

## BULLETIN

*Thirty-fourth year of service*  *under the Red & Black Star*

# AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE



*Gloria Hoffman*

These French, English, Dutch, and Yugoslav young people made good-news headlines as they worked together last summer in France. They dug ditches, burned off land, that it might be reclaimed for agriculture and tree planting. More than a thousand young people will take part in similar projects this summer. Facts about these and other news items are summarized in this BULLETIN.

## Stewardship Renewed

ON APRIL 13, a phone call brought news of a contribution of \$500,000 to the Service Committee by the Ford Foundation. With its receipt, the Committee has paused to renew the stewardship necessitated by all contributions.

There is always a sense of responsibility and of humility for members of the AFSC when they reflect on the source of funds which underlie the Committee's programs. The majority of those who contribute are men and women who share our concerns and wish to participate in the relief of human distress and the building of world peace by giving from their meager incomes. We would use their gifts in programs appropriate to the spirit of their giving.

There is a similar requirement of stewardship for the larger contributions which come from organizations and foundations. The gift from the Ford Foundation was pre-

sented in the faith that its own aims, "to help reduce international tensions and build good will and understanding," would be carried out. We appreciate the confidence thus expressed, reaffirm our aims, and trust that the confidence in our stewardship of the past might be fully re-earned.

The grant will probably be used immediately to expand some of the Committee's present international programs. Final Board decision in regard to its use takes place during May.

The Committee does not depend upon endowment or reserves, but constantly plans ahead in faith that the necessary support will be forthcoming according to the need confronting us, and to our capacities to meet them. The Ford Foundation gift has come and is received in accord with this faith.

LEWIS M. HOSKINS, *Executive Secretary*

## Second International Quaker Team to U.N. Assembly

The Board of the AFSC has authorized our participation in an international delegation to attend sessions of the United Nations Assembly, opening in Paris on November 6. It is hoped that British Friends, as well as other national groups of Friends, will be willing to join in the delegation as they did a year ago.

While emphasis is put on the work which such a delegation can do during the meetings of the Assembly, the contacts made during that time involve members of the delegation in a great deal of continued consideration of important international conflicts. Korea still remains acute. The difficulties of resettling Arab refugees in the Middle East are far from over. What shall be done about the possibility of the People's Republic of China being accepted as a member of the United Nations is a question almost certain to emerge; and there will be other matters threatening the peace which will no doubt come to an acute stage between now and November 6. The Consultative Committee on Foreign Affairs, which is responsible to the Board, occupies itself with the question as to how

Friends generally, and the AFSC in particular, may hopefully have some influence on these areas of tension.

One might think, because our American foreign policy seems to be so clearly defined in terms of maximum preparedness for defense, that there would be little public discussion of alternative possibilities of preserving the peace. On the contrary, there seems to be an insatiable appetite on the part of the American public to hear a presentation of alternatives. There is, also, a yearning to understand the human side of the operation of the United Nations and to have a deeper sense of its relevance to the maintenance of peace than the public press usually implies.

These yearnings have kept members of the staff and Committee as busy as their time allows, in speaking at public gatherings and attempting to interpret some alternatives as Friends see them. We hear that this is equally true of the members of last year's delegation from Britain, Mexico, and Sweden.

CLARENCE E. PICKETT,  
*Honorary Secretary*

## The Eye of Time . . .

"Only when the eye of time and the eye of eternity see a single picture does Truth acquire the dimension of depth." Howard Brinton's thought has been much with us as we have gathered the news items for this BULLETIN, for we have looked at them primarily with the eye of time.

In the months ahead, we would try to see them with the eye of eternity as well, and in the fusion of temporal and eternal perhaps we may catch a glimpse of the potential that is in them to bring wholeness into individual lives and a new creativity into the history of today.

**This is the last issue of the BULLETIN until October.**

By then, the questions of rights and responsibilities among individuals and nations may have leapt into sharper focus. We hope that the trial by fire now upon us all might purify our sight and deepen our wisdom, consuming the layers of hardness we have built about ourselves to shield us from one another.

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## Social and Technical Assistance Survey

The AFSC believes that the positive values in a social and technical assistance program under United Nations direction would be an enormous offset to the current move toward international conflict. It believes, further, that such assistance should be undertaken by persons sensitive to the needs and cultural patterns of the people in the underdeveloped areas receiving technical aid.

