

PEACE CENTER PROGRAM 1968-69

- community outreach -

We plan to involve more persons in thought & action for peace by carrying peace education to the community thru all sorts of existing groups. WPC has prepared a comprehensive list of DC peace action groups for distribution on area campuses. This is to inform incoming students of what's happening while stimulating interest among students about the Center itself. Free Theater will hold its planning meeting tonight, 8 P.M. at 1323 New Hampshire Ave.

- education resources -

Washington Peace Center supplies peace ed. materials for people of all ages designed to supply facts & to encourage people to think thru the peaceful solution of conflicts - personal & group as well as international. Some of these are: study booklets for teachers & pupils in grades 6-12, film-discussions (such as BBC's "Journal of a W.R." & David Achenbrun's great speech on Vietnam), speakers, printed matter for loan or sale (See encl). Free Theater reached some 3,000 persons at Dupont Circle & 5 campuses last year. It is hoped to expand this action with role playing, use of tapes or other variations. To work in this contact O'Hara, AD4-2111.

- draft counselling -

As a result of our extended effort in this area, the Washington Evening Star of September 18 stated in an article on draft information: "In the District, the most active & respectable draft counselling is offered by the Washington Peace Center, located in the Friends Meeting House, 2111 Florida Ave., N.W.".

Bill Brubaker, our Head Counselor, counsels now an average of 4 or 5 men daily at the center as compared with the 1 or 2 a day of the last month. This, of course, does not include referrals made to our volunteer counselors in Maryland, Virginia, & D.C.

With this increased demand we need more counselors and a wider range and greater quantity of counselling materials. If you are interested, call Bill, AD4-6211. Contributions to this program would be greatly appreciated. - Bill Brubaker

FUNDING THE PEACE CENTER

Greatly expanding demands lead us to the bigger & strengthened peace education program presented in this issue. While it is impossible to do all that our very sick society needs - peace people can & must do more.

Of course this expansion calls for stepping up our frugal budget from \$5000 to \$8000 for 1968-69. Some of us are supporting sacrificially. Our staff are doing more than their part - giving \$15,000 they should have in salaries. One family of 4 are giving \$20 per month. Others have pledged increases or housing for staff. Sustaining givers are sought to give regularly for specific items like salaries, phone, a duplicator, films & other services will be made more self-supporting. It is hoped that a benefit may be held by a youth or adult group.

You can give heart to the directors by indicating now your intention to give. A coupon is enclosed for gifts of money, time, housing or equipment.

DIRECTORS NAME McSORLEY & SAILER

The Board of Directors elected director Richard McSorley to fill Brian Paddock's place on the Exec. Com. & Agnes Sailer as Fund Raising Chair. Several other directors will work with her. Professional advice will be secured & a C.O. to work on fund raising & accounting.

There was general agreement that the Center should condemn Russia's interference in Czechoslovakia. It was decided that the Exec. Secretary should enclose a statement he has signed in the Sept. Newsletter. There was strong support for relief to thousands of starving Piafrans.

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Truong Dinh Hung, 23 yr. old son of Truong Dinh Dzu, civilian runner-up in the 1967 presidential elections in south Vietnam now serving 5 years at hard labor for advocating participation by NLF in gov't.

Hung studied in Saigon & Paris & at Stanford Univ. (65-68). He is representative in U.S. & West Europe of Dzu's PUF, third force in S. Vietnam. To have Hung speak, call WPC Speakers Bureau, 779-8059.

UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY AND GUATEMALA

In our world made small by improved communications, there is still so much that goes on without our becoming aware of it. We are still largely disinterested in the pains and joys of our fellow-beings, except when events stand out to shock us.

Recently, Mr. John Mein, U.S. Ambassador to Guatemala was shot to death while serving at his post. This was shocking. Our attention turns to that small country in Central America. And we wonder why? I'd like to answer you.

Revolution in Guatemala - Mr. John Mein's death saddens us. But with nary an emotional stir, the news drifted vaguely here about the 4,000 persons killed in Guatemala during the past two years, mainly by right-wing terrorists. Our Ambassador was hardly an innocent bystander.

There is a revolution beginning in Guatemala-a necessary revolution. Land and education needed for human survival, are not appreciably available to 80% of the population. The established government is there by the power of 2% of the people-the wealthy to protect their interests, also to protect the business interests of the U. S.

U.S. Military Aid - That is why the Guatemalan army is aided by U.S. advisors, by helicopters, by planes and arms; why last year 2,000 new policemen were trained, outfitted and salaries paid by the Alliance for Progress. The Ambassador was in Guatemala as an emissary of our country to arrange all these transactions. Hardly an innocent bystander!

