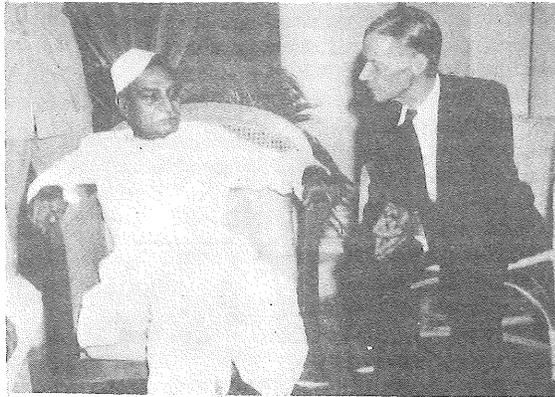


Beliefs into Action

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The President of India, Rajendra Prasad, bade Horace Alexander farewell at a special reception in New Delhi a few months ago.

INDIA WORKER TO REPORT

Horace Alexander, an English Friend with long experience in India, will speak at the annual regional AFSC meetings in Dallas, Houston, and Austin. He will also speak at Corpus Christi at the Oak Park Methodist Church Sunday morning, February 24. His address will be broadcast.

He lectured in international relations at Woodbrook College from 1919 to 1944. During visits to India in 1927 and 1930 he established intimate contacts with notable figures in British administration and with Indian leaders. He served as chairman of the Friends Ambulance Unit in 1942-43. From 1945 to 1951 he was sponsored by the Friends Service Council for work in India.

Alexander is the author of a Penguin book, India Since Cripps (1944), and of New Citizens in India, published by the Oxford University Press, Bombay (1951). He is also an ornithologist of note.

His reports will have added interest because of recently expanded AFSC work in India and Pakistan in cooperation with the US Department of State Technical Assistance program.

THREE ANNUAL MEETINGS TO VIEW REGIONAL WORK

The annual regional meeting for the AFSC will be held in three cities to allow maximum participation by members of the widespread Regional Committee and all other interested persons. Sessions in Dallas, Houston, and Austin will follow the same general program. Attenders are invited not only from these cities but from the vicinity.

Of widest appeal will probably be the 8 p.m. meeting, offering "A Look at Europe and a Look at Asia." Olcott Sanders will report on his recent six months of visiting Quaker centers in Europe. Horace Alexander, for many years director of the Quaker center in Delhi, India, will analyze the situation in Asia.

A 6 p.m. supper meeting invites discussion of developments in youth projects, employment on merit, and peace education. More formal reports of nominating, personnel, and finance committees will come at 5 p.m.

DALLAS: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

5 p.m. report meeting and 6 p.m. potluck supper at the new AFSC office, 2515 McKinney; phone Sterling 4691 for suggestions of what you might bring. Out-of-town attenders and students may contribute to cost of staples. 8 p.m. meeting, SMU, Legal Center, Karcher Auditorium.

HOUSTON: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

All meetings at YWCA, 1320 Rusk. Supper reservations (\$1) should be made at the YWCA desk by February 20.

AUSTIN: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

All meetings at University YMCA. Phone 2-5522 for suggestions of what to bring; out-of-town attenders and students may contribute to cost of staples.

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INVEST SUMMER IN SERVICE

College and high school age young people are invited to invest their summer in AFSC volunteer service. An Institutional Service Unit will work again in the Austin State Hospital. An additional unit may be opened in Texas if personnel is available. Young people from this region may also consider projects elsewhere. These include internships in industry, labor unions, and agriculture; work camps and community service units in the US, Mexico, Europe, and the Caribbean; international service seminars in the US and abroad; and institutes of international relations.

Mary Esther McWhirter, director of the AFSC Committee on Educational Materials for Children, will visit Texas the end of May. She is available to lead workshops for Sunday School teachers, parents, and others interested in world friendship projects. She recently edited the January-April number of Thoughts of God, the Connecticut Council of Churches' nationally-distributed publication for boys and girls.

MUSIC FOR ISRAEL

The AFSC is cooperating in a special effort to collect recordings of serious music for shipment to Israel. The austere program there has made the importation of new records impossible, and the hunger for music is very great. It is planned to circulate recordings to community centers, hospitals, schools, and libraries in Israel, and both Jews and Arabs will receive them.

