

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

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The American Friends Service Committee, founded fifty years ago, is one of the corporate expressions of Quaker faith and practice. It is rooted in the conviction that each human life is sacred, each man a child of God, and that love, expressed through creative action, is the only power that can overcome hatred, prejudice, and fear. To that end, the Committee undertakes programs of relief, service, and education, ministering to both the physical and spiritual needs of men. Its work is made possible by the generous cooperation of thousands of concerned persons of all faiths.

American Friends Service Committee

The past year has been one of torment and turmoil for the Service Committee, as for like-minded people around the world. The way in which American escalations of the Vietnam War have coincided with words of peace has been particularly disturbing.

We have been perplexed as to how best to respond to this moral challenge and frustrated in our efforts to help war victims in North Vietnam. However we have been able to initiate some practical actions.

Caring for the children of Vietnam

In October the AFSC announced the opening of a day care center and kindergarten for children 2½ to 6 in Quang Ngai—the first step in a coordinated program that will serve some of the 100,000 war refugees living in temporary shelters in 32 camps around Quang Ngai.

Also in October, the first AFSC volunteers arrived in Saigon to train for assignments with Vietnamese social welfare agencies. These young people will work with Vietnamese colleagues, under Vietnamese supervision, on ongoing projects unrelated to war or politics. In the same month the AFSC obtained a license from the U.S. Treasury Department and donated \$2,000 to the Canadian Friends Service Committee and \$4,000 to the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva for the purchase and shipment of medical supplies to North Vietnam, South Vietnam and areas held by the National Liberation Front. This action followed the Quaker tradition of extending a service of love to all sides in wartime. Unsuccessful efforts were made to get personnel into North Vietnam to establish a medical program, supervise the distribution of relief supplies and, hopefully, act as a two-way channel of understanding.

Peace efforts in the United States

Peace in Vietnam: A New Approach in Southeast Asia, written by an AFSC working party, was published in March and had sold 87,000 copies by the year's end. Foreign editions were being published in Spanish, French and German.

Peace caravans, high school seminars, summer family camps and institutes, Washington World Affairs Seminars and the Quaker Program at the United Nations addressed themselves to issues dividing mankind.

A program seeking more constructive uses for industrial capacity now devoted to military production has made less headway than hoped, owing to the Vietnam War, and has changed its emphasis. During the past year systems analysts and others with specialized scientific and technical training have joined forces with residents of congested inner city areas of Boston in planning rational development of the city.

Community development project started in Mexico City

In one of Mexico's first low-cost private housing projects an AFSC unit of three Latin-American social workers launched the Service Committee's first urban community development project after 27 years of work in that country's villages. Health, construction, agricultural and youth projects were continued in three villages.

In the three years the AFSC has been working in the *barriada*, or squatter community, of Pamplona Alta outside Lima, Peru, the population has risen from 850 to 1,800 families. This year saw the completion of a new community center and the start of a self-help housing project.

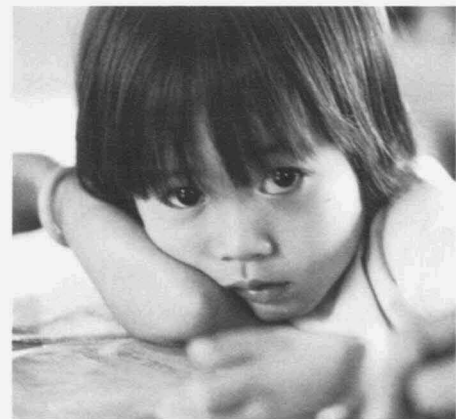
In Hong Kong, Algeria, West Pak-

istan, India and Zambia, as well as in depressed areas of the Americas, community development programs encouraged people to see their own problems and take steps together to deal with them. Family planning is now an important part of AFSC community service in eight countries.

Material aids assistance continued to flow to resettled Algerians and Arab refugees in the Middle East, and to Angolan, Congolese and (since April) Sudanese refugees in the Congo.

