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A call to **RESIST** illegitimate authority

38 Union Square, Somerville, Massachusetts 02143

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Minutes, Resist board meeting 6/2/85: Present

were Nancy, Meredith, Tess, Wayne, Louis, Rene, Grace, George, Bell, Hank, Frank and Andrea (Tufts Intern).

Frank Brodhead
Pam Chamberlain
Bell Chevigny
Noam Chomsky
Amanda Claiborne
Kate Cloud
Margery Davies
Norm Fruchter
Mitchell Goodman
Kenneth Hale
Hilde Hein
Florence Howe
Frank Joyce
Louis Kampf
Hans Koning
Paul Lauter
Beatriz Manz
Richard Ohmann
Wayne O'Neil
Carlos Otero
Grace Paley
Henry Rosemont
Meredith Smith
Amy Swerdlow
Ken Tangvik
George Vickers

**1st item on the Agenda was an introduction from Nancy Moniz, our new full-time staff person. Nancy has a terrific amount of experience in Central America solidarity work, her most recent experience being the position of staff person for CASA (Central America Solidarity Association) in Cambridge. I can't begin to list all of the movement work Nancy has been involved in. I hope all who haven't met her take the opportunity to talk with her sometime in the future.

** The board agreed to go ahead and get worker's compensation, fire and theft insurance for the office. Theft insurance seemed esp. important in light of the break-ins of movement offices that has been taking place in the Boston area. Fees for the above mentioned should be \$150 for worker's comp and \$150 for theft and fire.

** Copies of our audit are available. I'll xerox and send out copies as soon as the final draft reaches us.

** Finance Committee - We were supposed to form a committee to deal with tax-exempt status and financial prosperity which we did, it will include Tess, Louis, Meredith and possibly Nancy. Also we decided that we will serve as a tax-exempt conduit for grants to non tax-exempt groups but these groups will have to go through the same review process by the board as other groups applying for grants. These donor directed grants will not exceed \$600. The Finance Committee will talk about taking on groups as project of Resist, for tax-exempt purposes, and also how we plan to spend our \$36,000 cash assets.

**Eviction- our lease runs out and will not be renewed as of 8/86. We hope to find new office space with Dollars & Sense and Radical America who we share with now. George, Louis, Nancy and Ken Tangvik have all volunteered to follow up on leads. We need about 1500 square feet somewhere in the Boston area. Our current rent (shared by all 3 offices) is @ \$500/month.

** The Arkansas Women' Project has offered to funnel sums of money to us for distribution to lesbian projects and projects for/by women of color in the South. We decided to offer two options to them:

A) ask them to send \$ and we would give them an accounting at the end of the year.

B) We could forward proposals to them as we have done with the Ferry's for the past several years.

In light of this offer we agreed to do some active searching for these types of groups.

**Money for this meeting. Our checking account from which we make grants was down to @ \$4500. Our other cash assets, including: Investment account - Bernard \$ and 9,000 in stocks received, Loan Fund, outstanding loans, and t-shirts, equals about \$40,000. We decided to draw from this money for the meeting, making available about \$200 per grant proposal or about \$7000. There was a concern among some that we not just spend this money 'til it's gone, however. We need to look to the future, we know that the grant proposals will continue to pour in, but will the \$\$?? We also know that our rent is going to substantially increase when we move.

** Board search committee. Nothing happened with this since most people who expressed an interest in working on this were not at the NY meeting. I'll be calling people on the phone over the next few weeks to see if we can set up a mtng with those who are interested.

**Funding for Central America Solidarity Work. People were concerned that there were very few grant proposals for solidarity with El Salvador. All letters to groups we fund should say something to the effect of "What about El Salvador?" On material aid, we feel that it's important, but can we get into that? We decided we shouldn't give money directly into buying material aid stuff. and that we should support brigades for educational work after the fact. Also several felt that we can't fault people doing Nicaragua work for lack of attention on El Salvador.