The Committee has been encouraged by U.N. and United States State Department officials to implement these beliefs with experimental projects that might discover patterns usable by international agencies.

To see whether the Committee ought to undertake such "pilot" projects, Willis Weatherford and Kay Beach are on a six-month exploratory mission taking them to India and Pakistan, possibly to Jordan and Italy. They left Philadelphia in mid-March, stopped briefly in London and Amsterdam to confer with Friends there. Their first letters from India outline contacts made. "We feel we have seen enough central governmental people for the time being," they write. "We set off Tuesday for seven weeks of seeing what has been done in agriculture, health, education, and village industry in villages by government, mission work, and private Indian groups."

At this same time, Louis Schneider has worked his way across our country ferreting out skilled agriculturists who are sensitive to the enormous need for their services and willing to be on call should such a program develop.

## Material Aids—Six-Month Report

Between October 1, 1950, and March 1, 1951, 237 tons of material aids valued at \$405,524.48 were shipped to Austria, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Korea, and to American Indians in our own country. These figures, about 17 per cent below those of a year ago, reflect a public interest lag in relief projects.

Gifts from manufacturers for the six-month period amounted to 73,000 pounds valued at about \$57,000. This included 33,314 yards of cotton and 11,000 yards of woolen material.

About 15 tons of used clothing has been delivered or is on the way from the Boy Scout National Clothing Drive, with 10 or 15 tons more on the horizon for shipment in the near

future. The AFSC will ship an anticipated half million pounds.

Clothing income from voluntary contributions for the first six months is about 500,000 pounds, which we are hopeful will continue to arrive at a rate to make shipments reach the million-pound mark for the year.

Out-of-the-ordinary gifts received so far include 18,000 pounds of assorted colors of resin synthetic sheeting, 50 excellent record albums, including some new ones, and 400 pounds of sulfa drugs. The synthetic sheeting is a plastic expected to provide 12,000 square feet of excellent floor covering in overseas neighborhood centers. Centers have already received the records, while the drugs are to go to Italy.

*Tony and Dickey Chapelle*

Shoes for this small refugee are a real gift—and they fit! To find proper shoes for his mother and sisters is more difficult. Only those that are at least three inches wide across the sole and with heels not more than an inch high are usable.



## Clotheslines and Duffelbags

Clotheslines and duffelbags are making headlines among the current service opportunities for children in the program of the Committee on Educational Materials for Children. Information about these and other projects with tantalizing names relating to soap, Halloween, Valentines, bicycles, pins and needles, may be had by addressing the CEMC. *As Children Share* is the title of the new kit for parents and teachers now available that includes descriptions of service projects, stories, worship resources, lists of books for children and adults trying to live in the friendly way. The price is 50 cents.

In these days of grave international tensions, teaching children to live as citizens of one world is no longer an elective. It is an imperative course of action for parents, teachers, club and scout leaders, librarians—for all who are associated with children.



Over 23,000 pairs of mittens have been received at the Philadelphia warehouse from children all over the United States who have been decorating their "Mitten Trees," planned by the Committee on Educational Materials for Children. The project is to extend throughout the year, and more mittens arrive every day.



More Yugoslav young people, like these three who took part in an international work camp last summer, are expected to join AFSC work camps and seminars again this year.

## Report From Yugoslavia

Henry G. Russell, Director, AFSC European Seminar Program, visited Yugoslavia the first week of March to make arrangements for some Yugoslavs to participate in our summer projects.

If plans can be carried through, there will be five or six Yugoslav young people in our work camps this summer and the same number in international service seminars. One Yugoslav leader has consented to serve on the faculty of the France seminar, and one teacher is expected to participate in the School Affiliation Workshop to be held in France.

Henry Russell's reports stress the cordiality with which he was received, and the interest with which the Yugoslavs responded to ideas of exchange of people. They seemed eager to have American students in their country, and it may be possible for some to join the Swedish *Internationella Arbetslag* planning a work project there.

## International Student House

A Diploma of Friendship was recently presented to the International Student House in Washington, D. C., by the Student House in Santiago, Chile. At a special dinner, where the presentation was made, house residents donned their native dress, and a Chilean Embassy member present remarked, "there is a synthesis of the world here in this house."

And so there is. Hugh Jenkins, Director, reports that a maximum of 20 nationalities have been represented in residence at the house at one time. Accommodations are for foreign students, while the large downstairs rooms are thrown open to community activities of an inter-group nature.

