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National Endowment for Democracy

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“The objective I propose is quite simple to state: to foster the infrastructure of democracy—the system of a free press, unions, political parties, universities—which allows a people to choose their own way, to develop their own culture, to reconcile their own differences through peaceful means.”

—President Ronald Reagan
June 1982

“Through its everyday efforts, the Endowment provides renewed evidence of the universality of the democratic ideal and of the benefits to our nation of our continued international engagement.”

—President Bill Clinton
April 1997

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Chairman's Message:

What, in the post-Cold War period, is the relevance of the National Endowment for Democracy?

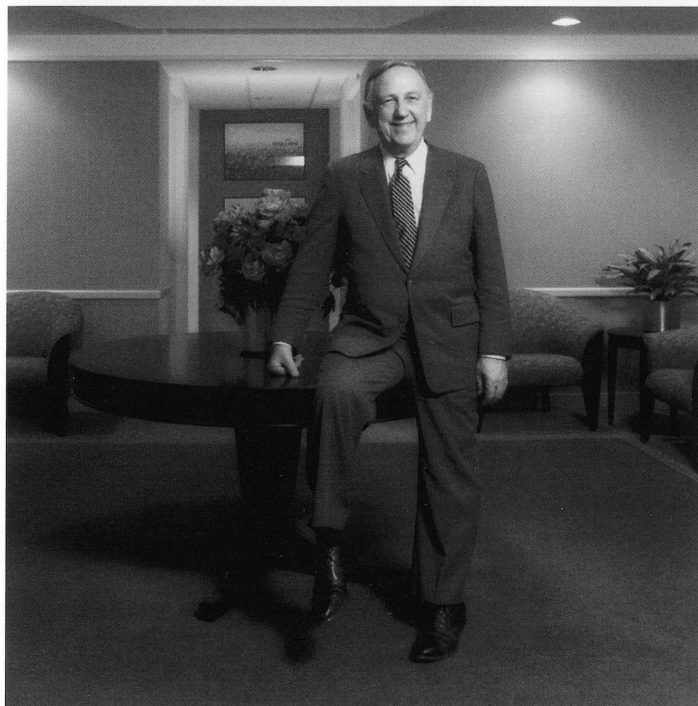
This is a fair question. For with the demise of the Soviet empire, the struggle between democracy and communism is, with the important exceptions of the People's Republic of China, Cuba, and North Korea, over. Most—not all—of the post-communist states have made progress toward self-government and market economies that many would argue is irreversible. The “third wave” of democratization that began with the transitions of Greece, Portugal, and Spain in the 1970s has moved into a period of consolidation. As President Clinton said in his Inaugural Address on January 20, 1997, “...for the very first time in all of history, more people on this planet live under democracy than dictatorship.”

In addition to the evidence of democratic advance, there is a related issue: although the NED budget is modest—\$30 million currently—can the United States, at a time of budgetary constraints, afford to invest in promoting democracy abroad?

Critics of the Endowment often argue two points. First, they assert, since the United States no longer faces a military threat from the Communist bloc, our vital national interests are not at stake and thus championing democracy in other countries is an unnecessary expense.

On the other hand, some contend that with the end of the Cold War, the United States government itself can openly and directly encourage democracy. There is no need for the government to finance a nongovernmental organization like NED when federal entities such as the Agency for International Development (AID) and the United States Information Agency (USIA) are charged, among their responsibilities, with fostering democracy abroad.

I strongly disagree with both these contentions. Let me say why.



First, because the United States is the world's only superpower—economically, militarily, and politically—our interests are necessarily global. And with more and more porous borders, sovereign nations, including ours, cannot control the international flow of goods and information, including jobs, drugs, and crime. In such a world, for Americans, the more democracies the better!

As United States Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott wrote recently in *Foreign Affairs*:

In an increasingly interdependent world Americans have a growing stake in how other countries govern, or misgovern, themselves. The larger and more close-knit the community of nations that choose democratic forms of government, the safer and more prosperous Americans will be, since democracies are demonstrably more likely to maintain their international commitments, less likely to engage in terrorism or wreak environmental damage and less likely to make war on each other.¹

In the international climate today, the American values of human rights, pluralist democracy, and the rule of law reinforce the American interests of peace, security, and free trade.

During the Cold War, the West focused on fighting communism. But all forms of tyranny are inimical to our values. It is in the interest of the United States to stanch dictatorships and to encourage democracy.

1. Strobe Talbott, “Democracy and the National Interest,” *Foreign Affairs* (November-December 1996), 48-49.

Second, NED carries out activities different from those of governmental agencies. Because the Endowment is a small, nongovernmental organization, it does not operate under the constraints of federal institutions that must (and should) serve U.S. diplomatic interests. Moreover, NED grants are made to private, grassroots organizations, not to governments.

The Endowment is thus able to act in certain countries where the involvement of an official U.S. government agency may complicate our diplomacy and conflict with our desire to help democratic activists.

It is essential to note, however, that the Endowment furthers the overall American interest in spreading democracy. For example, in Belgrade, NED supports Radio B92, the important independent radio station, and the Center for Anti-War Action, founded by Vesna Pestic, an influential critic of the Milosevic regime and a leader of the Zajedno ("Together") opposition coalition.

Fundamental to democracy is pluralism—the effective participation in society of a variety of associations independent of government. We can encourage pluralism in other lands by demonstrating it in our own approach to furthering democracy.

Larry Diamond, senior research fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution, coeditor of the *Journal of Democracy* and codirector of NED's International Forum for Democratic Studies, makes the point:

In an endeavor such as democracy promotion, where the challenges are diverse in character, scale, countries, and cultures, there is value in pluralism of approaches and donor organizations. For countries whose over-centralization of government and public life retards democratic development, centralizing the provision of U.S. (not to mention international) democratic assistance through a single agency would hardly provide a useful model or message. Vigorous pluralism of U.S. democracy promotion actors exposes democratic forces abroad to the diversity (and tolerance of diversity) intrinsic to democracy and creates a richer repertoire of donors and methods that are able to relate effectively to a wider range of potential recipients.²

I agree with Diamond's analysis and that's why I support the democracy-building work of AID and USIA even as my colleagues and I on the board of the National Endowment for Democracy, for some of the reasons I have assigned, believe so deeply in the crucial contributions of NED to the continuing drive for democracy in a world in which hundreds of millions of people do not yet enjoy the blessings of liberty and self-government.

So we are grateful that President Clinton champions the work of NED and has placed extending democracy at the forefront of the American foreign policy agenda, even as we appreciate the strong support for our efforts from both Democrats and Republicans in Congress.

A retiring member of the NED board, former National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski, recently shared with the board his vision for America in the post-Cold War period, a vision in which the National Endowment for Democracy plays a significant role. Brzezinski highlighted three issues:

First is the continuing need for consolidation of democracies still in transition. Although democracy has blossomed, especially in the former Soviet bloc, it is still vulnerable and superficial there. In Russia, for example, free elections have been conducted, but the rule of law is weak and we have not yet seen a sitting president give up his office to a newly elected one.

Second, we must make the case for the universalization of the benefits of democracy. The desire for freedom and self-expression is innate in all humans and all cultures. Democracy is not the private property of the United States and Europe. We must, therefore, help democratic activists in every part of the world.

Third, said Brzezinski, we must revitalize democracy in the West and especially in our own country. Although not part of NED's mandate, through the International Forum for Democratic Studies we can stimulate thinking about how the central themes in democracy building today can be applied at home.

I think it clear, then, that in order to defend American interests and articulate our values in the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries, Americans need an organization like the National Endowment for Democracy. As a distinguished former member of the Endowment board, Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright, has said, "A decade or two from now, we will be known as the generation that solidified the global triumph of democratic principles, or as the new isolationists who allowed totalitarianism and fascism to rise again."

NED will be on the side of "democratic principles."



John Brademas
Chairman
December 1996

2. Larry Diamond, *Promoting Democracy in the 1990s: Actors and Instruments, Issues and Imperatives* (report prepared for the Carnegie Commission on Preventing Deadly Conflict, December 1995), 30.

President's Message:

A former State Department official, who was somewhat familiar with one of the four NED institutes, recently asked me to describe the Endowment's role and how it differed from, or complemented, the role of the institutes. My answer, which was far more than he expected, went something like this:

The Endowment is a grant-making institution governed by an independent, nonpartisan board of directors. The NED funds programs of the four institutes, but does not actually carry out programs of its own. The Endowment also has a substantial "discretionary" grants program that provides direct support to democratic activist groups throughout the world. Such groups include, for example, grassroots human rights organizations in Nigeria and Zaire, women's groups and Islamic moderates in the Middle East, civic groups working for free elections in Mexico, and prodemocracy activists in Cuba, China, and Burma. Grants are also made to free media, such as independent radio stations and newspapers in the Balkans, Russia, and Central Asia, and to groups promoting civic education and liberal values throughout the former Soviet bloc.

Even this, I said, does not fully describe NED's role. The Endowment produces the *Journal of Democracy*, which has become the foremost publication on democracy in the world. In the journal, academics and democratic practitioners from some 60 countries have published articles, many of which have been reproduced in six books published by a top university press. The journal is part of the International Forum for Democratic Studies, NED's research center that is financed primarily with private funds. The Forum organizes conferences focusing on the state of democracy in particular countries as well as on critical issues facing democrats around the world, e.g., civil-military relations, political parties, economic reform, and government accountability. It also maintains a small visiting fellows program and a Democracy Resource Center consisting of a library and archives on democracy, a World Wide Web site on the Internet, and a democracy-promotion grants database.



Through its grants program and the Forum, the Endowment is able to serve both as a networking center for democratic activists around the world and as a bridge between democratic practitioners and intellectuals. Recently, the Endowment has begun to add still another dimension to its role. Through the Forum, the Endowment has been able to undertake joint initiatives with research centers in new and established democracies, with a view toward encouraging these countries to develop their own NED-type institutions. Among the countries the Endowment has been able to engage in this way are Japan, Taiwan, Portugal, South Korea, and India. In time, it may become possible to draw political foundations in these and other democracies into the loose coordinating network of European and North American democracy-promotion groups that NED initiated at the request of Congress several years ago.

NED is thus not just an umbrella grant-making institution for the four institutes. It is also a focal point for democracy-promotion activities around the world and the catalyst for a worldwide democratic movement consisting of grassroots activists, intellectuals, and NED-type political foundations.

This is roughly how I described NED's role. My interlocutor was genuinely impressed by the extraordinary scope of NED's work, especially given the modesty of its budget. The United States, he offered, benefits greatly from the \$30 million spent on NED, even more greatly than some of NED's best friends appreciate. We agreed that NED must find a way to communicate its dramatic message and unique contribution during a period of skepticism about international engagement.

That may be the greatest challenge now facing the Endowment. Because the Cold War pitted democracies in an ideological struggle against communist totalitarianism, the case for democracy promotion in that period was self-evident. But the case is no longer so obvious in the post-Cold War world, which is marked by remote and messy clashes over ethnic and religious differences. We who believe that America has a responsibility to support the advance of democracy in the world, and that NED is an indispensable means to accomplish this end, must make a fresh and compelling case for our position. In so doing, we have to answer a number of fundamental questions:

First, why does America have a stake in the spread of democracy? From the very founding of our country, long before the United States became a global power with worldwide interests, America was wedded to the legitimation and propagation of the principle of self-government. The friends of freedom in the world feel a natural affinity with America, just as freedom's enemies instinctively oppose America because of the values for which it stands. While America may not always live up to its potential as a beacon of freedom, the fact that it is taken to task for its failings underscores its historic responsibility to defend freedom. To make concrete America's continuing stake in democracy, one need only consider whether our relations would improve with a democratic China or Iran and whether they would deteriorate with Russia if it returned to totalitarianism. The answer is obvious.

Second, however desirable democracy might be, is it realistic to assume that non-Western cultures (or civilizations, as it is fashionable to say today) can become democratic? The answer is yes, if we assume that the pace of democratic evolution will vary depending upon many factors and that democracy will have to adapt to the distinctive features of different cultures. If Taiwan and India can be democratic, why can't Singapore and China? The fact that democracy exists in some African countries suggests that it should be possible in others. While no Arab country is democratic, the fact that Jordan and Morocco have made incremental progress and are well ahead of Libya and Syria suggests that democratic evolution is possible in the Middle East as well.

Third, can external assistance affect the pace and extent of democratization? Once again, the answer is yes, if one is to believe the dramatic testimony of those who are trying to build democracy in their countries. Certainly democracy cannot be imposed, except under the most unusual circumstances, such as the military occupation of Germany, Japan, and Italy after World War II. It is also important to distinguish between different kinds of help. Thus, helping to implement and monitor the procedures of democracy, such as elections, is simpler than trying to nurture the growth of democratic values. Different aspects of democracy suggest different forms of assistance. It is also necessary to appreciate the importance of little

victories, such as sustaining a human rights group or an independent publication in a repressive country, and not to insist upon rapid progress toward a mature democratic system. Extending assistance to brave people who take risks for freedom is worthy in and of itself, and it shouldn't have to be justified according to some artificial and unrealistic standards.

Finally, what special advantage is there in having NED as a means of providing assistance? The short answer is that NED has worked. It's shown that it can work effectively and expeditiously in difficult and extremely diverse contexts—elections in Russia, political defiance in Burma, human rights and reform in China—while relating research to activism and drawing free countries together into a widening circle of prodemocracy institutions. The Endowment is a low-budget program, well suited to a period of austerity.

NED has worked because it appreciates the importance of the ideas and values that animate and link like-minded activists and because it shares the hopes and aspirations that drive people to sacrifice for democratic freedoms. By not confusing democracy promotion with social engineering, it has been able to build relations of trust and solidarity with prodemocracy groups throughout the world. As a result, it has become a symbol of America's commitment to democracy's cause. By this point in time, therefore, the practical advantages of NED would seem to speak for themselves.

This is not to say that NED will not have to make the case for its mission over and over again. That is the nature of democracy. If taxpayer money is to be used for this program, it must be clear that the national interest is being well served. The NED is grateful to all those who have helped make the case for its mission and track record: Members of Congress and their staffs, officials of the administration, friends too numerous to mention. Like the people the Endowment assists, they are inspired by a belief in democracy and its universal relevance and potential. We are grateful to them for making it possible for us to carry on. And we thank them on behalf of those throughout the world who are trying to build for themselves and their children a democratic future.



Carl Gershman
President
December 1996

Africa:

During 1996, Africa's democratic progress was mixed.

On the one hand, South Africa, Ghana, and Sierra Leone took important steps toward greater freedom; on the other, Zaire, Nigeria, Liberia, and many other sub-Saharan nations remained in crisis. In some of these hardest cases, the Endowment has pursued an aggressive program of assistance to democrats who carry on despite the threat of looting, beatings, imprisonment, and assassination. The NED Africa program provides this assistance where most other donors have avoided involvement, overcoming formidable political, financial, and logistical obstacles to support initiatives that frequently have had a profound impact at an extraordinarily low cost in taxpayers' dollars. NED funds have also enabled independent South African groups to help ensure the future vigor of their new democracy.

This year, President Nelson Mandela established the legal framework for post-apartheid South Africa by signing the country's new constitution into law in December. Throughout the contentious constitutional development process, the South African Institute of Race Relations (SAIRR)—supported by NED grantee International Republican Institute—worked to safeguard the right to private property and to lay the groundwork for the application of the Bill of Rights. In early 1996, it appeared that the protection of private property would be removed from the draft constitution, threatening future economic growth. The SAIRR joined forces with other interest groups in a lobbying effort that succeeded in preserving constitutional protection for property rights. The SAIRR—having established a reputation as a key watchdog organization—also provided much of the language for the application clause of the Bill of Rights.



Above:

Five thousand Zairian women march for their rights in Goma at a rally organized by Promotion and Support for Women's Initiatives. (International Human Rights Law Group)

Meanwhile, in Nigeria, intensifying political repression by the military dictatorship has reduced the nation to a chaotic, destitute, corrupt tyranny. Last year the Endowment made grants to 12 groups there promoting human rights, press freedom, democracy education, and conflict resolution. In the face of danger, these organizations and others continue to distribute millions of leaflets; produce newspapers, magazines, and radio programs promoting human rights; provide legal defense for scores of victims of human rights abuses; empower communities through grassroots organization; and monitor and publicize human rights abuses. Ken Saro-Wiwa, chairman of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People, and eight fellow activists were hanged on November 10, 1995. Nineteen more Ogoni human rights activists are now on trial facing the same charges. Endowment funds are being used to support their legal defense against such political executions. The acting director of another Nigerian grantee, the Civil Liberties Organisation, became in 1996 the third NED Africa grantee to receive the prestigious Reebok Human Rights Award.

Zaire presents a no less daunting challenge. NED made grants to ten groups working for human rights and democratic elections in Zaire, which has been terrorized for more than 30 years by one of the world's most infamous dictators. NED has been nearly alone in providing material support to Zaire's dynamic democracy movement, which has led the phenomenal development of the country's civil society in the face of anarchy and the almost total absence of any infrastructure such as roads, telephones, banks, or even government. Thus in remote Kisangani, the Friends of Nelson Mandela (*Les Amis de Nelson Mandela*) has organized scores of human rights training workshops as its activists canvass the jungle on bicycles. With NED assistance, the newspaper *La Référence Plus* is transmitting news stories between its bureaus in Kinshasa, Kisangani, and Lubumbashi by means of ham radios connected to computers. The International Human Rights Law Group is providing human rights training and channeling small grants to local human rights organizations in violence-torn eastern Zaire. And the League of Voters (*Ligue des Electeurs*) is conducting voter education training programs for thousands of democracy activists, pollwatchers, and other electoral officials throughout the country, hitching rides on trucks and cargo aircraft, holding meetings in churches and schools, and otherwise creatively leveraging its modest NED grant.

While Nigeria is a case study of repression and Zaire of anarchy, Liberia's democracy movement experienced the essence of terror in 1996. The offices of nearly every one of NED's grantees were ransacked, many activists were temporarily evacuated to save their lives, and others were forced to suspend activities for several months as an orgy of looting and violence engulfed the capital, Monrovia, last spring. Yet calm had not even returned to the city before the Liberia Human Rights Chapter (LHRC) reopened its office—equipped with little more than paper and pencils—to begin the task of recording and monitoring the new human rights situation (1995 grant). In a heroic effort, NED grants and finance staff managed to transfer small amounts of cash through a Monrovia-based fishing company after LHRC staff endured days without food while seeking shelter from the mayhem. Sam Kofi Woods, director of the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, was near the top of a hit list compiled by one of the country's warlords, the church's radio station had been burnt to the ground, and the Commission's offices completely sacked. Yet after briefly seeking refuge in the United States, he declared before NED's board of directors in June, "As I am unshakable in my determination to return to Liberia, I look to the Endowment for encouragement and greater inspiration for our work in the global human rights and democratic movement, but especially, Liberia. I intend to return even more committed to continue the job of exposing the evil in our society: re-invigorate our human rights radio programs, reinforce human rights monitoring and documentation, and resurrect our legal aid programs and other endeavors that enhance the dignity of the human person." Today, Kofi is indeed back in Liberia, hard at work. ~

"Our work such as free legal assistance to indigent victims of human rights abuses, the aggressive campaign against the Nigerian military dictatorship, and the publication of our newsletters and reports would have been impossible, but for the continued assistance of your Endowment."

—Dr. Festus Iyai
President
Committee for the Defense of Human Rights
Nigeria

Angola

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$122,471

To train Angola's business associations in modern management techniques and the skills necessary to represent their members' interests in an effective manner.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$127,049

For expansion of the Democracy Studies Program, which promotes the transition to constitutional democracy; and to conduct three seminars for Angolan political, military, and civic leaders led by experts from four countries that are currently establishing democratic institutions through negotiated peace processes.

Congo

Congolese Human Rights Monitor

\$30,000

Observatoire Congolais des Droits de l'Homme

To conduct 20 human rights seminars for several hundred people in each of 11 targeted regions; to investigate human rights violations in these regions; and to distribute 2,000 copies of *Lumière*, a quarterly human rights bulletin.

Right:

Following the violence in Monrovia, NED Senior Program Officer Dave Peterson meets with the staff of a newspaper assisted by the Press Union of Liberia.

Cote d'Ivoire

Ivorian Human Rights League

\$36,000

Ligue Ivoirienne des Droits de l'Homme

To hold a series of democratization and human rights programs for rural women's organizations, local community leaders, police and military officers, and journalists; to work with school teachers on a human rights curriculum; and to continue the human rights course and internship program for law students.

Ethiopia

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$96,052

To train business associations in modern management techniques and the skills necessary to represent their members' interests effectively during the country's restoration of economic growth.

Gambia

West African Broadcasters Association

\$47,665

To hold a conference on the role of independent broadcasting in the emerging democracies of West Africa, followed by a series of workshops and publications on radio ethics, technical aspects of broadcasting, and training.

Ghana

Institute of Economic Affairs

\$36,000

To organize informal meetings that bring together NGO directors, professors, lawyers, and other civil society leaders to develop consensus on the election process and strategies to promote political party agreement; and to support workshops by these leaders for political party activists to alert them to the need for dialogue and cooperation.



Obrumankoma, Odapagyan and Oson Traditionals

\$20,220

To provide pre-election training to citizens through the staging of 35 traditional theater performances in rural areas and to encourage and assist in the formation of civic clubs in these areas.

Kenya

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$237,773

To bolster women's political organizing skills through a national seminar, which also disseminates practical information on running for office to potential women candidates; and to hold a series of multi-partisan, community-based educational activities on the importance of women's political involvement.

Liberia

Association of Liberian Professionals in the Americas

\$30,000

To conduct two five-day workshops in Liberia for professional organizations on leadership, managerial skills, standards, unity, communication, conflict resolution, and their role in the peace and electoral processes.

Center for Law and Human Rights Education

\$60,000

Providing human rights and legal assistance through its Monrovia clinic; continuing its radio program, *Know Your Rights*; investigating human rights in refugee camps; and continuing human rights monitoring and victim services.

Justice and Peace Commission

\$44,000

For human rights fact-finding and documentation; development of community watch programs and public seminars on human rights; the weekly radio program *Justice and Peace Forum*; and workshops for combatants, judges, prison officers, and police officers on their rights and responsibilities.

Liberia Women Initiative

\$24,000

To hold a series of seminars, workshops, and peace rallies throughout the country to engage women in issues of peace, democracy, human rights, and civic and social responsibility; and to broadcast two 30-minute weekly radio programs addressing women's issues and promoting women's participation in the democratic process.

Press Union of Liberia

\$36,000

Conducting training workshops for journalists in Liberia and refugee camps in neighboring countries; and continuing the Edward Wilmot Blyden Forum, a monthly public lecture series featuring prominent politicians, intellectuals, diplomats, and faction leaders.

Malawi

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$137,597

To the National Association of Business Women, for promoting women's entrepreneurship and small business by surveying members and involving them in the production of position papers that are publicized as a series of "Alerts" on small business issues; and for producing a bimonthly publication, *Women in Business*, which monitors and advocates economic reform.

University of Malawi

\$8,000

To publish a book of collected essays and articles that will record the transition and consolidation of democracy in Malawi.

