New Grants, March 1997

KARUNA CENTER/WOMEN OF BOSNIA
Leverett, MA/Bosnia: $2,000.

This International Nonviolence Training Fund (INTF) grant goes for a "Dialogue for Healing" training project with women in the Sanski Most region of Bosnia who have survived the multiple traumas of war, sexual abuse, incarceration and loss of family, home and community. The project is organized in collaboration with the Women's Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina, a nonprofit organization offering humanitarian services to more than 75,000 women.

MICHIGAN FAITH AND RESISTANCE PEACE TEAM (MPT)
Lansing, MI: $2,000.

MPT offers training workshops in empowered nonviolent peacemaking. MPT's projects in 1996 included preparing teams to nonviolently confront the violence triggered by Ku Klux Klan rallies in Michigan; training a peace team that will help deter human rights abuses in Chiapas, Mexico; training strikers from a union in Detroit; and providing a peace team to accompany 200 disenfranchised members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in Michigan who were occupying tribal headquarters to protest their ejection from the tribe. Our grant goes for mailings to inform people about MPT's work.

PACIFIC CAMPAIGN FOR DISARMAMENT AND SECURITY
Yokohama, Japan: $940.

Our grant goes for production of a "People's Report" on the third ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), which brings together regional governments with the US, Canada and the European Community to discuss security issues. PCDS works to advance the interests of small communities in the ARF process to ensure that the new security structure developed by the participating governments is rooted in social justice, nonviolence, human rights, disarmament, democracy and environmental wellbeing. The report is to be distributed to grassroots groups, media and the foreign affairs ministries of participating nations.

WISCONSIN COORDINATING COUNCIL ON NICARAGUA (WCCN)
Madison, WI: $1,525.

Wisconsin and Nicaragua have been sister states since 1964, and since 1984 WCCN has been pursuing peace and social justice in partnership with Nicaraguans. Our grant goes to fund a series of appearances in the US by the "Ocho de Marzo" Women's Theater Project from Managua, which uses popular theater to challenge gender inequities and combat violence against women. Ocho de Marzo's US tour is part of a campaign to raise awareness in the US about the universal problem of violence against women and to share strategies for confronting this violence.

If you are making up your will, we hope you will consider leaving a bequest to the Muste Institute to ensure the continuation of our work in the future. A suggested simple wording to use in making bequests is: "I bequeath_____) dollars ($_____) or_____)percent of my estate to the A.J. Muste Memorial Institute, Inc., a charitable, not-for-profit organization located at 339 Lafayette Street, New York, New York, 10012, to be used for its general purposes." To discuss other types of bequests, such as those directed toward a specific purpose, write or call Murray Rosenblith, the Institute's Executive Director.

The A.J. Muste Memorial Institute makes small grants to groups doing nonviolent organizing for social change. If you know of such a group, please encourage them to apply to us for funding. Write the A.J. Muste Memorial Institute, 339 Lafayette St., New York, NY 10012 or call us at (212) 533-4335 to receive a copy of our grant guidelines and our latest roster of grants. Our next deadline for proposals will be August 11, 1997. Our guidelines and grant rosters are also available on our web site, located at http://www.nonviolence.org/ajmuste

Planning for Our Future

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change. Among the priorities we've identified are coalition-building efforts; facilitating dialogue among groups on the relationship of nonviolent action to social change work; supporting young people to develop as activists for peace and justice; and creating and distributing more resources for these efforts.

Central to our ability to function and grow as an institution is the question of funding. As we continue this planning process, we will be working on expanding our base of supporters. We all agree that the need for our efforts will continue and increase in the coming years. Our deliberations on meeting our mission will include plans for the creation of greater reserves for building operations and programs. We have already set a date for another meeting in June of this year to continue our plans. As we move from the general to the specific in our discussions, we'll keep you posted on our progress.

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