## A New Davis House

After many months of search, a new house has been located for the Davis House program. Its location, almost directly across the street from the International Student House in Washington, D. C., promises a fusion of the two programs. Davis House was bequeathed to the AFSC some years ago as a "hospitality home for foreign statesmen." Visitors in our capital are welcome there to meet in an international and interracial atmosphere.

Repairs and renovations now in progress should be completed in two or three months, according to Grace Lowry, Director.

## China Story Ends

The ten-year history of the Friends Service Unit in China is ended. The five Unit members remaining in Chungking await necessary exit permits.

But although our projects are closed, it is hoped that a gift now on its way to China will express the continuing interest of Friends and Americans generally in the welfare of the Chinese people. On March 24, the first of several shipments of an anti-kala azar drug, the total to value \$50,000, left for China. Distribution will be by the Chinese Ministry of Health.



## New Directions in Youth Projects



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**Work camps are not only a summer activity. At the Frankfurt Neighborhood Center an international group of young people meets every Saturday to clear rubble and clean bricks for rebuilding.**

Among the developments which mark a difference between the youth service projects scheduled for this coming summer and those held in previous years are these: an Institutional Service Unit will be held for the first time in the South—in a mental hospital in Austin, Texas; the Interne Program, which has heretofore confined itself to internships in industry, cooperatives, and, to a slight degree, labor unions, will offer young people the opportunity to participate in an interne-in-agriculture project in the farming area around Wilmington, Ohio; a work camp in Rapid City, South Dakota, will serve as the first of a series of AFSC techniques which may be used in a "community counselling" program referred to elsewhere in this BULLETIN.

In addition, an Institute of International Relations designed specifically

for college students will be held this summer, along with the regular community-wide projects, the Family Institutes, and the Retreat Workshops which have been sponsored in recent years; an International Service Seminar will be held in Holland for the first time, as one of three seminars to be held in Europe and three to be held in the Far East.

Those responsible for making the initial plans for youth projects this year have felt to a great degree the tensions of the times, both in terms of locations and of participants. As the year's planning began, program directors questioned seriously whether or not it was wise to plan for the usual number of projects, fearing that military demands and the general atmosphere of indecision and need for hurry might seriously limit the number of applicants.

In most cases, however, applications have held up to a reasonable level, so that plans projected last fall will probably be carried out. The problems faced by foreign students, however, are seriously reflected in the number able to contemplate spending the summer in a seminar. Consequently, the seminar program plans fewer projects in the United States this summer than in previous years. Overseas, on the other hand, applications for seminars are at a high level and it is obvious that the number of projects which the Committee is able to plan and carry out will not provide places for all who want to come.

In terms of locations, probably the clearest reflection of the tension of our times has been in California, where the question has had to be raised as to whether the Service Committee should have Institutional Service Units, as desired by the state authorities, in a state which requires loyalty oaths of its employees. The Service Committee rejected all possibility of having unit members work as paid employees under such conditions.

The alternatives left then seemed to be either to take a stand of not working at all in California state institutions, or to work out arrangements which would remove the factor of acceptance of state funds and the requirements attached. The decision has been the latter one, and has been worked out by planning to sponsor a unit at Agnew State Hospital on a volunteer-maintenance basis, thus freeing unit members from any compulsion to sign a loyalty oath. Since the decision concerning the oath, however, reflects the stand of the Service Committee as an organization and may not reflect the judgment of those who will compose the unit, it has been left to the conscience of each unit member as to whether or not he or she, as an individual, cares to sign the loyalty oath, even though not required by right of voluntary status.



Ha-Loo-Foto

This Volksdeutsche refugee in Germany is cheerful over her comparatively fine house-keeping arrangement. The International Red Cross estimates that there are 60 million refugees in the world today, with the number increasing daily.

## Loan Fund for Volksdeutsche in Austria

About 300,000 Volksdeutsche—people of German origin who lived outside the political boundaries of Germany before the last war and who fled or were expelled into Austria and Germany at the end of the war—are now unable to return to their homes and find it almost impossible to emigrate elsewhere.

Most of these people are farmers, and a recent survey has shown that there is farm land for rent in Austria which they can afford, but that they are unable to pay for tools, animals, or repair of houses and barns.