Mali

Action Committee for Children's and Women's Rights

\$50,000

Comité d'Action pour les Droits de l'Enfant et de la Femme

To continue its civic education and advocacy program for women in the pre-election period, including three training workshops for 200 women activists; four public meetings; and a media campaign through radio, newspaper advertisements, posters, and t-shirts.

Mozambique

CoopArtes Editorial

\$20,000

Publishing a weekly, one-page supplement on human rights and democracy issues in *Demos*, one of the two independent weekly newspapers in Mozambique.

Niger

Nigerien Association for the Defense of Human Rights

\$35,000

Association Nigérienne pour la Défense des Droits de l'Homme

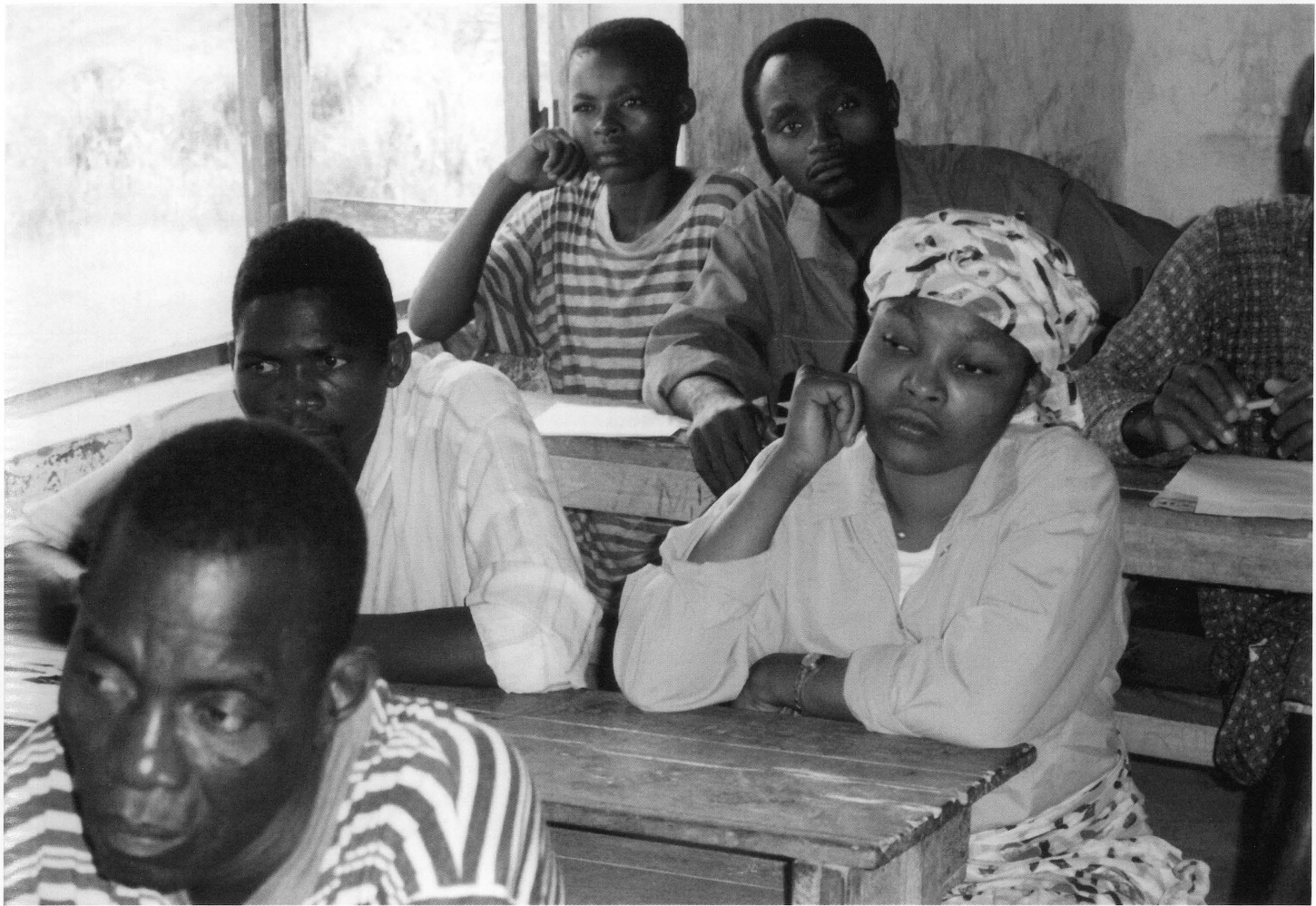
Organizing 24 conferences—including the second Annual Human Rights Congress—and eight regional forums on the promotion of democracy in Niger; publishing a bimonthly newsletter and an annual report on human rights; bestowing human rights awards; launching a pilot program on village democracy; and strengthening local chapters through increased public activities.

Nigeria

Campaign for Democracy

\$50,000

Helping this coalition of 70 Nigerian groups to strengthen its organizational structures and conduct a massive civic education program through press conferences, weekly press releases, distribution of 2.4 million leaflets, and the publication of 8,000 copies of their biweekly newspaper, *Democracy Echo*.



**Center for International
Private Enterprise**

\$77,996

Enabling the Nigerian Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines, and Agriculture (NACCIMA) to organize two six-day training workshops on public policy advocacy skills for 100 representatives of the Manufacturers' Association of Nigeria, the National Association of Small- and Medium-Scale Enterprises, the Nigerian Employers' Consultative Association, the Association of Nigerian Women in Business, the Chamber of Commerce, business councils, and NACCIMA.

Civil Liberties Organization

\$66,000

To convene, as part of its Democracy Action Project, a national conference of democratic groups; and to produce several publications, including posters, a monthly newsletter, a quarterly journal, and weekly human rights updates.

**Committee for the Defense of
Human Rights**

\$44,500

Providing legal aid to prodemocracy activists and others whose rights have been infringed; and distributing its quarterly human rights newsletter, *Victims*, and an annual report on the status of human rights in Nigeria—a document that often serves as the basis for international human rights activity on Nigeria.

Constitutional Rights Project

\$49,650

For a human rights education campaign that educates citizens through a newsletter, an annual report, posters and t-shirts with human rights messages, and a weekly newspaper column.

Above:

The Congolese Human Rights Monitor holds public seminars in 11 regions of Congo-Brazzaville.

Human Rights Monitor

\$35,000

To conduct and publish a human rights study, produce a monthly newsletter, and hold two two-day workshops for attorneys and other legal professionals on promoting human and civic rights.

**Institute for Human Rights and
Humanitarian Law**

\$30,000

To provide legal defense for the poor, monitor human rights violations, and teach local communities within Rivers State in southern Nigeria the skills to address human rights abuses.

**The International Center
for Global Communications
Foundation**

\$25,000

To produce a 30-minute episode on Nigeria, "Rights and Wrongs: Human Rights Television," for distribution through USIA's WorldNet satellite network to many African countries and to the United States on over 130 public television stations.

**International Human Rights
Law Group**

\$50,000

Bringing together democratic activists from Nigeria and South Africa at a conference allowing South African activists to share with their Nigerian counterparts the experience garnered from their struggle against apartheid.

**Movement for the Survival of
the Ogoni People-U.K.**

\$25,000

To the London-based office of Nigeria's Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People, for the legal defense of 19 Ogoni human rights activists and other victims of increasing state repression in Ogoniland.

Below:

The Zairian office of the International Human Rights Law Group teaches citizens about their rights.

National Democratic Coalition

\$40,000

To design a database of information on prodemocracy activities in Nigeria and promote the establishment of democratic rule through publications, meetings, and conferences.

Sema Limited

\$26,910

To conduct workshops on conflict management and democracy building—one of the few groups promoting and providing training in alternative dispute resolution.

Sierra Leone

Campaign for Good Governance

\$21,750

For two seven-day journalism training workshops for 50 journalists in collaboration with the South African Institute for the Advancement of Journalism.

Somalia And Somaliland

Fund for Peace

\$50,000

To establish four regional women's peace centers that will provide training in conflict management and organizational development and will launch nationwide peace initiatives, including the creation of a network of local peace committees and the drafting of a national peace education program.

South Africa

**Center for International
Private Enterprise**

\$157,657

To conduct management training and education for independent business associations and to investigate ways to develop a permanent training capability in South Africa through a train-the-trainer component or licensing of materials to a local institution.

**International Republican
Institute**

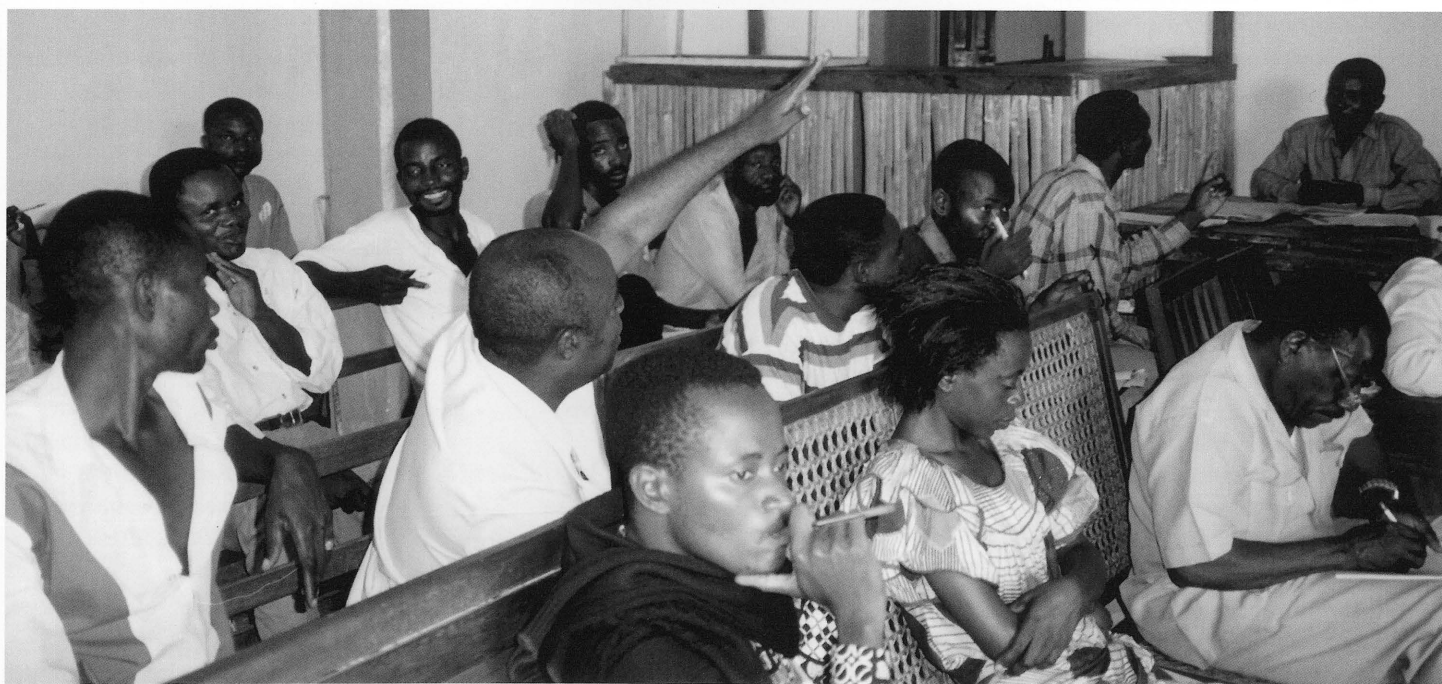
\$56,000

To enable the South African Institute of Race Relations to monitor civil liberties and publish issue briefs.

**National Democratic Institute
for International Affairs**

\$31,511

To expand a parliamentary studies program for newly elected South African ministers and legislators that allows them to travel and observe parliamentary procedures in comparable settings.



Sudan

Babiker Badri Scientific Association for Women Studies
\$20,000

For publication of two issues of *Women* magazine and three booklets focusing on peace and women's rights, and for a six-month leadership training-of-trainers course for female village leaders at Ahfad University for Women.

Fund for Peace
\$40,000

Publishing the 12-page monthly newsletter *Sudan Democratic Gazette*, which provides an objective southern Sudanese perspective and serves as an influential advocate for a secular, multi-party democracy in Sudan.

Fund for Peace
\$50,000

Funding human rights activists engaged in documenting abuses, assisting the victims of violations, and increasing public awareness of human rights through a small subgrants program; providing technical assistance to human rights organizations; and developing training materials on human rights and institution building.

Sudan Human Rights Organization
\$30,000

For a series of human rights educational and cultural programs; for the publication of testimonies of human rights victims, a comparison of Sudanese laws with international human rights norms, and *The Sudanese Human Rights Quarterly*; and for expansion of the organization's legal aid project.

Zaire

Friends of Nelson Mandela
\$25,000
Les Amis de Nelson Mandela

For two week-long workshops to introduce 150 residents from a broad cross-section of Kisangani's population to human rights principles and to teach them activities that can be carried out to improve local conditions.

International Human Rights Law Group
\$30,000

Enabling human rights group Haki Za Binadamu-Maniema to conduct eight civic education seminars and three human rights workshops in the Maniema region localities of Kailo, Pangi, Kasongo, Punia, Kibombo, and Kindu.

International Human Rights Law Group
\$70,000

To continue its program of institutional capacity building, human rights advocacy, and civic education training in eastern Zaire; and to award small grants to three or four local groups.

International Human Rights Law Group
\$25,000

To sponsor the activities of Promotion and Support for Women's Initiatives, including a biweekly radio program, seminars with local chapters, production of a human rights manual for women in Swahili, and a public speaking program at local schools.

La Référence Plus
\$30,980

For a communication network that uses ham radios and computers to link its Kinshasa-based office to correspondents in Kisangani and Lubumbashi, which will allow the paper to publish more current information on democracy and human rights issues.

League of Voters
\$40,000

Ligue des Electeurs

To conduct a one-week training-of-trainers seminar in Kinshasa for 15 participants from all regions of Zaire to obtain skills in civic education and election observation training, and to provide critical infrastructure support.

Network for Democratic Development and Popular Education
\$25,000

Réseau des ONG de Développement Démocratique pour l'Éducation Populaire

For eight civic education training-of-trainers seminars in cities throughout the Bandundu region.

Promotion of Rural Women
\$20,000

Promotion de la Femme Rurale

To implement a program of civic education for the rural population of Kananga, in southwestern Zaire, including ten election training-of-trainers sessions and ten general civic education courses aimed primarily at women.

Voice of the Voiceless
\$56,000

La Voix des Sans Voix

For three training sessions on the basic tenets of human rights and democracy in Goma, for a Kinshasa-focused program of human rights and general civic education for Voice of the Voiceless chapters there, and for publication of an annual report and the quarterly bulletin *Eveil du Patriote*.

Zairian Association for the Defense of Human Rights
\$60,000

Association Zairoise de Défense des Droits de l'Homme (AZADHO)

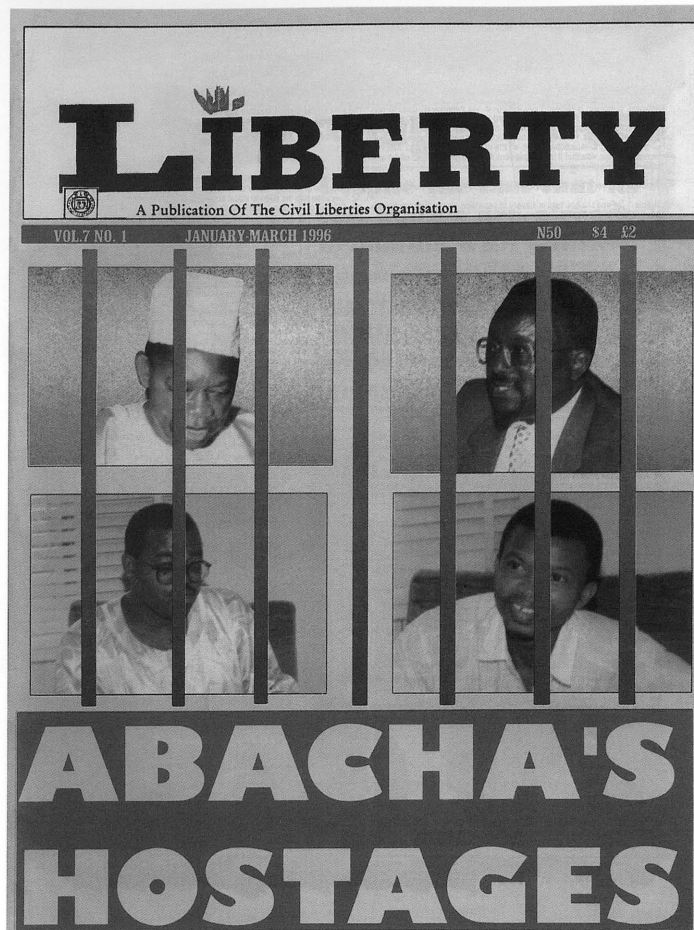
For human rights, election preparation, and civic education programs, including the publication of six issues of *Périodique des Droits de l'Homme*, an annual report, court fees for 1,000 cases throughout Zaire, and four paralegal training workshops.

Zimbabwe

Column Width Ltd.
\$14,000

To publish several issues of *Horizon Magazine* and increase its distribution.

Right:
The monthly newsletter of the
Civil Liberties Organisation
exposes human rights abuses
in Nigeria.



Regional

**Center for International
Private Enterprise**
\$87,620

To conduct management training and education for independent business associations in Senegal and Cote d'Ivoire: members of employers' federations, women's business associations, and local branches of the independent West African Enterprise Network are instructed in leadership skills, strategic work plans, and other practical knowledge necessary to represent their members' interests effectively.

Free Trade Union Institute
\$80,000

To enable the African American Labor Center to conduct 20 democracy workshops in 16 countries, thereby teaching 500 trade union members and lower-level elected leaders about democratic governance, checks and balances, human and worker rights, citizen participation, and elections.

**National Democratic Institute
for International Affairs**
\$62,739

To help Cap Africa organize a regional seminar for 30 West African political and civic leaders, academics, and jurists to discuss ways to support democratic transitions and processes in Africa, as well as to explore and promote methods for diffusing conflict.

**National Democratic Institute
for International Affairs**
\$199,717

For a technical study mission to consult with civilian and military actors from countries vulnerable to military coups in order to develop recommendations and common strategies for defending democracy and civilian rule.

**Study and Research Group
on Democracy and Economic
and Social Development**
\$150,000

*Groupe d'Etudes et de
Recherche sur la Démocratie
et le Développement Economique
et Sociale*

To initiate the Institute for Democratic Studies and Development, which will develop training programs for policy makers in new democracies; to offer civic education seminars on government accountability and nco democracy-promotion activities in Ethiopia, Burundi, Zaire, and Liberia; and to publish a newsletter, *Democracy and Development*, and a political science review, *Africa Democracy*. ~

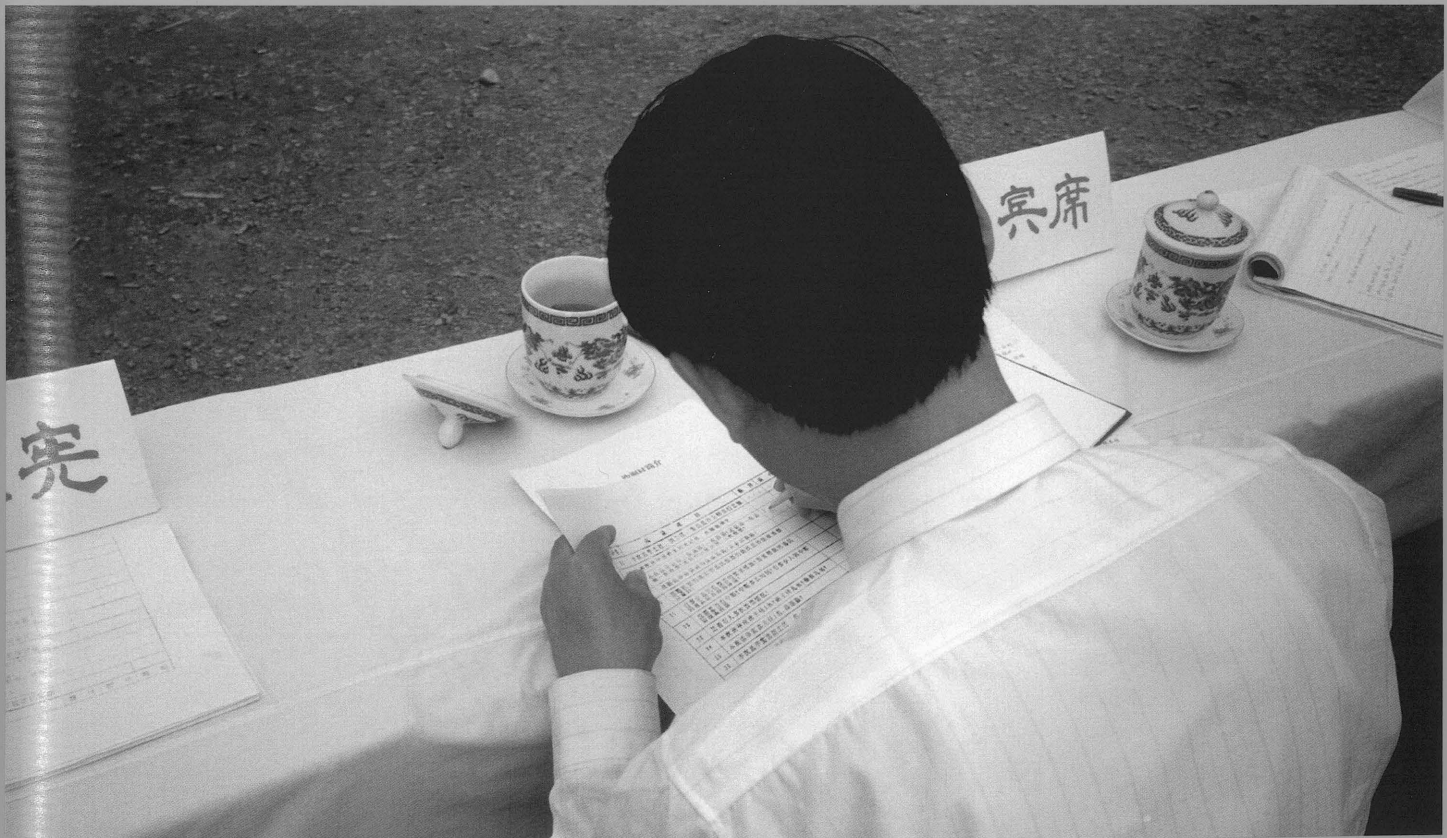
Asia:

While the East Asian economic miracle and transitions from authoritarian regimes to democratic forms of government in Taiwan, South Korea, and Thailand attract well-deserved attention, the region also contains all but two of the communist one-party states left in the world. North Korea, China, Vietnam, Laos, and Burma stand out as regimes that continue to repress their own people and to pose threats to regional and world stability. The Endowment provides support to prodemocracy activists working under severe conditions of repression in the three largest of these countries. In other parts of the region, the Endowment is able to help democrats in a variety of circumstances, whether the task is democratic consolidation following the fall of a previous regime, as in Cambodia and Mongolia, or attempting to spur the genuine political transformation of the "soft authoritarian" regimes in Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore.

