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—from A Call to Resist Illegitimate Authority

Feb. 20, 1981

Dear Resisters,

THE NEXT MEETING FOR GRANT REQUESTS WILL BE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 7 AT GEORGE VICKERS', 205 W 19th ST., 6fl., NYC. (212) 741-0545. - 11 AM

Enclosed is information on grant applications received so far:

1. Isis, a Reproductive Rights Group (Sunderland, MA) -- requested $500 at the last meeting for a health care education project. We did not have time for follow-up; we'll have more info for this meeting.

2. Center for Disarmament Education (Baton Rouge, LA) -- requests $400 for a home video project of Helen Caldicott’s talk on the medical hazards of radiation.

3. Madame Binh Graphics Collective (Brooklyn, NY) -- would like $200 to finance expansion of office space.

4. Black And Proud Elementary School (Jackson, MS) -- is asking for $850 to purchase a car motor and supplement lunch requirements.

5. Community Mailing Service (Philadelphia, PA) -- would like $500 to help pay for a rebuilt inserting machine to service many peace groups.

6. Anchorage Draft Counseling Center (Alaska) -- $500 for office supplies and lit.

7. MERIP (NY) -- wants $500 for general support.

8. Eugene Nelson (Forestville, CA) -- would like help in compiling a collection of taped case histories of undocumented immigrants from Mexico (this is a one-person project).

9. Women's History Research Center, Inc. (Berkeley, CA) -- any part of $500 for the printing of the Guide to the Files of the National Clearing House on Marital Rape.

10. Palestine Solidarity Committee (NYC) -- any part of $1755 for one issue of the bulletin, Palestine!

11. People's Office of Communication (NYC) -- Bill Worthy is organizing a progressive media service project; specific budget to follow.

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12. Women Organizing for Occupational Safety and Health (Amherst, MA) -- part of $2190 to finance "Health and Safety on the Job: A Conference for Working Women" to be held April 25 in Holyoke, MA.


14. Open Letter on Recent Developments in the AIM/ International Indian Treaty Council (Brooklyn, NY) -- ex-members of AIM are requesting $200 to distribute a letter criticizing the present leadership of the Indian movement.

That's it for now.
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March 10, 1981

Dear Resisters,

We welcome this month a new board member. She is Kate Cloud, a resident of Somerville, veteran of the peace and women's movements (among others) and long-time friend of the staff. Kate works with the Somerville Office for Children and is currently active in the Nuclear Education Project to which we gave money last time.

We had a fair amount of money this time and were able to give out almost $3500 in grants. THE NEXT MEETING FOR EVERYONE WILL BE IN BOSTON ON SUNDAY, APRIL 26 AT WAYNE'S OR LOUIS' (STAY TUNED). THERE WILL BE A SMALL MEETING FOR BOSTON PEOPLE ONLY SOMETIME DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 23RD IF GRANT APPLICATIONS WARRANT IT. THE NEXT NEW YORK MEETING WILL BE JUNE 6 OR 7.

Minutes of March 7, 1981 Meeting

Present were Frank J., George, Louis, Kate, Grace, Frank B. and Amanda.

We made grants to the following:

1. Isis, a Reproductive Rights Group -- $150 for their health care education project.
2. Center for Disarmament Education (Baton Rouge, LA) -- $250 for a home showing project of a Helen Caldicott videotape.
5. Community mailing Service -- $200 towards purchase of a rebuilt inserting machine to service Philadelphia/NY area groups.
6. Anchorage Draft Counseling Center -- $200 for office supplies and lit.
7. MERIP -- $100 for general support with a letter suggesting that they cannot count on us for long-term support and inquiring about their plans for self sufficiency.
8. Women's History Research Center -- $250 for their Marital Rape Project.
9. People's Office of Communication -- $100 to cover some initial travel expenses for Bill Worthy.

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10. Women Organizing for Occupational Safety and Health -- $150 for expenses of conference, not to be used for travel or honoraria.

11. Boston Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador -- $150 for general support as they have already purchased the film for which they originally requested the money.

12. The Newspaper (Lynn, MA) -- $150 for annual general support.


14. Southern Africa Magazine -- $500 (½ loan, ½ grant) to cover costs of promotional mailing.

15. WIN Magazine -- $200 towards purchase of a used typesetting machine.

16. Puerto Rico Legal Project (NYC) -- $250 to publish a Spanish language "Bust Book" on people's rights in relation to the police, FBI, and Grand Jury.

17. Labor Self-Expression Collective (Detroit) -- $250 to purchase film to shoot plant closings and the current struggle in Poletown against a new GM plant.

Rejections:

Eugene Nelson (Forestville, CA) -- we did not want to fund an individual effort and felt that although his project was useful (taping case histories of undocumented immigrants from Mexico) that this was not a priority for us.

2. Palestine Solidarity Committee -- George and Louis felt that it was going to go under regardless of whether or not we supported it and that it was not the best stuff available on the region anyway.

3. Open Letter on Recent Developments in the AIM/International Indian Treaty Council -- We felt that it was not right for us to take sides in a dispute we knew nothing about. Also Ken Hale, who has many connections in the Indian movement, advised us specifically in a letter not to fund these people who are widely viewed as strange and untrustworthy.

4. SUBS (Chicago) -- Everyone, especially George, felt that they should no longer depend on us and should get support from their constituency.

5. Black Veterans for Social Justice -- We felt that as they had just received money from us in December they should be encouraged to wait a few months before applying again. Also NY people will check out their current work.

6. The Second Wave -- Grace felt that a magazine that had been around for ten years should have developed its own support network by now and that a grant from Resist would not help them to appear more regularly.
7. California Housing Action and Information Network -- It was felt that this group represented the liberal/DSOC wing of the housing movement and that the work was not a Resist priority.

8. Clergy and Laity Concerned -- No, because their petition related entirely to the C.O. option - not resistance - and because they have other sources of money.

9. Aid to Incarcerated Mothers -- This was not priority. Their work was not inherently political and they didn't make a political case for it, and their budget was too large for us.

10. Boston Alliance Against Registration and the Draft -- The request was for legal defense funds. We felt they had to raise the money locally. Resist staff was instructed to help if possible and to write an article on the defendants for the newsletter.

Other:

1. Military Law Task Force (San Diego) -- Per their request for money for summer interns to work on the draft, we will hold this for the next meeting as there is no rush, and in the meantime contact them re. what will be the most pressing need in San Diego this summer.

2. New Bedford Women's Center -- Decided to request Z-money for this. Staff will write them to get a current letter of need.

3. LNS -- Decided that we will not give them money now, but will give some later when and if George feels that it would be useful.

That's it for now, take care,

Amanda

P.S. This was typed on our new typewriter, an Olympia Report de Luxe which we got on sale. Despite my typing, it's actually a very good machine.