Quakers unite for international understanding

The AFSC joins the Friends Service Council of London and the Canadian Friends Service Committee in sponsoring Quaker international affairs representatives on a regional basis and in bringing present and prospective leaders together for informal discussions. Research associates from institutes for international relations in East and West European countries met in a conference on "Peace in Europe," with special reference to divided Germany. Other conferences were held in Europe, Africa and Asia. In the U.S.S.R. ten Americans and ten Soviet citizens working in international relations, economics, sociology and journalism met for a candid and searching discussion of "International Peace, National Life and





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Individual Responsibility." A reciprocal seminar is planned here in 1967.

Quaker service organizations responded to the India-Pakistan war situation by sending a Quaker mission to visit both countries at the time of the truce and then appointed a Quaker international affairs representative to establish residences in both countries and serve as a friend and advocate of nonviolent attitudes on both sides of the border.

Students find satisfaction in involvement

Individual assignments occupied more volunteers in summer projects for high school and college youth this past summer. One group tutored Negro children in South Carolina and lived with families in the community. The members of a second group were placed in Indian reservations in Washington State. In Oakland and Glendale, California, AFSC human rights programs approached the segregation problem in a new way by working in middle-class white communities rather than poverty areas.

Young people contributing two years with the U.S. unit of Voluntary International Service Assignments (VISA) worked with civil rights groups tutoring, counseling and coordinating youth programs in Southern states. VISA units in four countries abroad provided young volunteers, many of them CO's, with an opportunity to perform a wide range of services.

The Children's Program placed special emphasis on the children of

Vietnam in its project suggestions for young American children in classrooms and scout troops. School affiliation programs touched in some way an estimated 270,000 people last year. A three-month visit of three English-language teachers from the Soviet Union to several East Coast schools laid cordial foundations for a reciprocal visit of American teachers to Russia in 1967.

Integration proves elusive

Events of 1966 made it more and more evident that ideological differences in the world are secondary in importance to the increasing polarity between rich and poor nations. It has also become clear that the credibility of our expressions of concern for the interests of poorer nations is undermined by failure to protect the rights of the poor and of minorities in our own country.

In the United States, for the second successive year the AFSC and the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund combined community organization experience with legal skills in a School Desegregation Task Force that worked in nine states of the Deep South, informing citizens of their rights under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, helping communities organize for effective action toward desegregation, and notifying Federal agencies where their desegregation guidelines were being violated and the Federal role needed strengthening. Our staff has become convinced that the problem of school desegregation is just part of the problem of providing a quality education for all the children of the country. By the end of the year the AFSC was ready to report to the Government that segregation still pervades the public school system, that fear and lack of knowledge make necessary a strong technical

assistance program in the Office of Education, and that the whole effort toward school desegregation requires strong support from the Administration. AFSC Rights of Conscience funds aided families suffering reprisals for their efforts to exercise the rights of citizenship.

The AFSC's community relations program in Chicago played a very active part in The Movement To End Slums, led by Martin Luther King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, during the past summer. In eleven other cities across the nation AFSC programs sought equal opportunities in jobs and housing and solutions to the problems of the inner city. Work with American Indians continued. Increasing concern for the plight of prisoners and for the nature of police-community relations led to the appointment of a national staff person to specialize in that area.

OEO programs facing loss of funds

The AFSC received government support in 1966 for eleven projects, including the East Coast Migrant Leadership Education Program, funded by the Office of Economic Opportunity to help seasonal farm laborers in the East Coast migrant stream secure their legal rights. But as the year ended, government-supported programs were in jeopardy as the war in Vietnam absorbed funds needed to continue social development in our own country. The Service Committee is determined to continue its programs, on a reduced scale where necessary, with the support of its contributors.