Below:

A Chinese election official is trained by IRI in voting procedures in village elections.

In Burma, China, and Vietnam, NED supported programs provide information, material assistance, and a lifeline to the outside world to prodemocracy individuals and groups working under severely repressive conditions. The diversity and vigor of the Burmese and Chinese prodemocracy movements allowed for relatively large allocations of funds for these countries. In Burma, the Endowment provided vital support for the democracy movement led by the National League for Democracy and Nobel Laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. Through its discretionary program, NED enabled the Burmese in exile and living in the border areas of the country to overcome the censorship and crude propaganda of the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) regime through a variety of information-related initiatives. In 1996, NED supported a twice-daily radio program taped in Thailand and the border areas of Burma, an international newsletter, and a highly popular Burmese-language underground newspaper whose circulation has risen from 3,000 copies per issue to 8,000 copies per issue in less than three years. The Endowment has also made possible pioneering coalition-building efforts among the democratic opposition and the long-aggrieved ethnic groups. This was the first successful effort to arrange face-to-face



talks among groups demoralized and divided by 40 years of civil war since massive SLORC military offenses against the ethnic groups on the eastern border began in 1993. Because all four core institutes are now active in support of efforts to restore democracy in Burma, the Endowment has been able to contribute more than ever before to a comprehensive and effective set of initiatives by the Burmese living in Thailand and India to continue supporting the beleaguered National League for Democracy members and other democracy movement supporters inside the country.

In China, the Endowment is able to support both various prodemocracy networks—comprising dissidents and human rights supporters who must operate under severe constraints—and programs that take advantage of opportunities created by official economic, legal, and municipal reform policies. To enable dissidents to freely circulate information and opinion in spite of increasingly harsh government efforts to crush independent voices, NED programs supported several Chinese-language prodemocracy periodicals, Internet publications, and a newspaper. NED also supported a variety of democratic information dissemination projects for Tibetan audiences in Tibet, India, and the United States. To provide some international protection for victims of government harassment inside the country, NED grantee Human Rights in China (HRIC) maintained around-the-clock human rights monitoring and reporting, via faxed press releases, during government crackdowns and trials of key dissidents such as Wang Dan and Wei Jingsheng. Issuing more than 35 press releases, in addition to a quarterly bilingual magazine and several in-depth reports, HRIC achieved widespread coverage of their information in the wire services and major newspapers not only in the United States, but in Hong Kong, Taiwan, other parts of Asia, and Europe as well. In addition, the Free Trade Union Institute continued to support a network of labor rights researchers, advocates, and educators.

The Endowment also supported efforts of liberal democrats and scholars inside China to advance significant reforms. In addition to several discretionary programs concentrated on policy research and analysis, the International Republican Institute (IRI) continued its legislative development program. IRI also worked to institutionalize and improve local election procedures and initiated training in local governance for elected, village-level officials. The Center for International Private Enterprise supported a symposium series on public affairs in Beijing, an international conference on the role of the private sector, and a program to educate business management teachers and entrepreneurs in business ethics and the role of business in civil society.

The pace of democratic institutionalization in Mongolia has stepped up dramatically following the spectacular victory in the June 1996 parliamentary elections of the democratic opposition coalition, which has benefited from IRI training and consultation over the past four years. The peaceful handover from the ruling former-communist party, which had been in power continuously for 75 years, to a liberal-democratic majority in parliament creates an opening for Mongolia to begin making progress in the consolidation of democracy. Toward this goal, the Endowment also supported the League of Democratic Mongolian Women (LEOS), a women's NGO that provides democracy and human rights education for the nation's widely dispersed population and conducts activities to encourage greater popular participation in government and policy making.

“We, the Third World people in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, still have a life-and-death struggle for democracy, freedom, and justice against ruthless dictatorships. The NED’s support for our struggles, in the face of severely limited resources, is of great importance and could make a difference between total victory and defeat for the democratic forces.”

—Dr. Sein Win
Prime Minister
National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma



Burma

Albert Einstein Institution \$60,000

Providing consultations, intensive courses, and publications on strategic nonviolent struggle to a range of Burmese prodemocracy groups, including several ethnic and student organizations.

Associates to Develop Democratic Burma \$40,000

To publish *Burma Alert*, an eight-page monthly international newsletter about the democracy movement in Burma with a circulation of 5,000; to maintain an archive for materials on Burma's democracy movement; and to manage the Burma Donors Secretariat, which coordinates the work of organizations with projects in the region.

Center for International Private Enterprise \$66,295 (NED) + \$40,000 (State Dept. Funds)

Enabling the Associates to Develop Democratic Burma to serve as a coordinating center where Burmese and international economists research, debate, and draft economic development and liberalization strategies that can be implemented once political openings occur.

Free Trade Union Institute
\$400,000 (State Dept. Funds)
For the Asian American Free Labor Institute to enable Burma's exiled labor movement, the Federation of Trade Unions-Burma, to carry out education programs on labor rights and democracy and to offer its well-established infrastructure to assist the efforts of the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma, the All Burma Students Democratic Front, and other prodemocracy groups.

Human Rights for the People of Burma \$115,000

In collaboration with the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma and the Norwegian Burma Council, to continue the *Democratic Voice of Burma* radio broadcast, which airs world news, information on the Burmese democracy movement, and ethnic language programming in Burma, India, and Thailand twice daily.

International Republican Institute \$120,000

To assist the National League for Democracy-Liberated Areas in reconstituting its organization and leadership structure within SLORC-controlled Burma, and to allow the Political Defiance Committee to train Burmese to oppose human and civil rights abuses nonviolently.

Above:
The Khmer Student Association in Cambodia holds a lecture on "The Role of Youth in the Process of Free and Fair Elections."

National Coalition for Democracy \$55,000

To enable the National Coalition for Democracy and the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma to promote increased international pressure on Burma's dictatorship to respond to Aung San Suu Kyi's offer of a political dialogue, including testifying before the UN Commission for Human Rights in February 1997 and advocating a strengthened mandate for the UN Special Rapporteur for Human Rights.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs \$247,786

For a six-month program to enhance the advocacy skills of local democrats and further their message internationally, develop a Burmese-democracy support network in Asia, and encourage greater dialogue and cooperation among Burmese democratic forces.

New Era Journal

\$36,000

For a newspaper published by exiled journalists and editors and smuggled into the country: *New Era Journal* provides extensive and accurate information about current conditions in Burma, the prodemocracy movement, and complete texts of speeches and policy statements by democracy activists and groups.

Nonviolence International

\$70,000

Conducting workshops in strategic nonviolence for the Burmese Political Defiance Committee in Thailand and the India-based Committee for Nonviolent Action in Burma (CNAB), and awarding subgrants to the Democratic Party for a New Society and CNAB for democratic organizing and expanding information networks into and outside of Burma.

Cambodia

American Assistance for Cambodia

\$25,000

Training students and journalists in the principles and techniques of a free press through a year-round series of eight-week courses that include a practicum with a local newspaper.

Cambodian Institute of Human Rights

\$15,000

For a series of weekly television and radio programs and a weekly newspaper column that address human rights and democracy issues.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$103,913

Through the Center for Advanced Studies, enabling businesses to better present their views to the government and the National Assembly, publishing four quarterly papers on economic and business policy issues, and organizing four workshops in which the authors and researchers present the papers to government officials and legislators.

Human Rights Vigilance of Cambodia

\$44,000

For an initial training-of-trainers program, followed by a series of intensive four-day workshops in ten provinces to train approximately 4,000 civilian and military police officers in human rights.

International Human Rights League

\$65,000

For ongoing field training and individual follow-up assistance to at least 12 Cambodian NGOs in the areas monitoring and advocacy, and for the production and publication of Khmer-language training and reference materials.

International Republican Institute

\$175,847

Holding multi-party workshops that focus on the organizational development of and coordination between non-elected parties, and preparing members of the Khmer Women in Politics Network to ready local women for possible candidacy in the 1997 elections and to further institutionalize women's roles within the provincial political parties.

International Republican Institute

\$385,000

To continue political development training for democratic political parties and professionalization training for women party activists through seminars and workshops on intra-party communications, party organization strategies, platform and message development, campaign activities, candidate recruitment and media training, coalition development, and party-government relations.

Khmer Students Association

\$30,000

For a monthly newsletter; a public affairs and democracy lecture series; a library; and training of KSA members to lead student involvement in the 1998 national elections, community service projects, and vocational and computer skills training courses.

Left:

Burma's exiled democrats convene despite crackdowns by the ruling junta.





National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$234,836

To assist NGOs with the development of civic education materials and programs, and to lay the foundation for an NGO election monitoring effort in 1997-98 by providing technical assistance to prospective election monitoring NGOs and supporting the development of a broad-based NGO election monitoring coalition.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$162,787

For civic and voter education efforts in anticipation of upcoming local and national elections, and for extensive training in election monitoring for the Committee for Free and Fair Elections in Cambodia and the Coalition for Free and Fair Elections.

China

American Council of Learned Societies

\$60,000

To equip and train three additional local partners in China to expand the Hong Kong-based Law-on-Line project, a bilingual database of information and documentation on human rights laws and legal issues available on the Internet.

Center for Modern China

\$40,000

Publishing the Chinese-language quarterly *Modern China Studies*, which exposes policy makers and intellectuals inside China to independent social science analyses of issues relevant to China's transition to democracy.

Above:

Democratic opposition leader S. Batchuluun signs the "Contract with Mongolia."

China Strategic Institute

\$130,000

For a study of constitutional reform by a network of 40 scholars and experts inside China, the publication of results in Chinese and Western media and academic journals, and the adaptation of these materials for public education through Chinese-language mass media.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$89,377

To hold a symposium by the Chinese Economists Society on reform of China's financial sector and development of the private sector in Guangdong at which enterprise executives, policy makers, and academics from inside China and abroad can participate in a series of site visits to financial institutions and enterprises in Guangdong.

Center for International
Private Enterprise

\$17,759

Enabling the Unirule Institute of Economics to continue a biweekly symposium that assembles private entrepreneurs, academics, government officials, and journalists for discussion on issues related to China's transition to a market economy.

Free Trade Union Institute

\$359,393

Through the Asian American Free Labor Institute: for the monitoring of labor rights violations and dissemination of information on rights to workers in China; for the Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions to retain member support after the Chinese takeover through contributions to public debate, regular distribution of a newsletter, and maintenance of their headquarters as a rallying point and resource center for democracy activists; and for a regional conference to expand cooperation among labor activists from Hong Kong, Taiwan, Macao, and China.

Foundation for China in
the 21st Century

\$40,000

For the production and radio adaptation of three books in a series of Chinese-language scholarly publications entitled *China in the 21st Century*, which address Tibet, the 30th anniversary of the Cultural Revolution, and the relevance of Taiwan's democratic development.

Human Rights in China, Inc.

\$150,000

Educating citizens about human rights principles and assisting those persecuted for the nonviolent exercise of their rights, collecting and disseminating up-to-the-minute information on China's human rights situation, and using UN mechanisms to address systematic human rights violations.

International Republican
Institute

\$139,133

To conduct a survey in conjunction with the Association of Towns and Townships, a private voluntary organization in Beijing, to determine the efficiency and effectiveness of village-level government structures and to determine local governance training needs.

International Republican
Institute

\$587,816

Assisting the Association for Grassroots Governance and the Institute for Asia-Pacific Studies to train provincial and local-level election officials as multipliers; to train bankruptcy judges, guide them through a review of new commercial codes, and provide them with technical assistance on the operation and management of bankruptcy proceedings; to hold a conference on legal reforms; and to help the National People's Congress increase its capacity to draft and revise legislation.

Laogai Research Foundation

\$73,600

To document and publicize conditions in the laogai, including its arbitrary procedures and the way in which prisoners, including political detainees, are exploited for profit through the forced production of export goods.

Minzhu Zhongguo, Inc.

\$65,000

For a Chinese-language monthly magazine on the Internet that provides a forum for the views of Chinese democrats worldwide and promotes a free discussion of China's social and political problems.

Press Freedom Guardian

\$45,000

Publishing an independent, Chinese-language newspaper edited in California with a total distribution of 6,000 copies per issue, of which at least 500 copies enter China where they reach an estimated 6,000 more readers through hand-to-hand distribution.

Princeton China Initiative

\$60,000

Publishing two newsletters, one in English, *China Focus*, and one in Chinese, *The Road*, the latter of which has a circulation of 3,000, giving readers inside China access to ideas and information otherwise blocked by state censorship.

Tibet Fund

\$39,000

To educate Tibetans in Tibet and in exile about current events and policy questions in their homeland through tapes, lectures, and films; and to organize dialogues between Tibetans in exile and Indian youth to increase support for the Tibetan cause in India.

Tibetan Youth Congress

\$16,500

For office equipment—including computers, a fax machine, and a photocopier—to improve communication between the Executive Committee and the 57 international branches.

Hong Kong

Hong Kong
Human Rights Monitor

\$36,000

To hire a full-time staff director to coordinate the organization's work in human rights reporting, casework, campaigning, and public education.

Indonesia

International Republican
Institute

\$146,480

Initiating a five-year program to build stabilizing, pluralistic institutions, beginning with a series of roundtable discussions on the role small business plays in economic liberalization and development; assessing the training needs of interested local governments in accountable budgeting; and consulting with NGOs and political parties on management, organization, and political empowerment techniques.

National Democratic Institute for
International Affairs

\$151,705

To provide training and financial support to the Independent Election Monitoring Committee, a coalition of NGO leaders and activists dedicated to ensuring an open electoral process in the 1997 parliamentary and 1998 presidential elections. Workshops will focus on volunteer recruitment and training, the experiences of election monitoring in other Asian nations, and local chapter skills building.

Mongolia

International Republican
Institute

\$158,327

To help the Mongolian National Democrats and the Mongolian Social Democrats solidify their platforms and develop comprehensive and viable communications strategies for the parliamentary elections, and to train party officials in the principles of election monitoring in order to create a body of political party-sponsored election observers.

League of Democratic
Mongolian Women (LEOS)

\$35,150

To hold voter education seminars in preparation for the 1996 parliamentary and local elections; and to sponsor national and regional conferences, skills training, research and publication projects, radio broadcasts, and the activities of women's professional groups.

Philippines

Center for International
Private Enterprise

\$92,299

Organizing workshops through the Center for Research and Communications in three regions of the Philippines to bring together local government officials and business representatives to discuss local government issues and produce six case studies that can serve as advocacy and reference materials for discussions on policy changes.

Sri Lanka

International Republican
Institute

\$48,900

For activities that increase the participation of Sri Lankan women and youth in the political process; and for training of political parties in organization, communications, message development, opinion polling, and analyzing research data.

National Democratic Institute
for International Affairs

\$123,146

Assisting a group of nonpartisan Sri Lankan NGOs to organize and train a nationwide network of election monitors for the 1996 constitutional referendum, and providing training and technical assistance in institution building and responding to the challenges and opportunities presented by devolution.

Below:

Members of Indonesia's Independent Election Monitoring Committee are trained in poll watching by the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs.



Thailand

International Republican
Institute
\$118,592

Enabling the Women in Politics Institute to increase the effectiveness of Thai women in the political process through the first-ever political and candidate training program targeted exclusively at women.

Vietnam

Association of
Vietnamese Overseas
\$95,000

Publishing *Que Me*, a bimonthly magazine that brings uncensored news and discussion of democratic ideas into Vietnam; issuing mini-bulletins on urgent human rights concerns for mass distribution; and publicizing the widespread repression of Buddhist activists for religious freedom and human rights.

Center for International
Private Enterprise
\$134,475

For the Dalat University and Georgetown University Center for Intercultural Education and Development to train 50 Vietnamese business teachers who will serve as multipliers in management, economics, and international business law and ethics; and to incorporate a module on the rule of law and market economics into a training program for 70 local entrepreneurs and academic and business leaders.

Regional

Asian Cultural Forum on
Development
\$20,000

To continue serving as the secretariat of the Asia-Pacific Human Rights nco Facilitating Team and to help organize the first open congress of Asia-Pacific Human Rights NGOs in New Delhi.



Center for International
Private Enterprise
\$66,533

To hold a two-day Asian Institute of Management conference for members of government, business, and media from the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and Cambodia to promote awareness of the importance of a free flow of economic information and the value of objective and independent media.

Center for International
Private Enterprise
\$125,043

Enabling the Press Foundation of Asia to develop, produce, and disseminate five videotapes and accompanying printed training materials designed to increase the knowledge base and sharpen the reporting skills of economic journalists in the Pacific Rim.

Free Trade Union Institute
\$373,075

For an Asian American Free Labor Institute regional program to solidify grassroots support for democracy and encourage the rule of law by strengthening Thailand's fragile democratic trade union movement, enabling Burma's independent labor movement-in-exile to educate workers inside Burma in trade union rights and democracy, and training a cadre of Cambodian trade union democracy educators.

Left:

This popular civic-education publication enables the Federation of Trade Unions—Burma to reach a broad audience.

Free Trade Union Institute
\$203,518

To partially support the presence and regional activities of an Asian American Free Labor Institute representative based in Asia who will develop and implement activities designed to promote current labor rights and standards and to support the formulation and implementation of child-labor and women's rights laws.

Free Trade Union Institute
\$452,394

To the Asian American Free Labor Institute for direct action grants emergent and dissident worker and prodemocracy organizations; emergency assistance to activists who face government reprisals, education for unions and NGOs on international and local worker rights, research on labor policies and practices, collaborative programs between American and Asian unions, and activities that promote the voluntary elimination of child and bonded labor.

National Democratic Institute
for International Affairs
\$173,288

To conduct the first phase of a two-and-a-half-year regional program that will use a combination of analysis, dialogue, and assistance to enhance the roles that political parties play in Asia's democratic development and to strengthen regional collaboration among Asian democrats.

Central and Eastern Europe:

Eastern Europe was one of the first areas in which the Endowment began its work more than a decade ago, providing assistance to Poland and other countries in the “northern tier.” Since then, NED-sponsored programs have played a significant role in the region’s democratic transformation. In 1996, the Endowment reduced funding for programs in Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic to focus on countries in the region whose transitions have been slower or are still in doubt, such as Slovakia, the Baltic States, and especially countries in the “southern tier.”

One of the most exciting developments has been the expansion of a series of “East-to-East” projects in which Polish and Czech democratic organizations extend their expertise and assistance to groups in other new or struggling democracies. Civic education curricula originally designed and used in Poland are being adapted and adopted by schools in Belarus, Ukraine, the Baltic States, and Central Asia. Former samizdat publishers are providing training and equipment to Belarusian and Ukrainian independent media activists. And small grants competitions, run by the Warsaw-based Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe, are helping emerging Ukrainian and Belarusian NGOs to improve and expand their work. These “East-to-East” programs have allowed the Endowment to leverage its limited funding and strengthen networks of democrats across the New Independent States and Europe.

Right:

A poster advertises a meeting on the opposition movement in the Soviet bloc and Europe, “The Time of the Dissidents,” held by the Eastern Archives Foundation.

In 1996, NED increased its support to groups in Slovakia, where an authoritarian government has stepped up its offensive against democratic forces by introducing legislation that threatens nongovernmental organizations, the independent media, and minority rights. Assistance was provided to continue the Milan Simecka Foundation’s “Human Rights in Schools” program, which has trained and supplied materials to more than 600 primary and secondary school teachers. The Permanent Committee of the Civic Institute used NED funding to hold more than 200 meetings of local civic clubs in every region of the country (1995 grant). Through these and other programs, the Endowment has become an important source of support for Slovakia’s democratic opposition.

CZAS DYSYDENTÓW

SPOTKANIE UCZESTNIKÓW I BADACZY
RUCHÓW OPOZYCYJNYCH BŁOKU SOWIECKIEGO
W EUROPIE

Podkowa Leśna, 26-29 listopada 1996



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Forum Europy Srodkowo-Wschodniej
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Osrodek Kultury „Kolo Podkowy”

sponsorzy:

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Fundacja im. Stefana Batorego
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

While the new market economies of the Baltic States continue to produce positive results, the political reforms in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania remain threatened by citizen apathy, minority issues, and external tensions. The Endowment increased its activity in this area, focusing on civic education programs. With NED assistance, the Democracy Advancement Center of Riga, Latvia, produced a textbook and a teacher's handbook for its ninth-grade civics curriculum. This course, developed with Endowment funding, is now mandatory for all primary school students in Latvia. Similar civic education programs are being conducted with NED assistance by the Jaan Tonisson Institute in Estonia and the Association for Civic Education in Lithuania. The Endowment is considered one of the leading Western foundations in the Baltic States in the field of civic education.

The republics of the former Yugoslavia continued to be an Endowment priority in 1996. Programs focused on promoting ethnic reconciliation, political pluralism, respect for human rights, and free access to unbiased information. In Serbia, NED funding provided crucial support to the independent media sector, including the country's only politically independent television station and a number of important journals. In addition, the Free Trade Union Institute continued to assist Nezavisnost, a multiethnic trade union confederation that supports democratic reform. In Kosovo, Endowment support facilitated the monitoring work of the province's most important human rights organization, the Council for Defense of Human Rights and Freedoms, whose leader Adem Demaci is considered by many ethnic Albanians to be "Kosovo's Mandela" (1995 grant).

In Bosnia, NED funds enabled the Center for Strategic and International Studies to organize the Sarajevo Democracy Forum in October 1996, which brought together 50 democratic activists, including leaders of political parties, human rights activists, independent journalists, and NGO representatives from all regions of the country. The forum promoted cooperation and communication between their organizations, and it helped them to plan joint activities. At the conclusion of the forum, participants agreed to begin work on creating a "civic bloc" of non-nationalist political parties, civic organizations, and media groups.

Despite the victory of the democratic opposition in Romania's November 1996 parliamentary elections, the administration of Ion Iliescu delayed crucial economic and political reforms during much of the year. In addition, the country continued to be plagued by voter apathy and declining civic activism. To equip and encourage a new generation of prodemocracy activists, the Foundation for Pluralism—a nonprofit civic education organization in Bucharest—received Endowment funding for its School for Young Political Leaders. Seventy-nine leaders from nine political parties attended seminars on campaign organization, use of volunteers, fundraising techniques, campaigning in rural areas, building coalitions, developing campaign materials, and working with the media (1995 grant).

The Ecological Youth of Romania (TER) received Endowment assistance to conduct a program to encourage grassroots civic activism and develop the ability of citizens to solve local problems independently. TER organized workshops for local environmental activists on community development, encouraged the establishment and development of environmental NGOs in four local communities, and helped the new NGOs initiate campaigns to encourage residents and local authorities to work together to solve local problems. This project showed that one of the best ways to galvanize civic activism at the local level in Romania is by addressing environmental concerns.

"NED played a pivotal role in the struggle of the peoples of the region from Soviet domination. It is now playing a strategic role in the consolidating of democracy, which is still either fragile or, like in Belarus, greatly endangered. As anyone familiar with the history of the region can attest, freedom and democracy do not automatically follow the removal of authoritarian regimes. NED's work is just as critical as before."

—Central and East European Coalition
Washington, D.C.

Albania

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$49,010

Enabling the Albanian Center for Economic Research to conduct a research and advocacy project on informal employment and tax evasion, including initial research and a survey, six seminars on the study's findings, the development of policy guidelines to encourage entrepreneurs to work within legal structures, and publication of results.