A revolving loan fund has been created by the AFSC to help meet this need that keeps them from becoming

an integrated part of the Austrian economy. Small sums will be lent a few selected families to buy cattle and farm implements. This is to be repaid at a low interest rate and reloaned to other families. It is not intended, at present, for building homes or for land purchase.

Unit members worked out final arrangements for this project in March, and sample loans are being made to test the practicability of the idea. Because the AFSC does not have sufficient capital to help more than a few families at a time, it is hoped the project might demonstrate what can be done and so encourage other groups to work out similar plans.

## Mission to Berlin

Berlin Friends have requested that an American Quaker, mature in judgment, who speaks good German, and who is politically knowledgeable in regard to Russian-American relations, visit them for a brief time this summer. Cornelius Krusé, Professor of Philosophy at Wesleyan University, AFSC Foreign Service Secretary in 1946-47, fulfills these qualifications and has accepted the invitation to undertake this assignment.

## Friends Visit Washington

In line with the 300-year-old tradition of Friends to carry their convictions to government officials, Friends from across the United States have been visiting in Washington in response to the concern "that Friends speak *now*. This emergency is too deep and tragic for the written word only. Only the spoken word, backed by all the warmth and depth of human personality, in interviews with those in authority, can adequately lengthen the arm of God at this moment."

Response to this plan was immediate—from California, Nebraska, Kansas, and other Meetings across the country, more than 200 Friends laid aside their daily business during February and March and journeyed to Washington to speak with senators, congressmen, and other officials. Their concerns were threefold: to stress the need for negotiations with China so that the conflict in Korea might be ended and solutions to the conflict in Asia be found; to discourage the trend toward universal military training and service; to urge the immediate shipment of food and grain to India.

While world events have moved swiftly since then, the Friends participating in this venture report that reception to their presence was most cordial, and that the yearning they found for an expression of moral and spiritual values as they relate to world events should encourage individuals to speak out more frequently to offset the climate of fear and expediency.

# They Find Their Way to Each Other at the Paris Center



New home of the Paris Center.

The imminent move of the Paris Center from 17 rue Notre Dame des Champs to a new location a half-hour metro ride from the center of the city, evokes memories of a place of daily "miracle" in the sending and receiving of AFSC personnel for nearly everyone who has worked abroad with the Committee.

But far beyond the Grand Central Station function of the Paris Center has been its service to many groups in Paris. "They found their way to each other here," is the way T. Barton and Margaret Akeley, recently returned from two years as head residents of the International Center, put it.

And who are "they"? They include students who cherish the atmosphere of free inquiry; persons from UNESCO relieved to find some spot in which to talk as persons rather than as government representatives; the peace groups of Paris, frequently divided according to the philosophic background out of which they spring, but coordinated in effort through the Center as they work on specific problems.

Here, too, a high level is reached emotionally as well as intellectually when Negro colonials, French nationals, Free Indians, and others can talk relaxedly about their conflicts. "You will find," write the Akeleys, "the

young Frenchman who shot his German guard in a hand-to-hand scuffle, who spent four years in concentration camps and forced labor, arranging to continue correspondence with a German lad or to visit him at home. You will see a Pakistani and an Indian stu-

dent, both diplomats in the making, wondering in the most friendly way what they should be thinking and saying together about Kashmir, or, how to ameliorate the tensions which are referred to by the phrase, 'Islam versus Hinduism.' "

The Paris Center serves as headquarters for the International Center proper, the Individual Services, Work Camp, School Affiliation, and Finance Offices. The staff is Swiss, English, American, and French, the Center, "no retreat from the world, no enclave of foreigners."

The main functions of the house will continue in the smaller, more compact house in Passy after the move is completed in June. "The spirit of 17 rue Notre Dame des Champs will carry over, and the interest, too, and most of the activities," say the Akeleys. "But it will take a new story written in another year to describe what our work there will be."

Tea in the garden of 17 rue Notre Dame des Champs lends quiet atmosphere to the discussion of many tense problems.

Campbell Hays



## "Myself. Hans."

"Myself. Hans." was the straight vote of one youngster in the Ludwigs-haven Neighborhood Center when a test election was held recently for a Children's Council. This is part of a big dream coming true. In all of the neighborhood centers—in Germany, Austria, France, Israel, Japan—it is the hope that the "democratic process" might slowly come to life among persons who have been isolated from one another by fears and hatred and the terrible necessity of self-preservation.

