

FINANCING THE WORK OF WPC

Our yearly fund drive is on, and unless you are a very recent giver you have had a letter from Channing Phillips. Responses have been heartening to date, and there have been some wonderful gifts:

- A car and insurance for a year (see story below);

- \$360 in monthly installments to go toward car maintenance;

- Two \$250 contributions;

- A baby-sitter on special assignment gave us her total intake of \$50.

This is a good start, but much more is needed if WPC is to be as effective as it can and should be.

It is essential that more people give financial support so that the Center can continue its essential services to the Washington metropolitan community. Send your contribution today to WPC, 2111 Fla. Ave., NW, Washington, D. C.

CAR NEEDED

In recent months members of the Peace Center staff have spoken at 5 high schools, attended youth conferences and made the rounds of area colleges. But many more contacts could be made--with teachers, ministers, community groups--if we had a way to get around. Thanks to the efforts of Jim Dill, the young man who has been handling the Koinonia products, we may soon get a car. He has offered to buy the car and insure it for the first year. This is a commitment he feels is necessary if the Center is to have mobility. Quick, available transportation would double the effectiveness of WPC. If you have a car in good working order which you could sell to WPC, call Mike O'Hara, AD 4-6211. Better yet, if you have a car you would be willing to loan or give to the Center, Jim's donation could be put to work in other important ways. If you can help in any way, call or write a note to Mike.

NEW DIRECTOR ADDED

The Directors of the Peace Center at their last meeting approved the addition of Anita Hughes, of Washington, to the Board. Mrs. Hughes works with Ira Hamburg at Federal City College, and is an active leader in Washington's black community.

DOUBLE DUTY FOR PEACE

A good place to buy toys for Christmas is Young Playways, 3404 Conn. Ave. Not only will you get fine gifts (the store does not sell toys, or other items, of violence) but you will support WPC at the same time. Just tell them you want WPC to benefit; they will give you a receipt, which you send to us. We will then receive 10% of the amount you spent at Young Playways.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS: New phone numbers to keep on hand - for the Peace Center: AD 4-6211; and for WPC's draft counselors (at Mobilization hqtrs. at 3 Thomas Circle): 347-6633.

FREE THEATRE

The Free Theatre opened with success. We have had a full house each night, the discussions were lively, and contributions were good. But now, just as we have gotten started, we face a serious problem: the building at 1323 New Hampshire is no longer available. Dr. Miller, who has let us use the building, is moving his office. This means we must find another place. At the moment prospects are dim, and we need suggestions. Until new arrangements are made we will do our best to provide private and public organizations with the films we had intended for the Free Theatre.

CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTION: A contribution in the name of someone you know to support WPC's work for peace and brotherhood would make an appropriate Christmas gift this year.

You can obtain distinctive Christmas cards designed by Alexander Calder, from the Committee of Responsibility, to benefit war-injured Vietnamese children; call 659-2458, or from the Washington Peace Center, AD 4-6211.

DECEMBER	CALENDAR OF PEACE EVENTS	DECEMBER
Dec. 2, Mon., 1:15 p.m.	Father Blase Bontane, who was expelled from Guatemala with the Melvilles & others, on "Panorama", Channel 5.	
Dec. 4, Wed., noon-1 p.m.	Weekly Silent Vigil, 11th & F, NW - schedule during Dec. is tentative; call AD 4-6211 to check definite dates.	
Dec. 2 & 9, 8p.m.	Northwest Citizens on the Urban Crisis - two seminars on community education; Cleveland Park Cong. Church, 34th & Lowell, NW.	
Dec. 3, Tues., 8 p.m.	SANE public meeting, "Moscow & Prague, 1968"; Room 103, Reis Science Bldg., Georgetown University (see story below).	
Dec. 3 & 4, Tues. & Wed.	City Council hearings on proposed highway plans; for times and locations, see story below).	
Dec. 5, Thurs.	UNA/UWF seminar on Africa & the UN; in Washington & New York; for reservations, call NA 8-8330 (see story page 3).	
Dec. 2-5 (specific date to be decided)	WPC draft counselor training session (third in a series co-sponsored with Student Mobilization at GWU); call Bill Brubaker for details and schedule info at 347-6633.	
Dec. 10, Tues., 8 p.m.	WILPF meeting on police-community relations; Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16th St., NW (see story on page 3).	
Dec. 27-29 (Fri-Sun)	Nonregistration conference; Philadelphia (see story below).	