Independent Forum for the Albanian Woman

\$30,000

For a series of grassroots seminars encouraging women's political participation on the local level, promoting awareness of women's rights, and assisting women to articulate policy options for their problems.

Bosnia-Herzegovina

Center for Strategic and International Studies

\$46,000

To convene a Democracy Forum in Sarajevo for democratic activists from all the regions of the republic, including the Bosnian Federation and the Serb Republic, to determine priorities for developing a democratic society in Bosnia and promote collaboration and communication between their organizations.

Free Trade Union Institute

\$63,500

To assist the Bosnian labor movement in developing strategies for civic activism through a variety of formal and informal meetings that bring together various trade unions, including two seminars for trade union activists from all regions of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

MEDIAPLAN

\$24,000

Organizing a series of seminars on the principles of professional journalism and media management for young journalists working in electronic and print media.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$279,666

In anticipation of Bosnia-Herzegovina's September 1996 multiparty elections, conducting a political party development program, including a series of organizational training seminars, individual consultations, pollwatcher training sessions, and public forums where candidates can address the voters.

Oslobodjenje

\$40,000

To enable Sarajevo's most popular independent daily newspaper, *Oslobodjenje*, to continue publishing regularly by providing the resources to purchase newsprint and cover operating expenses.

Radio ZID

\$25,000

Enabling Radio ZID to continue broadcasting. ZID is a symbol of the determination of dedicated individuals to rebuild Sarajevo's once peaceful and tolerant multiethnic culture.

Tuzla Citizens' Forum

\$40,000

To organize a series of workshops, roundtables, and publications and a national conference; and to develop a permanent association of ncos to foster cooperation and information exchange between these groups and develop their organizational, networking, and conflict resolution skills.



Left:
The Democracy Advancement Center trains Latvian high school teachers in civic education.

Tuzla Human Rights Office
\$30,580

To open a branch office in the Serb Republic that will provide a place where citizens can obtain information on international standards of human rights, report human rights abuses, and seek assistance in countering these violations.

Bulgaria

Bulgarian Association for Fair Elections and Civil Rights
\$50,000

Through its network of civic centers, to raise awareness of constitutional rights, to monitor and document human rights violations, to provide legal advice, to train lawyers working in the field of civil rights, and to pressure political leaders to respect civil liberties.

*Below:
The Serbian International Federation of Journalists provides critical assistance to this independent weekly.*

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$114,304

Enabling the Center for the Study of Democracy to accelerate privatization and economic restructuring through advising and informing policy makers on designing more effective and transparent privatization policies; monitoring and publicizing the equity of the privatization process; helping local governments adopt successful municipal economic restructuring models; and conducting a public education program to promote and popularize privatization.

Democracy Foundation
\$35,000

To organize a series of seminars, political roundtables, and publications to encourage public debate on issues affecting Bulgaria's future and advance citizens' knowledge of the basic principles of political and economic reform.

Free Trade Union Institute
\$178,806

To help the trade union Podkrepa prepare for trade union and presidential elections by foster the development of a grassroots level civic action network that would design political accountability programs and legislative agendas, and to encourage and independent trade union to join this program.

Croatia

Anti-War Campaign Croatia
\$29,900

For a series of workshops, roundtables and publications and a national conference to foster cooperation and information exchange between NGOs and develop their organizational, networking, and conflict resolution skills.

Erasmus Guild
\$35,000

To organize a conference for Muslims and Croats focusing on creating nongovernmental mechanisms for the mediation of Muslim-Croat relations, building cooperation between Muslims and Croats who oppose extreme nationalism, and discussing the creation of a permanent network between moderate elements in the two communities.

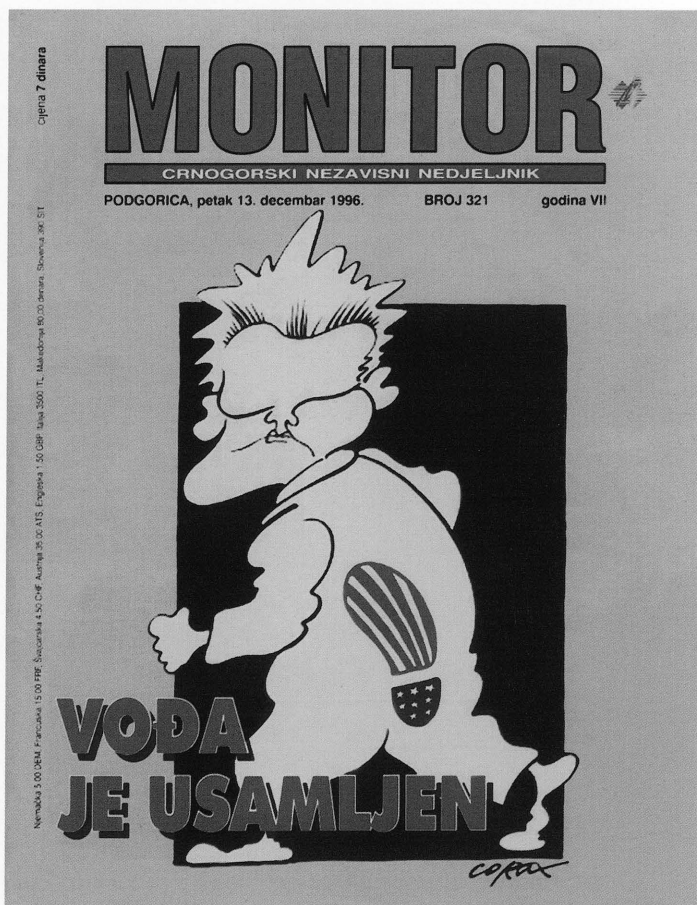
Estonia

Jaan Tonisson Institute
\$29,993

To produce and train teachers to use curriculum supplements on the rights and responsibilities of citizens in a democracy, the transition to a market economy, the problems of minorities, and tolerance in Estonian society

Hungary
\$22,710

For a training program for union organizers from the Democratic League of Independent Trade Unions to help them develop strategic organizing plans and better collaborate with other independent labor groups.





*Above:
The Eastern Archives Foundation
inaugurates a project documenting
the history of the dissident
movement.*

**International Republican
Institute**

\$65,907

To continue the "Prevailing in a Democracy" project, which includes three opinion polls that support the coalition-building process among parties in Hungary.

Latvia

**Democracy Advancement
Center**

\$50,200

To create a teacher-training manual, conduct 25 teacher-training seminars, and produce supplementary educational materials for its civic education curriculum.

**National Democratic Institute
for International Affairs**

\$74,987

To organize a seminar on accountability and serving constituents for members of parliament, to collaborate with MPs and NGOs on publishing a handbook for NGOs about participating in policy making, and to work with the Latvian Parliament and NGOs to initiate a round of public hearings in Parliament.

Lithuania

**Association of Civic Education
in Lithuania**

\$40,040

To complete a civic education curriculum by producing lesson plans, student workbooks, and other necessary materials for eighth- and tenth-grade students; and to train 100 teachers in the use of the new materials and Western-style teaching methodologies.

Free Trade Union Institute

\$221,315

For specialists in labor law, economics, occupational health and safety, organizing, and education to provide advice, information, training, and legal defense to union members, thereby enabling the Lithuanian Workers Union to strengthen its internal structure and serve as an effective advocate for workers' interests.

Macedonia

Dnevnik

\$40,000

To enable Macedonia's only independent daily newspaper, *Dnevnik (Daily Events)* to continue publishing by providing desperately needed newsprint and equipment.

Poland

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$86,064

Enabling the Polish Society of Market Economists to create a Center for Monitoring Legislative and Regulatory Initiatives, which will serve as an early-warning system to publicize pending reforms and their consequences for Poland's economic privatization and democratic consolidation.

Free Trade Union Institute

\$54,240

For six regional Solidarity organizers to receive advanced skills training and then replicate this training for approximately 150 activists who will assist local unions in organizing members and enhancing support for labor's reform agenda.

International Republican Institute

\$322,610

To support youth groups undertaking civic participation events centered around the 1997 parliamentary elections and activities of groups engaged in forming party coalitions, including an opinion poll, simulation exercises on demographic mapping and parliamentary seat distribution projections, and coalition coordination training at the local and national levels.

Romania

Assistance Center for Nonprofit Organizations

\$34,500

For a series of training seminars on organizational and leadership skills for ncos and the development of a network of nongovernmental organizations throughout the country.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$125,698

Conducting institution training for emerging independent business associations in leadership skills, strategic work plans, and other practical knowledge to represent their members' interests in an effective manner.

Below:

The Erasmus Guild in Croatia promotes democracy in a multiethnic society.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$64,793

To enable the Transylvania Business Center to develop a membersh database; to conduct a public information campaign; to estal a Common Market database th will provide important busines information; to expand its Stud Placement and Employment Center, which is designed to pl young graduates into business and to launch a legislative advi program to analyze economic and business legislation.

Center for International Private Enterprise

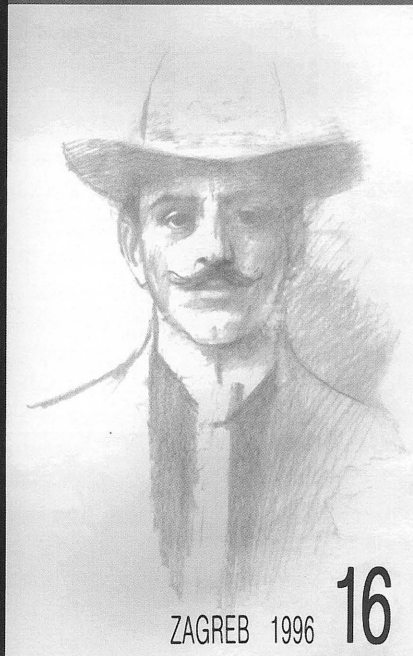
\$124,206

For the Center for Political Studies a Comparative Analysis to condu the "Consolidating the Private Sector in Romania" project, which uses analysis, training, a outreach to create better mechanisms of advocacy betwe private and public sectors and to promote the dissemination c accurate information about the private sector.

ERASMVS

ČASOPIS ZA KULTURU DEMOKRACIJE

Anić, Grubiša
Karić, Koschnick
Maroević, Matvejević
Melčić, Oručević
Prašo, Pusić
Rihtman-Auguštin
Sertić, Stojčić
Vaništa, Žunec



GILDA
KULTURA
DEMOKRACIJE

ZAGREB 1996

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Ecological Youth of Romania
\$25,900

To organize a workshop, case studies, and a conference for local environmental activists to demonstrate the ability of citizens to solve their own problems and to promote public involvement in the decision-making process at the local level.

Free Trade Union Institute
\$160,878

To conduct four basic civic education seminars for local union leaders and members; four voter education seminars for regional, federal, and local leaders; and an ongoing publications project that will support the translation, printing, and distribution of trade union materials to unions throughout the country.

Free Trade Union Institute
\$39,298

A supplemental grant to carry out labor education activities by funding part-time local support staff, who will work out of their homes; and to conduct a basic education seminar.

Serbia/Montenegro

Center for Anti-War Action
\$53,250

For a series of workshops, roundtables, and publications; a national conference; and the establishment of a permanent association of NGOs to foster cooperation and information exchange between these groups and to develop their organizational, networking, and conflict resolution skills.

Free Trade Union Institute
\$348,446

Enabling Nezavisnost to continue the daily operation of its headquarters, to provide technical assistance to trade unionists and legal defense for workers fired for trade union activities, to continue its publishing activities, and to cooperate with other democratic opposition groups in community action.



International Federation of Journalists

\$90,000

Providing crucial material assistance to the following five independent media outlets in Serbia and Montenegro: *Monitor*, *Republika*, *tv Negotin*, *Novi Pancevac*, and *Weekly Independent News*.

National Forum Foundation

\$50,000

Organizing internships in the United States for five of the most promising journalists and managers from the independent media in Serbia and Montenegro, including Kosovo.

Slovakia

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$48,382

To the MESA 10 to hold ten meetings on market-oriented reform, bringing together experts from media, business, government, and academia to draft policy recommendations for publication in a monthly bulletin for government officials and other opinion leaders and in the leading business weekly *Trend*.

Left:
"The Public Has a Right to Know" declares a poster in Serbo-Croatian. NED funds a broad range of independent media in the republics of the former Yugoslavia.

Foundation for the Upper Nitra Region

\$23,000

To equip a newly established civic club, "Club Good Will," in Bojnice and to support the daily activities of this and two other regional clubs that work to increase public awareness and participation in the democratic transition.

Milan Simecka Foundation

\$30,000

To train several hundred local educators in ten regional workshops that focus on teaching human and civil rights in schools, and to produce related educational materials.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$157,614

To provide training in community organizing and long-term sustainability to a coalition of civic organizations in Trencin and another coalition of NGOs recently formed in Nova Dubnica; to help create a similar coalition in Presov; and to promote collaboration among the coalitions.

Slovak Jan Hus Educational Foundation

\$17,750

Maintaining its office in Kosice, which conducts a series of civic education programs for the "lost generation" of young adults who occupy important positions in the region but were educated under the communist system.

**Regional and "East-to-East"
Projects**

Brownson Institute

\$14,060

To hold its fifth annual Summer Institute on "The Free Society" in Krakow, Poland, where 20 young leaders from the former Soviet bloc will study the social, political, and economic foundations of democratic and free-market systems.

Eastern Archives Foundation

\$74,920

To continue its "Common Ground" project which brings together Russians, Ukrainians, Poles, and Belarusians to reassess their common history in order to promote civic activism, tolerance, and understanding.

Euro-Atlantic Association

\$20,000

For a meeting of Polish, Ukrainian, and Belarusian international relations NGOs to examine issues such as regional security, NATO and CIS defense structures, civilian control of the military, and the role of NGOs in shaping regional security.

Free Trade Union Institute

\$300,167

To teach basic worker rights and campaign techniques to union trainers from Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia, and Russia; to establish a worker-rights information clearinghouse; and to set up a legal aid fund for cases where worker rights have been breached and money is otherwise unavailable for legal defense.

**Foundation for Education
for Democracy**

\$124,891

To promote civic education in Ukraine, Belarus, the Baltic States, and Central Asia through a series of 22 workshops that provide training in leadership, NGO development, and train-the-trainer skills for approximately 400 activists.

**Fund for the Continuity of
Polish Independent Literature
and Humanities**

\$16,500

To send 15 young political and cultural activists from Belarus, Ukraine, Lithuania, and Russia to Poland for month-long internships.

**Institute for Democracy in
Eastern Europe**

\$275,000

To expand its Centers for Pluralism program—an independent network of 12 prodemocracy NGOs—through support for four existing centers and three new ones, a grants competition to develop educational materials on teaching democracy, a newsletter, an information clearinghouse and database for regional NGOs, and a regional network of independent journalists.

**Institute for Democracy in
Eastern Europe**

\$46,500

Organizing two grants competitions for independent media in Romania and Croatia, thereby assisting vulnerable local press and electronic media, news agencies, and smaller national weeklies and journals of opinion.

**Institute for Democracy in
Eastern Europe/Warsaw**

\$34,952

For a series of training and networking visits of Crimean Tatar democratic activists to Kiev, Lviv, and Warsaw; training visits to Crimea by representatives of Ukrainian and Polish NGOs; and equipment and a small grants program for prodemocracy NGOs in Crimea.

**International Center for
Democratic Development**

\$45,000

To enable 60 young Ukrainian activists to attend three six-day training seminars that focus on strengthening democratic reforms in the areas of local government, education, and privatization; and to assist the Ukraine-based Ukraine-Europe Foundation.

Milan Simecka Foundation

\$20,200

For two independent media training courses for young journalists, editors, publishers, and media managers, which will allow them to examine legal and ethical standards, technical training, and business management, and enable them to share experiences and make regional contacts.

**Polish-Czech-Slovak Solidari
Foundation**

\$30,000

To organize internships for 45 journalists and editors of the nascent independent media in new republics of the former USSR at Polish newspapers, publishing houses, and radio and television stations to receive practical training in their specialties.

Solidarity Press Foundation

\$30,000

To enable this Warsaw-based foundation to publish the bulletin *Belarusian News*, which analyzes current events, political and economic developments, and the human rights situation and is distributed in Belarus and neighboring countries.

U.S.-Baltic Foundation

\$30,000

To provide seminars on public administration and media management, technical assistance to municipalities and local media and resource centers for local officials and media professionals through a network of Municipal Training Centers and Independent Media Centers.

New Independent States:

The Endowment continued to focus on long-term trends in the New Independent States in 1996, seeking to foster the development of democracy on a grassroots and regional level. A variety of indigenous organizations in the region were awarded grants to promote human rights, independent trade unions, civic education, legal reform, business associations, and other elements of civil society.

The Endowment supported a wide range of projects throughout the Russian Federation. Several innovative civic education projects were funded, including the newspaper *Grazhdanovedenie*, a national publication devoted entirely to promoting civic education. Meanwhile, the Moscow Center for Human Rights and Legal Culture, developed new human rights curricula for elementary and secondary school students, and its materials are currently being used in 20 cities (1995 grant). One particularly creative project was a nationwide "Civics Olympiad," conducted by the Russian Association of Civic Educators, which will be held this coming year to honor excellent students and teachers and to evaluate current civic education programs in Russia today.

The Endowment also continued to support projects outside of Moscow. In the Urals region, for example, NED supported human rights organizations in Ekaterinberg, Nizhnii Tagil, and Perm. Since media issues have become a growing concern in the Urals, NED awarded a grant to the Foundation for Science, Education, and Culture to hold a series of roundtable discussions for young journalists on such topics as freedom of the press and professional ethics. Finally, in order to promote legal reform, the Endowment awarded a grant to Sutiashnik, Ekaterinburg's first public interest law firm. Sutiashnik provides a legal consultation service to the local population and reviews new pieces of legislation.

Below:

Seventy NGOs from Azerbaijan and Eastern Europe discuss cross-border cooperation at a meeting of the Centers for Pluralism. (Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe)



The changing political environment in Ukraine was the backdrop for several important programs this year. In Kharkiv, for example, the Endowment supported a women's project as well as the establishment of a regional human rights network. The Endowment also sought to increase the participation of young people in Ukrainian politics through a parliamentary internship program sponsored by Youth Alternative (1995 grant). Several monitoring projects were supported as well. The Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research, one of the nation's leading think tanks, monitors women's issues, legislation in parliament, and other aspects of the democratic transition in Ukraine. The Center also produces one of Ukraine's leading political commentary television shows, *Fifth Corner*. Aired Friday evenings at prime time, and consisting of a 40-minute interview with a leading Ukrainian politician, editor, or businessman, *Fifth Corner* was the highest-rated television show of its kind this past spring.

As Ukraine moved toward full democracy, Belarus slipped backwards to authoritarian rule. In response, the Endowment funded a variety of organizations that constitute and promote the basic elements of civil society: the Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe assisted newly created NGOs, while the Humanitarian Center for Education and Culture introduced CIVNET and other Western civic education materials into schools. Meanwhile, the precarious human rights situation in the country was monitored and publicized by the Belarusian Helsinki Committee.

As part of this effort to shore up the basic elements of civil society, NED supported the Belarusian independent trade unions. They were at the forefront of protests against President Lukashenko. Using NED funds, the Free Trade Union Institute supported activities ranging from the publication of newsletters that help union members stay in contact to advanced training by Polish Solidarity trainers with their wealth of experience in successfully struggling for their rights.

The Caucasus is a relatively new area for NED's work.

Even though the political landscape in this region remains unstable, projects to strengthen civil society have begun to make an impact. Endowment support to the New Generation (*Yeni Nesil*) Journalists Association of Azerbaijan has enabled it to conduct a series of seminars promoting independent and objective journalism and overcoming the extreme polarization between pro-government and opposition media. Two of these seminars were held in conjunction with the National Democratic Institute as part of its broader effort, also funded by NED, to conduct political party and parliamentary training. The seminars were attended by dozens of leading journalists from a wide variety of media organizations. In addition to the seminars, *Yeni Nesil* reports on media trends and freedom of the press in its monthly bulletin. Although it is a new organization, *Yeni Nesil* has succeeded in fostering solidarity among journalists from across the political spectrum and in promoting a sense of professional responsibility to report accurately and objectively.

NED's programs in Central Asia continue to operate against the background of unchecked and undemocratic rule by governments in the region. A grant to the Kazakhstan-American Bureau for Human Rights and Rule of Law enabled the Bureau to continue the production of a television program entitled *You Have the Right*. The program dramatizes cases where citizens' rights have been violated, followed by analysis by independent legal experts and representatives of state law-enforcement agencies. Though the government initially blocked the program, its utility in educating the population is now recognized across the political and social spectrum. Originally scheduled to run once every two weeks, Kazakhstan State Television airs the program across the country to hundreds of thousands of viewers once a week at prime time and sometimes broadcasts reruns by popular request.

“The work of the NED in Central Asia is extremely important, because your foundation works closely with the real human rights and democratic activists from the region.”

— *Abdumannob Polat*

Director

Union of Councils' Central Asian Human Rights Information and Monitoring Network

Armenia

The A.D. Sakharov Armenian Foundation for Progress, Protection of Human Rights, and Charity
\$26,700

Maintaining a center for human rights in Yerevan and establishing three regional centers that offer legal assistance, human rights seminars, and rights advocacy; publishing a monthly bulletin on human rights violations; and participating in public monitoring of Armenia's October 1996 presidential elections.

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$95,966

Enabling Technical Assistance for the Republic of Armenia to expand the Entrepreneurial Center, and to open a business center that provides Armenian associations and entrepreneurs access to computers and telecommunications and offers intensive, demand-driven training workshops and assistance to trade organizations.

Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan Foundation for the Development of Democracy
\$45,000

Proposing economic, political, and legal reforms; sponsoring public discussions of political and economic issues by political party representatives; teaching courses on political science, economics, and history for young activists; developing civic education materials and programming for radio and television; publishing a weekly newspaper; conducting polling; and providing legal assistance.

*Right:
Azerbaijani and Georgian journalists attend an NDI seminar on the role of a free press in a democracy.*

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$63,815

To the Entrepreneurship Development Foundation, for a public education campaign to help build support for further political and economic reform through a monthly bulletin analyzing important legislative and economic issues, and for assistance to entrepreneurs in starting up small businesses and on Azerbaijani business regulations.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$257,051

To arrange a series of trainings and consultations for political parties to discuss party-specific issues among leaders, members, and supporters; to hold consultations with political NGOs to plan future collaboration; and to continue working with the Independent Union of Journalists on conducting trainings for journalists geared toward strengthening independent media.

New Generation Journalists Association
\$24,972

Publishing a monthly bulletin on violations of press freedoms, producing and presenting draft legislation to loosen restrictions on the media, providing pro bono legal assistance for journalists, and conducting seminars concerning media management and the media's role in promoting democratic principles.



Belarus

Belarusan Helsinki Committee
\$35,092

For infrastructure support, expansion of its database on human rights violations, a legal consultation service, and work on prison reform.

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$97,103

Enabling the Independent Institute of Socio-Economic and Political Studies to create a network of pro-reform advocates and encourage the growth of civil society and nongovernmental associations through television programs, seminars, an international conference, and other activities that address such issues as democracy, economics, and the rule of law.