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2. **Texas Observer** (Austin, TX) - \$400 for summer staff intern to conduct research concerning the Sanctuary movement.
3. Portland Central America Solidarity Committee (Oregon) -\$400 to help with national CISPES "Stop the Bombing Campaign"
9. Louis Aguilar School (Nicaragua) - \$400 for ad campaign to run in the **Nation** to help support school for machinists in Nicaragua. Also will suggest that use the people who give \$\$ as some kind of network.
10. Vecino Brigade (Roxbury, MA) - \$300 for follow up part of the brigade to Nicaragua.
11. SHARE Foundation (Washington, DC) - one of the few groups asking for \$\$ to do educational work on El Salvador. We gave them a grant of \$400. They're having a hard time getting support for this political aspect of their work.
13. North Carolina Prison and Jail Project ((Durham, NC) - \$300 depending on how this group checks out. We want to know if this group's work has left-wing content. We wanted to set aside contingency money because N.C. has always had a strong left movement, esp. around prison stuff and felt this would follow in that tradition.
14. Officina Legal (San Juan , TX) - \$300 for this group that we've supported in the past. Funding an intern is a good way for us to support legal work.
17. Hanford Clearinghouse (Portland, OR) - \$200 for newsletter. We had some questions about the article the plan on reproducing since it's very technical. Also we weren't sure what community they're reaching out to or what legislative work they're going to do since Hanford is in Washington.
18. Coalitin for a Cooperative Society (Portland, OR) - \$300 for organizing against the White Train. We want an article from this group for the newsletter as well.
20. Vietnam Vet Artists (Boston, MA) - \$280 for poetry tape to slide show this group has done. They presented this show at the Resist party in '83. Everyone is very moved. VVA is doing important cultural work to educated the public on the Vietnam kWar.
22. Mobilization for Survival (NY, NY) - National Mobe is putting together a packet on anti-repression to counter government harrassment of movement groups. They plan to mail this out to their affiliates and others on their mailing list. The grant was for \$400
23. Center for Constitutional Rights (NYC) - \$400 for an issue of the Movement Support Network Newseltter, the Anti-Repression project of CCR.

24. **Gay Community News** (Boston, MA) - Yes, Yes, Yes. Anything to help this important gay publication survive. \$500 for their Gay Pride promo campaign.

28. Asbestos Victims of America (Richmond, CA) - This was a token of \$150 to help them purchase a slide projector. We felt they did have other politics than just restititional i.e. they are dealing with the issue of corporate power.

29. Philippine Resource Center ((Berkeley) - This is the third Philippine newsletter we've supported this year. We gave them \$150 and decided that we need some education on the Philippine Opposition movement which is very factionalized, and infor, on the support movement in this country so that we can make more informed decisions on this subject.

31. International Oil Working Group (NYC) - \$300 for newsletter to help support the oil embargo against S. Africa.

32. Tucson Cttee for Human Rights in Latin America (Tucson, AZ) - \$400, we got a good recommendation from Phil Conger of the Tucson Ecumenical council. They're a long term group that gets good results and has a good newsletter.

34. Wisconsin Farm Unity Alliance (Glenwood City, WI) - Wisconsin Community Fund supported this group and gave them a very good write up in their recent report. Wisconsin Community Fund is part of the Funding Exchange. We gave WFUA \$200 to support material on "What Nicaragua means to WI Farmers."

35. Chicago Gray Panthers (IL) \$100 because we support their project, with a letter asking them to reapply for something more specific.

36. Cooperative News Service (New Haven) - \$300/~~F~~olks at **Dollars & Sense** gave a good recommendation, said they even use some of their articles from time to time. It seemed to us that they provide a useful service. The Grant is to subsidize distribution of their articles to grassroots newspapers.

Postponements

4. Fresh View Youth Tour (Somerville, MA) - It wasn't clear that this is really going to get off the ground. We wanted to encourage them to postpone it so H.S. students can orgnize and do fundraising. Also felt that there should be at least 2 students per local, other wise they would be too isolated when they returned from Nicaragua. We want to get a better sense of where this project is going.

25. American Independent Movement (New Haven) - These are New Left people who've stuck it out over the years. It's not clear that they've just stuck it out for the sake of sticking it out or if they are really organizing etc. We want to do a little more follow up.

27. Cttee for Labor Access (Chicago) - we want to check out this group's work with Crossroads Fund in Chicago and with Bill Harris of Public Interest Communications Services in Cambridge to make sure they're not duplicating work and that their strategy is valuable.

Rejections and withdrawals

1. Franklin County Committee on Central America (Greenfield, MA) - They had their event and were successful in raising about \$2,000 for Madre. Didn't seem they would need a loan for an event that happened.