In Ludwigs-haven, a long-awaited work committee finally came into being in February. Subcommittees on language and discussion, children's work, finance, crafts, art and music, library, sewing room, as well as the staff and administration, elected one representative each.

In the children's subcommittee, the plan for a special children's council came into being, a council on which both adults and children would have representation. This council was planned to discuss questions on outings, parties, plays, program questions; to write a children's constitution (thou shalt not break windows, and the like), and adopt a children's court to ensure law and order.

Preparations went on simultaneously for a children's newspaper, staffed and written by the children on such subjects as life in the Center, life in school, life among the grownups. "It is an experiment," one staff member writes, "but with many weighty newspapers for adults, one possibly unconventional children's paper may be refreshing."

## SAS Workshops

School Affiliation Service plans to hold two summer workshops in Europe this year, and one in the United States. Discussion will center about the broad subjects of finding resources for promoting international understanding through schools, and ways of increasing contact between young people of different countries.

At the workshop in France, to be held July 22-28, and that in Germany, August 12-17, about 25 teachers will be present representing affiliated schools in France, Germany, Italy, and the United States. It is hoped that a representative from The Netherlands, one from a Scandinavian country and one from Yugoslavia might also be able to attend.

At the week-end workshop conference held at Pendle Hill, Wallingford, Pa., May 4-6, faculty from nearby elementary and secondary schools, especially active in affiliation with partners overseas, took part. Some of the teachers from abroad also attended.

Dr. Otto Klineberg, professor of social psychology at Columbia University and former director of the UNESCO Studies of International Tensions, will be leader of both European workshops, together with SAS staff. Leonard Kenworthy, former UNESCO staff member and associate professor of education at Brooklyn College, and Dr. Klineberg, took part in the workshop at Pendle Hill.



*Campbell Hays*

Cacti and other desert wonders enthrall German school class as a School Affiliation representative brings news of their affiliated school friends in Arizona.



## Radio Ventures

### 1. News Commentaries

As previously announced, the AFSC planned an experiment in radio consisting of a series of news commentaries by an AFSC spokesman. This was to take place early in the year. The purpose was to interpret national and international issues from a moral standpoint in order to help balance the primarily political, military, or economic approach taken by most commentators.

Arrangements were made with a Philadelphia station to buy time for 17 consecutive weekly broadcasts. The station, however, reconsidered, and laid down certain conditions. Radio time was to be available to the AFSC without charge, and the program would be subject to removal for "good cause," which included sale of time, scheduling of a network sustaining program, or scheduling of a local sustaining program considered by the station to be of greater interest than the AFSC program. Other conditions included

close script supervision, and a change in time allowing free time following the AFSC broadcast in which immediate rebuttal of the AFSC program could be presented by the station.

In view of these conditions, the AFSC Board felt that the broadcast should not be presented, and recommended that more appropriate ways to present a sustained program be explored.

In the meantime, spot efforts, such as the broadcast by Harry A. Overstreet, are being continued.

### 2. Overstreet Answers Conant

Harry A. Overstreet, lecturer, former professor of philosophy, and author of several books including "The Mature Mind," broadcast March 10 an answer to a speech made by James B. Conant, President of Harvard University, advocating intensified rearmament and a long-term conscription for Universal Military Training starting at age 18.

Although Harry Overstreet's remarks were not an official statement of the AFSC, they were presented during time made available to the Committee by the NBC, "as a constructive contribution to public understanding and discussion of war and peace."

In his address, Harry Overstreet said, "with a sense of the profound sincerity of President Conant's concern, I venture to believe that what he proposed to the American people was a dangerous and perhaps tragic half-truth . . . that military power can keep the peace. . . ." Copies of the speech, which outlines six specific alternative measures to military preparedness that can be taken now, may be secured from the AFSC.

More than 700 responses to the speech, coming from 41 states, have been received, requesting more than 4,000 copies of it. Only one letter was critical of the point of view presented, while more than 200 expressed appreciation that it was made public.

## Conscience, Conscription, and the AFSC

In a statement titled, "Conscience and Conscription," the AFSC has joined with other Friends groups in reaffirming active support for those who oppose military service on grounds of conscience. Various Friends bodies offer spiritual and legal counsel to men who have decided on the C.O. position, and the AFSC, on its own part, is also exploring how best to adapt and expand its program so that, within the limits of its resources and project requirements, C.O.'s of varying background and experience may volunteer for service under its auspices. A coordinator of C.O. Services has been appointed, and the AFSC Board has designated a subcommittee to give guidance to the AFSC staff on all aspects of the C.O. program as it develops.