Free Trade Union Institute
\$223,580

To support the Belarusan Congress of Democratic Unions, Free Trade Union of Belarus, and Belarusan Independent Trade Union through legal assistance and economic research services, small grants for the publication of trade union newsletters, basic trade union education courses, and more advanced regional and specialized courses conducted by Polish Solidarity trainers.

Humanitarian Center for Education and Culture
\$34,240

For the equipment and training necessary to link up with the Internet, thereby providing Belarusan teachers with on-line, Western democratic education materials.

Independent Society for Law Research
\$22,641

Providing legal assistance to nonprofit organizations and composing draft tax legislation for NGOs.

**Institute for Democracy
in Eastern Europe—Warsaw**
\$36,500

For a small grants competition and a national conference to encourage greater interaction and networking among Belarusan NGOs.

Georgia

**Caucasian Institute for Peace,
Democracy, and Development**
\$27,237

To publish articles concerning Georgia's democratic transition; to hold six seminars on issues of political development that are not otherwise addressed in public forums; and to continue producing television programming and a monthly electronic mail bulletin, *The Georgian Chronicle*.

Kazakstan

Almaty Helsinki Committee
\$24,860

Providing legal consultations to individuals whose rights have been violated; monitoring and critiquing human rights legislation; providing expert commentary on rights issues to government agencies; and continuing production of its quarterly bulletin, *Human Rights in Kazakstan*.

Association of Young Leaders
\$25,000

Assisting high school educators in developing a textbook on teaching methodologies that encourage student initiative; holding competitions among high school students on their knowledge of democratic principles; organizing a civic forum on youth issues with government officials and educators; and holding monthly discussion sessions for youths.

**Center for the Dissemination
of Democracy**
\$23,300

To produce and test a Kazak-language textbook developed specifically for the rural Kazak population on the fundamental elements of democracy, using civic education texts available in English and Russian.

Interlegal Kazakstan
\$29,790

For a monthly bulletin on NGO issues, production of a handbook for regional NGOs, legal and organizational consultations for NGOs in Kazakstan and other Central Asian countries, a series of seminars, and a database on NGO legislation.

**Kazakstan-American Bureau on
Human Rights and Rule of Law**
\$25,000

To monitor the human rights situation in the region, organize conferences and seminars on human rights, critique draft legislation, and prepare a weekly television program in Kazak and Russian to educate the population about their rights.

Kyrgyzstan

**Kyrgyz-American Bureau for
Human Rights and Rule of Law**
\$21,065

To establish a Center for Human Rights Information and Documentation, which houses a library of human rights documents, provides legal consultations, holds workshops on human rights issues, and publishes a bimonthly bulletin devoted to human rights monitoring.

**Kyrgyz-American Bureau for
Human Rights and Rule of Law**
\$24,960

To monitor and publicize human rights violations through regular reports and alerts, lobby for the passage of legislation that protects civil and human rights, provide legal assistance to victims of violations, and educate university students on human rights issues.

**Kyrgyz Human Rights
Committee**
\$18,360

Providing free legal assistance to individuals whose rights have been violated; helping develop legislation promoting rights; producing quarterly bulletin for activists; holding seminars and conferences on human rights legislation, monitoring methods, and strategies for influencing local authorities to refrain from violations.

Res Publica Editorial Staff
\$21,570

For a Kyrgyz-language edition of *Res Publica*, which publishes independent political and economic analyses and provides space for articles from a variety of political leaders, many of whom are unable to publish elsewhere.

Russia

**Center for International
Private Enterprise**
\$79,890

Enabling the Globe Independent Press Syndicate to conduct training for regional journalists in Russia through internships, seminars in five cities, and the establishment of a professional network to bolster skills and reduce the isolation of local reporters.

**Center for International
Private Enterprise**
\$126,469

Publishing bulletins from the Institute of Economic Analysis that present clear and concise economic cost-benefit analyses of key legislation under consideration by the Russian parliament, policy alternatives, and recommendations in support of market-based democratic reforms.



*Above:
The Slovak-based Milan Simecka
Foundation conducts a seminar on
human rights for Azerbaijani
secondary school teachers.*

**Center for International
Private Enterprise**

\$94,139

For the Institute of State and Law, to advocate policies that guarantee private land ownership and development of a land market through a study of current agribusiness regulation, drafting of policy recommendations, a series of articles written for independent media proposing reforms, and a book comprising these articles entitled *The Legal Basis for Business Activities in Russian Agriculture*.

**Development Through
Education Fund**

\$20,329

For the development of a civic education curriculum in Togliatti, including three training seminars to enable teachers to participate in a pilot civic education program using the new materials.

**Educated Choices Heighten
Opportunities**

\$50,000

Conducting more than 20 democracy seminars for teachers and students throughout the Siberian region prior to the June presidential elections, helping Russian teachers to introduce civics and prodemocracy materials into the classroom, and establishing a local office in Krasnoyarsk.

**Foundation for Education,
Science, and Culture**

\$33,330

To conduct two three-day training sessions for journalists from Ekaterinburg and throughout the Urals region, to publish a newsletter for journalists, and to monitor regional press developments.

Free Trade Union Institute

\$417,529

To provide assistance to the Russian democratic labor movement at the national, regional, and local levels, including a program to develop a cadre of Russian trainers skilled in union organization and leadership and a program to develop the skills of existing independent trade union staff.

Glasnost Defense Foundation

\$44,000

To address the issues of state pressure on the media and problems within the media in a series of books that will contribute to the Foundation's ongoing work in media rights monitoring, advocacy, and education.

Glasnost Public Foundation

\$50,000

To conduct two roundtable discussions on the role and activities of Russian security services, provide legal assistance in cases involving the violation of human rights by the security services, and update its data bank on the KGB and its successor institutions.

**Human Rights Foundation
for Civil Society**
\$59,860

For a small grants program to support regional human rights organizations in Russia and a monthly newsletter on the human rights situation in the country.

**Human Rights Foundation
for Civil Society**
\$40,680

Enabling the Renewal Foundation to continue its legal aid and teaching activities, produce new human rights videos, and sponsor the fourth annual "Sakharov Readings" conference for prodemocracy activists in the Urals region.

**Human Rights Foundation
for Civil Society**
\$31,830

For the Nizhnii Tagil Independent Human Rights Library, to produce human rights newsletters and videos; to develop educational exhibits featuring prominent human rights activists; to provide access to long-suppressed books and materials on democracy; and to expand outreach by responding to local requests to provide legal assistance and through monthly radio broadcasts.

Moscow Anti-Fascist Center
\$49,520

Monitoring the rise of extremist organizations and their various propaganda bulletins, publishing the first Russian information bulletin dedicated to fighting extremist movements, and organizing nine regional branch offices.

**Moscow Human Rights
Research Center**
\$54,550

To promote greater cooperation among regional human rights groups through a monthly bulletin and through providing equipment and training to four additional organizations so they can join its human rights network.

**Moscow School of
Political Studies**
\$33,300

Bringing together young community leaders to participate in seminars attended by Russian and Western politicians and academics on such issues as democracy, national politics, economic reform, the mass media, and international relations.

National Peace Foundation
\$45,335

In association with Prolog and the Russian Association of University Women, encouraging women to become active in Russian politics through a program of five region seminars that enable greater contact and cooperation between local activists and regional women's associations.

**Russian Association for
Civic Education**
\$35,652

To evaluate the state of civic education current textbooks, and teaching methods by holding the first Russian Olympiad in civic education at which 10,000 students of all ages will be tested on their knowledge and understanding of democracy.

**Russian Center for
Citizenship Education**
\$50,000

Conducting civic forums that analyze different national and local problems, and producing six new discussion guides.

St. Petersburg Law School
\$39,872

To conduct a pilot rule-of-law project in five St. Petersburg high schools through lectures; role-playing activities; and field trips to the courts, the prosecutor's office, at the city parliament.

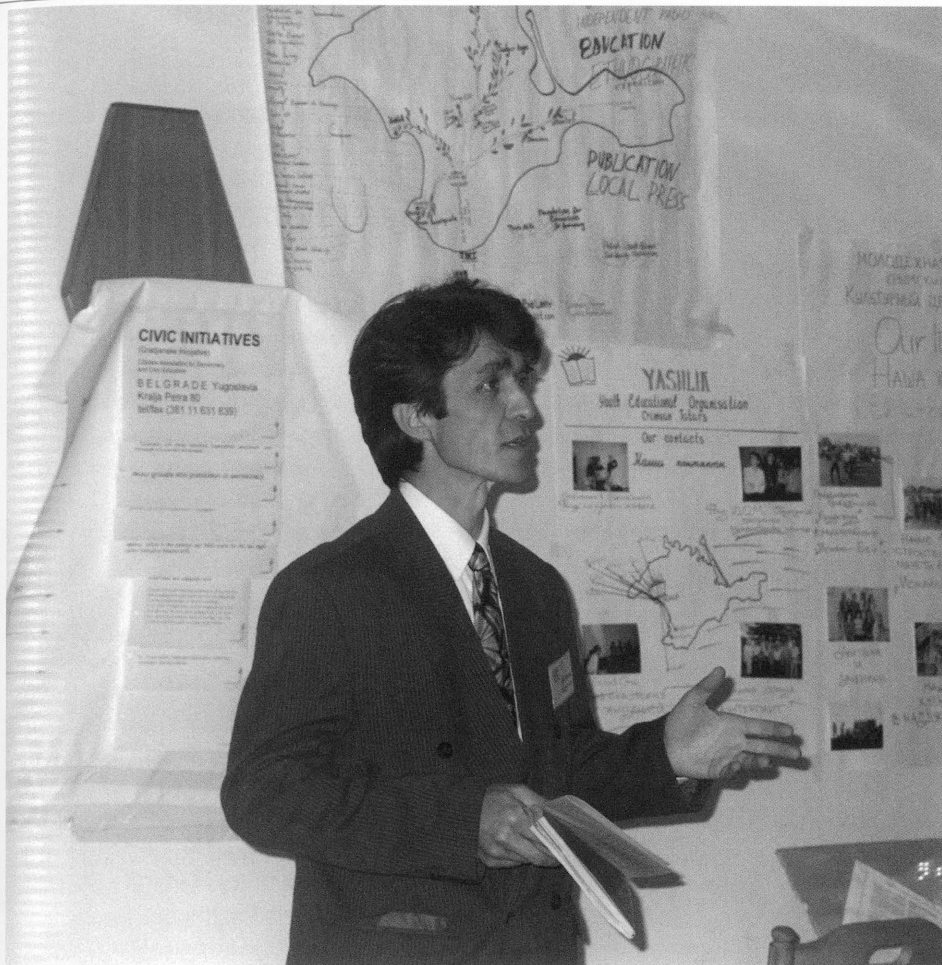
The STRATEGY Center
\$42,000

To draft and promote a law on local self-government that outlines the division of powers between the executive and legislative branch and encourages greater public participation in local affairs through public referendums and town meetings.

Left:

Teachers in Togliatti, Russia, learn to use new civic education materials in a seminar of the Development Through Education Fund.





Left:
Members of Polish nongovernmental organizations share experiences with their counterparts in Crimea through a project of the Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe-Warsaw.

Sutiiazchnik Law Firm

\$40,000

To conduct rule-of-law courses in five secondary schools in Ekaterinburg, expand its current legal consultation service, organize a 24-hour legal hotline, conduct a series of seminars for NGOs, and publish booklets about legal rights.

Uchitel'skaia Gazeta

\$51,000

Publishing a Russian-language, eight-page newspaper, *Teachers' Gazette*, devoted solely to the problem of civic education, for distribution to 10,000 subscribers in 1996.

Youth Center for Human Rights and Legal Culture

\$52,375

To continue to develop its human rights curriculum, work with elementary and secondary school human rights teachers outside of Moscow, and publish relevant materials for students.

Turkmenistan

Ashgabad Ecology Club

\$24,950

To continue operating its public library of periodicals and news publications, provide consultations for fledgling NGOs, and maintain an electronic-mail server that provides access to information for dozens of activists and serves as a forum for discussion.

Dashkhovuz Ecology Club

\$20,250

To maintain its public information center and library, conduct a series of seminars designed to encourage the formation of nongovernmental organizations, and publish human rights brochures and an independent monthly bulletin covering current events in the region.

Ukraine

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$137,619

In partnership with the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, training emerging business associations in leadership skills, strategic work plans, and other practical knowledge necessary to represent their members' interests in an effective manner.

Foundation for Democratic Education

\$44,000

For Youth Alternative to conduct a program to select, train, and place 30 legislative interns on the staffs of members of the Ukrainian parliament for eight months.

Free Trade Union Institute

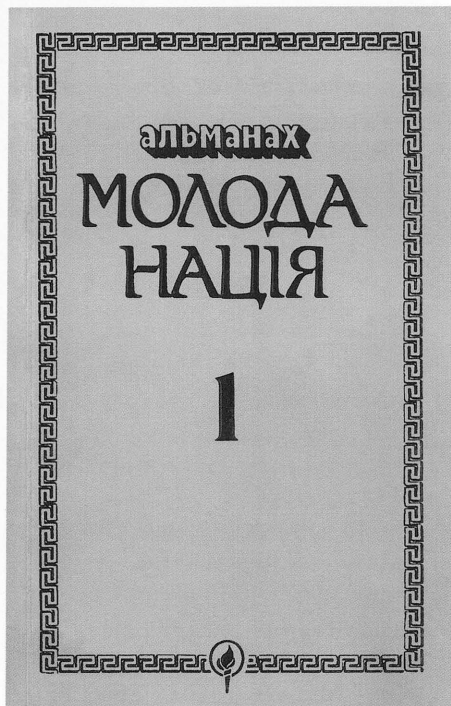
\$125,453

For a Democracy Fund program to publish newspapers, newsletters, brochures, and other materials enabling independent trade unions to establish a dialogue with workers and the broader public on Ukraine's transition to a market economy.

Free Trade Union Institute

\$77,028

To address the problem of chronic wage arrears through a study of the magnitude of the problem and the drafting of alternative solutions, an education program to provide union leaders with the strategies necessary to pursue methods other than striking, and assistance in seeking legal redress.



Kharkiv Center for Women's Studies
\$26,000

Establishing the Informational House for Ukrainian Women in Politics, which will hold a database of international standards and models for women's representation, organize a series of three seminars, develop a *Women's Window* supplement to the regional daily newspaper, and produce a newsletter every other month.

Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group
\$40,000

To expand and strengthen its human rights network of 40 organizations through multi-organizational workshops, continuation of the bulletin *Human Rights*, and support for the group's Kharkiv office.

Left:

To encourage students and scholars to study Ukraine's democratic transition, *Smoloskyp, Inc.*, published the 1996 volume of *Young Nation*. (1995 grant)

Ukrainian-American Bureau for the Protection of Human Rights
\$30,906

To monitor and analyze the status of human rights and democratic development in Ukraine, review media coverage of human rights, promote human rights education, and teach Western approaches to public citizen advocacy through example and by advising other NGOs.

Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research
\$99,920

For a public affairs television program *P'yatyi Kut (Fifth Corner)*; establishment of a think tank devoted to analysis of the situation of women in Ukraine; and publication of *Democracy in Ukraine 1996-1997*, the Center's annual assessment of the status of the country's democratic transition.

Vashchenko All-Ukrainian Pedagogical Society
\$23,685

To hold a major conference on the Ukrainian educational system to discuss curriculum reform in schools and universities.

Regional

Express Chronicle
\$65,000

For this leading publication of the human rights movement in the Russian Federation to continue reporting on human rights issues (e.g., refugees, alternative military service, prison conditions, draft laws) that are not discussed in the commercial Russian press.

Law and Environment Eurasia Partnership
\$14,900

To serve as a liaison between ecological groups in Central Asia and to respond to their requests for information; to expand the monthly journal *Ecotan News*, which covers ecology and politics to monitor NGO activists who express concern for their safety due to government pressure and to intercede on their behalf if necessary.

Peace Research Center of Kyrgyzstan
\$79,764

In Kyrgyzstan, for the Center to introduce a new civics curriculum and organize school councils to encourage student and parent participation; in Turkmenistan, for the Dialogue Youth Leadership Center to train teachers in civics education, form an informal association of school directors interested in involving pupils in decision making, and develop a textbook on tolerance; in Uzbekistan, for the Tashkent Public Education Center to bring together members of government and the public to discuss social issues and hold workshops on citizen activism.

Union of Councils
\$48,000

To support the work of the Central Asian Human Rights Monitoring and Information Network, which promotes human rights and civil liberties in Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan through monitoring, publications and public forums that draw attention to the rights situation in the three countries.

Latin America and the Caribbean:

In 1996 many Latin American nations continued to suffer from a weakness of democratic institutions and practices, while other countries often considered to be democratic success stories confronted new challenges. By taking the lead in providing crucial seed money, the Endowment enabled groups throughout the region to address short-term challenges to democratic order as well as sustain ongoing efforts to educate and empower citizens, fight corruption, build democratic practices at the local level, promote dialogue, and protect human rights.

Cuba is, of course, the glaring exception to regional democratic trends. Even there, however, the Endowment was able to bolster the efforts of democratic activists by facilitating the flow of information to and from the island and supporting travel there by international democratic activists to share experiences with their Cuban counterparts. Seed money to CubaNet was provided for a creative new initiative to utilize the Internet as a vehicle of expression for dissidents and human rights activists in Cuba. By working with the Cuban Committee for Human Rights, the Information Bureau of the Human Rights Movement in Cuba, the Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe, Freedom House, and the publication *El Disidente*, the Endowment was able to provide steady moral and practical support to the Cuban internal opposition at a time when the Cuban government undertook a wave of repression against Concilio Cubano, a coalition of peaceful dissident groups.

Meanwhile, Mexico's democratic transition was expected to make important progress in 1996. Disappointingly, PRI, the ruling party, ultimately discarded important electoral reforms that had been previously negotiated with other parties in favor of modifications designed to guarantee its own advantage for the July 1997 midterm elections. Despite these setbacks, the Civic Alliance, one of the country's largest and most visible citizen coalitions, continues to demand reforms that will guarantee free and transparent elections. This year NED enabled the Alliance to monitor state and local elections in five states. The Endowment also backed another important voice in the electoral reform debate, Women in the Struggle for Democracy (*Mujeres en Lucha por la Democracia*), a leading advocate for democratic reform and the participation of women in the transition process (1995 grant). An effort to train new democratic leaders was initiated by Mexican Citizens' Presence (*Presencia Ciudadana Mexicana*) through a series of workshops for university-age youth. The Endowment's commitment to Mexico also extended to areas such as media reform, protection of human rights, and efforts on the local level to educate citizens and deepen democratic culture.

Below:

Civic education for youth is an ongoing focus of NED's programs in Mexico. (Resources for Action)



Further south, Colombia slipped closer to civil war.

Coordinated attacks carried out by the Colombian Revolutionary Armed Forces in August in two dozen provinces revealed a dangerous escalation in the war that has afflicted this country for almost 30 years. In response to the explosive situation, NED enabled the Colombian Commission of Jurists (*Comisión Colombiana de Juristas*) to implement a campaign to promote adherence to basic principles of international humanitarian law and acceptance of the Geneva Protocol Commission in monitoring compliance with these norms as a step toward humanizing the conflict. The instability triggered by this armed struggle was further exacerbated by political crisis: allegations of narco-contributions to the campaign of President Samper demonstrated the urgent need for meaningful political reform to make parties and candidates more accountable to citizens. The Endowment therefore sponsored a series of regional and national seminars by a coalition of NGOs, the s.o.s. Colombia Corporation—Up with Citizens! (s.o.s. *Corporación Colombia—Viva la Ciudadanía*), to advocate political reforms aimed at strengthening Colombian democracy by eliminating corrupt practices and enabling citizens to demand public responsibility.

This past year was, for Peru, one of new opportunity.

With the near-elimination of the Shining Path guerrillas, the country has seen a dramatic drop in levels of violence and human rights abuse and a steady rise in economic stability. The stage is set to begin reconstructing democratic institutions and practices that were devastated by war, but this process will be slow, particularly in regions where the violence was most intense. The Endowment contributed to this process of democratic reconstruction through support to the Research and Action Center for Peace (*Centro de Estudios y Acción para la Paz*) and Rural Education Services (*Servicios Educativos Rurales*) for a pilot project to train municipal authorities from ten rural provinces in democratic

governance and help them define, in conjunction with civil society leaders, methods for more effective citizen participation. Funding was also awarded to the Institute for Legal Defense (*Instituto de Defensa Legal*) for a similar new initiative to carry out workshops on democratic governance and community building for newly elected local officials and emerging communities in Huancavelica, Ayacucho, and Apurímac—the three departments most affected by the violence. Reconstructive efforts even reached as far as the remote region of Ucayali, where the Organization of Indigenous Women of the Peruvian Amazon (*Organización de Mujeres Indígenas de la Amazonia Peruana*) used a grant to organize and inform 200 indigenous women of their rights.

While democracy found new openings in Peru, it faced a major threat in Paraguay: an attempted coup in April revealed the fragility of the country's fledgling democracy and reaffirmed the need for long-term cultural change. For this reason, the Endowment continued to fund a civic education program aimed at women in seven rural communities and residents of marginalized neighborhoods around Asunción conducted by Women for Democracy (*Mujeres por la Democracia*). This program complemented a project conducted by a coalition of five Paraguayan NGOs, the NGO Initiative for the 1996 Municipal Elections (*Iniciativa de las ONGs para las Elecciones Municipales*), which promoted and facilitated voter registration prior to the November municipal elections. Recent changes in electoral law made it necessary to create an entirely new voter registry with a minimum of 1.8 million registrants in less than 50 days. Through an unprecedented convergence of NGO resources and effort, the Initiative played an important role in ensuring that this process was completed without political manipulation or influence. ~

“Practically since its inception, the Endowment has been considered as the leading institution in the promotion and spread of democratic values and practice throughout Latin America.”

—Francisco Sagasti
President

FORO Nacional/Internacional

Brazil

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$71,555

Enabling the Atlantic Institute to continue its economic advisory and advocacy program for Brazilian legislators, which provides members of the informal, pro-reform congressional bloc with technical assistance and regular cost-benefit analyses of economic legislation.

Santo Dias Center for Human Rights of the Archdiocese of São Paulo

\$34,030

For a pilot project that seeks to improve police-community relations as a means to improve respect for human rights in São Paulo, Brazil.

Central America Regional

Free Trade Union Institute

\$144,999

To enable the American Institute for Free Labor Development to help trade unions train labor organizers, ensure that laws are implemented as a component of judicial reform, study and compare labor codes in individual countries in order to develop proposals to ensure worker rights on a regional basis, and build union-management cooperation.

Colombia

Center for Research and Popular Education

\$80,000

Centro de Investigación y Educación Popular

For its School for Peace, Human Rights and Democracy, to train groups of teachers as "agents of change" who will promote a culture of tolerance and democracy in Colombia.

Colombian Commission of Jurists

\$60,000

Comisión Colombiana de Juristas

To humanize the current conflict by encouraging the Colombian government and leading guerrilla groups to adopt international humanitarian agreements and to accept the Geneva Convention Fact Finding Commission as the overseer of their implementation.

s.o.s. Colombia Corporation—Up with Citizens!

