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PEACE GROUPS PRESS TOTAL DISARMAMENT

EVEN POLITICAL LEADERS are talking about total disarmament. Statements last fall by Selwyn Lloyd and Premier Khrushchev helped focus the world's attention on the issue.

These voices stimulated action among a number of peace organizations who sensed a new opportunity. Here was the chance, they reasoned, to press for total disarmament rather than a lesser goal—arms reduction.

This is what they did.

Eleven organizations affiliated in the Consultative Peace Council initiated a disarmament program launched under the administration of the American Friends Service Committee. John Swomley, co-secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, is coordinator of the program.

Supporters include the AFSC, four other Quaker groups, FOR, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the Brethren Service Commission, the Board of World Peace of the Methodist Church, and Promoting Enduring Peace, Inc.

Program Objectives

An advisory committee of representatives from the Consultative Peace Council will help guide the program. It will have these objectives: (1) the extension of the present moratorium on bomb tests; (2) continued negotiations until agreement is reached to end nuclear tests; (3) commitment by the President and governmental agencies to total disarmament; (4) the admission of the Peoples Republic of China to the United Nations and her inclusion in the ten-nation disarmament committee; and (5) study by government and private agencies of the problems in the transition to a non-arms economy.

Efforts will be made to have interviews with leaders in government and private organizations who will be urged to use their influence for disarmament. Other techniques will include discussion programs, the preparation of special articles on disarmament, and the publication of educational materials.



A quarter-million Algerian refugees in Tunisia and Morocco are living in makeshift shelters along the borders. Most of them are children and women. *Harry Petrequin*

MILLION DOLLAR GOAL SET TO AID ALGERIAN REFUGEES

By GRACE PERKINSON

TO BUY A BLANKET for an Algerian refugee in Morocco or Tunisia, a young boy in Ohio earned 21 dimes by repairing a carport for his father; a little girl sent money that had been given her for toys.

In Tunis, North Africa, wives of American officials responded to a request for assistance: carefully they picked through shattered glass to rescue valuable cortisone pills whose bottles were broken in shipment. The four jars were part of 50 cartons of drugs sent to Tunisia by the AFSC.

In Indiana, students of Anderson College staged a telethon in the campus gymnasium. A weeklong collection effort netted 1000 blankets, plus money to send them to Philadelphia on their way to refugees in North Africa. The student drive also initiated a proclamation by the Governor of Indiana citing "Project Blanket" week in the state.

These individuals are supporting the Service Committee's new \$1,000,000 program of relief to Algerian refugees in Tunisia and Morocco, one of two major efforts launched during World Refugee Year. The other new refugee program is in Hong Kong.

At the urging of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the AFSC opened an extensive program in North Africa. There 250,000 people, fleeing from violence in Algeria, are clustered along the borders in neighboring countries without adequate food or shelter. Their situation is precarious, their need is severe.

Well over half a million pounds of relief supplies have now been sent to Tunisia and Morocco through the Quaker program, including over 50,000 blankets, drugs, clothing, vitamins, school supplies, sugar, dried beans, corn oil, rubber sheeting, milk-feeding equipment, and knitting materials for children's caps.

There are now five AFSC staff members in the field working on this program—three in Tunisia and two in Morocco. While material gifts have been distributed equally to the two countries, additional support got off to a head start in Tunisia because of the earlier availability of field staff.

Quaker aid has provided equipment for 21 milk-feeding centers on the Tunisian-Algerian frontier where half

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... a decade of crucial import ...

Philadelphia, Pa.
February, 1960

Dear Friends:

History is always in the making, but I believe we all feel in these early days of the 60's that we are entering a decade of crucial import for humanity.

In our small AFSC world we also have a sense of historic change at this time. Henry J. Cadbury was a founder of the Service Committee, the endorser of its first check, and the chairman of its Board for over 22 years. His colleagues on that body recently expressed their immense sense of indebtedness to Henry Cadbury for his leadership throughout a quarter of a century. On the occasion of his laying down the Board chairmanship he was invited—rather drafted without option!—to become honorary chairman. We all rejoice that in this way the direct link with our own “founding fathers” is to be preserved.

It seems highly appropriate also that the new chairman, Harold Evans, has been deeply involved in the life of the AFSC from the moment he became an “overseas appointee” in 1919.

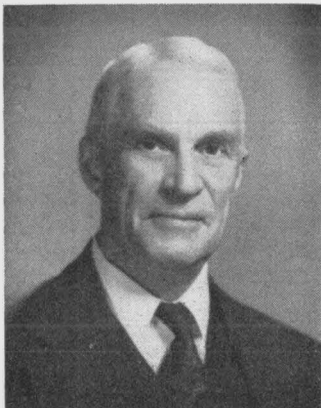
In another sense too, we are facing an historic change. During the summer of 1960 the AFSC expects to move its national offices to a building (southwest corner of 15th and Race Streets) backing on to the courtyard of the Race Street Meeting. Most of us will feel some sadness in leaving the present address, known throughout the world, and the quarters in which all AFSC history has been made. There are, however, a number of reasons which impelled the Board of the Service Committee to this momentous decision. Not the least are the tangible and intangible advantages of drawing the AFSC Philadelphia family together under one roof rather than on eight floors of two buildings. The location of the Philadelphia clothing warehouse will not change.

