New Grants, January 1996

CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF POLITICAL GRAPHICS

Los Angeles, CA: $1,250.

Established in 1988, the Center is the only activist poster archive in the US. Our grant went for a guide to accompany a poster exhibition on racism and anti-Semitism entitled "Race, Lies and Stereotypes," which will premiere in the Fall of 1996. The guide will be given away free and will contain an essay, reproductions of key posters, and a resource list of organizations working to end racism, anti-Semitism and discrimination.

DAUFUSKIE: ONE ISLAND/TWO WORLDS

New York, NY: $1,250.

This video documentary addresses the social and economic consequences of resort development on the primarily African-American community of Daufuskie, a small South Carolina island. Hoping to inspire and help other communities organize against this type of development, the documentary will tell the story of how seven poor and mostly elderly islanders took on two of the largest corporations in the US and triumphed.

FLORIDA COALITION FOR PEACE & JUSTICE

Gainesville, FL: $1,250.

Since 1982, this coalition has been working to build a diverse statewide organization in Florida. Our grant supports a 725-mile walk to address environmental racism and related issues. "Walk for the Earth: A Journey for Future Generations" is to begin on Feb. 24 in the Everglades and end on April 13 with a demonstration in the state capital, Tallahassee.

KURVE WUSTROW/IFOR

Wustrow, Germany: $1,500.

The International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR) and Kurve Wustrow, a nonviolence training center in northern Germany, are organizing an "International Training for Nonviolence in the Context of War or Armed Conflict," scheduled for April 1996 in Germany. The project will bring together leaders and members of movements facing war or direct violence, to deepen their understanding of the principles and practice of active nonviolence, and to explore together possible responses to issues and situations they are likely to confront. This grant from our International Nonviolence Training Fund goes toward costs of bringing a trainer from Asia to join the training team.

MIRAMIDA

Pakrac, Croatia: $2,000.

MIRamiDA Information and Training Centre serves as an information center for local and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the Balkans. Our International Nonviolence Training Fund grant goes to support grassroots peace-building trainings for participants recruited from all countries of the former Yugoslavia.

ORGANIZATION FOR PEACE AND DISARMAMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA (OPEDISA)

Bulawayo, Zimbabwe: $2,500.

OPEDISA runs a resource and communications center which operates as a peace library and office. This International Nonviolence Training Fund grant goes for a workshop in March 1996 to train mediators and negotiators for conflict resolution.

WASHINGTON COALITION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY

Seattle, WA: $1,250.

Founded in 1983, WCADP seeks to organize opposition to the death penalty. Our grant goes for the coalition's 1996 public education campaign, marking the 20th anniversary of the reinstatement of capital punishment in the US and in Washington state. The campaign will include a speakers' tour, press conferences and other media work, and the production of resource materials.

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 is April 22, 1996.

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