\$55,000

s.o.s. Corporación Colombia—Viva la Ciudadanía

Continuing support for its Schools for Democratic Leadership, a program that educates social and political leaders on topics related to political reform and regional development and fosters grassroots participation in the process of political reform.

s.o.s. Colombia Corporation—Up with Citizens!

\$40,800

s.o.s. Corporación Colombia—Viva la Ciudadanía

For one national and three regional seminars to bring together representatives of civil society, political parties, and government to discuss how to end the political crisis and promote consideration of important political reforms.

Cuba

Cuban Committee for Human Rights

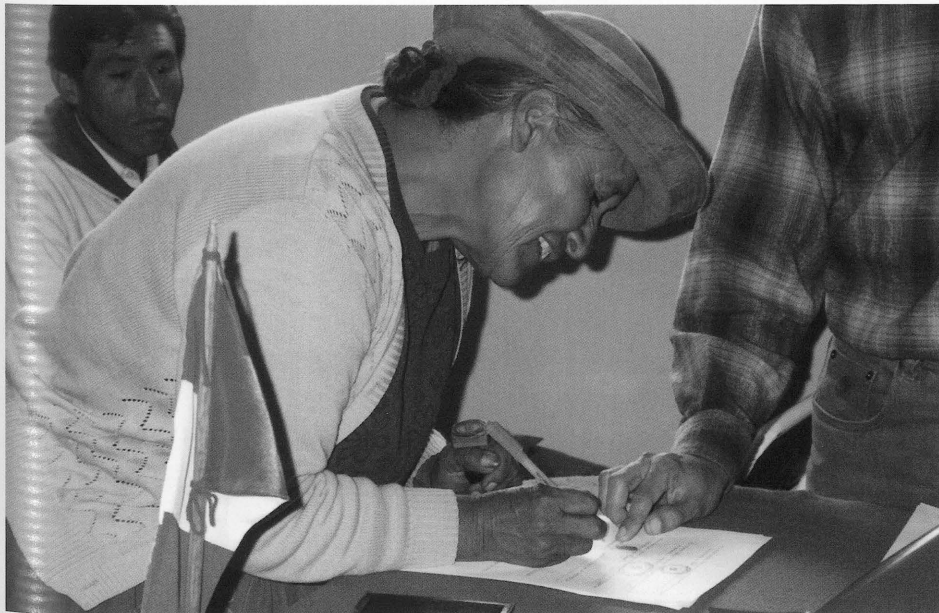
\$55,000

Publishing articles on human rights conditions in Cuba in its bimonthly magazine, *Siglo XXI (Twenty-First Century)*; and informing the media, intellectuals, international organizations, and the UN Human Rights Commission about the human rights situation and other political developments inside Cuba.

CubaNet

\$25,000

Exchanging information with Cuban activists worldwide via electronic mail and the Internet, allowing human rights and democratic activists in Cuba to communicate with the outside, and providing up-to-the-minute information on developments inside the country on its World Wide Web page.



Left:
Peru's Institute for Legal Defense
conducts the first phase of a voter-
registration campaign.

Free Trade Union Institute
\$112,709

To enable the American Institute for Free Labor Development to improve communication channels with labor activists in Cuba; provide independent unions with solidarity assistance, ideas, and strategies for post-Castro labor policies; and monitor and publicize worker rights violations, including sponsoring international protests regarding the continued imprisonment of political and labor activists.

**Information Bureau
of the Human Rights Movement
in Cuba**
\$70,000

To maintain telephone contact with democratic activists inside Cuba; and to produce and disseminate information on human rights conditions in Cuba via radio programs, faxes, pamphlets, and the quarterly bulletin *Palestra Civica*.

**Institute for Democracy in
Eastern Europe**
\$70,000

To send prodemocracy activists from Central and Eastern Europe and the NIS to Cuba to share experiences and establish communication with their counterparts, adapt and translate texts on transitions from communism, and facilitate the publication of reports from Cuba-based correspondents of the Moscow-based newspaper *Express Chronicle*.

**International Republican
Institute**
\$213,549

To enable the Cuban Revolutionary Democratic Directorate to promote peaceful transition to democracy through research and consultation with activists from other countries, to continue producing a newsletter on Cuba's opposition movement, and to hold a series of roundtable discussions on Cuba's dissident community and transitional issues in a post-Castro era.

**Universal Dissident of
Puerto Rico**

\$56,400

Continuing publication of *El Disidente*, a monthly news digest about Cuba that focuses primarily on political and economic issues and the prospects for peaceful democratic change.

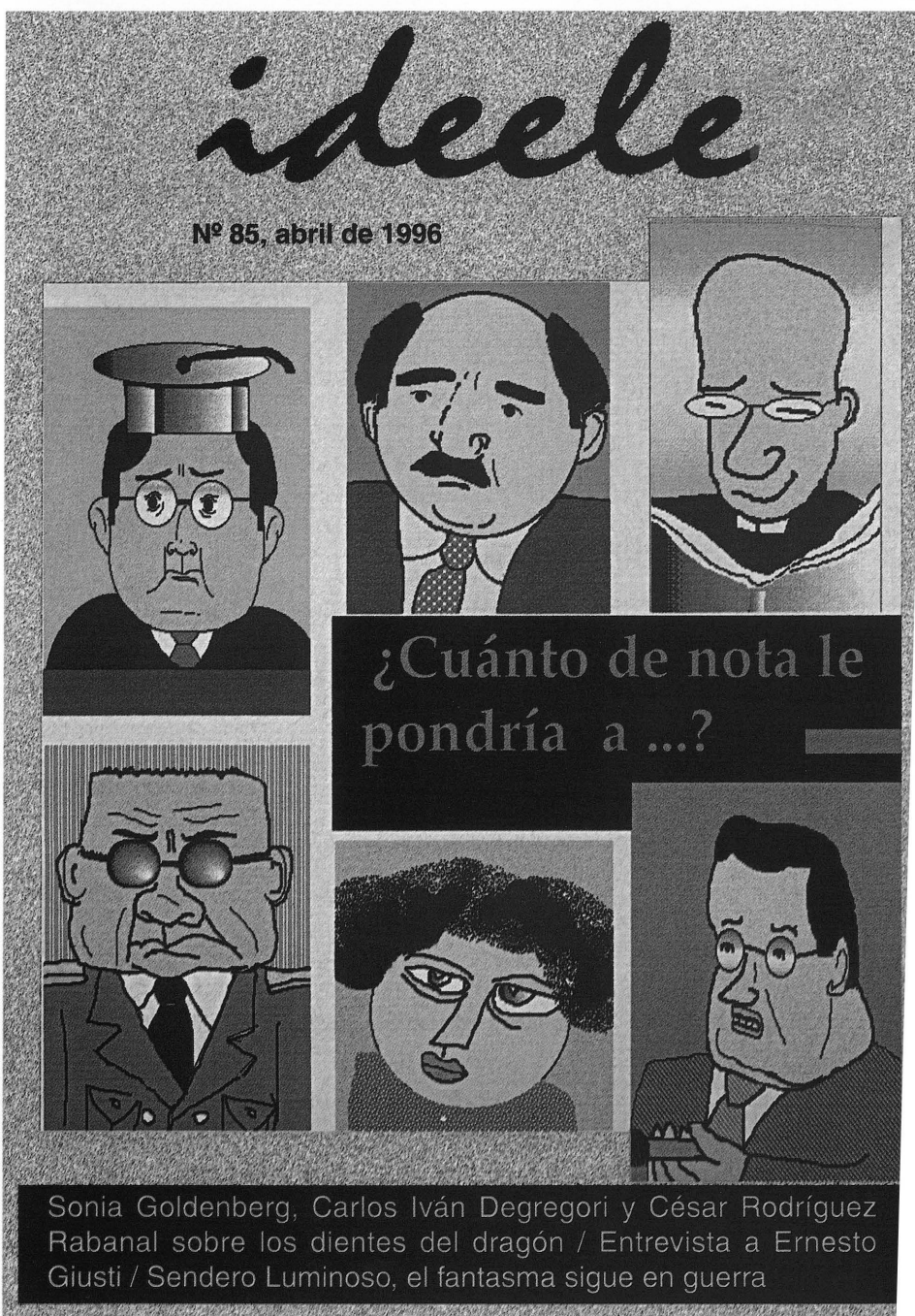
Below:

The monthly magazine of the Institute for Legal Defense in Peru encourages public discussion of political and social issues.

Ecuador

**Center for Research on
Law and Society**
\$85,000

Providing administrative, financial, and technical assistance to five mediation centers recently established in barrios surrounding Ibarra, Quito, and Guayaquil; and, in rural regions, providing technical support to mediation teams trained in previous years through a series of 40 meetings led by the Center's trainers and senior mediators.



Guatemala

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$54,737

For the National Economic Research Center, to research the obstacles to decentralization, publish research results, develop legal and administrative proposals to overcome obstacles, and present the proposals to policy makers and the media.

International Republican Institute

\$109,645

To enable the Institute for Democracy and Development to train newly elected mayors and local leaders in constituent communications and fiscal management, conduct a series of good governance meetings for government officials, and promote the drafting and approval of a congressional-level "Ethical Principles" decree.

International Republican Institute

\$76,192

To enable the Institute for Democracy and Development to conduct the second step in its ethics and accountability project initiated last year, which includes promoting passage of a National Ethics Law, a Public Ethics Act that defines ethical standards for Guatemalan society, and the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption, adopted by the OAS in March 1996.

Myrna Mack Foundation

\$85,000

To train a group of 40 indigenous community leaders to serve as "legal promoters" in their rural districts through a series of ten training workshops on human rights issues and legal mechanisms for defending those rights, and to conduct follow-up activities for 75 leaders trained in 1994 and 1995.

Haiti

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$162,041

Enabling the Center for Private Enterprise and Democracy to conduct cost-benefit economic analyses on important bills and amendments under consideration by Parliament; and to follow up with roundtables, public debates, conferences, luncheon panels, and seminars that stimulate dialogue and bring private-sector concerns to the attention of decision makers.

Mexico

Civic Alliance

\$95,700

Alianza Cívica

To support the national headquarters and improve its communications and coordination with 32 state Alliances in their efforts to monitor state and municipal elections, promote electoral and political reforms at the national level, and encourage wider civic participation through civic education programs.

Mexican Citizens' Presence

\$40,000

Presencia Ciudadana Mexicana

Conducting a democratic education and participation project in ten universities in Mexico City in which student leaders are trained to promote and teach democratic concepts to their peers within the universities.

Mexican Commission for the Defense and Promotion of Human Rights

\$50,000

Comisión Mexicana de Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos

For a legal defense program that provides support to victims of human rights violations, monitors handling of complaints by authorities, documents the changing human rights climate, and disseminates this information.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$98,944

To allow the Civic Alliance to organize a combined election observation and civic education campaign for six municipal elections in 1996, to evaluate election reform measures that Congress debates, and to prepare to monitor important federal elections in 1997.

Resources for Action

\$84,568

With the School for Civic Education (*Escuela de Capacitación Cívica*), for a series of workshops on democratic participation, human rights and the rights of women and indigenous peoples, corruption, social organization, and media monitoring; and for a communications project that uses radio, television, videos, and publications to promote democratic reform and citizen participation.

Nicaragua

American Federation of Teachers Educational Foundation

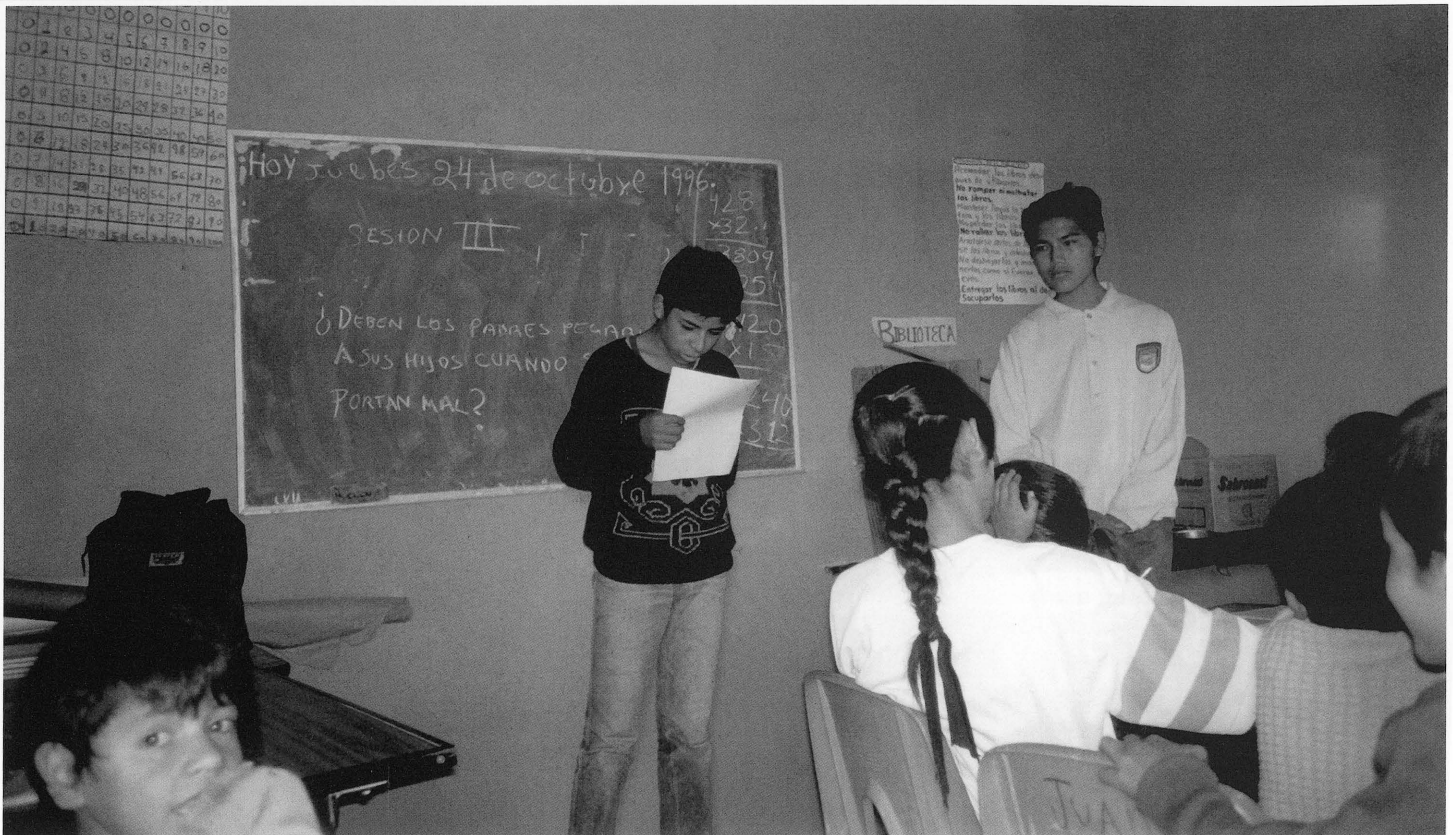
\$78,647 (AID Funds)

To cover costs incurred in the period from October 1 to December 21, 1995, in support of the democracy-building activities of the Center for Education for Democracy that the Center had planned to finance under its direct USAID grant agreement.

International Republican Institute

\$17,558 (AID Funds)

To cover costs incurred by Grupo FUNDEMOS in the period from October 1 to December 21, 1995, for part of a three-year program to build and strengthen democratic political parties in Nicaragua by means of party training and democratic education. USAID was unable to fund these activities due to delays in negotiations with the Nicaraguan Congress.



*Above:
Students in Mexico learn about human rights at a seminar organized by the School for Civic Education.*

International Republican Institute

\$264,304

For Let's Build Democracy (*Hagamos Democracia*), to develop a civic education program for elected and civic leaders in ethics, accountability, fiscal management, conflict resolution, and citizen consultation; and to strengthen accountability of legislators by following debates in the National Assembly, tracking and publishing voting records of elected officials, advancing town meetings, and promoting a constitutional article that will allow citizens to introduce legislation.

**Resources for Action
\$33,125 (AID Funds)**

With the Conscience-Nicaragua (*Conciencia-Nicaragua*), to promote electoral participation in the Pacific region of Nicaragua through small workshops, radio programs, seminars, and publications.

Paraguay

**Center for International Private Enterprise
\$31,816**

To organize a two-day workshop for the Paraguayan Federation of Production, Industry and Commerce (FEPRINCO) where experts from Peru, Chile, Germany, and the United States address organizational structures, economic reform, and advocacy.

**Center for International Private Enterprise
\$65,404**

To involve the FEPRINCO's national membership in developing a "National Business Agenda," which contains a general set of economic principles upon which specific policy positions on market reforms can be based; and to publicize the Agenda in order to create public support for market reforms.

**Let's Decide-NGO Initiative for the 1996 Municipal Elections
\$40,000
*Decidamos-Iniciativa de las ONGs para las Elecciones Municipales 1996***

Conducting a public information campaign to motivate voter registration for the municipal elections through educational flyers, posters, radio and television spots, and newspaper advertisements; additionally, permitting 100 Initiative volunteers to participate in a six-day monitoring effort to detect problems in the registration process.

**Women for Democracy
\$70,000**

Mujeres por la Democracia

In anticipation of the November municipal elections, conducting 30 civic education workshops for 500 parents, teachers, and voting-age students at education centers in and around Asunción; and holding 30 civic education workshops for women in rural communities.

Peru

Institute for Legal Defense

\$32,500

Instituto de Defensa Legal

For a program to promote local governance and train new democratic leaders in the departments of Huancavelica, Ayacucho, and Apurimac through a series of eight workshops for local government officials and community leaders, a documentation campaign, legal assistance, and the dissemination of information and resource materials to local officials.

National Coordinating Commission for Human Rights

\$62,300

Coordinadora Nacional de Derechos Humanos

To publish four issues of a human rights education bulletin entitled *Yours, Mine, Ours* that is designed to appeal to a broad audience, with special emphasis on youth; and to expand its human rights education media campaign to include radio spots and public opinion editorials.

Below:

Paraguay's Women for Democracy improves voter participation through civic education workshops in rural communities.



National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$130,000

To provide technical assistance to Transparency (*Transparencia*) in helping conduct a nationwide civic education program, which includes the development of a manual and other materials on participation in politics and local government; and to support maintenance of the group's regional chapter network.

National/International Forum

\$66,000

FORO Nacional/Internacional

To raise democratic governance issues for national debate and consensus through conferences, seminars, public-opinion polls, focus groups, electronic mail networks, mass media, and a nationwide forum.

Organization of Indigenous Women of the Peruvian Amazon

\$25,000

Organización de Mujeres Indígenas de la Amazonia Peruana

To hold a series of regional workshops for 200 indigenous women in the region of Ucayali to engage in an analysis of their rights, to convene a general meeting of 300 women to facilitate a broader exchange of ideas and experiences, and to publish newsletters.

Research and Action Center for Peace/Rural Education Services

\$39,765

Centro de Estudios y Acción para la Paz/Servicios Educativos Rurales

For a series of seminars in 10 rural provinces at which local authorities and civic leaders define local priorities and design mechanisms to facilitate more active and effective citizen participation in local governance.

Venezuela

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$83,741

To the Center for the Dissemination of Economic Information (CEDICE), in collaboration with the Venezuelan Federation of Chambers and Associations of Commerce and Production, for conducting four cost-benefit analyses of priority pending legislation in the Congress and for promoting the resulting recommendations through a coordinated advocacy strategy, press conferences, and roundtables with government and private sector leaders.

Civil Association for Social Development (New Dawn)

\$40,000

Asociación Civil Para el Desarrollo Social (Nuevo Amanecer)

Strengthening the role of neighborhood associations and parish committees as facilitators of civic participation in local government in two municipalities of the state of Zulia.

Group for a Better Quality of Life

\$61,576

Agrupación pro Calidad de Vida

To continue its national anti-corruption campaign, aimed at educating Venezuelan citizens and public officials about corruption and the role they can play in combating it. Components of the campaign include workshops, radio spots, a newsletter, and training.



Left:
Women meet to discuss their rights at a workshop sponsored by the Organization of Indigenous Women of the Peruvian Amazon.

**International Republican
Institute**

\$199,888

Enabling the Foundation for Thought and Action (*Fundación Pensamiento y Acción*) to coordinate a series of workshops and follow-up training and consultation on democracy and civic participation for young leaders from the media, state and local government, business, political parties, NGOs, the church, and schools; and to produce three public service announcements on democratic participation for radio, television, and print media.

**National Democratic Institute for
International Affairs**

\$92,764

In preparation for the 1998 national elections, to conduct training workshops and a national seminar with the School for Neighbors (*Escuela de Vecinos de Venezuela* [EVV]) and other civic organizations on electoral reform and civic education; and to sponsor EVV programs to monitor congressional action on electoral reform and create a database of volunteers interested in electoral issues.

Regional

Free Trade Union Institute

\$225,550

To enable the American Institute for Free Labor Development to train Latin American trade unionists in monitoring human and worker rights violations; and to conduct and disseminate studies on worker rights practices, support victims of repression, and compile a database on labor laws and the development of export-processing zones in Latin American nations involved in regional free-trade arrangements.

**International Republican
Institute**

\$180,157

For the American Foundation for Political Training (*Fundación América para la Capacitación Política*), in Colombia, Uruguay, Brazil, and Peru: to train political parties and NGOs to use available mechanisms of direct democracy, including collecting signatures, building coalitions, recruiting and organizing volunteers, developing and implementing media and public relations strategies, and using direct mail; in Argentina, Chile, and Ecuador: to train officials who draft direct democracy legislation; in Bolivia, Paraguay, and Venezuela: to disseminate information to educate political leaders on direct democracy.

**National Democratic Institute for
International Affairs**

\$138,004

For an international workshop in Mexico City by the Civic Alliance, where regional civic groups will be trained in the media-monitoring methods pioneered by the Mexican Academy for Human Rights (*Academia Mexicana de Derechos Humanos*). The Civic Alliance will receive a \$20,000 subgrant to organize the workshop and conduct follow-up training.

