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A call to

# RESIST

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RESIST MEETING - May 20th at 11:00 a.m. at Meredith's:

9 Summit St. Somerville, MA Home phone - 776-5218  
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## AGENDA

- \* New Board Members: Welcome Tess Ewing  
Update and discussion of ongoing recruitment efforts.
- \* Middle East Discussions/educationals for Boston Resisters.
- \* Staff Report: update on mailings  
office plans for summer

We have 31 proposals for this meeting, probably because of the Guardian ad and other outreach efforts that Meredith's been working on. Presently, after paying quarterly taxes and all of the printing bills for 50,000 brochures and envelopes, we have about \$7,000. Hopefully, with previous mailings now coming in, we should have a healthy sum in the bank at the time of the meeting which would enable us to give away about \$5,000.

## PROPOSALS

### Central America

1. C.A. Legal Defense Comm. (NY, NY) - \$500 for promotion and distribution of video tape about immigrants rights.
2. C.A. Referendum (Boston, MA) - \$750 seed money for mailings and lit. to get the campaign rolling.
3. NICA Peace Fleet (FL) - \$500 for crating costs for ship bringing supplies to Nica.
4. RI NICA Working Group - \$403 for printing, mailing and slides.
5. C.A. Research Institute (Berkeley) - any amount for circulation effort, small office computer or staff.
6. U.S. Tour of NICA Health Workers (NY, NY) - \$1,000 for tour expenses.
7. Comm. United Against Imm. Attacks (SF, CA) - \$500 to buy letter-addressing machine.



8. Cincinnati C.A. Task Force - \$680 for poster campaign.

GAY/LESBIAN

9. GCN (Boston) - \$750 for cost of mailing and printing educational reprints

10. Lesbian Task Force of R2N2 - any amount to cover travel expenses for lesbians of color to meeting.

11. Gay and Lesbian Speakers Bureau (Boston, MA) - \$500 matching funds for gay curriculum for secondary and post-secondary schools.

WOMEN

12. ACLU (Arkansas) - \$100 for lit. and salary to organize against right to life.

13. N.Y. Women Against Rape - \$1,000 to cover conference expenses.

YOUTH

14. Peace and Justice Youth Project (Oakland, CA) - \$440 for slide projector and leaflet.

15. Greater Boston Regional Youth Council - \$536 for summer program against racism.

PEACE/JUSTICE/ANTI-DRAFT

16. Peace and Justice Summer (Boston) - any amount for outreach campaign.

17. Alliance for Justice (Boston) - \$600 for voter education.

18. Nat. Con. on Non-Violence (Brookings, SD) - any amount for conference expenses.

19. Draft Ed. Film (Ann Arbor, MI) - \$450 to finish film on draft.

20. Phil JWP - \$425 for video recorder.

21. Griffis Action Coalition Syracuse, NY) - \$490 for printing of tabloid

22. Nat. Con. on Reg. and the Draft (SF, CA) - any amount for conference expenses.

23. Berkshire Forum (NY) - need more info



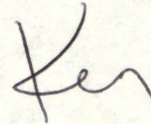
24. Boston Mobe - any amount for seed \$ for canvassing project.
25. Resource Cntr for Non-Violence (Santa Cruz, CA) - \$500 towards expenses of speaking tour of Israeli resister.
26. United League (Lexington, MS ) - \$500 for community organizing against police racism.
27. Ocean State Ec. and Em. Project (RI) - \$500 for effort to turn people out for comm. meeting.

MISC.

28. Dollars and SENSE Magazine - \$1,000 short-term loan for reprints.
29. Center for Nuclear Responsibility - Miami, FL) - \$500 for mailing
30. Hunger in America (SF,CA) - any amount for hunger exhibit
31. UCEA Amherst, MA) - \$500 operating expenses.

See you on the 20th. Out-of Towners: please let the office know if you intend on coming to the meeting.

Greetings from the Office,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Ken', written in a cursive style.

PROXIE SHEET

1. C.A. Legal Defense Comm. ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Maybe
2. C.A. Referendum ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Maybe
3. NICA Peace Fleet ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Maybe
4. RI NICA Working Group ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Maybe
5. C.A. REsearch Institute ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Maybe
6. U.S. Tour of NICA Health Workers ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Maybe
7. COMM. Against Imm. Attacks ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Maybe
8. Cinn. C.A. Task Force ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Maybe
9. GCN ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Maybe
10. Lesbian Task Force ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Maybe
11. Gay/Lesbian Speakers Bureau ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Maybe
12. ACLU ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Maybe
13. NY Women Against Rape ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Maybe
14. Peace and Justice ~~Summer~~ ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Maybe

Comments:

YOUTH PROJECT



15. Greater Boston Youth Council \_\_\_Y\_\_\_N\_\_\_Maybe
16. Peace and Justice Summer \_\_\_Y\_\_\_N\_\_\_Maybe
17. Alliance for Justice \_\_\_Y\_\_\_N\_\_\_Maybe
18. Nat. Con. on Non- Violence \_\_\_Y\_\_\_N\_\_\_Maybe
19. Draft Ed Film \_\_\_Y\_\_\_N\_\_\_Maybe
20. Phil JwP \_\_\_Y\_\_\_N\_\_\_Maybe
21. Griffis Action Coalition \_\_\_Y\_\_\_N\_\_\_Maybe
22. Nat. Con. on Reg. and the Draft \_\_\_Y\_\_\_N\_\_\_Maybe
23. Berkshire Forum \_\_\_Y\_\_\_N\_\_\_Maybe
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**MINUTES OF RESIST BOARD MEETING 5/20/1984**

**Present were Meredith, Ken T., Wayne, Louis and Tess**

**\*We welcomed Tess to her first board meeting. Tess is a school bus driver and union activist with United Steel Workers Local 8751.**

**\*We discussed Renee Valle, a Salvadoran activist with Casa El Salvador in Boston. We agreed to ask him to join us at our next board meeting.**

**\*Financial Report: I<sup>C</sup> handed out a quarterly financial report for the 1st quarter of 1984 which I've enclosed with the minutes. Everything is pretty much self-explanatory. Bad news is that one of our bank deposits to the tune of \$990. dollars was lost in the mail (so we believe). We've tracked down almost everyone who's contribution/check was in that deposit and written them a letter. We have high hopes of recovering most of the money. As for the present, recent mailings haven't paid off quite as well as we had hoped. We have 20,000 more pieces going out by the 1st of June. Hopefully these will at least pay for themselves, providing us with funds to carry us through the summer and into the fall.**

**\*Summer Plans; Both Ken and I will be taking long periods of time off this summer. Ken to go to Nicaragua. I plan to stay in Somerville and weave. There will be at least one staffperson in the office all summer. Our last board meeting before September will be in June. We're not sure of the date but it looks like it will be in the Boston area since NY people, for the most part, will not be available to attend. A likely weekend for the meeting is June 23-24. Please mark it on your calendars. After June we will consider only emergency grant proposals (for under \$100) as we did last summer. In any case I will not be at the next board meeting, so you all have a good summer!**

**GRANTS**

**We gave \$4400 to the following groups:**

**1. Central America Legal Defense Committee (NY, NY) \$300 for promotion and distribution of a video tape about immigrants rights to be used to educate lawyers on the subject so they are better prepared to provide legal defense. Since we don't usually provide funding for legal defense because the costs are so high, this seemed like a good alternative.**

**2. Central America Referendum (Boston, MA) \$300 to get the campaign off the ground. We had reservations about the value of pressuring State reps who are generally good on the issue of Central America. And some questioned the value of a non-binding referendum. But, as you can see, we thought this project was worth at least \$300.**



6. U.S. Tour of Nicaraguan Health Workers (NY, NY) - \$300 for tour expenses. We felt that it's important to reach-out to health care providers in this country about Central America and this tour was a good way to begin.

8. Cincinnati Central American Task Force (OH) - \$400 for bus poster campaign. We liked the idea. And we got good recommendations for their work.

9. Gay Community News (Boston) - \$400 for printing and mailing costs of educational reprint packets. The two we saw on prisoners and AIDS looked really good. Seemed like an important way to support their work.

11. Gay and Lesbian Speakers Bureau (Boston) - \$100 matching funds for gay curriculum for secondary and post-secondary schools. We like their work but wish that they could ~~more~~ connect in other issues with the work they do. But since that isn't their goal, they don't. Does that make sense.

14. Peace and Justice Youth Project (Oakland, CA) - \$300 for leaflet on draft counseling resources. We felt positive about this group because it's students doing the work themselves and it looks fairly good. Plus Ken got good recommendations for them.

16. Peace and Justice Summer (Boston) - \$250 for tabloid which will be used for this national project. The tabloid will tie together different issues including the Middle East, Central America, Economics of Militarism, History of Activism and the Arms Race. We haven't seen a lot of evidence of this project happening in Boston but know that it is happening, if even on a small scale, in other cities. We wondered why they haven't approached universities and individuals for funding and why they've made themselves so dependent on foundations.

17. Alliance for Justice (Boston) - \$300 to be used for voter education campaign.

20. Philadelphia Jobs With Peace (PA) - \$500 "Z" money. If that doesn't come through we've reserved \$250 in Resist funds for them, though we just heard that they got a big grant from Bread and Roses. ??? If this means anything in terms of funding from us I'm not sure.

12. ACLU (AR) - \$500-\$1000 "Z" money or \$200 Resist money to help organize campaign against right to life Amendment to the state constitution.