REPORT FROM MOSCOW-PRAGUE, 1968

Sanford Gottlieb, Nat'l exec. dir. of SANE, will report on his 2-week trip to the Soviet Union & his conversations with Soviet Peace Committee members on Tues., Dec. 3, at 8 p.m., in Rm. 103 of the Reis Science Bldg. at Georgetown U. (the policeman at gate at 37th & O will give directions). Open to the public.

DRAFT COUNSELORS TRAINED

Bill Brubaker, WPC's head draft counselor, has begun a series of counselor training sessions at GWU. These, and other training sessions to be set up during Dec., should help alleviate the serious shortage of counselors in the Washington area.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION HEARINGS

City Council hearings on proposed highway plans will be held Dec. 3 & 4. This is the time for everyone opposed to the strong-arm tactics of highway interests to be heard in support of more humane procedures in this area. Hearings will be held Tues. afternoon at 2:00 at Western High at 35th & R; Tues. evening at 7:30 at Hines Jr. High, 7th & C, SE; Wed. afternoon at 2:00 in the District Bldg.; and Wed. evening at 7:30 at Kelly Miller High, 49th & Brook, NW.

NONREGISTRATION CONFERENCE

Young men from all over the East coast will gather in Philadelphia on Dec. 27-29 for a conference on nonregistration and noncooperation. The young men--and family and friends (girls are welcome) who support them--will hear and take part in discussions on history of the draft and nonregistration, theory and application of nonregistration, noncooperation and nonviolence, and family and community reactions to draft refusal, among other topics. Participants will need sleeping equipment & meal money; those interested should send name, address, age and brief statement of why attending conference to Peacemakers, c/o Wally Nelson, 3810 Hamilton St., Phila. Pa. 19104. The conference will run from 7 p.m. Fri., the 27th of Dec., through Sun. afternoon, the 29th, at The Back Bench, 32 Fortieth St., Philadelphia.

Suggestions of names of people who would be interested in receiving the Peace Center newsletter, or in supporting the work of the Washington Peace Center, are both very welcome. _ _ _ _ _

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A Case In Point

Jacobo Arbenz Guzman in 1952 proclaimed a widesweeping program of land reform. It called for the expropriation of redistribution of land. The government offered compensation for 494,000 acres of the United Fruit Company's land and gave it to the peasants. We condemned Guatemala for this action and refused to sell to them any longer, and in 1954 got the OAS to convene and bulldozed through a declaration censuring the Arbenz government. Fortified with this declaration, we went to work getting rid of Arbenz. We found another Guatemalan colonel, Carlos Castillo Armas (a graduate of the U.S. Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas), fed him arms, including six F-47s piloted by U.S. "volunteers" and dollops to set up a rebel force in Honduras and Nicaragua and helped him overthrow Arbenz. Armas thereupon became a ruthless dictator, closed down opposition newspapers, smashed student rallies, tortured and murdered his critics, and gave back the expropriated land to the United Fruit Company.

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FILMS ON WAR, POVERTY, RACE

The WPC now has a greater number of films on a wider variety of topics than ever before, particularly on race and poverty in America. These include portrayals of the ghetto & its effect on people, white Appalachian poverty, and the effects of prejudice on children. One which is highly recommended is A Time For Burning (seen on TV a year or two ago) for holding a mirror up to nature, enabling us to see white racism in its most subtle but most pervasive form. In this documentary a church group proposes the tiniest of first steps in inter-racial communication, and after much soul-searching and pious temporizing the project is vetoed and the minister fired.

Of course, we still have good films on Vietnam, so popular (and possibly even effective?) last year and still relevant. Not only is Vietnam not over, but warfare as a policy is not over, nor will it be until people realize its cruelty and understand the nature of the propaganda which makes war appear justified or necessary. For these reasons, these Vietnam films will be useful long after the fighting there has stopped.

We also have a new film on civilian casualties in Vietnam, and a beautiful film on man's love affair with war.

To schedule these or others, call Gladys Block, 931-7117. For most films, there is no fee, though we do appreciate a contribution. Of course, WPC's speaker and literature services are also still available for your use.

POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Police-community relations will be the subject of a public meeting on Dec. 10-- Human Rights Day--sponsored by WILPF. Women's International League is working with other area groups to put together a useful and workable program in this vital area, and hopes to gain federal grant support under the 1968 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act. Main purpose of the Dec. 10 meeting was described in a recent WILPF newsletter as follows:

"Unless neighborhood groups are informed of their rights under this Act and unless they attempt to exercise them... this money will simply be used by police forces. Already most of the grant applications...made under this Act are for weaponry.

"Come and help us in the decision as to what we can do to reduce tensions and prevent trouble in our own community."

Speakers will be Eugene Rodin, dir. of D.C. Criminal Justice Planning Agency; John Karr, ACLU; and Marion Berry, Pride, Inc.

This past Monday, November 25, WPC presented a statement of the Board of Directors at the City Council hearings on police-community relations. The statement urged the principle of elected, rather than appointed police control boards. The Directors feel that only elected boards will build up adequate confidence of the community in their police.

SEMINAR IN NEW YORK ON U.N.

The United Nations Association and United World Federalists are sponsoring a seminar on Africa and the United Nations on December 5, to include a trip to the U.N. and to the UNA Center in New York. The seminar will focus on the Rhodesian boycott and the issue of apartheid in South Africa and will include a pre-trip briefing at the South African Embassy in Washington, as well as an address by African heads of mission in New York. The seminar fee of \$25 covers round-trip train fare, lunch and dinner in New York, and an information kit. Reservations must be made three days in advance, by calling NA 8-8330, 8331, 8332.

PEACE GIFTS - CHRISTMAS 1968

Sales of Peace Gifts are brisk, and should exceed last year's volume, to the benefit of WPC, the War Resisters League, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the African Emergency Relief Organization, and the Koinonia Community. You can buy these fine products either for yourself or to give to others and know that in doing so you help directly in the attempt for peace on earth, good will towards men.

- 1969 War Resisters League Calendar - Days of Gandhi - \$2.00
- African Emergency Relief Org. all-purpose cards for Biafran relief - 20¢ each.
- Fellowship of Reconciliation holiday cards - 10¢ and 15¢ each.
- Committee of Responsibility Christmas cards, by Alexander Calder - 10/\$2.50; 659-2458.
- UNICEF cards and calendar - U.S. Committee for UNICEF Greeting Cards, Box 22, Church St. Sta., NY, 10008
- CORE holiday cards by black artist Don Miller, & others; CORE Holiday Cards, 200 W. 135th St., NY, 10030.

To get Peace Gifts, or information, contact any of the following: Raoul Kulberg (Ch.Ch. & Dupont Cir. area) 966-7935; Mary Farquhar (Brookville, Md.) 924-4340; Mrs. Walter Felton (Ch.Ch. & Bethesda) 363-9544; Kate Quigley (Annandale, Va.) 256-3403; Laurel Scull (Annandale & Langley Hill) 560-5938; Mrs. Lucille Vaughn (Alexandria) 765-8729; Mrs. Eileen Franch (College Park & Sil.Spg.) 779-9396; Mary DeWeaver (Mt. Pleasant) 265-3658; Cora Fisher (Fairfax, Va.) 631-0044; Mrs. Delta Meyers (Hyattsville, Md.) 431-0398; Jim Dill (Reston, Va.) 437-3529; Agnes Sailer (Loudoun County) 777-2897; or WPC at AD 4-2111 or AD 4-6211; E.Harker (Adelphi) 569-4601

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- Shelled selected pecan halves, choice of smoked, spiced, or plain
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1 lb. 11 oz. copper-toned tin - \$3.75
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7 oz. box - \$1.10
- Pecan dates (dates stuffed w/pecan halves)
2 lb. 4 oz. copper-toned tin - \$3.75
12 oz. box - \$1.10
- Fruit cakes - 2 lb. 13 oz. - \$4.00
1 lb. 7 oz. - \$2.25
sliced (15 oz. box) - \$1.50
- The Pecan Cookbook - \$3.00

A more detailed price list with descriptions is available from the Peace Center.

A contribution in the name of someone you know to support the Peace Center in its work for brotherhood and peace in the world would make an especially thoughtful and appropriate Christmas gift this year.

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