Does a move of this sort, which includes for the first time the possession of our own building, tend to institutionalize the Service Committee, and render it less flexible? Or, is it a reflection of our conviction that there is a long-term job for the AFSC to do and of our concern that we do it well? I believe the latter to be true and that at its best the Service Committee can be a precious instrument for the carrying out of God's purpose in the decade ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Colin W. Bell

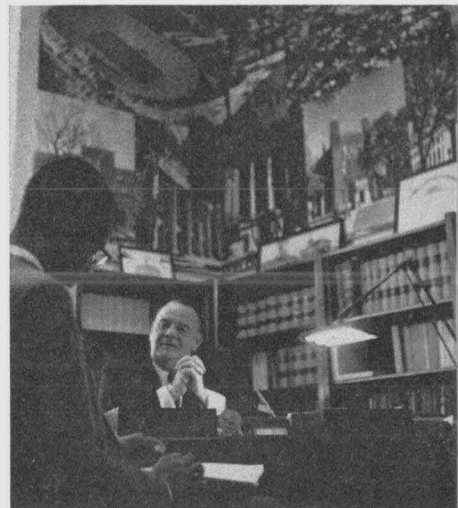
Executive Secretary



HAROLD EVANS is the new chairman of the AFSC corporation. He first joined the Committee in 1919 to work in Germany, where a million children a day were being fed. He was in Germany again on a similar mission in 1941. Other travels for the Committee have taken him to Yugoslavia, England, and Switzerland. He was named United Nations Commissioner to Jerusalem in 1948 but did not serve because the situation improved and enabled Count Bernadotte and Dr. Ralph Bunche to undertake mediation of the Palestine dispute. Harold Evans is a lawyer and a member of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends.



Photo-report by Matt Herron



“Congress passed the conscription bill recently. How did you vote on this issue, Mr. Congressman?”

“I’ve noticed you are tense when you’re with someone you don’t know. When you get to know them the tension ceases.”



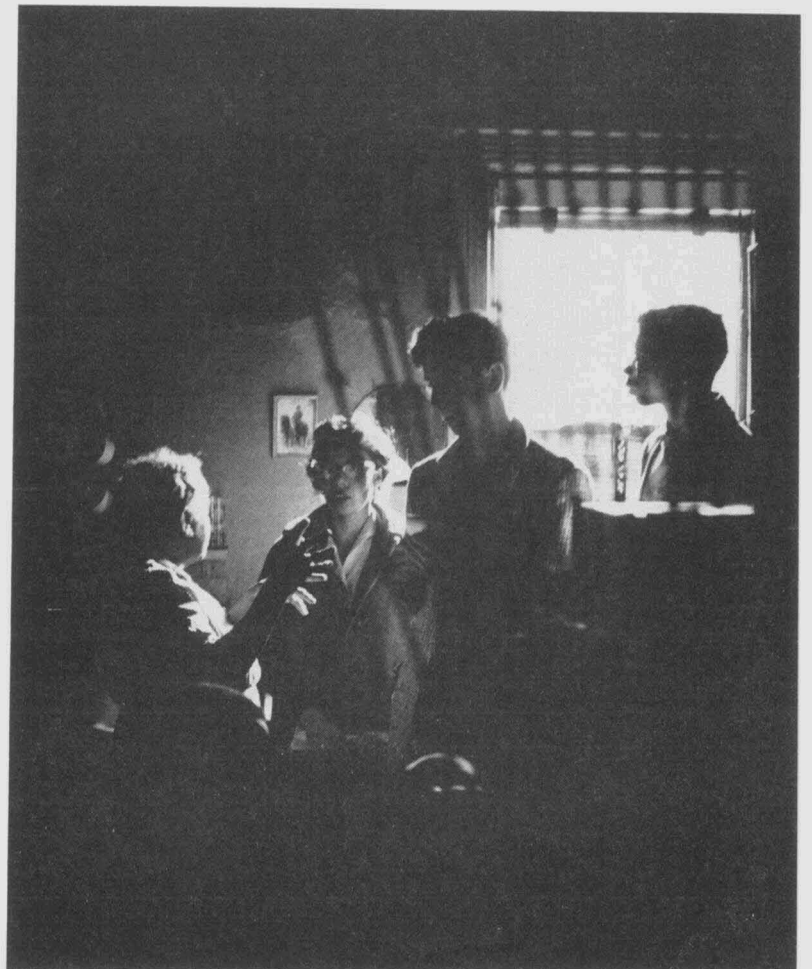
SEMINAR



SEMINARS aren't only for people who like to sit around and talk. AFSC high school seminars discard armchair theorizing for practical experience. This seminar began on Capitol Hill and moved later to the United Nations in New York. The students interviewed legislators, diplomats, newsmen, and others on crucial national and international issues. In New York the group lived in East Harlem, a Puerto Rican section. Teen-agers from the neighborhood visited their meetings and invited seminar members into their homes. For many, this intense, crowded week is their first experience in living closely with persons of other races and religions.