**National Democratic Institute for
International Affairs**

\$96,982

For a meeting that will convene political party and civic group leaders and representatives of the mass media to discuss ways that civil society can play a more active role in combatting corruption, for a report of the proceedings, and for a follow-up pilot program to test the recommendations derived from the meeting. ~

Middle East:

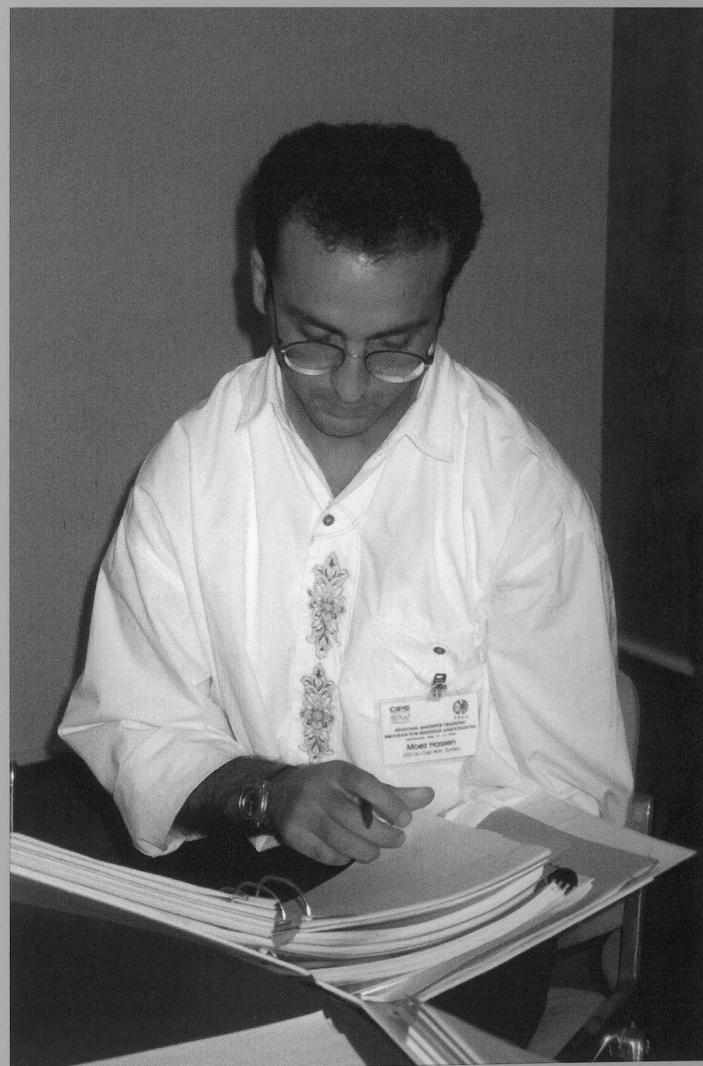
Freedom and peace in the Middle East will not spring inevitably from agreements, resolutions, or elections alone. They can only be achieved when democratic institutions and practices have taken root in all sectors of Middle Eastern societies: from students to policy makers, from the disenfranchised to the intellectual elite. The Endowment therefore provides tangible support for groups who are cultivating the legal, cultural, and philosophical ground to bring about democratic transition.

For example, NED funds were used by the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs to prepare potential women candidates in Jordan for the 1997 parliamentary elections. Two NGOs invited a group of potential candidates to a four-day seminar in Amman. During the seminar, the women became familiar with the essential components of a campaign, the best use of resources, and the types of challenges that frequently arise when making a bid for public office. Candidates and campaign organizers from South Africa, Yemen, Ireland, and the United States met individually with participants. Following the workshop, six of the Jordanian women came to the United States to observe get-out-the-vote efforts, press briefings, public rallies, and fundraising events.

Right:

At a CIPE-sponsored workshop, business association executives from the United States help their North African colleagues take advantage of economic liberalization.

In Turkey, Endowment support was used to reach women who are waging a much more fundamental campaign: introducing shantytown residents to their basic, legal rights. Women for Women's Human Rights launched a pilot project to prepare trainers in Istanbul slums to educate others in their neighborhoods. Topics included family laws, citizenship, and women's rights. Many living in these poor neighborhoods, for instance, did not know that marriages performed by religious leaders are not legally binding unless backed up with a civil marriage, which protects them from summary divorce. The women were also taught strategies for enforcing court orders and other legal mechanisms available to them. Word-of-mouth news of the sessions brought floods of women, overflowing local workshops intended for 15 participants at a time. The program's success has also prompted women in the eastern and southern regions of Turkey to contact the Istanbul NGO to explore implementing this project in their areas (1995 grant).



A very different kind of legal project was made possible in the West Bank and Gaza through the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE). Currently, the economic growth that would otherwise foster stability and help pave the way for democracy in these regions is stunted by the lack of a coherent, modern commercial law infrastructure. Therefore CIPE, using NED funds, awarded a grant to the Israel/Palestine Center for Research and Information (IPCRI) for their "Business Law Initiative." Under this Initiative, economic law reforms are researched, drafted, and brought to the attention of business people and policy makers through aggressive advocacy activities. Previous NED grants enabled CIPE to support IPCRI's work on a tax-reform report that has been adopted as the basis for the Palestinian Income Tax law currently being prepared by the Ministry of Finance. In the words of its Deputy Minister Dr. Atef Alawneh, IPCRI's report "constitutes an important contribution to the advancement of Palestinian tax legislation."

The Endowment has also focused its efforts this year on supporting liberal Islamists and Muslim intellectuals. The International Forum for Islamic Dialogue (IFID) is one group that strives to support and form networks among Islamists who espouse modern interpretations of Islam and advocate the application of Islamic values to human rights, tolerance, democracy, cultural diversity, and women's rights. In 1996 the Forum's newsletter, *Islam 21*, was circulated through Muslim countries all the way from Syria to Indonesia, even reaching readers in Iran. IFID was able to advance its ideas among a wider audience through numerous articles published in the widely circulated journal *Al-Alam* and newspaper *Al-Hayat*. Additionally, through its sponsoring of and participation in regional meetings, it successfully brought together liberal Muslims from diverse nations and backgrounds.

Another NED grantee that promotes a modern interpretation of Islamic tradition is the Sisterhood Is Global Institute (SIGI). In 1996 it trained women members of local governments in Bangladesh. Because these women are appointed by elected male officials and are usually politically uninformed, they lack both the knowledge and mandate to participate effectively in local governance. SIGI therefore designed a five-day workshop for the appointees to teach them about women's rights and help them develop political strategies and skills. Aiming wider, it also recently published *Claiming Our Rights: A Manual for Women's Human Rights Education in Muslim Societies*, a guide for teaching universal human rights concepts to women in the context of their own cultural traditions. Currently available in Arabic, Persian, and Bengali, and soon to be translated into Malay and Uzbek, the book will be evaluated in Bangladesh, Uzbekistan, Jordan, Malaysia, and Lebanon. A finalized version based on this testing is scheduled to appear in 1997.

Claiming Our Rights caught the attention of the *New York Times*, which ran an article describing the manual and SIGI's work in the Muslim world. In an interview for the story, Mahnaz Afkhami, executive director of the Institute, eloquently summed up the goal of groups like the Sisterhood Is Global Institute and the International Forum for Islamic Dialogue when she asserted, "We can have a life of civility, of plurality, that is respectful of the religion and draws on it." ~

"NED's support of the principles of human rights, democracy, and civil society, which depend upon fair and just treatment of women, has enabled activists in the Middle East to bring about tangible change in their communities."

—Mahnaz Afkhami
Executive Director
Sisterhood Is Global Institute

Afghanistan

Afghan Information Center

\$24,000

Publishing its quarterly magazine, *Afghanistan*, dedicated to the promotion of open discourse and the concepts of democracy, conciliation, and human rights among Afghans living inside Afghanistan and abroad.

Writers Union of Free Afghanistan

\$24,000

For the publication of a series of eight booklets about democracy, pluralism, human rights, drug control, and constitutional issues that are written specifically for elders, religious scholars, and intellectuals.

Below:

Women call for a greater political role in the West Bank at a rally organized by the Women's Affairs Technical Committee.

Algeria

Free Trade Union Institute

\$72,600

To enable the African American Labor Center, in cooperation with the Workers' Union of the Arab Maghreb (*Union Syndicale des Travailleurs du Maghreb Arabe*), to formulate and implement public policy, provide training in institution building and internal democratic practices, provide expertise in economic and social reform, and to organize a seminar for unionists on "The Role of Unions in Democratic Societies."

Egypt

The Egyptian Organization for Human Rights

\$40,000

To continue monitoring and publicizing human rights abuses, organize training courses for its members, publish books, and hold a number of workshops and seminars on topics pertaining to human rights conditions in Egypt.

Group for Democratic Development

\$40,000

For its Parliament Watch program, which consists of an annual report on the activities of the People's Assembly and a study of the relationship between the People's Assembly and the electoral process; and for publication of the quarterly magazine *Democrats*.

Ibn Khaldoun Center for Development Studies

\$20,858

To promote objective and fair standards and practices of electoral politics in the 1996 elections through the Election Action Research unit.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$24,089

To enable the Egyptian Organization for Human Rights to participate in a domestic monitoring effort for the upcoming 1996 elections with several other Egyptian NGOs that form the Independent Commission for Election Review.



National Democratic Institute
for International Affairs
\$106,997

To bring six to eight women candidates from Jordan to the United States to learn practical political organizing skills and observe political processes, allowing them to enhance their understanding of political organizing and observe u.s. women candidates in action.

Women's Union in Jordan
\$60,000

To strengthen its institutional capacity, offer free legal advice and representation to poor women, and continue promoting the legal literacy of Jordanian women of all educational levels through workshops and the publication and distribution of legal informational materials.

Kuwait

International Republican
Institute
\$100,533

Prior to the October 1996 elections, supporting and publishing preliminary results of a public opinion study, and then using the final report in a post-election forum for newly elected members of Parliament and their staffs as a tool to guide efforts at improving constituent outreach and services.

Lebanon

Lebanese Foundation for
Permanent Civil Peace
\$40,000

For the first phase of a three-year project to produce a collection of three pedagogic volumes entitled "You and the Law," which will describe in simple language citizens' legal rights and duties.

René Moawad Foundation
\$40,000

For its Center on Research and Education on Democracy, which continued to publish *Hurriyat*, a magazine espousing democracy and human rights, and which held two workshops for students, professors, NGOs, and government representatives.

Morocco

International Republican
Institute
\$136,000

For a series of workshops in which government officials, NGO representatives, and neighborhood associations work together to solve local problems; and for a seminar series on such issues as the deterioration of Morocco's political parties, the economics of the peace process, and the role that political Islam will play in the future.

Turkey

International Republican
Institute
\$183,960

In conjunction with the Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation and the Union of Municipalities for the Marmara Region, conducting a study of budget-making processes in metropolitan and district municipalities and presenting the initial results in a report for incorporation into a national symposium on increasing accountability and responsiveness in local government.

International Republican
Institute
\$69,133

Helping the Turkish Municipal Association to establish a new public policy center called the Center for Local Governance, which will promote legislation and policies that bolster local autonomy through a national lobbying effort, policy research, a policy committee and quarterly forum, and a computerized database of information concerning municipalities.

International Republican
Institute
\$189,604

To train the major political parties in political communications and outreach strategies, development of local party organizations, and leadership training for women; and to support the Anatolian Strategic Research Foundation, a nonpartisan public policy institute based in Ankara, for three workshops for party officials on reforming Turkey's political party law.

West Bank and Gaza

Al-Maqdes
\$53,200

To continue publishing its independent monthly publication, which encourages an informed, responsible, and free debate among Palestinian youth on issues of current concern and promotes respect for diversity of opinion.

Center for International
Private Enterprise
\$95,966

Helping the Center for Palestine Research and Studies to identify and research approximately 20 business-related issues that are considered priorities in revitalizing the Palestinian private sector, to meet with decision makers on these findings, and to promote the recommendations through media coverage and meetings with government officials.

Center for International
Private Enterprise
\$152,813

Enabling the Israel/Palestine Center for Research and Information (IPCRI) to draft two commercial law reports on priority areas essential for the development of a functioning private sector, and to promote the reports through presentations to the Palestinian Authority and Legislative Council, broad distribution to Palestinian and Israeli policy makers, and roundtables and advocacy meetings with leading Palestinian and Israeli authorities.

International Republican
Institute

\$19,523

Sponsoring a series of meetings of Palestinian National Authority (PNA) Health Ministry officials and public health NGOs to articulate the concerns of the NGO community to PNA officials, identify priorities for the development of health policy, and begin a dialogue on ways to meet those priorities.

Nonviolence International

\$70,000

For its Palestinian Center for Democracy and Elections to convene a series of "Working Democracy Meetings" between representatives of the Legislative Council and citizens in villages and refugee camps in the West Bank, and for a bimonthly bulletin that analyzes the progress of democracy and civic education.

The Palestinian
Working Women Society

\$30,000

To promote the principles of the Palestinian Women's Legal Charter through community educators, lobbying, public panel discussions, a quarterly 15-page newsletter, and posters and other didactic materials.

Panorama

\$40,000

For the "Pluralism in Action" project, which provides a regular forum for a wide-ranging political debate and conducts activities that promote democratic values among secondary school students.

Search for Common Ground

\$30,000

To train a core group of Palestinian conflict resolution trainers; to distribute material on conflict resolution through schools, universities, libraries, clinics, and NGOs; and to provide training and support to programs aimed at building a democratic Palestinian society.

Women's Affairs
Technical Committee

\$50,000

Continuing its networking activities to unite the efforts of women from different political backgrounds in promoting the role of women in Palestinian society, pressuring the Palestinian Authority to advance women's rights, and devising strategies and a support system for women seeking public office.

Women's Studies Center

\$21,000

For 16 workshops and training seminars for women on their rights and obligations in anticipation of the upcoming municipal elections, and for a special issue of its magazine, *All the Women (Kul-al-Nisa)*, featuring material covered during the sessions.

Yemen

National Democratic Institute
for International Affairs

\$136,263

For a five-month project with Yemeni political parties designed to address the parties' own assessments of their strengths and weaknesses and to provide training toward improving internal and external party communication through focused, periodic consultations and training workshops.

National Democratic Institute
for International Affairs

\$123,839

For financial and technical assistance to the Arab Democratic Institute to develop materials on domestic monitoring, conduct a voter education campaign, organize and train domestic monitors for the April 1997 parliamentary elections, and develop techniques of monitoring suitable to Yemen.

National Democratic Institute
for International Affairs

\$93,804

In anticipation of the April 1997 parliamentary elections, to conduct a two-phase party pollwatcher training program: first, a core group from each of the three main parties and the two opposition blocs will be trained; second, the parties will train their own pollwatchers with an NDI trainer's oversight.

Below:

NDI helps Yemeni groups promote democratic pluralism through party development and election monitoring workshops.



Right:
Hurriyat, a publication of the René Moawad Foundation, stimulates debate on social and political questions in Lebanon.

Regional

Editions Le Fenec

\$45,000

To hold two workshops and one conference to develop educational materials for use in the Muslim world, and to publish a series of booklets that explain Koranic verses and Hadiths that encourage dialogue and tolerance and forbid aggression toward women and minorities.

Foundation on Democratization and Political Change in the Middle East

\$60,000

To launch the third part of its "u.s.-Arab Relations" program, which consists of the preparation of a series of papers and a three-day conference in Casablanca, Morocco, to address the issues of democracy, pluralism, and security in the Arab world.

Free Trade Union Institute

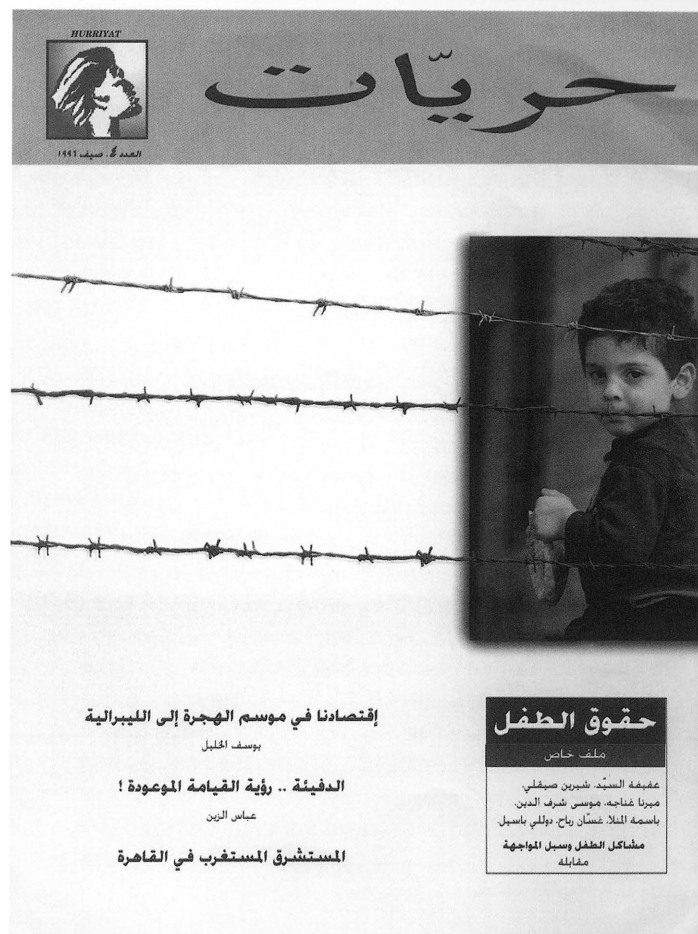
\$220,954

For the African American Labor Center to support national labor union projects: in Morocco, assistance to the Union Marocaine du Travail in developing a women's education program; in Tunisia, support in developing women's committees within trade unions in three major industrial cities; and in both countries, workshops on publications and external communications.

Ibn Khaldoun Center for Development Studies

\$50,000

Publishing in Arabic and English its monthly newsletter, *Civil Society*; compiling and publishing its annual report on civil society and democratization in the Arab world; and providing *Civil Society* and other ICDS publications on the Internet.



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International Republican Institute

\$34,179

To facilitate cooperation between prodemocracy reformers in the Middle East by sponsoring a year-long series of activist "exchange" visits to IRI programs in different Middle Eastern and North African countries.

International Forum for Islamic Dialogue

\$50,000

To promote dialogue and tolerance among liberal Islamists through the publication of a newsletter of findings from their conferences and research, monitoring and publicizing the development of opinion among Islamists on relevant issues, and providing members with information and guidance to assist them in developing their positions.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$111,104

To expand its Middle Eastern Democratic Studies II Program by enabling Middle Eastern democrats to participate in NDI's programs in other regions of the world, translating political development materials into Arabic and publishing a report that provides Arab perspectives on the challenges to democracy in the Middle East.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$126,644

Organizing a regional summit for ncos in the Arab world that have undertaken or will undertake independent election monitoring programs, allowing participants to compare monitoring experiences and discuss international standard of election monitoring, volunteer recruitment and retention, dealing with political obstacles, and outreach strategies.

Nonviolence International

\$52,000

For the first phase of a project to reinvigorate the examination of the intellectual, cultural, and spiritual sources within Islam that promote nonviolence, beginning with a series of consultations with nonviolent leaders to develop local educational initiatives, followed by a pilot seminar and manual for activists in the Middle East on "Islam, Nonviolence, and Civil Society."

Prologues

\$50,000

Publishing three special issues with articles by both Western and Muslim thinkers on Islam and democracy, including articles aimed at high school and college students, and addressing these topics again in four issues of the regular journal.

Sisterhood Is Global Institute

\$70,000

Receiving renewed Endowment support to complete the first phase of a two-phase project to produce a manual for use in women's human rights education in the Muslim world.

Turkish Democracy Foundation

\$30,000

For an international workshop for activists and academics from around the world to assess the prospects for democracy in the Middle East in light of the increasing activism and popularity of religious parties and movements.

Westbourne Publishers

\$85,000

To help Dar al-Saqi publish its Arabic-language journal, *Abwab*, a forum for debates about democratization as an integral part of Arab political discourse, through which independent Arab writers can reach a wider audience. ~

Multiregional and Miscellaneous:

Multiregional

American Federation of Teachers Educational Foundation

\$130,000

To strengthen civic education programs in newly democratizing countries through technical assistance to help educators implement teacher training programs and develop curricula and materials, dissemination of a guide for reforming and improving civic education, and the expansion of a library and database.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$315,404

To publish *Economic Reform Today* (ERT), a magazine that provides practical guidance on economic reform; and to establish DEMOS, a new online information service that posts ERT in English and Spanish, a Directory of Reform-Oriented Organizations and their publications, and a CIPE regional newsletter for Central and Eastern Europe.

Fund for Peace

\$25,000

To cover the research and writing costs of the third manual in the Human Rights Handbook Series, which will focus on successful strategies used by human rights NGOs to function in hostile or repressive environments.

International Human Rights Law Group

\$10,657

A supplemental grant to pay unanticipated salary and payroll costs for its Legal Fellows Program that were required by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Miscellaneous

CIPE/Program Development

\$157,765

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\$379,586

CIPE/Program Management

\$96,989

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\$161,899

IRI/Program Management

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IRI/Support Grant Management

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\$253,994

NDI/Program Management

\$159,913 ~

The International Forum for Democratic Studies:

The International Forum for Democratic Studies was established as a new division within the Endowment in April 1994. The Forum, whose activities are funded primarily by private contributions, has already become a leading center for analyzing and discussing the theory and practice of democratic development worldwide. It also serves as a clearinghouse for information on the varied activities and experiences of groups and institutions working to achieve and maintain democracy around the world. As such it fills an important institutional void in the field of democratic studies, while at the same time supporting and enhancing the Endowment's grants program.

The Forum's activities involve and benefit scholars, policy makers, and activists representing diverse experiences and views. The Forum has initiated four interrelated programs:

- A research and conferences program, which, through a combination of international conferences, smaller meetings, and occasional publications, analyzes the practical and theoretical aspects of democracy and democratization;
- A Democracy Resource Center consisting of a library and archives on democracy, a World Wide Web site on the Internet called *DemocracyNet*, a democracy-promotion grants information database, and an electronic discussion group called *DemocracyNews*;
- Publication of an expanded version of the *Journal of Democracy*, a quarterly journal published for the Endowment by Johns Hopkins University Press, along with a series of *Journal of Democracy* books; and
- A Visiting Fellows Program that enables a small number of distinguished scholars, journalists, and democratic activists from around the world to spend time in residence at the Forum.

The International Forum is directed by Marc F. Plattner and Larry Diamond who also coedit the *Journal of Democracy*. The International Forum's programs benefit from the advice and involvement of a Research Council consisting of U.S.-based scholars and other specialists on democracy.

Research and Conferences

Research sponsored by the Forum focuses on issues of democratic transition and consolidation as well as on the common challenges facing both new and established democracies. The Forum held a major international conference on "Democracy in East Asia" co-sponsored by the Japan Institute of International Affairs and the Institute of Public Policy Studies, Thailand, and funded by a grant from the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership). The Forum prepared a conference report, "Democracy in East Asia," and an edited volume stemming from the conference will be published by the Johns Hopkins University Press in late 1997 or early 1998. In September 1997, Johns Hopkins will publish *Consolidating the Third Wave Democracies*, a volume based on a conference co-sponsored by the Forum and Taiwan's Institute for National Policy Research in August 1995.

The Forum also planned a major conference on "Political Parties and Democracy," held in Washington, D.C., on November 18-19, 1996. A conference report will be published in 1997, and a volume of essays in 1998. On June 26-29, 1997, the Forum will hold its next major international conference in Vienna, Austria, on "Institutionalizing Horizontal Accountability: How Democracies Can Combat Corruption and Abuse of Power." The conference will be co-sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna.

The Forum also sponsors smaller conferences and meetings on timely issues and particular countries or regions. In the past year, the Forum held such meetings on "Constructing Democracy and Markets: East Asia and Latin America" (co-sponsored with the Pacific Council on International Policy); on Taiwan (co-sponsored with the Institute for National Policy Research, Taipei); on Korea (co-sponsored with the International Relations Institute, Korea University); and on Russia (co-sponsored with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace).