U.S. foreign policy is responsible for the image our country presents to other nations. It is ourselves reaching out to other people. It is up to us to determine if it will be an arm in brotherhood or an arm of destruction. Let us not excuse ourselves that we are innocent bystanders. Nine of us will be tried in Federal Court, Baltimore, October 7 for burning draft files in an attempt to stop our country from destroying other nations. Everyone of us must find his way of stretching out his arm in brotherhood. We cannot, we must not stand by with folded arms. - Mrs. Marjorie Melville (Sept. '68)

Another Opportunity to hear the Melvilles gripping presentation of oppression in Guatemala and its relation to Vietnam is offered on Friday, Oct. 4, 8PM at St. Stephens Church, 16 & Newton, NW. This public meeting, affording a chance to contribute toward freedom, is organized by Aileen Berman and will be chaired by Julius Hobson, local Black leader.

Trial of the "Cantonsville 9" (including the Melvilles & Mr. Philip Berrigan) for burning draft records will be held at Baltimore Post Office, Calvert & Fayette St., 10 AM, Oct. 7-10. Baltimore Peace Action Center is arranging support activities for these devoted peace people. Marjorie Melville writes "we hope some PC's good people will be interested in attending".

*Rally Sun. 6th 8 PM St. Ignatius Hall, Monument & Calvert Sts.

March Mon. 7th 9-12 from Charles & 29th St.

March Tu. 8th "Funeral of Selective Service", Details fr. AD4-6211; 301-889-0065//(tentative)

YOUR ADDRESS, PLEASE:

It will save us time & expense & get Newsletter to you promptly if you will advise us of address changes. Ada Alexander has labored long & hard to get our files up to date so that we now have few undelivered items. The wide spread of delivery time by bulk rate mailings makes a few late deliveries inevitable. If excessive, please complain to the P.O. Please tell us of others who should receive Newsletter. I'll send a trial subscription. 50¢ to cover cost for a year will be appreciated.

THANKS AND BEST WISHES

Twenty peace friends at PC's "family party" on Sept. 7 honored Brian & Sharon Paddock for 4 years yeoman peace service thru the Peace Center. They have returned to So. Calif. Newsletter adds thanks to them & to Flora McKinney, bookkeeper for 2 years, who moved to Cleveland and to Dick Ortega for his draft counselling interrupted by work & return to university.

Thousands starving in Biafra. YOUR help is essential. (See PP. 3 & 4) Contact your church or call Peace Center AD4-2111

PEACE PEOPLE AND '68 ELECTION

Volunteer workers & campaign gifts are urgently needed by Senators & Representatives who have taken leadership for peace in Vietnam. Sen. Gruening was eliminated in the primary. To lose more such men would be tragic. For further information call David Hartsough at LI7-4343.

Write to your Congressman to vote "No" to the Defense Appropriation Bill HR18707 FY 69. A note stressing your concern over official U.S. reluctance to aid the starving Biafrans is also in order. (See article on Biafran relief.)

The New Party offers an alternative to war & violence through social action, not repression. For the party's history & an analysis of its program, see the current issue of the Nation and the New Republic. For more information call 317-9600.

Jobs Needed- The Alexanders have given up long-held positions rather than continue at Ft. Detrick, germ war center. Helen is a switchboard operator; Mr. A. a clerk/typist. Address: Route 2, Frederick, Md. 21701; phone 301-662-4445.

"...The revolutionaries I've met (in US) do not seek to gain power over others, but instead they refuse to use their own power to oppress themselves & others", says Anne Brann in an article, NONCOOPERATION: A REVOLUTIONARY TACTIC, in our next issue. Related discussion Oct. 6 at 314 Independence Av, SE: 544-0878; also "Handbook on Nonpayment of War Taxes".

JAY JAILED FOR FREEDOM

A sure sign of the illness of our society is that people are put behind bars for being good citizens. Just last week our friend and summer volunteer Jay Harker (son of Chuck and Eleanor of FCNL & Montgomery Co. schools) was imprisoned for an indefinite term for refusal to cooperate with the Selective Service (draft).

We salute Jay & the others who have the love of freedom & the courage to take the clear and logical stand. He joins Dr. Spock, Fr. Philip Berrigan (& the Melvilles?); historically, they are in excellent company: Jesus, St. Paul, Gandhi, Nehru, Thoreau, Dr. King and hosts of other workers for human decency. If enough other good people

CONGRESS COULD STILL FACE UP in the next month. You can help meet America's crying needs by urging enlightened action on these very important matters: food stamps, employment, education, welfare & health for U.S. poor & firearms control. For info: FCNL, LI7-4343; WILPF, LI6-8840.

SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF PEACE VIGIL

Soon we will pass our 100th week of vigiling for Peace in Vietnam at 11th & F Sts. To many of us who have been sticking with this 12-to-1 hour each Wed. week after week it represents a small but continuous effort to confront ourselves & the general public with a searching "Why?". Each week 100 passersby stop for a leaflet.

