

AFSC FAMILIES VALUE LIFE ABROAD

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CURRENTLY 17 American families with a total of 48 children represent the American Friends Service Committee abroad. Their experience, together with that of the many AFSC families who have gone before them, should encourage couples contemplating such an adventure to volunteer.

Service Committee families are realistic about the problems involved in overseas service, but most of them seem to feel that the values of the experience—shared service, increased family closeness, and a world-stretching adventure—by far outweigh the disadvantages.

Ages of children now abroad with their parents range from two to twenty. Most college-age students and many at boarding school—perhaps after a year at some foreign school or university—elect to continue their education at home, because they feel a need for the companionship of contemporaries they know well.

Younger Children Benefit Most

It is the elementary-age children, most AFSC parents seem to feel, who have most to gain from a period abroad. Several of the families now representing the Service Committee abroad report that they waited until their children were the "right ages" before volunteering. The best ages, these parents say, are 6 to 12, with 4 and 14 the outer limits. Elementary-age children are quick to make friends in a new situation. The language barrier is not to be discounted, and often makes the first year in a French, German, or Spanish-speaking school a rather difficult experience. On the other hand, in play the youngsters quickly find ways to communicate. And language skill, when it does come,

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MISSION TO VIETNAM:

AN EXPLORATORY VISIT

STEPHEN CARY, associate executive secretary, and Woodruff Emlen, financial advisor with a Philadelphia firm, left in May to represent the Committee in South Vietnam, by appointment of AFSC's Board of Directors. These two Friends will spend several months gathering facts and looking for possible AFSC program involvement.

In recent years, Vietnamese students have participated in AFSC seminars, work camps, and conferences for young leaders. Our representatives will visit them and also seek new participants for such programs. They will be consulting with Buddhist groups, as well as with these young people, in a combined effort to find an effective starting point for possible new programs. Even if the military and political impasse there were resolved immediately, the area—torn by war for 20 years—will continue to face serious economic and social problems.

Past Service A Vital Factor

Planning of this Quaker mission to Vietnam was begun early in March upon the return of Gilbert White, chairman of AFSC's Board, from a short visit to Saigon. Three years ago, Gilbert White had served as consultant for the U.N. to the Lower Mekong Coordinating Committee for Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Stephen Cary, whose particular responsibility is coordination of regional office activities, has served with the Committee since his release from Civilian Public Service in 1946. His initial assignment was directing European relief operations from the Paris headquarters. He has held his present position since 1959. Woodruff Emlen served with the AFSC from 1945 to 1947 as overseas delegate in French Morocco and Southern France in refugee relief and rehabilitation. He is currently a member of AFSC's International Service and Affairs and Finance committees.

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Serving AFSC: (from top) Crooks children with friends (Algeria); the Reumans (Germany); the Connors (Zambia).

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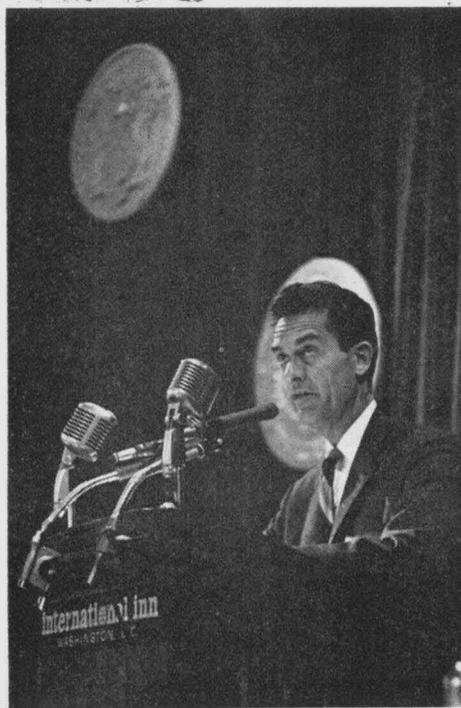
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U.S.-CHINA CONFERENCE

Eight hundred people, representing 40 states and several foreign countries—as well as many viewpoints—met at the International Inn, Washington, D.C., April 29-30, at the first nation-wide conference on American-Chinese relations held since the Communists came to power in China.