Larry Stone

Service projects that help make life worth while for their fellow men are sought by conscientious objectors applying to the AFSC for alternative service. The plan is to include those who qualify in regular AFSC projects such as the Sells, Arizona, work camp pictured here. This is a part of the C.O. effort to implement alternatives to militarism.

## Applicant Preparation Workshops

Regional offices are now taking the initiative in conducting job applicant preparation workshops. Offering practical techniques to implement employment on merit, the workshops grew out of the Job Opportunities Program of the Race Relations Program.

The three original workshops were held in and around Philadelphia two years ago. Their emphasis was on general training for young people to be better job seekers and holders. Three similar workshops were held in 1950.

During the past year, the Philadelphia Office has cooperated with a group of women's clubs known as LINKS, who have successfully operated one workshop, and who are planning others throughout the country through their local chapters. Several AFSC regional offices are working with local LINKS.

The Cambridge Regional Office has recently completed a workshop in Roxbury, Mass., in cooperation with local groups there, and the Chicago Regional Office has started similar workshops that have caught the imagination of department store executives in the loop area.

An 18-week workshop was held during the winter in conjunction with the Chicago Board of Education at the Dunbar Trade School. A director (personnel representative of a mail order house) was hired through the school system, and consultants were found among department store executives, agency representatives, and other interested community people.

Before the workshop was over, several executives turned to the AFSC to find out, "who was the girl who asked the excellent questions last night?" Some were thus hired before the training period ended; all the others found good non-traditional positions shortly afterwards.

The success of this first project is leading to the development of new workshops, the majority sponsored jointly by the AFSC and other groups that have been convinced of their value. At present, the enthusiastic demand of Chicago department stores for qualified persons of minority groups surpasses the number of available personnel. This is the picture in a modern American city in which only a short time ago segregation lines were strictly adhered to.

## Doukhobors

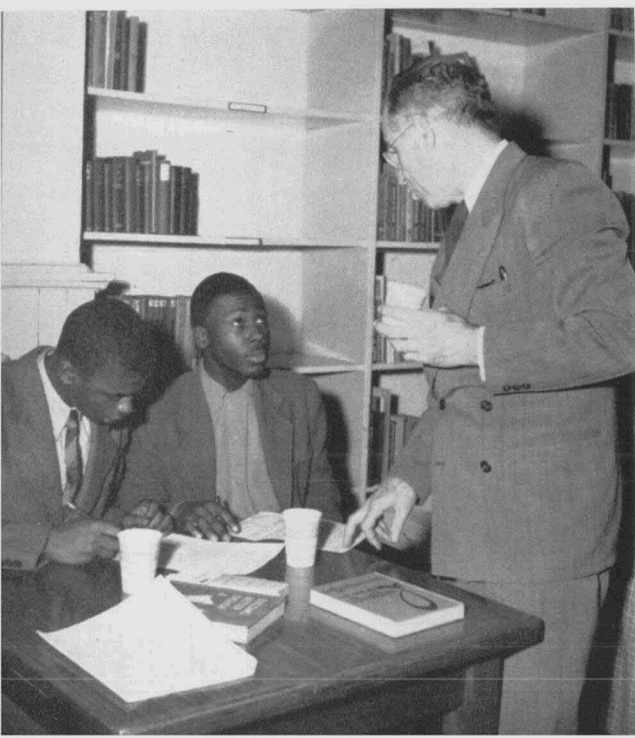
The search continues for land suitable to resettle The Sons of Freedom, radical faction of the Doukhobor sect in Canada. Emmett Gulley, on leave from his position as executive secretary of the Portland Regional Office, has spent the past year in Canada, on request of the Canadian Government, to help find some solution to the frictions that prompted violent outbreaks a year ago against the existing social order and their fellow Doukhobors who they felt did not live up to original Doukhobor beliefs.

Two resettlement sites have been found and rejected as unsuitable, for land is needed that is both productive enough to sustain the group, and that is removed from the source of the conflict. Emmett Gulley reports that it is a matter of real urgency to find land soon, for unrest is again on the increase. He continues, also, his talks with business and civic groups to help broaden the understanding of the problem.