"It's like whether you're going to hit your little brother or not. Peace begins with little things."

Written after the seminar: "When my mother told me to close the bathroom door so we didn't have to see it, I ached inside at being fortunate enough to have a bathroom. . . . I ache at the excess which I have and do not know how to share. I must keep this ache alive in order to change, and I must transplant this ache to others. This is the job given me by the people of East Harlem, the Congress, the embassies, the subway, and just the people in the street."





Bill Channel

"Home" for many Chinese refugees in Hong Kong is a sidewalk. Family members take turns sleeping on one cot.

REFUGEE AID

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of the 150,000 refugees are children under 14 years old. This project will also serve as a means of distributing vitamins and cod liver oil to them.

The Committee has also sent treadle sewing machines, textiles, and sewing materials so that Arab-style clothing for women can be made from contributed textiles. Refugee schoolboys in Tunis have been outfitted with winter clothes and have received mattresses made locally from ticking and stuffing provided by the AFSC.

Minimum food allotment for these suffering people (1500 calories per day) has been sustained by contributions from governments, but this as well as current aid through the United Nations is being given on a short-term basis. AFSC relief is continuing as rapidly as contributions become available.

Program in Hong Kong

In Hong Kong, where one million Chinese refugees have crowded into the tiny colony, AFSC field personnel are

implementing plans for a community services program to include work with teen-age refugees and day-care centers for children of working mothers. The Committee's counseling service and revolving loan program continues in Austria among refugees resettling there. Some material aid is sent to a small group of refugees in France and in Germany who are still part of difficult and unsolved problems. Funds were recently made available for the relief of Tibetan refugees in India, and the AFSC continues to help with the resettlement of refugees coming to the United States. In the Middle East, the Committee works with displaced Arabs in Israel, and sends material aids to Arab refugees in Jordan.

New Publications

FOREIGN POLICY AND CHRISTIAN CONSCIENCE — A 29-page pamphlet containing a symposium by George F. Kennan and others. 45 cents.

LABOR AND THE COLD WAR — A pamphlet assessing the cold war and its effect on the economy. Written by Stewart Meacham. 35 cents.

REFLECTIONS ON OUR PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION — An eight-page pamphlet by George F. Kennan. 10 cents.

WHICH WAY THE WIND — Script for the dramatic presentation based on *Speak Truth to Power*. One dollar.

TOWARD A MORAL IMAGINATION — A flyer offering 11 speakers being scheduled by Community Peace Education for fall, 1960, and spring, 1961.

WHAT DOES THIS EMBLEM SAY — One-page flyer of basic facts about the AFSC.

GUIDE TO QUAKER READING — A revision of the list published in the *Quaker Way of Life* by William Wistar Comfort. Five cents.

REFUGEE RELIEF REPORTS — A series of two-page, illustrated flyers describing aid to Algerian refugees in Tunisia and Morocco.

TELEVISION SPOT ANNOUNCEMENT — First of a series of one-minute films planned for nationwide distribution. Subject: Algerian refugee relief program. 16mm sound and motion film.

BLANKET APPEAL POSTER — A one-color 13 x 20 poster about Algerian refugee needs.

WORK AND STUDY PROJECTS 1960 — A one-page flyer describing youth projects for the coming summer giving dates, places, and costs.

ENCOUNTER — A collection of six human interest stories and pictures which suggest experiences one may encounter in AFSC work and study projects.

Summer Materials Available

The June-September series of DAYS OF DISCOVERY and FRIENDLY THINGS TO DO have an assortment of service projects useful for parents, teachers, and camp leaders planning summer programs. The packets suggest gifts that can be made to share with children in the United States and projects to help children overseas. Songs, games, stories, worship resources, dramatizations, and recipes are among the materials. Each packet is 25 cents. Order from Children's Program.

AFSC Summer Projects

Fort Defiance, Ariz.; Decoy, Ky.; Ypsilanti, Mich.; Orofino, Idaho; Mexico, Spain, and Turkey—strange sounding names and faraway places where young people will serve in AFSC projects this summer. But the people they will meet, whose lives and friendships and problems they will share, should be familiar to many of us: American Indians; villagers in rural areas the world over; underprivileged children from city tenements; the mentally ill; industrial workers on factory assembly lines; country people and city dwellers from all walks of life, all races, all religions. Some of the basic problems which plague these people and all humankind will be probed and pondered in direct service projects, world affairs camps, international student seminars, peace caravans. Projects are open to all young people. For more information write your nearest AFSC office.

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