

## FORMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS FILL KEY POSTS IN MANY NATIONS

FORTY former participants in the AFSC International Seminars are now in positions of responsibility in their governments, or in international organizations, a recent survey has shown.

Since 1947 the Service Committee has conducted seminars for college students, graduate students, and young professional people, first in the United States and more recently in Europe and South Asia.

Of the 40 participants mentioned above, 15 are in the diplomatic service in ranks from ambassador to attaché; 15 are ministers or assistant ministers of foreign affairs, education, labor and social affairs; 2 have distinguished posts in the law; and 4 hold positions with the United Nations. A member of parliament, an editor, and an executive for an international oil company complete the listing.

Thirteen of these distinguished people hail from the African nations, six from Japan, three from Poland, two from India, two from Yugoslavia, and two from Iraq. Others represent Germany, Vietnam, Austria, Venezuela, Denmark, Belgium, the Philippines,

Lebanon, the Malagasy Republic, Great Britain, and the U.S.A.

Among the graduates of the AFSC program is Abebya Adedeji of Nigeria who attended a seminar in Denmark in 1956 and is now in charge of the Ministry of Economic Planning for the western region of Ibadan, Nigeria. Another is Mercedes Fermin of Venezuela who attended a seminar in Wisconsin in 1952 and is now Assistant Minister of Education in Caracas. Vadlial Dagli, whose seminar experience dates back to a 1949 gathering in California, is now financial editor of the *INDIAN EXPRESS* in Bombay, India.

Since 1952 the AFSC has also arranged conferences for diplomats in Europe and the United States. Altogether, it is estimated that 900 diplomats in mid-career from 71 countries have participated.

Former participants in these conferences, whose names are protected by AFSC policy, now include in their ranks 20 ambassadors and an equal number of Secretaries-General or other high permanent ministry rank.

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## HURRICANE RELIEF FLOWN TO CUBANS

ON November 1, a plane load of food and medical supplies, valued at \$100,000, flew to Cuba to aid victims of Hurricane Flora. Aboard the flight were four AFSC representatives ready to work with Cuban Red Cross personnel in supervising distribution of the relief materials.

The support of the American people for this action was voiced as soon as the news reached the press.

The *LOUISVILLE TIMES* (Louisville, Ky.) said, "... the value of this assistance cannot be measured solely by the amount of money it costs. This relief, meager and inadequate though it is, is a link between peoples. It is an acknowledgement that whatever the political and ideological differences separating the American government from the Cuban government, there remains a basic sympathy between human beings."

In Philadelphia, the *EVENING BULLETIN* told its readers, "Into this snarl compounded of need, nationalism, and personality has stepped the AFSC, as it has before in so many touchy situations... the Friends' Committee pursues a fixed policy. It is to give aid without partisanship, to be concerned with the spirit of both sides in any controversy, and to value the individual."

The *DES MOINES REGISTER* (Des Moines, Iowa) concluded its editorial by saying, "Devoted to 'practical and dramatic acts of love,' this Quaker organization takes in all seriousness the command to love your enemies. Who indeed are enemies but friends whom circumstances have cast in that role?... This is not aid to Castro, much less for his Marxism-Leninism. It is person-to-person help for neighbors who are sick and in trouble, old neighbors with whom once all Americans were friends."

Church World Service has expressed thanks to the Service Committee for its gift of \$5000 to hurricane victims in Haiti. Barbara Childs, a former AFSC volunteer in Haiti, is now assisting Church World Service staff in the relief program there.

## GILBERT WHITE ELECTED AFSC CHAIRMAN

GILBERT F. WHITE, professor of geography at the University of Chicago, and former president of Haverford College, was elected Chairman of the American Friends Service Committee at the Corporation meeting held November 22 in Philadelphia.

Gilbert White, a noted geographer and consultant to national governments on the development of natural resources, has been associated with the AFSC over a period of 20 years.

He first took part in relief efforts in France during World War II and, with other AFSC staff, was interned for 17 months in Baden-Baden, Germany, when France became occupied by the German army. After his release Gilbert White administered relief operations directed to famine victims in India and China.

Following this he became assistant executive secretary of the AFSC, a post he held until he became president of Haverford College in 1946.

Gilbert White is a member of the 57th Street Monthly Meeting in Chicago.



Photo by Fabian Bachrach

**“ . . . lives filled with purpose.”**

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*Dear Friends,*

Regularly, this quarterly bulletin reports to AFSC friends on what we are about at home and abroad. Regularly, as we write it, we are reminded that it is the support and participation of thousands of people who make the Committee what it is. Our projected new community development program in Northern Rhodesia, for example, will be given life and quality when two dedicated couples actually move into the field to practice the task of service.

