issue (CALC) and in helping and empowering minorities in the Worcester area, especially with voter registration (Rainbow.) She likes their newsletter and recommends them for funding. Cynthia Enloe suggested that I call Kate Chesley at Clark Univ. who passed me on to **Mary Anderson of the Worcester Women's Commission.** Mary said that the Rainbow has been around for a long time, is involved with local issues and has an excellent reputation on racial, ethnic and gender issues. She had heard that CALC were concerned and committed people.

17) La Escuela de la Comunidad - **Paula Litt of the Liberty Hill Foundation** said that this is a good group, part of a network of literacy groups in the area. They built a job center and are organizing Latina women against domestic violence. Their health committee works on education about diseases and HIV. Paula said that they're much more political/radical than evidenced in their newsletter, on purpose, and won't use political terminology. Their leaders are "absolutely political; their director is a long time political activist... work with people to develop politics and leadership in the community... work with many undocumented people. Literacy is an important issue in LA, especially around immigrant bashing, the schools, etc. They provide a very important base for people to grow politically and also as a safety valve."

18) Homes Not Jails - I talked with **Mark Miller at AFSC/Oakland.** He works on Community Relations said that the group is pretty well known. He said that he would have to give a "complex answer on the groups. They're extremely active on homeless issues, resistance to the city's Matrix program, and have done effective housing takeovers, but politically some of them are a little flaky; some just want to confront the police and others want to change policies and do good work... They're active, occasionally very good, occasionally ineffective... The bottom line is, that despite problems, they do good things."

19) Guerilla TV Productions, Inc. (Detroit, MI) - **Katherine Savoy of MIHRC** called around and could not find out anything about this group. **Rev. Wendall Anthony of Detroit NAACP** (their reference) knew of this group through his church. He says that they are a legitimate group, and that they do videotaping and television work there in Detroit. **Akua Budu-Watkins of the Detroit Black Woman's Health Project and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood City Halls** said that she's known the contact person a long time and knows of the group as well. A number of people work in the collective. They're "on the front line on a lot of issues, both international (South Africa) and local... always questioning and well-informed... TV stuff is good, good filming skills... interviews with community groups and on site work... on public access... went to a Black women's forum in Toronto... goes to people who don't necessarily get heard from such as gangs... education, shows different sides... I worked with him in the past on such grass roots issues as environmental racism, health, the Gulf War." I asked Akua if people there do watch public access TV, and she said that she's seen an increase over the past few years because programs for the community are publicized by community groups and by the Neighborhood City Halls. She also said that this group is aggressive in its publicity, going to local events, such as a recent women's conference of about 1000 to hand out leaflets about their shows. Akua recommends funding the group.

20) Autonomous Zone Foundation - I called Jenifer Bing-Canar who didn't know this group and referred me to **Sara-Jane Knoy of Greenpeace.** She knew of the group and said she had been favorably impressed by them. They're doing good organizing training, have free classes. They're fighting gentrification in the neighborhood. She said their politics are "radical in the sense of their commitment to dismantling the present structures of society... want change, not reform... not aligned with any left political parties." I also talked with **Lucy**

Smith of the Crossroads Fund. She said that this is a relatively new group on the scene and he thinks they're "rather exciting... both the mixture of people involved and their constituency... they've taken on neighborhood issues, some of them have lived there a long time and have strong ties... have a storefront, do classes on a variety of issues... They're traditionally anarchist in the tradition of Emma Goldman... diversity not as great as should be, but are in a neighborhood which ranges from eastern European ethnic people to Latino, artists, Bohemian, which is now the target of gentrification which is being held off."

21) Videoteca del Sur - The first time they applied, I called Norm Fruchter. He checked with Margie Fein of North Star which had funded this group. She said this is a good group. Good diversity, good resource library, terrific dissemination of resources in the Latino community. It was highly recommended.