5. Environmentalists for Nicaragua (Santa Cruz, CA) - Didn't seem that these folks were hooking up with stuff that is already going on, though we do support the theory behind this type of work.
6. Entre Jovenes(Oakland, CA) - We will ask them to resubmit a proposal since we didn't hear back from them - again - in time for this meeting. It's a good project and we're interested in supporting it.
7. Comite Centroamericano (Chelsea, MA) - We've supported this group before but feel that there are much better ways for them to communicate alternative info than by distributing transcripts of short-wave radio reports from Cuba and Moscow.
8. Bay Area Construction Brigade to Nicaragua (Berkeley) - Same as #6 above.
12. New England Journal of Criminal Justice (Dorchester, MA) - This is a one person operation and appears to be one in a long line of his projects. Also, the journal did not seem to be particularly unique.
15. Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors (Philadelphia) - They withdrew their proposal and will be resubmitting for the national conference for Black organizers.
16. The Ribbon (Denver) - Not a priority, but a great idea.
19. RECON (Philadelphia) - There;s no local presence of this group in Philadelphia, just a couple of people working on this. Not anything new or unusual.
21. Phil Andrus (Chimacum, WA) - Good project but not a priority since it's a one person effort. Also, he can finish the radio project with the interviews he's already done.
26. Labor Radio News (San Jose, CA) - This project is out of our league, they should be able to get other funding i.e. NPR.
- 30 NAARPR (NY, NY) - We've supported other work of theirs but in terms of support for Nelson Mandella, there's a movement i.e. Trans-Africa - that they could have hooked into for this but they didn't. They could also borrow money for buttons and pay back with the proceeds (just don't borrow from us).
33. Metro Fair Housing (Decatur, GA) - Many people felt uncomfortable with the idea of hidden mics. Also, this is the type of group that was getting federal funding until very recently, not doing anything particularly radical, felt they could get \$\$ elsewhere.

That's it. 20 grants for a total of \$6180. 3 postponements and 13 withdrawals and rejections.

Next Meeting: July 14th somewhere in the Boston area. Call the office for more details if interested. It was good to see so many people at the NY meeting. Let's keep it up!!

Best,
Meredith

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Florence Howe
Frank Joyce
Louis Kampf
Hans Koning
Paul Lauter
Beatriz Manz
Richard Ohmann
Wayne O'Neil
Carlos Otero
Grace Paley
Henry Rosemont
Meredith Smith
Amy Swerdlow
Ken Tangvik
George Vickers

Board Meeting - June 2cd, 11 AM
George Vicker's
205 W 19th St.
New York City

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AGENDA

** New Staff

** Financial Committee - Decided at last board meeting to form a financial committee to deal with issues of RESIST acting as a fiscal agent and on our current prosperity.

** Board Search Committe - We agreed in February or March that once staff hiring was completed that we would form a committee which would set up and pursue a process of recruiting Third World and women board members.

GRANTS

Central America Support

1. Franklin County Committe on Central America (Greenfield, MA) - \$1,000 loan for event on May 19, 1985 on Central America in Greenfield with speakers from Central America.

2. The Texas Observer (Austin, TX) - \$400 to help pay a staff intern to conduct research and for copying costs involving the Sanctuary movement in South Texas.

3. Portland Central America Solidarity Committee (Oregon) - \$400 to help fund their affilliate groups in smaller towns with meaterials for the national CISPES "Stop the Bombing" campaign.

4. Fresh View Youth Tour to Nicaragua (Somerville, MA)- Requests funding in project to bring a multi-racial, culturally diverse group of North American teenagers and adults to Nicaragua for two weeks in August. I've requested more specific request.

5. Environmentalists for Nicaragua (Santa Cruz, CA) - \$500 for logistical support needed to launch the first two phases of a project to encourage the environmental community in the U.S. to join the movement agaianst intervention.

6. Entre Jovenes: Between the Youth of Nicaragua and the United States (Oakland, CA) - \$400 for two slide projectors to aid their work in bringing information on Nicaragua to high school students.
7. Comite Centroamericano (Chelsea, MA) - \$600 to support its Community Education Project of distribution of transcripts of short-wave radio reports from Cuba, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Moscow as an alternative to U.S. media reports on Central America.
8. Bay Area Construction Brigande to Nicaragua (Berkeley, CA) - \$500 for post-trip documentation and organizing work.
9. Luis Aguilar School, Nicaragua - \$440 for cost of fund-raising ad in the Nation.
10. Vecino/Neighbor (Roxbury, MA) - \$600 for organizing expenses for this nationwide group of 40 tradespeople invited to build a health clinic in Nicaragua.
11. SHARE Foundation (Washington, D.C.) - \$500 to produce brochure on its programs and on the root causes of the refugee crisis in El Salvador.