21. Griffiss Action Coalition (Syracuse) - ~~\$400~~\$300 to print tabloid for local outreach for upcoming demonstration at Griffiss AFB. Good tabloid. Very real (as opposed to misleading) approach to "conversion".

22. National Conference on Registration and the Draft (SF, CA) - \$200 to help pull this together. A token to reaffirm our commitment to draft work.

24. Boston Mobilization for Survival (Boston) - \$400 seed money to start up fundraising/outreach canvass. Since they come to us so often for money we figured that by giving them a grant to start up their own fundraising canvass we would get them off our backs. Seemed like a good investment.

25. Resource Center for Non-Violence (Santa Cruz, CA) - \$200 as token to support work they are doing to coordinate national tour of representatives

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26. United League of Holmes County (Lexington, MS) - \$200 to support, once again, the important work they are doing to combat police brutality and racist violence in Holmes Co, MS.

#### REJECTIONS

3. Nicaraguan Peace Fleet (FL) - this seemed the perfect recipient of liberal money. We saw no need to fund this project, though we do support what they are doing.

5. Central America Research Institute (Berkeley) - Research and information is not the best, though certainly an academic response to the situation in C.A. Also, for such a small publication their plans seem overly ambitious, not to mention expensive, and not the best place for Resist support.

7. Committee United Against Immigration Attacks (SF, CA) - None.

10. Lesbian Task force of R2N2 (NYC) - No because we don't fund travel, we just gave them a grant in October ~~and we were disappointed that they~~. We will suggest that they reapply for the pamphlet that the Lesbian Task Force is putting together. Louis wanted to know why such a large portion of their budget is for travel expenses.

13. Women Against Rape (NYC) - We felt that outreach to women of color in NYC would not be best accomplished by importing activists from the west coast. We didn't think that travel expenses for this conference was the best place for us to put our money, though, again, we do support their work.

15. Greater Boston Regional Youth Council - they wanted \$536 to pay for an outing to one of the harbor islands. Most of the \$536 would pay for a "ropes course". Didn't think the proposal was appropriate and that other funding must be available.

18. National Conference on Non-Violence (Brookings, SD) - We're glad they went to India and are into nonviolence but this is too groovy and new agey (in my opinion). Needless to say we didn't give them any money. Why such a big conference in SD?

27. Ocean State Economic and Employment Project (RI) - good idea but it seemed pretty obvious that organizations in the community could get the money together by themselves, from themselves, to make this work.

29. Center for Nuclear Responsibility (FL) - if you read the proposal, you'll understand why we turned this woman down.

30. Hunger in America (SF, CA) - not a priority for us.

31. UCEA (University Childcare Employees Association, Amherst, MA) - Why wouldn't district 65 accept them in the Union?? This is more a postponement for more info.

#### OTHER POSTPONEMENTS

4RI Nicaraguan Working Group - Not enough info, we'll wait until Ken can get in touch with them.



19. Draft Education Film (Ann Arbor, MI) - this was left over from the last meeting. They were supposed to get back in touch when they had a rough cut ready for us to take a look at. They never contacted us so we'll just wait and see.

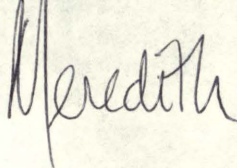
23. Berkshire Forum (NY) - Their contact with us was more informational than a funding request. They're clearly not an appropriate place for us to fund.

#### LOANS

28. Dollars and Sense (Somerville ) - we plan to give them a short term loan of \$1,000 in August to print and distribute Real World Macro: A Dollars and Sense Reader.

That's it for now. \$4400, 16 grants, 11 rejections, 4 postponements and etc. We'll see you in June, probably at Louis' the weekend of the 23rd. Ken will be in touch.

Best from here.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Meredith".



Finance Report  
1st Quarter 1984

Disbursements

Rent	\$1020.00
Phone	320.40
Grants	9362.00
Harvard Community Health Plan	4825.00
Consultants	56.00
Taxes	2242.57
Salaries	4796.17
Office printing and postage	1425.30
Newsletter printing and postage	3585.45
Brochure and outside mailings print and postage	5417.48
Office supplies	512.85
Miscellaneous	<u>1122.81</u>
TOTAL	34,684.07

Receipts

Newsletter	7755.00
Pledges	10063.94
HCHP	2601.75
Rent	310.00
Outside Mail	7100.90
Resist mail	7897.50
Misc.	<u>2033.63</u>
TOTAL	37,762.72

RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	3,078.65
CASH ON HAND	12.00
STARTING BANK BALANCE 1/1/84	10,780.02
LOAN FUND	<u>2,226.03</u>
TOTAL ASSETS 3/31/84	16,096.70

Net Income = 109% over same period of 1983



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and minutes each month

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