Records in all speeds may be sent to the AFSC warehouse, 23rd and Arch Streets, Philadelphia.

QUAKERS WORK AT UN

The Quaker team at the UN General Assembly in Paris has been able to build on its contacts started at the preceding session in New York. Olcutt Sanders visited them on his last days in Europe in December at the AFSC International Center in Paris.

Among the team's guests at the Center over tea or an unhurried dinner have been Sir Gladwyn and Lady Jebb of the United Kingdom; Mrs. V. I. Pandit of India; Mr. Finn Moe of Norway, chairman of the Assembly's Political Committee; Ralph Bunche; and from the U.S. delegation, Mr. and Mrs. Channing Tobias and Anna Lord Strauss. The team has also had discussions at the Palais de Chaillot with representatives from more than 30 national delegations, including two sessions with members of the USSR delegation.

The conversations have centered around these special questions: the explosive situation in the Middle East, the unification of Germany, disarmament proposals, Korea, and UN technical assistance to underdeveloped areas. One team member reports: "While the re-primations and harsh words of Mr. Acheson's and Mr. Vishinsky's opening speeches at the UN General Assembly fell like stones on a word-weary Europe, it is apparent that both delegations came to Paris with the belief that the time for limited negotiation was at hand. Mr. Vishinsky said privately that the time had come for an end to 'words,' and the disarmament proposal put forward by the United States had been most carefully prepared. No one expected that the USSR would accept the proposals in exactly the form in which they were presented. A willingness to amend is perhaps the best that could, at this stage, be expected. Our international Quaker team has been active both in urging restraint and limitation in public debate and in calling attention to those elements in the US and Soviet positions which appear to give some promise of an eventual agreement."

"Security in an Agressive World" is proposed as the topic for the June, 1952 Institutes of International Relations. Committees in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, and Fort Worth are already laying plans along the lines of the successful meetings of last summer. A shorter institute is also being considered in connection with a United Nations seminar at Southwest Texas State Teachers College, San Marcos.

URGES PEACE OFFENSIVE

Olcutt Sanders returned to Austin from Europe on Christmas Day and has now resumed his work as regional executive secretary. He and Rhodes Thompson are available for first-hand reports to club, church, and school groups on world conditions. They can illustrate their talks with colored slides.

"Whether we like it or not," Sanders declares, "most people abroad fear that US policy is directed toward another war. But I feel we still have the chance to launch a peace offensive. This means renewed effort to study and act in every community."

Among specific possibilities which staff members are ready to discuss are:

1. Introduce a carefully planned study program with work books, filmstrips, recordings.
2. Present international friendship projects for children and young people in churches, scout troops, and schools.
3. Describe volunteer service projects for high school and college age youth--week-end, summer, and year-round.
4. Consider current legislative trends which need action--UMT being the outstanding present example.
5. Propose projects to meet urgent human problems--relief clothing collection and refugee placement.

KOREA SOLDIER CONTRIBUTES

A soldier who attended the San Antonio Institute last summer recently sent a contribution from Korea. He explained:

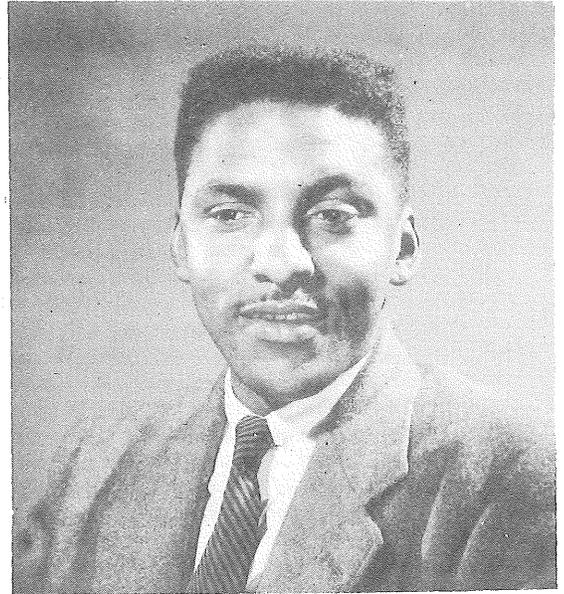
"It was originally sent to me as a gift, but I would like to pass it on to you where much better use can be made of it. ...I was glad to see that you are sending clothing and shoes to the Koreans -- we make it a practice to give candy and things of that nature to the children but it's the things that you are sending that they need so badly."