Vigilers are always welcome but especially on Oct. 16 for our 2nd year anniversary. -S. Cory.

MOBILIZATION AFTER CHICAGO

What happened in Chicago may well go down as a turning point in the history of the peace movement. Many who went there as "peaceniks" have returned disillusioned and embittered, ready to join the swelling ranks of the militants who are fed up with the whole system. Others have scared off; wanting peace, but not "trouble", they'll watch it on TV next time. Finally, there are those somewhere in the middle, a sector neither as vast nor as inert as it was two months ago.

For those of us who refuse to abandon the cause of peace out of fear yet hesitate to see violence consume this nation, there is only one alternative: continued non-violent demonstrations. For, in spite of all the protesting that has been done thus far, war is not over; it remains a reality to the women and children who cannot escape. Risking the occasional wrath of the U.S. police is the least we can do in their behalf. The Washington Mobilization is planning a massive demonstration for Nov. 1st. Call UPC for details: AB-6211. - M. O'Hara.

give all-out opposition, wars will end & our country and the world be more free.

If you would show friendly concern for these people write to Jay Harker, 33098, P.O. Box 1000, Federal Reformatory, Petersburg, Va., 23803, and to Rev. Philip Berrigan, who spoke in our "Peace & Change" Conf. in 1964, c/o PAC, 2525 M. Ave., Balto, 21218.

THE KERNER REPORT on Civil Disorders is must reading as background to intelligent action on critical city problems. At newsstands (\$1.25) or from our library; good summary from WPC (10¢).

KOINONIA PRODUCTS AGAIN

This is the answer to those people who have been asking if we will distribute those delicious pecans, fruit cakes & pecan-dy again this year. It is our hope also to have cards and other peace gifts. Just how much we can do depends upon the number of friends who will represent us in different churches, communities & other groups.

Our increases in sales in past years, the reputation established for quality at reasonable prices & the fact that purchases aid WPC peace work & Koinonia interracial community should assure that we top \$2500 this year. Please contact AD4-6211 now if you will help. A price list will be sent you soon. Meanwhile, please plan to purchase gifts from us, and tell others.

Benefit party for South. Student Organ. Com. at home of Gabrielle Edgcomb, 3515 Idaho Av, NW, Sat., Oct. 12, 8 PM: performers from Newport Folk Fest. refresh. \$3.50.

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PEACE CALENDAR

Oct. 4 Fri. 8PM the Melvilles on Guatemala & Vietnam, St. Stephens Ch., 16th & Newton
Oct. 5 Sat. 11-12 Bethesda Weekly Viet Peace Vigil, Is. & Montgomery (Post Office)
Oct. 6 Sun. 2PM discussion "Peace Organs. as IRS Agents", 314 Independence Av., SE.
Oct. 6-10 Trial of "Catonsville 9", Balto. P.O. & other locations. Details AD4-6211.
Oct. 12 Sat. 8PM benefit party for SSOC, leading peace organ. in South, now starving; entertainment, refreshments, 3515 Idaho Av. \$3.50. For info. 949-6841.
Oct. 16 Wed. 12-1 silent weekly Vigil for Peace, 11 & F - start of 3rd year.
Oct. 18 Fri. 6PM U.N. Concert dedicated to int'l human rights, Constitution Hall
Tickets from \$3.50 at U.N.A:U.S.A., 1332 Conn. Av, 20036, 338-3080.
Nov. 1 Fri. Peace demonstration - Mobilization (details in next newsletter)

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Phones: Draft Info. AD4-6211; WPC, AD4-2111
Winter hours: Mon-Fri. 9-5; Sat. 9:30 - 12:30

WPC NEEDS EQUIPMENT & VOLUNTEER WORKERS
so that our expanded staff may work effectively. Some needs are:
bookkeeper;writers desk
secretary desk lamps
home typists file cabinets
receptionists book/mag. racks
committeemen for all duplicator
activities herein guillotine
& others phone table

PEACE PILGRIM IN D.C.

Here is a great opportunity to probe your basic values & motivations. Peace Pilgrim, a remarkable woman with faith in mankind & in God, has walked & hitchhiked all over the U.S. bearing the message of goodwill & peace. Her schedule: Oct. 27, Christ Cong. Church, Sil. Spr. 9:15-11:15; 29th a.m. WIAL-TV (B. Coleman); 30th Christ Meth. Church in SW 6:15; Nov. 2 leaves Wash. Call WPC, AD4-6211.

SAVE THE STARVING IN BIAFRA. Send your gift thru Church World Svc. 475 Riverside Dr. NYC, Catholic Relief Svc. 350 5th Ave. NYC, or your religious body. Also, use & give all-purpose cards (6 designs contrib. by Afro-Am. artists). Profits to Biafran aid. Ten for \$2 from WPC or AERO Card/Proj. 856 7. End Av. 4A, NYC 10025 (50¢ postage)

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