The conference was sponsored by Georgetown University and the American University's School of International Service in cooperation with AFSC. Much of the organizational work was done by Cecil Thomas, associate peace secretary in our Northern California Regional Office.

The 37 cooperating organizations included 15 religious organizations and church groups representing the three major faiths, three labor organizations, and a number of political action and special interest groups. They included proponents of both vigilant and conciliatory policies towards the People's Republic of China.



“...channels of universal love”

Philadelphia, Pa.
June, 1965

Dear Friends,

It is customary to make some general comment about the life of the AFSC in this part of the *Bulletin*. Today I want to speak of death, and indeed to name certain Service Committee friends and workers whose passing in recent months has left us with a deep sense of loss and also of great thankfulness. Many of the readers of this letter will know some or all of these names.

GRACE LOWRY shared with AFSC most of her adult life, a life which shone with warmth and love of people. PATRICK MALIN served with the Committee as vice-chairman of the Board and in many other ways, and later led the American Civil Liberties Union in its courageous witness for justice and civil liberties for all. EMMA CADBURY's many pieces of service were crowned by fourteen years of work at the Quaker Center in Vienna, and her small, indomitable figure became a symbol in many parts of Europe of friendship for the suffering and dispossessed. JAMES REEB, a staff member of the Service Committee, went from the slums of Boston, where he lived and worked, to Selma, Alabama, where he died and witnessed. His life and death

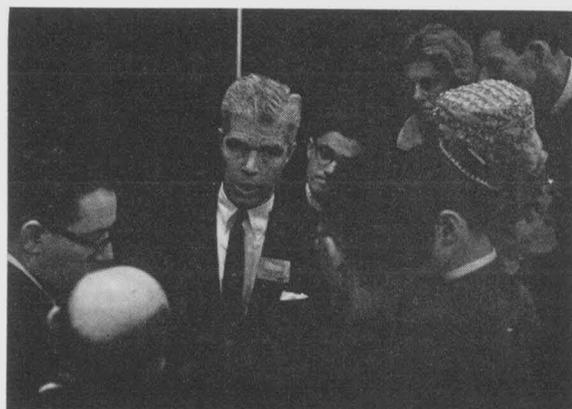
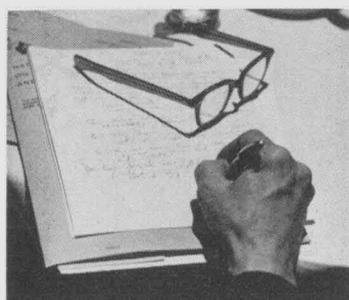
were of a spiritual piece. JOSEPH CONARD, as staff member in California and committee chairman in Philadelphia, undertook only those tasks into which he felt he could put his absolute best—a compound of competence, dedication, and gracious personality which will long be remembered. CLARENCE PICKETT for nearly a quarter-century shaped the AFSC into an instrument whereby imperfect man might try to practice the gospel of love. He knew well that the Kingdom of God was not yet here, but he lived all his years as if it were.

These lives conjure up in the eye of memory a diversity of gifts and of personalities and a multiplicity of services, but a oneness of spiritual purpose. Each gave in his own way, selflessly and of his best, to the cause of human betterment. Some died at high noon and others in the evening of their days. All lived with that quality of life which makes of death not a passing but a consummation and an example. “To turn all they possessed into the channels of universal love became the business of their lives.” That business is unfinished.

Yours sincerely,

Executive Secretary

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SUMMER PROGRAMS REFLECT BROAD INTERESTS

AMERICANS of all ages take part in AFSC summer programs annually. This year, more than 500 young people will participate, many in various civil rights projects, community and institutional service programs, world affairs discussion groups, and peace caravans in the U.S. Over 200 of them will join programs in Europe, Africa, Japan, Korea, Mexico, or Guatemala. New this year will be a caravan theater sponsored by our New England Office's college program. This will tour towns and cities in New England presenting short plays on race, peace, and social concerns. In a program of individual service assignments in Southern communities, graduate students will tutor children who expect to attend newly desegregated schools in September.