For their next request, Betty Kapatanakis of North Star Fund said that locally the group is really providing a lot of films and videos and also encouraging groups to do their own. They are used as a resource for organizing, fill an important need, have good politics, have community video screenings, and had a video festival last Fall on the Quincentenary. They are a small budget, volunteer effort and act as a conduit for Latin American video artists to get information about their countries to the US public. Solid people with good links in the progressive media and community networks. Recommended.

I talked with Betty K. again for there last request in 1993. She agreed with her past references. "Still good work... North Star is impressed with them."

For this request, Betty said that they're "still good people, still doing the same good work as in the past."

22) Agitator Index - I called **Lauri Mullenhoff of the Headwaters Fund** who said that she didn't know much other than they had funded the group for their Keiernan case work which was recommended by the Fund's grant committee, and that they seemed to go under different names and did activist work. Lauri referred me to a member of Headwater's grant committee, **Denise Mayott**, who said that this is "a group of young people struggling to make a difference... committed, dedicated... anarchists. I felt they had a shared dedication to their goals which is refreshing... a little dogmatic, they have their own interpretation of issues, a rejection of all things mainstream... a bit of a self-righteous attitude, but this was overridden for me by the real down-to-earth things they do in the neighborhood where the Emma center is located... this is a large collective of people in different anarchist groups, trying to figure out how, as a group, they can make a difference. Not as diverse as they should be, mostly white European with some people of color, but they are doing a lot a solidarity work with groups of color." She liked the group.

23) Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Speakers Bureau - **Kate Gyllensvard** knew of this. Two speakers came to one of classes last spring. Kate thinks "they're great." She could tell from their phone calls before the speaking gig that they were well organized, knowing which questions to ask a teacher so as to provide the right speakers and subjects. (The Bureau makes an effort to get into public school systems with varying degrees of success.) Kate knows for a fact the group has a good and thorough training program and is impressed with their methods. The speakers who came to her class talked about being gay both from larger and more personal angles. They were good at getting the students to ask questions. Many students told them afterward they were glad they came and were frank and that they gave students space to talk about their own feelings whether they were gay or straight. The speakers represented themselves and gay people in general in a very positive way, as well as talking about how difficult it is to be gay in this society and "the students got it." As far as the organizing aspect of this, Kate feels that they encourage people to be more gay positive, dispel stereotypes and to reveal heterosexism and homophobia in society. The Bureau has been around a long time and has spawned other speakers bureaus elsewhere. They have a small budget since it's all volunteer. Kate recommends funding them.

24) Vermont Coalition for Lesbian & Gay Rights - **Leah Wittenberg** said that, in the last year, the whole group has "reformatted, trying to broaden their base." She's excited about this. There's a lot going on in Vermont now; the first state to pass domestic partnership

health funding. Leah said that having this coalition is critical right now. Last year's conference was attended by 300 to 400. The group is doing a membership drive through this year's conference. They have liaison with the state governor and are active with all legislation in the state. This group is key to get people to pressure the legislature. They did mostly legislative work in the past but are trying to broaden their issue base. At this point, Leah thinks that they're mostly sticking to gay and lesbian and AIDS issues work, not much work outside that focus. She recommends funding them.

25) Health Security Coalition - I talked with **John Maher of Neighbor to Neighbor.** He said that there are a broad spectrum of grass roots groups for this. The Coalition is "an interesting network of groups, including minority groups. He feels that the issue has a better shot of winning at state levels than at the national level. It's on the ballot in 7 state senate districts, they already have 10 supporters of the 40 senators. The issue is state-wide but the coalition is working in Fitchburg and Leominster, areas which are very poor with high unemployment. He feels that the area is critical. The coalition's leadership has been involved in organizing work in the past, and John feels they can pull this off. They know the local situation and have gotten good local press. He said that they are having difficulties in fund raising locally, considering the economic situation there. He recommends funding them.