The Forum also publishes reports based upon these smaller meetings; in the past year the Forum has published "Mexico: The Challenge of Political Opening," "Stability and Reform in Egypt," and "Constructing Democracy and Markets: East Asia and Latin America." The Forum has also published an enlarged version of the latter report that includes memos prepared by the conference panelists prior to the meeting. Reports stemming from the meetings on Taiwan and Russia will be published early in 1997, and an edited volume on Korea is in preparation.

During the coming year, the Forum will co-sponsor, with the Mário Soares Foundation and the Luso-American Development Foundation, a series of public lectures in Washington, D.C., by leading democratic thinkers and actors. Entitled "The Democratic Invention," it will follow upon a similar series in Lisbon (sponsored by the Soares Foundation) that began in October 1996. The Washington program will be launched with an opening event on Capitol Hill in May 1997, and then will proceed with monthly lectures hosted by George Washington University beginning in September.

Throughout the year the Forum also sponsors luncheon discussions with writers, journalists, activists, and practitioners engaged in the study and promotion of democratic development. During the past year, the Forum held discussions featuring Richard Rose (on the then-upcoming Russian parliamentary elections); Hyug Baeg Im (on economic globalization and democracy); Martin C.M. Lee (on the future of Hong Kong); Jonathan Hartlyn (on the 1996 presidential election in the Dominican Republic); Ergun Özbudun (on Turkish democracy in comparative perspective); Ghia Nodia (on the special character of postcommunist transitions); and Oleg Zaznaev (on Russia's regional politics: the case of Tatarstan). Professors Im, Nodia, and Zaznaev were Forum Visiting Fellows. The Forum also planned discussions for late 1996 with several other Forum Fellows: Andrei Marga (on postcommunist transitions and culture); Satu Limaye (on American and Indian democracy); Kathleen Smith (on Russia's quest for a democratic patriotism); and Rita Jalali (on the impact of international funding on local NGOs, particularly women's organizations).

Democracy Resource Center

The Democracy Resource Center (DRC) collects, organizes, and disseminates information and analysis produced by and about the wide range of groups and organizations working to strengthen democracy around the world. The DRC seeks to facilitate a genuinely multidirectional flow of information and ideas among developed and developing democracies, grant providers and recipients, and scholars and practitioners. The DRC has four components:

Library and Archives

The library and archives house a collection of some 6,000 books, journals, grantee reports, audio and video cassette, and other publications on democracy; a unique collection of materials produced by prodemocracy groups worldwide; documentation on the history of the Endowment and programs it has funded; and information on the activities of other democracy-building groups and organizations. These resources have been entered into an electronic catalog.

Democracy Promotion Grants Database

A database containing information on democracy-promotion grants permits users to search for information by various fields, including grantee, country, region, year, subject, project abstract, and grantee publications. The database contains information on over 3,500 grants made since 1990 by NED, Great Britain's Westminster Foundation for Democracy, Canada's International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development, and the Netherlands' Alfred Mozer Foundation. Information on grants made by other private, but publicly funded, organizations (like NED) will be added in the future.

Internet Access

The DRC has established an Internet World Wide Web site called *DemocracyNet* that can be accessed at <http://www.ned.org>. *DemocracyNet* gives users access to the full text of NED publications, including the International Forum's conference reports; the tables of contents of all issues and other material from the Forum's *Journal of Democracy*; a catalog of Internet resources on democracy; information on the Forum's Visiting Fellows Program; selected grantee publications; the DRC's electronic library catalog; and the DRC's Democracy-Promotion Grants Database. In addition, the DRC librarians have assisted a variety of prodemocracy groups in establishing their own sites on the World Wide Web.

Discussion Group

The DRC recently launched *DemocracyNews*, an electronic mailing list that uses "listserv" technology to facilitate an exchange of news and information among NED grantees and other democracy activists, scholars, and practitioners. *DemocracyNews* is open to all interested subscribers, and instructions for subscribing can be found on *DemocracyNet*, NED's World Wide Web site, or by contacting Allen Overland (allen@ned.org).



Visiting Fellows Program

The Forum launched its Visiting Fellows Program in January 1995. The program enables scholars, journalists, and democratic activists to spend from three to ten months in residence at the Forum exploring the theory and practice of democracy. The program is open to applicants of all nationalities and seeks to reflect a wide geographical diversity each year.

The primary goal of the program is to give Fellows the time and resources to conduct original research, become familiar with recent literature in their fields of interest, write for publication, assess their own experiences, engage in discussions with scholars and practitioners from other regions, and enhance their knowledge and skills. The results of the program—new information and analysis, deeper insights, improved understanding, and extensive communication—are of benefit not only to the individual Fellows, but to the wider community of democrats and students of democracy as well.

A secondary goal of the program is to stimulate mutually beneficial interaction among the Fellows and other scholars and practitioners of democracy by exposing the Fellows to the academic, policy-making, and activist communities in Washington and elsewhere in the United States. The Fellows benefit, for instance, from their interaction with the extensive network of scholars, many of them in the Washington area, who constitute the Forum's Research Council. The program also fosters productive and enduring ties among the Visiting Fellows themselves.

The Visiting Fellows Program is small, personalized, and flexible. No more than six Fellows can be in residence at one time. Every effort is made to adjust the timing and duration of fellowships to meet the needs of the prospective Fellows, and the program seeks people from a wide range of nationalities, disciplines, and perspectives. While the Forum hopes eventually to offer fully funded fellowships, with few exceptions it cannot at present provide stipends for living expenses.

This year, the following distinguished scholars working on issues related to democracy have been in residence at the Forum:

Hyug Baeg Im
(September '95–August '96)

Associate professor of political science at Ewha Womans University in Seoul, South Korea, worked on a study of authoritarian capitalist development and democratization in Korea.

Kathleen Smith
(February–December '96)

Assistant professor of government at Hamilton College in New York where she has taught since 1993, focused on mythmaking in the new Russia and that country's effort to construct a usable past after communism.

Ghia Nodia
(February–June '96)

Head of the department of political philosophy at the Institute of Philosophy, Academy of Sciences of Georgia, focused on distinguishing two kinds of democratic transition, one based on propitious social, cultural, and economic conditions, and one stemming from a lack of such conditions and therefore based instead on a conscious effort of political elites to imitate existing models of democracy.

Oleg Zaznaev
(April–September '96)

Associate professor of political science at Kazan State University in Kazan, Russia, researched a comparative analysis of presidentialism and parliamentarism.

Rita Jalali
(June '96–March '97)

Assistant professor of sociology at James Madison College, Michigan State University, conducted research on the impact of international aid on women's groups in India.

Andrei Marga
(July–December '96)

Rector of the University of Cluj in Romania since 1993, focused on the effort to distinguish what is truly universal in democracy from what is specific to particular times, places, and conditions.

The Forum also approved fellowships for the following individuals who began their residencies at the Forum in late 1996 and early 1997:

Emmanuel Gyimah-Boadi
(October '96–July '97)

Most recently assistant professor in the School of Foreign Service at the American University in Washington, D.C., and a consultant to the Institute of Economic Affairs in Accra, Ghana, is working on a conflict resolution approach to consolidating African democracies in the 1990s.

Aymen M. Khalifa
(November '96–May '97)

Former editor of *Civil Society: Democratic Transformation in the Arab World*, published by the Ibn Khaldoun Center for Development Studies, is researching and writing on free expression and democratization in Egypt.

Daniel Brumberg
(January–June '97)

Assistant professor of government at Georgetown University, who has written extensively on Middle East politics, is exploring ideological innovation in post-revolutionary states with a specific focus on Iran.

Occasionally, the Forum also hosts short-term fellows who may be in residence for up to three months. Two such scholars were recently in residence at the Forum: Anita Inder Singh, a senior associate member of St. Antony's College, Oxford University, and Satu Limaye, former research fellow and head of the Program on South Asia at the Japan Institute of International Affairs.

Below:

Grigory Yavlinsky, leader of Russia's Yabloko party, speaks at a conference co-sponsored by the Forum entitled "Five Years into the Transition: Where Is Russia Headed?"



Journal of Democracy

According to *Foreign Affairs* magazine, the *Journal of Democracy* "has published some of the best contemporary writing on the subject of modern liberal democracy." The *Journal* monitors and analyzes democratic movements worldwide and examines the cultural, political, social, and economic factors that affect the institutionalization of democracy. Each issue of the *Journal* also features key documents on democracy, reports on elections abroad, and topical book reviews. Contributors to the *Journal* include both leading scholars and prominent democratic activists from around the world. The *Journal* is published quarterly in January, April, July, and October. Contents of the 1996 issues are listed on the following page. (Subscriptions are \$29.00 per year for individuals and \$65.00 for institutions.)

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Selected essays originally published in the *Journal* have been collected into several books edited by Larry Diamond and Marc F. Plattner and published by the Johns Hopkins University Press. In August 1996, Johns Hopkins published *The Global Resurgence of Democracy* (Second Edition), and in November 1996 *Civil-Military Relations and Democracy*.

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Independent Auditor's Report:

To the Board of Directors of
National Endowment for Democracy
Washington, D.C.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of National Endowment for Democracy (the Endowment) as of September 30, 1996, and of the related statements of activities and changes in net assets and of cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the Endowment. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

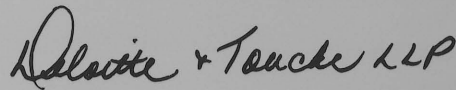
We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Endowment as of September 30, 1996, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Endowment changed its method of accounting for contributions effective October 1, 1995, to conform with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 116, and the Endowment made changes to the form and content of its financial statements to conform with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 117.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of natural expenses is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. This additional information is the responsibility of the Endowment's management. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP



November 27, 1996

Statement of Financial Position

September 30, 1996:

(With Comparative Totals for 1995)

	1996	1995
Assets		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,118,612	\$ 933,466
Grants receivable (Note 3)	27,682,730	28,866,328
Prepaid and other assets	16,005	16,005
Total current assets	28,817,347	29,815,799
Furniture and Equipment—Net (Note 2)	301,787	378,268
Total assets:	<u>\$ 29,119,134</u>	<u>\$ 30,194,067</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 11)	\$ 700,518	\$ 834,244
Grants payable (Note 4)	26,257,401	26,946,239
Deferred grant revenue—government agencies (Note 5)	1,274,695	1,548,878
Other deferred revenue (Note 1)	—	66,000
Current obligations under capital lease (Note 8)	28,871	26,624
Total current liabilities	28,261,485	29,421,985
Capital Lease Obligations:		
Long-term portion (Note 8)	26,090	55,351
Total liabilities	28,287,575	29,477,336
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	705,896	716,731
Temporarily restricted	125,663	—
Total net assets	831,559	716,731
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 29,119,134</u>	<u>\$ 30,194,067</u>

See notes to financial statements.

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets Year Ended September 30, 1996:

(With Comparative Totals for 1995)

	1996 Unrestricted	1996 Temporarily Restricted	1996 Total	1995 Total
Support and Revenue (Note 5):				
Grant revenue—government agencies	\$ 30,274,183	\$ —	\$ 30,274,183	\$ 36,450,37
Other grants and contributions	—	541,747	541,747	769,27
Other revenue	42,743	—	42,743	45,11
Total support and revenue	30,316,926	541,747	30,858,673	37,264,76
Net Assets Released from Restrictions:				
Satisfaction of program restrictions	482,084	(482,084)	—	—
Total revenues	30,799,010	59,663	30,858,673	37,264,76
Expenses:				
Program Services:				
Federal Grant Programs:				
USIA	25,769,300	—	25,769,300	31,193,12
AID	129,330	—	129,330	554,13
Total Federal grant programs	25,898,630	—	25,898,630	31,747,26
Other Programs:				
Journal of Democracy	70,610	—	70,610	85,91
Democracy Resource Center	179,551	—	179,551	186,85
International Forum	48,974	—	48,974	37,35
Research and Conference	110,221	—	110,221	13,96
Visiting Fellows Program	47,168	—	47,168	—
NED Taiwan Conference	14,364	—	14,364	—
NED Biennial Conference	—	—	—	90,06
NED Private	11,196	—	11,196	10,64
Total other programs	482,084	—	482,084	424,80
Supporting Services	4,429,131	—	4,429,131	4,718,64
Total expenses	30,809,845	—	30,809,845	36,890,71
Changes in Net Assets Before Cumulative				
Effect of Change in Accounting Principle	(10,835)	59,663	48,828	374,05
Cumulative Effect of Change in Accounting Principle				
	—	66,000	66,000	—
Change in Net Assets	(10,835)	125,663	114,828	374,05
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	716,731	—	716,731	342,67
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 705,896	\$ 125,663	\$ 831,559	\$ 716,73

See notes to financial statements.

Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended September 30, 1996:

(With Comparative Totals for 1995)

	1996	1995
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 114,828	\$ 374,057
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	130,771	132,169
Cumulative effect of change in accounting	(66,000)	-
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Grants receivable	1,183,598	(706,589)
Prepaid and other assets	-	(197)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(133,726)	(405,141)
Grants payable	(688,838)	3,169,725
Deferred grant revenue—government agencies	(274,183)	(1,717,563)
Other deferred revenue	-	(76,209)
Net cash provided by operating activities	266,450	770,252
Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities—		
Purchase of furniture and equipment	(54,290)	(106,834)
Cash Flows Used in Financing Activities—		
Principal payments under capital lease obligations	(27,014)	(24,862)
Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	185,146	638,556
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	933,466	294,910
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ 1,118,612	\$ 933,466

See notes to financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended September 30, 1996:

(With Comparative Totals for 1995)

1. Organization and Accounting Policies:

Organization:

The National Endowment for Democracy (the Endowment) is a private, not-for-profit organization headquartered in Washington, D.C. The Endowment was established coincident to a grant awarded by the United States Information Agency (USIA) as mandated by the National Endowment for Democracy Act (the Act) of the United States Congress. The Endowment also receives funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The purpose of the Endowment is to encourage free and democratic institutions throughout the world through activities which promote individual rights and freedoms. The Endowment awards grants to organizations with programs consistent with its objectives.

Basis of Presentation:

The accounts of the Endowment are maintained and the financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The Endowment reports to the U.S. Government on the basis of obligations incurred and cash expenditures made.

Financial Statements:

The Endowment presents its financial statements in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 117, "Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations" (SFAS No. 117), issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board. The adoption of SFAS No. 117 had no financial impact on the Endowment; however, changes have been made to the form and content of the financial statements.

Comparative Totals:

For convenience in presentation, the financial statements include certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Endowment's financial statements for the year ended September 30, 1995, from which the summarized information was derived.

Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Furniture and Equipment:

Furniture and equipment that are not part of direct program costs are recorded at cost and are depreciated or amortized on the straight-line method over their estimated service lives or the terms of the lease, as applicable, ranging from three to ten years.

Grants Receivable:

At the time a grant agreement is awarded/signed, a receivable and deferred revenue are recorded. When payments are received, the receivable is reduced. The deferred revenue is recognized as revenue in accordance with the Endowment's revenue recognition policy.

Revenue Recognition:

Grants received from government agencies specify the periods in which monies are to be expended. Additionally, certain government grants restrict the use of funds for programs in specific countries. Revenues from government grants are recognized as earned in the year in which the granting organization indicates the funds are used for the intended purpose provided the Endowment incurs valid obligations that are in accordance with the purposes set forth in the grant agreement. Funds granted in excess of valid obligations incurred are recorded as deferred revenue.

Agreements with USIA and USAID provide for the subsequent audit of costs funded under the grant agreements. It is the policy of the Endowment to provide for cost disallowances based on its experience in previous contract audits.

Change in Accounting Policy:

Effective October 1, 1995, the Endowment adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 116 (SFAS No. 116), "Accounting for Contributions Received and Contributions Made." This statement requires the recognition of contributions in the year received. Under SFAS No. 116, the Endowment reports gifts of cash and other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Income on these net assets is classified as temporarily restricted or unrestricted in accordance with the donor's stipulation. In prior years, contributions that were restricted as to use by the terms of the contract, grant, or other arrangement were deemed to be earned and were reported as revenue when the Endowment incurred expenses in compliance with the funding restrictions. The effect of this accounting change on the change in net assets for 1996 was \$59,663. The cumulative effect of the accounting change on prior years was \$66,000.

Statement of Cash Flows:

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash on deposit and overnight repurchase agreements.

2. Furniture and Equipment:

Furniture and equipment less accumulated depreciation and amortization as of September 30 is as follows:

	1996	1995
<i>Furniture and equipment</i>	\$ 844,111	\$ 789,822
<i>Equipment under capital lease</i>	135,492	135,492
<i>Total</i>	979,603	925,314
<i>Less accumulated depreciation and amortization</i>	(677,816)	(547,046)
<i>Furniture and equipment, net</i>	\$ 301,787	\$ 378,268

3. Grants Receivable:

Grants receivable are from the U.S. Government and represent balances of Federal Reserve Letters of Credit and direct funding established by USAID and USAID grant agreements.

The Endowment collects U.S. Government funds by filing requests for direct funding and by presenting payment vouchers against letters of credit when it disburses cash for program grants and administrative costs.

4. Grants Payable:

Grants payable represent the undisbursed balances of funds obligated to the Endowment's grantees. Grantee organizations are entitled to collect grant funds as needed by presenting requests for funds to the Endowment.

5. Deferred Revenue:

Deferred Grant Revenue:

The following schedule summarizes the changes in deferred grant revenue from agencies of the U.S. Government for the years ended September 30, 1996 and 1995:

	<i>Deferred Grant Revenue, Beginning of Year</i>	<i>Add Deferred Revenue Adjustment</i>	<i>Add Grants Awarded</i>	<i>Less Grants Obligated</i>	<i>Deferred Grant Revenue, End of Year</i>
<i>USAID Grants— Nicaragua</i>	\$ 941,738	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 154,945	\$ 786,793
<i>USIA Grants— Primary Funding</i>	607,140	—	30,000,000	30,119,238	487,902
<i>Total, Fiscal Year 1996</i>	\$ 1,548,878	\$ —	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 30,274,183	\$ 1,274,695
<i>Total, Fiscal Year 1995</i>	\$ 3,266,441	\$ (267,187)	\$ 35,000,000	\$ 36,450,376	\$ 1,548,878

The deferred grant revenue at September 30, 1996, will be recognized as revenue when the Endowment incurs valid obligations in accordance with the purposes set forth in the grant agreements. Deferred revenue adjustment represents changes in the funding status of the grant.

6. Temporarily Restricted Net Assets:

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purpose:

Journal of Democracy	\$	64,390
<i>International Forum</i>		11,026
NED <i>Taiwan Conference</i>		2,636
<i>Research and Conference</i>		21,559
NED <i>Private</i>		26,052
<i>Total temporarily restricted net assets</i>	\$	<u>125,663</u>

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes specified by donors during the year ended September 30, 1996, as follows:

Journal of Democracy	\$	70,610
<i>Democracy Resource Center</i>		179,551
<i>International Forum</i>		48,974
<i>Research and Conference</i>		110,221
<i>Visiting Fellows Program</i>		47,168
NED <i>Taiwan Conference</i>		14,364
NED <i>Private</i>		11,196
<i>Total net assets released from restrictions</i>	\$	<u>482,084</u>

7. Related Parties:

The Endowment awards grants to various organizations to be used for programs that the Board of Directors determines are consistent with the purposes of the Act. Some of the organizations which submit proposals and are awarded funds have members of their Board of Directors represented on the Board of Directors of the Endowment.

Article vi, Section v, of the Endowment's bylaws provides that any Board member who is an officer or director of an organization seeking to receive grants from the Endowment must abstain from considering and voting on such grant. This provision shall not prevent any director from supplying factual information that the Board requests.

8. Commitments:

Minimum future payments under capital leases for equipment as of September 30, 1996, are as follows:

Year Ending September 30,

1997	\$	31,422
1998		27,639
<i>Total minimum lease payments</i>		59,061
<i>Less amounts representing interest</i>		<u>(4,100)</u>
<i>Total obligations</i>		54,961
<i>Less current portion of obligations</i>		<u>28,871</u>
<i>Long-term obligations</i>	\$	<u>26,090</u>

The Endowment has noncancelable operating leases for office space and equipment. The lease for office space includes a provision for rent escalations to compensate for increases in operating costs. Future minimum lease payments expire as follows for the years ending September 30:

1997	\$	467,946
1998		467,946
1999		272,969
<i>Total</i>	\$	<u>1,208,861</u>

Lease expense was approximately \$476,000 and \$462,000 for the years ended September 30, 1996 and 1995, respectively.

9. Income Taxes:

The Endowment is exempt from Federal income taxes, except for unrelated business income activities, under Section 501(c)(3) of the u.s. Internal Revenue Code and has been classified as an organization that is not a private foundation under Section 509(a).

10. Retirement Plan:

The Endowment has a defined contribution annuity plan for all of its employees, under which the Endowment contributes a percentage of eligible employees' annual earnings to individually owned tax-deferred annuity contracts. The Endowment's contribution to the plan is based on 10% of an eligible employee's annual earnings. Costs of the plan for the years ended September 30, 1996 and 1995, were approximately \$223,244 and \$177,300, respectively.

11. Transfers to USIA and USAID:

Commencing in fiscal year 1987, the u.s. Government established a policy whereby recipients of federal funds are required to deposit grant funds in interest-bearing accounts. Interest earned in excess of \$250 per fiscal year must be remitted back to the u.s. Government. Total interest earned in fiscal years 1996 and 1995 was approximately \$50,124 and \$60,604, respectively. Interest earned has been netted against transfers of interest to USIA and USAID for financial statement purposes. Interest payable to USIA and USAID as of September 30, 1996 and 1995, of \$9,322 and \$19,297, respectively, is included in the balance of accounts payable and accrued liabilities in the accompanying financial statements.

12. Letter of Credit:

During fiscal year 1996, the Endowment obtained an unsecured letter of credit in the amount of \$500,000 from Riggs Bank. There were no amounts outstanding under the letter of credit as of September 30, 1996.

Schedule of Natural Expenses Year Ended September 30, 1996:

	USIA	AID	Other	Total
Salaries, wages, and benefits	\$ 2,968,752	\$ 15,406	\$ 178,758	\$ 3,162,916
Professional fees	265,220	6,650	38,557	310,427
Occupancy	412,099	171	63,878	476,148
Consultants	48,875	-	23,249	72,124
Communications	176,802	1,068	15,817	193,687
Travel and transportation	155,668	1,602	12,649	169,919
Supplies and equipment	81,968	-	16,410	98,378
Insurance	26,965	-	-	26,965
Depreciation and amortization	130,771	-	-	130,771
Conferences and meetings	49,568	-	111,344	160,912
Other	29,843	683	15,643	46,169
Periodical	56,985	35	5,779	62,799
Total	\$ 4,403,516	\$ 25,615	\$ 482,084	\$ 4,911,215

Natural expenses as presented above exclude program grants from USIA and AID in the total amount of \$25,898,630, as shown on the statement of activities and changes in net assets, as the related natural expenses are incurred at the subrecipient level.

The total of the program amounts listed on pages 7-51 of this report may differ from the program grant amounts shown in the fiscal 1996 financial statements on pages 62-69. This is a result of the fact that the amounts listed on pages 7-51 exclude certain grantee administrative expenses and that all programs approved by the NED board in fiscal year 1996 have been included, even though some of the related grant agreements were not executed until fiscal 1997.

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