Again, we happen to know that the dedicated work of AFSC personnel at a time and in a place far removed from the Caribbean, played a significant part in making possible our relief mission to hurricane victims in Cuba. Indeed, this is only one of several examples recently of “bread cast upon the waters . . .” It is literally true that an AFSC worker doing a piece of service which seems circumscribed in time, place, and objective, simply cannot know where and when God will take that service and give it His increase.

There is another dimension to such service. There is not only the good which flows in unforeseen ways from work well done, but the good which enriches the lives of those who have served. Herein are some brief accounts of the ways in which persons who have taken part in Committee projects have extended their earlier AFSC experience into later careers and activities.

Meeting these friends again in Seattle or New York or in the capital cities of the world, we are gratified to

see how their lives are filled with significant purpose. Dedication of such kind is an inner quality in the individual and one for which no single outside influence may be cited as the cause. It springs from interaction between personal conscience and the challenges of our modern society. Each individual discovers for himself the depth of commitment from which he can speak and act on behalf of his own clearest values. But where it is true in any way that participation in AFSC programs has helped open such channels or deepened such commitments, we are grateful, for we see this as part of our own best purpose.

Around the globe there are now thousands of people who are part of the history—past and present—of the AFSC. At every point we need and welcome their continuing relationship to our work. It may take any of several forms: a new staff or field assignment within our current programs; a role on national or regional committees; volunteer service in special projects and efforts; gifts of money or clothing or blankets; or inclusion of the AFSC in one's will.

All of these expressions of support are sacramental tools in the carrying out of a work which seeks to turn men to the witness of God within, that each may be what God meant him to be.

*Yours sincerely,*



*Executive Secretary*



*Photos by Paul Buck*

These scenes, taken at the Philadelphia airport during the last hours of preparation for the AFSC relief mission to Cuba, record three major elements of the project: the plane, the gift, the men. Upon landing in Havana, the mission was well received by the Cuban people. The four Quaker representatives aboard were (l. to r.) Hiram Hilty, George Perera, John Hoover, and (kneeling) Frank Hunt. During their two week stay in Cuba, they observed the hurricane damage in the eastern area.



## EARLY AFSC EXPERIENCE AFFECTS BUILDER'S CAREER

Does the fellowship of service of the American Friends Service Committee have a special and lasting effect upon those who participate? Perhaps no definitive answer will ever be found to such a question. Occasionally, however, someone steps out of the thousands who have participated in AFSC programs to acknowledge his gratitude for an unusual experience.

Such a one is James H. Scheuer, president of Renewal and Development Corporation, New York City. As chairman of the Housing Advisory Council to the New York State Commission Against Discrimination, he participated this fall in a meeting with members of President Kennedy's Committee Against Discrimination in Housing.

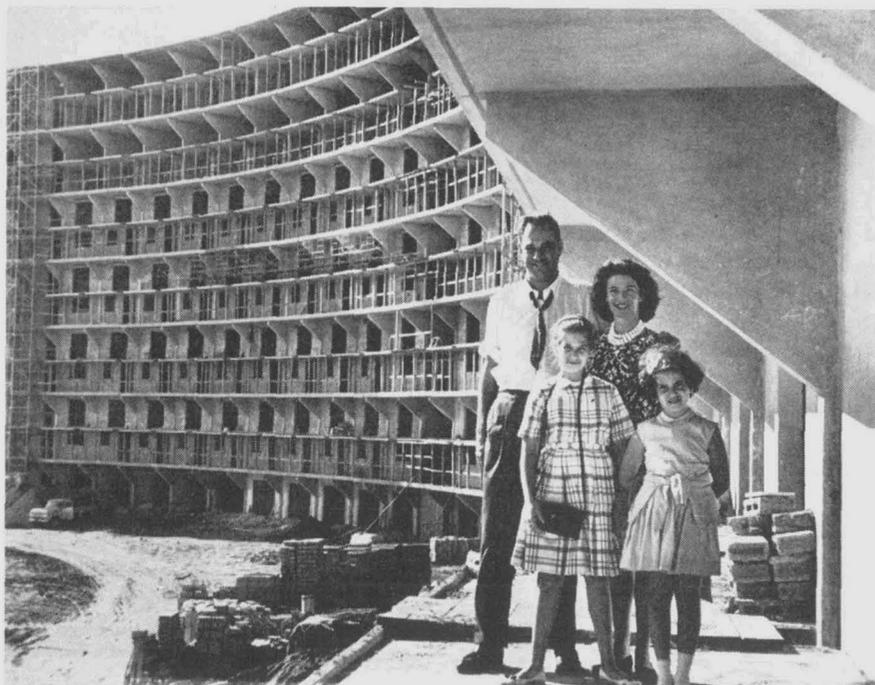
During a lull in one of the sessions, he told Charlotte Meacham, AFSC's National Housing Program director, that he remembered fondly his early experience with AFSC, both as a member of a Peace Caravan in Salina, Kansas, in 1939, and as a work camper in Mexico in 1940. He asked in particular about Harold and Wanneta Chance, who led the camp.