Since channels were opened last year, the AFSC has forwarded more than 200 tons of clothing to Korea.

CLOTHING COLLECTION CENTERS:

AUSTIN, AFSC, University YMCA Building
DALLAS, AFSC, 2515 McKinney
FORT WORTH, Mrs. H. V. Shank, 2704
University

Will you establish a collection center in your town?



RUSTIN STUDIES RIOT

Bayard Rustin, a specialist in human understanding, will return to this region for a limited number of meetings March 10-18. From June until October, 1951, he worked under the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the AFSC to help devise a constructive program for dealing with the aftermath of the Cicero, Illinois, riot. The report and suggestions which he drew up was adopted by 102 civic, religious, labor, and fraternal organizations.

This is one more service in a series which won for him the 1948 Jefferson Award from the Council Against Intolerance in America as "one of the Americans who had done most in the recent past to better relations between colored and white citizens."

Rustin's Quaker conscience has led him to be interested in international as well as domestic problems. He visited India at the invitation of Devadas Gandhi, son of the late Mahatma, and also made a number of European stops.

He is director of the College Section of the American FOR. He has been one of the most popular leaders at national gatherings like the recent Student Volunteer Movement conference. He has also sung professionally.

Rustin's general theme for his March tour will be "A World in Conflict--Cicero, A Case History." Plans are being made for meetings in Dallas, March 13, Fort Worth, March 14; Austin, Denton, and Houston. Two or three dates remained open at the time of going to press.

UMT OPPOSITION GROWS

In accordance with traditional Friends peace testimony and in company with many other American organizations, the AFSC has expressed its opposition to Universal Military Training. The measure will probably come up for final Congressional action before mid-April. Hoyt Williams of Austin served as a special consultant on peace action to leaders in a number of Texas communities during January. He reported overwhelming opposition to UMT and widespread action by church groups and others.

Many radio stations have requested transcribed interviews with Albert Einstein, Louis Bromfield, Pearl Buck, the presidents of the three national farm organizations, the president of the National Council of Church Women, Episcopal Bishop W. Appleton Lawrence, and others who have made statements against UMT. These "platters" are still available for other stations and for group meetings.

Local ministerial associations and larger groupings like the Bryan District of the Methodist Church have passed resolutions. The National Council of Churches has recently expressed its opposition to UMT, and the US Chamber of Commerce has withdrawn its support.

Testimony before the House Committee has brought out that UMT trainees will not be prepared to fight in the event of war, that UMT (according to the Armed Services' own survey) would not reduce casualties, and that UMT would not reduce the standing army. UMT will, on the other hand, establish a federal system of military education; it will provide one trainer for each two trainees at a cost

NEW DALLAS OFFICE OPEN

The AFSC has established a Dallas office for its new Employment on Merit program at 2515 McKinney. Byron Buckridge and Almita Robinson have begun to survey the successful experiences of integrated employment patterns in the region. They then expect to help in implementing recommendations made by a joint committee of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce and Dallas Citizens Council and by the Dallas Inter-Racial Committee.

The Dallas office will also be available for committee gatherings, for meetings for worship by local Friends, as a base for visiting staff members, and as a collection center for relief clothing.

SEARCH YOUR ATTIC!

The new Dallas office needs furnishing. Topping the list are chairs, tables, bookcases, desks, gas heaters, a small refrigerator, and a kitchen range. Window curtains and dishes would also be welcome, along with other items too numerous to mention. Bring them by 2515 McKinney, or phone Sterling 4691.

The interior of the converted residence has been cleaned and painted by hard-working volunteers from the Beacon Club, young people of the Dallas Unitarian Church.

of more than \$22 billion dollars during the first ten years; it will tie every able-bodied young man to an active role in the armed forces for eight years. For further information, write the Austin office, which can supply literature like the 24-page supplement on UMT from the Christian Century.

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