This year's annual report is briefer than usual because contributors are also receiving a special publication, "To See What Love Can Do," to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the AFSC in 1967.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT FUND TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1966

WE RECEIVED:

Gifts of cash and securities	\$3,511,817	
Gifts of clothing, textiles and supplies (Note 1)	463,557	
Transfers from Bequest Fund (Note 2)	1,897,811	
Other income (ocean freight reimbursement, participants' fees, literature sales, etc.)	533,979	\$6,407,164

WE SPENT:

FOR INTERNATIONAL SERVICE Refugee services, relief, rehabilitation, and resettlement in Algeria, Austria, Republic of the Congo, Hong Kong, Jordan, Vietnam, and the United States; social and technical assistance in Algeria, India, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, and Zambia

Cash	\$ 719,468	
Clothing, textiles and supplies (Note 3)	418,019	1,137,487

FOR YOUTH SERVICES For young adults: Voluntary International Service Assignments in Germany, Guatemala, India, Tanzania, the United States, and Vietnam. For college-age youth: work camps in Africa, Europe, Asia, Mexico, and the United States; voter registration and citizenship education projects in the South; service units in institutions; internes in community service; seminars; services to conscientious objectors. For high school students: work camps, service units in institutions, seminars, world affairs camps in the United States, and school affiliation service linking elementary and high schools in the United States with schools abroad, including student and teacher exchange. For children: educational materials and projects

1,357,241

FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS Seminars and conferences in Europe, Asia, and Africa; international representatives in Delhi, Tokyo, and Berlin; seminars in Washington, D.C.; work at the United Nations in New York and Geneva

603,094

FOR PEACE EDUCATION Summer institutes on the Quaker approach to international conflict; family camps; weekend institutes; organization of working parties; peace literature; conferences with mass media representatives and academic groups; speakers and group discussion of crisis issues, including the social and economic implications of disarmament; seminars and institutes drawing together persons active in the movement for social change; peace caravans; national conferences; contacts with peace-concerned groups and individuals in other countries

708,366

FOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS Work in metropolitan areas of the North and West to find creative solutions to a broad range of urban problems, particularly housing; work in the South to promote equal job opportunity; school desegregation activity in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi; community development efforts with farm laborers, migrants, and other rural poor in California, southeastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey; special efforts in the East Coast migrant stream, from a base in Florida; community development and leadership training with American Indian groups in Arizona, California, Washington, and Montana; work with released prisoners in California

973,847

FOR GENERAL SERVICES General administration, personnel, publicity, finance

1,353,358 6,133,393

EXCESS OF AMOUNT RECEIVED OVER AMOUNT SPENT

273,771

BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

1,588,689

BALANCE AT END OF THE YEAR

1,862,460

THIS PART OF THE BALANCE IS ALLOCATED AS TO USE:

Reserved for contingencies	201,916	
Reserved for use in subsequent years	399,742	
Use specified by contributors	975,370	
Undistributed clothing, textiles and supplies	58,344	
Required for working funds (advances, receivables, etc.)	214,242	1,849,614

BALANCE UNALLOCATED AT END OF THE YEAR

\$ 12,846

NOTES TO SUMMARY OF CURRENT FUND TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1966

■ 1. Gifts of new and used clothing, textiles and supplies are valued at standard prices considered to approximate conservative realizable values.

■ 2. It is the policy of the Committee to use bequest funds over a period of years unless otherwise required by the provisions of a will. This is in keeping with the Committee's interpretation of the intent of the donors and in order to use this fluctuating income most effectively in its programs. To implement this policy, bequests received are recorded as income in the Bequest Fund rather than the Current Fund, and transfers are made to the Current Fund for expenditure as authorized by the Board of Directors. Bequests received during the year ended September 30, 1966 by the Bequest Fund amounted to \$1,552,462.

■ 3. It is the Committee's policy to include as expenditures materials transmitted to its representatives abroad. Portions of these materials may not have been distributed by the end of the fiscal year.

■ 4. The Summary of Current Fund Transactions and Balances does not include the transactions and balances of the Bequest, Annuity, Endowment, Property, and Other Special Funds of the Committee.

Complete financial statements of the Committee and the related opinion of the independent certified public accounts will be furnished to interested persons upon request.



ACCOUNTANTS' OPINION

HASKINS & SELLS

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE, INCORPORATED:

We have examined your summary of current fund transactions and balances for the year ended September 30, 1966. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered appropriate in the circumstances; as to contributions, it was not practicable for us to extend our examination beyond the Committee's accounting for recorded receipts.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary of current fund transactions and balances presents fairly the results of your current fund operations for the year ended September 30, 1966, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

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