"Early in life, through several influences, I was introduced to the world of concern for the individual," James Scheuer said. "The American Friends Service Committee finished the job."

### Human Values Seen As Primary

Speaking about his later experience, James Scheuer added, "In a world of hard-nosed businessmen I have found that I can never consider any task I have to accomplish without weighing human values first. This has been a guiding factor in my business and private life, whether I am building an apartment house in Puerto Rico, or working with our local Citizens' Union in Manhattan."

James Scheuer and his brother, Walter, now an investment banker in Manhattan, both attended the Mexico work camp. Harold Chance remembers James on the Peace Caravan, one of several hundred college students who were spread over the country speaking for peace. James Scheuer was not the



Former AFSC workcamper, James H. Scheuer, his wife, and daughters Lorrie and Betsy, stand before the urban renewal project El Monte in San Juan, Puerto Rico, which he sponsored.

pacifist member of the group, and later served as a flight instructor in the Army Air Corps in World War II.

James Scheuer graduated from Swarthmore College with general honors and entered the Harvard School of Business Administration and, later, Columbia Law School. He specialized in slum clearance and redevelopment and was awarded the first annual Walter White Award for "distinguished service and courageous leadership in the field of intergroup relations in housing."

He is a recipient, also, of the citation given for "effective work in furthering the Urban League goal of equal opportunity in housing."

He has been very active in the New York Chapter of the American Jewish Committee and has served as its president. He remains a member of the AJC's Executive Board, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Committee, and the special Committee on Race Relations.

Currently he serves on Mayor Wagner's Committee for Better Housing

and is counsel and chairman of the executive committee of the City and Suburban Home Company. He is engaged in redevelopment projects in Cleveland, Sacramento, Puerto Rico, and Washington, D.C.

A political and economic analyst, he has been a syndicated correspondent for the Overseas News Agency in Europe and Latin America, specializing in background feature articles in economic and political fields. He has been associated with United Nations projects for the government and with the Pan American Branch of the Foreign Economic Administration.

Yet when queried on his many activities, he preferred to speak about the prospects of his own children becoming involved in an AFSC experience.

"We have four children," he said. "Lorrie, 12; Betsy, 10; Jamie, 6; and Johnnie, 4. Lorrie has just finished schooling at Friends Seminary, and we can't wait until she is eligible for an AFSC work camp. We want all of our children to have this experience."

In Broken Hill, Northern Rhodesia, the AFSC will shortly launch a new program in urban community development. Work will center in three townships of the municipality: Bwacha, Chimanimini, and Ngungu. Typical housing in Bwacha is seen at right.

The Service Committee has been invited into Broken Hill to help with a night school which the Africans have established for themselves. In addition, staff may assist with a hobby center and a local civic association organized in one of the housing areas. Beyond these projects, the program will be developed as the staff helps the Africans to identify their own needs and to plan together for their fulfillment.



Charles Read

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## VOLUNTEER EXTENDS SERVICE IN NORTHWEST REGION

At an American Friends Service Committee work camp held in 1953 in Kake, Alaska, Ann Rotermund gained a deepened sense of values which often comes in working to help others. After marrying and settling in Seattle, she rediscovered the AFSC eight years later through its Children's Program. As chairman of this program for the Pacific Northwest Region, the former work camper instills in others a deepened sense of values. She says, "I am dedicated to the purposes of the AFSC, and hope for another year of challenging service projects."

Ann Rotermund, who works on a volunteer basis, introduced local Uni-

tarian Church children to the AFSC through kits they assembled. They used the *Good Morning to You* kits for children of migrant workers in Washington. From the AFSC packets, *Days of Discovery*, *Friendly Things To Do*, and *As Children Share*, they assembled chalkboards, sewing kits, and duffel bags of stuffed toys for Algerian children.

Adding to the public's awareness of children around the world, Ann Rotermund assisted Pat Burks, chairman of the Children's Program exhibit at a Peace Information Center, in connection with the Seattle World's Fair.

She works with her co-volunteers in

distributing to libraries *Books for Friendship*, which is a catalog of children's literature, and speaks to groups in Washington, British Columbia, and Oregon.

Christmas kits available are *Trim the Treasure Tree*; *Friendly Things To Do, December-January*; and *Holiday Happiness*. These kits contain background material and service project ideas for the benefit of Algerian children, Christmas and Hanukkah materials, and service projects to aid Chinese refugee children in Hong Kong.

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