## Loyalty Oaths Opposed

At the April meeting of the AFSC Executive Board, a minute was adopted opposing loyalty oaths on the grounds that they are an "ineffective and dangerous instrument attempting to control the thought, and not merely overt actions of persons suspected as subversive." The minute points out that such laws are often cumbersome and unworkable, do not control truly dangerous subversives who do not hesitate to perjure themselves, but do intimidate honest and creative members of our citizenship. These laws breed suspicion and mistrust.

"True loyalty," as minuted, "cannot be legislated; it must come with the willing consent of free people."



*Gaston DeVigne*

Minority group members increase job-holding skills, meet prospective employers through Job Applicant Preparation Workshops.

Phil Stern

Victor Kelly, American Indian, has found his way into American community life as physical education department director at a local high school largely through the aid of the Indian Center in Los Angeles. Besides counseling service, the Center provides hospitality and leisure-time activities for Indians leaving the reservations. The Center is under guidance of a committee made up almost entirely of Indian members.

## AFSC and the Sioux

Urged by the National Congress of American Indians and the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs, and with the support of various organizations within the community itself, the Service Committee last fall undertook an on-the-spot survey of conditions among Sioux Indians living in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Out of this grew a plan for a program of community coordination directed toward the full and effective use of the resources of the community itself toward integrating the Indians into the city's life. The plan is to follow a threefold approach, with the AFSC providing: (1) permanent staff who will attempt to help the community as well as the Indian groups to carry forward the process of integration; (2) various projects such as work camps and institutes designed to broaden experience and attitudes; and (3) over-all observation of the total project by a trained sociological observer.

On June 29, a work camp will open in Rapid City, with college age young people devoting themselves to an eight-week service program in recreation. Richard and Jo-Marie Ruddell have accepted the assignment to live in Rapid City for several years as members of the community and as coordinators of the community-wide program. They have had long experience with the AFSC both in China and as directors of the Philadelphia Interne-In-Industry project.



## A Time for Greatness

On April 22, 1951, the Service Committee inserted an advertisement in the *New York Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, and *Los Angeles Times*, as well as in other papers across the country, recalling the necessity for discovering some alternatives to our Nation's foreign policy now based on "the containment of Communism" and reliance on military force to deter aggression.

Four steps were presented by the AFSC for American support. These included "a new kind of negotiation," "strengthening of the United Nations as a peace-making agency," "a new approach to disarmament now," and "economic, financial and technical assistance through the United Nations."

These steps, as more fully described in the advertisement, are practical. They require no surrender of moral principle, no loss of stature, and, the Committee believes, represent the voice of reason.

For people interested in these ideas and in exploring them further, the Committee has prepared two booklets. *Steps to Peace—a Quaker View of U. S. Foreign Policy* gives fuller explanation of the views presented. A pamphlet of 64 pages, it is available for 25 cents per copy, with discount for quantity orders. *Peace and Your Responsibility for It* is a small booklet suggesting practical steps for individuals to take toward peace in their own communities. It is 5 cents per copy.

As we go to press, close to 5,000 responses to this ad have been received in Philadelphia, with others arriving daily. Ninety per cent approve the course advocated in the ad, about 2 per cent disapprove, and eight per cent agree in part or are undecided. A more complete report of the response will be summarized later. In the meantime, BULLETIN readers who have not previously seen the advertisement are also invited to express their opinion about it.

## The Hour of Milk

U. S. Army reimbursement to private agencies for ocean freight on relief supplies to Japan will be discontinued June 30. As we go to press there is also some question as to whether ECA reimbursement on ocean

freight to ECA countries in Europe will be continued after that same date.

These changes follow upon the one already reported that U. S. surplus commodities are no longer available for free shipment abroad. All of them

together point toward the heavier burden individual contribution will have to bear in order to feed the hungry.

The "hour of milk," as it is known in Italy, is lifted out of the statistics as reports picture old newspapers sorted out and wrapped about 100-gram packages of milk powder to be handed out to as many hands. Even so, "there is never enough." "The milk, the milk has arrived!" is an exciting call sent echoing down the village streets today that may be stilled unless some miracle of individual conscience can be moved.

The "hour of cheese," pictured to the left, is as important to the men and boys as is the "hour of milk" to the children. The cheese, from surplus, is no longer available for free shipment abroad.

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