In England, a tripartite work and

study program will provide for the fourth successive year an opportunity for young people—five Americans, five Britons, and five Russians—to work together on a community project with time provided for discussion and special trips. This program continues under the joint sponsorship of AFSC, Friends Service Council (England), and the Committee of Youth Organizations of the Soviet Union.

Topics Are Timely And Varied

Four adult institutes and eleven family camps throughout the U.S. will present diversified programs. Avon Institute, Geneva Point Camp, N.H., continues its unstructured approach to seeking nonviolent solutions to today's

conflicts. The Midwest Summer Institute at Williams Bay, Wis., sponsored by the Chicago, Dayton, and Des Moines offices, will cover subjects of current interest from poverty and cybernetics to Communism and the problems of emerging nations. Two institutes—at Pocono Lake, Pa., and Camp Sierra, Calif.—will concentrate on the problems of U.S.-China relations.

In four peace caravans, sixteen college-age men and women will tour four areas of the United States, speaking with civic, religious, youth, and other community groups and sharing views and hopes on present-day problems. They will live with families in each community they visit. The caravans will travel in the Southwest; in Northern California; in Oregon and Washington; and in the Midwest.

AFSC Families Abroad

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toward the end of the first year, provides the children with a priceless asset that will last a lifetime.

Very young children, of course, do not suffer from homesickness. The "middle-age" children of elementary grades are occasionally homesick for their aunts and cousins and grandparents but thoroughly enjoy their new friends.

Through the years, health has not been a major problem to AFSC families overseas. A carefully planned program of preventive medicine, plus a sensible health routine, have permitted most youngsters to thrive in their transplanted environments.

Schooling in the field, particularly in a new language, is not always easy, but most parents have found that by giving Calvert lessons at home, when indicated, they have been able to keep their youngsters up to grade level.

"And look what else they are getting meanwhile," says Sylvia Crooks, who has been in Algeria with her three children for the past two years, while Malcolm Crooks serves as field director of the Quaker team with headquarters in Tlemcen. "We want our children to learn that people are the same the world over, and how better can they discover this than by experiencing it for themselves?"

Besides the Crooks family in western Algeria, AFSC families abroad include Paul and Ruth Miller and one daughter in Delhi, India, and 15 families with two to five children each living in Algeria, Berlin, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Mexico, Zambia, Peru, Guatemala, Switzerland, and Tanzania.

PROJECT LINKS JOBS AND HOUSING

THE Community Relations Division is initiating a two-pronged pilot program in the San Francisco area in cooperation with local groups, particularly the Bay State Urban League. This program is geared to improving employment opportunities for minorities and to sharing the experience of our national housing program with recently developed local fair housing groups. The purpose of the project is to break the traditional pattern that confines non-whites to urban ghettos, and to do this in an area still in the early stages of its industrial expansion.

Many business firms are housed in the new industrial parks, usually located some distance from the central city. They are not easily accessible to minority people who are thus discouraged from applying for jobs in which

commuting costs are high. Businessmen, often eager and willing to comply with national fair employment requirements, hesitate to risk offending the local white community by breaking the traditional pattern of segregated housing.

Study Predicts Color Patterns

According to a recent monograph prepared for the University of California's Institute of Governmental Studies, San Francisco, Oakland, and Berkeley are likely to be about 45 per cent non-white by 1980, and the prediction is that the disparity between the employment pattern and the housing pattern will become more pronounced. Thus by 1980 the three cities will have only a quarter of the employment in the region.

AFSC workers will visit business and industrial leaders and real estate agencies to discuss the residential problems of minorities and offer them the benefits of Committee experience in housing programs elsewhere. They will attempt to involve whole communities in cooperative efforts to supply adequate housing and ensure open-housing patterns. Business firms—which in many cases hold mortgages on the properties of their relocated personnel—will be shown where they can use their influence on local real estate practices and help to solve what is now one of their stickiest employment problems.

IN YOUR ATTIC

Have you any photographs or mementos of earlier days in the field with the American Friends Service Committee? Any country, at home or abroad, in any year from 1917 to 1965. If you have, would you contribute them to our archives?

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