Legal

12. New England Journal of Criminal Justice (Dorchester, MA) - \$510 for cost of edition of newsletter on progressive criminal justice theory and programs.
13. North Carolina Prison and Jail Project (Durham, NC) - \$400 to assist in expenses for a conference on the death penalty to be held in June.
14. Oficina Legal del Pueblo Unido (San Juan, TX) - \$590 to help meet housing expenses for summer intern for this organization working to preserve the civil rights of Valley farm workers and other Chicanos.

Peace/Anti-draft

15. Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors (Phila., PA) - \$600 towards expenses for the Southern Regional Conference of Black Organizers on the Impact of Militarism on the Black Community which was held in April of 1985.
16. The Ribbon (Denver, COL) - No specific request. I'll get more information.
17. Hanford Clearinghouse (Portland, OR) - Again, no specific request. I'll get more information.
18. Coalition for a Cooperative Society (Portland, OR) - Also - no specific request. More information to come.
19. RECON (Philadelphia, PA) - \$330 to fund Summer issue

which includes articles on Pentagon and on movement strategy.

20. Vietnam Veteran Artists, Inc. (Boston, MA) - \$1500 to produce tape and slide presentation. More information to come.

21. Phil Andrus (Chimacum, WA) - \$750 for production of an audio archive and four radio programs about draft resistance and conscientious objection.

Movement Support

22. Mobilization for Survival (NY, NY) - \$750 to help cover some costs of production and distribution of anti-repression packet to counter government's acts against the progressive sector in the United States.

23. Center for Constitutional Rights (NY, NY) - \$600 for one issue of newsletter of the Movement Support Network, an anti-repression project of the Center.

Gay and Lesbian

24. Gay Community News (Boston, MA) - \$558 to fund various promotional activities centering around Lesbian and Gay Pride Week in Boston and other cities in June.

Labor

25. American Independent Movement (New Haven, CT) - No specific request for funds. I'm getting more information from them.

26. Labor Radio News Project (San Jose, CA) - Funds for production of program "Labor on the Line". I've requested specific project from them.

27. Committee for Labor Access (Chicago, IL) - \$600 to produce newsletter for six months on issues affecting working people and the media.

28. East Bay and Napa-Solano Asbestos Victims of America (Richmond, CA) - \$500 for various office machines.

Third World

29. Philippine Resource Center (Berkeley, CA) - \$500 for production of one issue of the Philippine Report.

30. National Alliance against Racist and Political Repression (NY, NY) - \$600 for cost of producing buttons for NAARPR's national campaign to free Nelson and Winnie Mandela.

31. International Oil Working Group (NY, NY) - \$500 to produce two issues of newsletter by this group of economists and researchers committed to building unity among energy workers.

32. Tuscon Committee for Human Rights in Latin America (Ariz.) - \$800 to increase frequency of publication of newsletter from bi-monthly to monthly and to expand its readership.

Miscellaneous

33. Metro Fair Housing Services, Inc. (Decatur, GA) - \$600 to purchase two mini-tape recorders in order to document evidence in housing discrimination.

34. Wisconsin Farm Unity Alliance (Glenwood City, Wisc.) - \$400 for regular series of conference calls to facilitate communication in the farm movement concerning legislation and organizing.

35. Grey Panthers (Chicago, IL) - \$350 for expenses in providing educational workshops for members to support a Resolution for a National Health Service by the City Council of Chicago.

36. Cooperative News Service (New Haven, CT) - \$500 to subsidize the distribution of this group's articles to grass-roots newspapers.

That's it for this month. As the new staffperson, I'm looking forward to meeting you on June 2cd in New York. If you can't be there, please fill out the attached proxy sheet and enclose it in the accompanying business reply envelope. Many thanks.

Nancy

Nancy Moniz

Proxy Sheet for June 2cd Board Meeting

1. Franklin County Committee on Central America Y N M
2. Texas Observer Y N M
3. Portland Central America Solidarity Committee Y N M
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