26) Austin Peace & Justice Coalition Education Fund - For their first request I called **Jude Filler of TX Alliance for Human Needs.** She said that this group is "terrific... work with TAHN... the leading group in the city that brings together Central America, environmental, anti-war and other groups... done the most work on many different issues.. working on the issue of the Peace Dividend among other issues... all this work with one part-time staff person, volunteers and a low budget... very, very good newsletter... good project request to Resist.... excellent group." She highly recommended funding them.

Jude Filler of TAHN again recommended them in 1993, "doing some neat things... taking leadership on executions in the state, had a major rally on the Gary Grant case... still a terrific group."

I checked with Jude again for this request. She said that she supports their request, finding them "honorable, trustworthy...do a good job... have a very good newsletter... a good organization... the environment is a hot issue in Texas. After the fall of the Berlin Wall many broad focus peace groups turned to environmental issues and the Governor here has just turned down a lot of environmental funding bills." Recommended.

27) Institute for Global Education - I talked with **Isadore Flores of the Peace Education Center in Lansing (a past Resist grantee.)** He wasn't able to give me any details but did say that this group "is doing a lot...in good shape... larger than us and expanding into other areas... not many centers in Michigan but the Grand Rapids one is a good one."

28) Thomas Merton Center - **Paul LeBlanc** in Pittsburgh knows them, "the major peace and justice group in the area. They have respect of many, a broad range of activists here trust and work with them. As far as diversity goes, he said excellent for women; people of color - a weakness but they have a consciousness of that, some of the staff are people of color, and they have a major project coming up to deal with the issue of racism and to create projects. They are respected by Black activists. The Center played a major role in organizing Gang Peace work. Involved and support gay rights. His sense is that it's an effort to financially maintain their projects. A lot of their energy goes toward fund raising. He said that their statement on reproductive rights is how it truly is there. There's a tie with the Catholic Church but folks he knows are pro-choice. Paul said that, given the Catholic time, the Center is not able to come out for reproductive rights.

29) Fully Informed Jury Association - **Pat Clark of AFSC/Philadelphia Criminal Justice Program** said that she'd heard of this, read their newsletters but didn't know of any recent activity. She had also read their Info Kit some time ago but hadn't used it which indicated to her that she probably wasn't very enthusiastic about it. Pat said that besides the jury issue the group had worked on the death penalty issue.

I did some more digging on this. I called **Judy Greenspan** who said she hadn't heard of the group and suggested that I call **Scott Creighton of ACLU/Montana.** Scott had been a member of the Last Chance Peacemakers there (a past Resist grantee. He immediately told me, "You don't want to support these guys!... on the right wing... showed up at the Waco trials... fanning the flames of discontent in the right wing... (the contact person) Dodge ran as a Libertarian candidate for governor... some of the members sponsored a conference "No more Wacos" to attract the right wing... This kind of thing could cause problems by overturning federal civil rights as well as good state laws.... There's a lot of activity out here by right wingers to get around federal mandates and this is one of the ways to do that." **NOTE: important for Board members to look through their newsletter I sent to this meeting with Louis K.**

30) Black Workers for Justice - We funded them in the past and always received very good references. The last time in 1993, when they asked for both a grant and a loan, I called **Linda Williams of NCARRV** who said that this is "a great organization!... They reach into communities where others don't have access... focus on workers' issues... great politics, on the mark... good projects... pull in a lot of folks, working people, to their conferences." Highly recommended. We made both the grant and the loan (which they paid back.)

For the current request I talked with **Jane Slaughter** of Labor Notes in Detroit. She said "They're great!... should be more groups like this... you should fund them.... real impressed with what they've done... organized a workplace even when a union can't happen yet... have staying power after an election to have a union has not passed... help workers defend themselves.. put a big emphasis not just on the workplace but also on the community and its issues... amazed at what they do... also have organized tours and speaking engagements of Southern workers in the North." Highly recommended.

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