

Troubled AFSC speaks again on Vietnam

Money sent to International Red Cross and Canadian Friends Service Committee for medical aid to North and South Vietnam and the NLF. Programs in South now operating.

"We call for an immediate cessation of United States bombing and the beginning of a clearly stated and swiftly phased withdrawal of all American troops and weapons, with provision for sanctuary for those who might suffer retaliation."

These words were the heart of a new appeal in *The New York Times* of Sunday, October 9, which has also been reprinted in newspapers around the country and published as a leaflet. The Committee was impelled to make this appeal, not only because of the deepening tragedy of the war itself, but also because of its dangerous impact on crucial aspects of American life. As the war in Vietnam escalates, its relentless demands curtail the struggle in the United States against poverty, racial division, and unequal opportunities in education, housing, and livelihood. The danger of violence rises, and time runs out.

Nine courses of action for the AFSC are listed in the appeal:

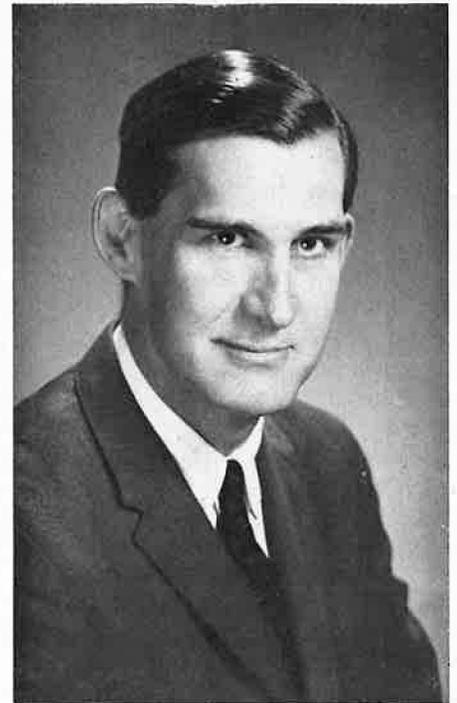
1. We are going to draw heavily on the modest resources of the American Friends Service Committee and are taxing ourselves individually in order to do more for peace in Vietnam.
2. Though we directly oppose the war itself, we will do all we can to increase our humanitarian efforts. We have persons working now among war sufferers in South Vietnam, and we seek to do likewise in North Vietnam and in territories held by the National Liberation Front.
3. We intend to work vigorously to strengthen freedom in America and will encourage those who are conscientiously impelled to withhold their support of the war in Vietnam.
4. We will work to renew faith in a United Nations whose present weakness is a tragedy for all men.

5. We will support and encourage as we are able those young men who cannot conscientiously accept war service in Vietnam.
6. We will support our government in all efforts to use our national brains and resources peaceably to meet human need here, in the Mekong Valley, and elsewhere in the world.
7. We will encourage and work with religious groups throughout America to end this war.
8. As citizens we will in deep religious conviction visit and encourage others to visit officers of the Administration and members of Congress to explore the case for withdrawal from Vietnam. We also will call upon our fellow Americans to ready the national conscience for rebuilding in Vietnam what our nation is now engaged in destroying, with the same intensity of purpose and commitment of resources as are now lavished upon the war.
9. We will encourage public discussion of applying the concept of conscientious objection to violation of international law and crimes against humanity. As individuals and as an organization we will explore the implication for ourselves of this kind of extension and examine its relationship to such questions as conscientious refusal to pay taxes for war.

Day Care Center Opens

An AFSC day care center for refugee children is now operating in Quang Ngai, South Vietnam. A nursery school and kindergarten are caring for 50 children between two and a half and six years old, chosen as the neediest by local welfare officials. Supplementary feedings are given at both morning and afternoon sessions. Three staff members

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William Lotspeich to be next AFSC executive secretary

Dr. William D. Lotspeich, chairman of the Department of Physiology of the University of Rochester Medical School, has been chosen by the Board of Directors as the next executive secretary of the Service Committee. He will succeed Colin W. Bell, the present executive secretary, in mid-1968.

An active member of the Society of Friends, William Lotspeich has had a close association with the AFSC for many years. During the summer of 1951 he served on the staff of an international work camp in Italy and an international student seminar in France. In subsequent years he directed such seminars in the Saar, Germany, and in Beloit, Wisconsin; participated in AFSC regional activities in Ohio and New York State; and led conferences of Quaker scientists.

In 1965 he became a member of the AFSC corporation for New York Yearly Meeting, and in April, 1966, he was appointed to the Board of Directors to fulfill an unexpired term. In subsequent months he has served on the Special Vietnam Committee and on the com-

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Family planning: the invisible program

From her paper-strewn desk in Philadelphia, Lorraine Cleveland directs a quarter-million-dollar program that does almost nothing under its own name. The Service Committee has a long tradition of working with local agencies and encouraging people to set up their own organizations, but Lorraine carries this one step further. She works through other AFSC programs.

Unconventional as it seems, and is, this approach grows naturally from the Service Committee's view of family planning as just one way among many for people to gain more control over their own lives. Around the world, the Committee's community development workers include family planning in their programs. Because their concern for the welfare of the people is widely recognized, and because family planning is presented as part of broader programs, suspicion and misunderstanding are minimized.

Often community women raise the subject themselves. The Committee's community service projects develop to meet the needs expressed by the people, and women everywhere want to know how to keep their families in balance with their incomes. For example, Committee staff members were recently approached by the wives of farm workers in a self-help housing program in Chester County, Pennsylvania, for assistance in getting birth control information.

When staff members get this kind of request, they first look to see what local resources there are. If the local resources are inadequate, they find ways to assist and expand them. If there are no resources, they consider how a clinic might be started, and under whose auspices. The Service Committee does not operate any family planning clinics itself, nor is it committed to a particular birth control technique.

The Committee touches the lives of people in many situations other than community development. Often these provide opportunities that would not be open to a family planning agency. A recent example was an AFSC conference for diplomats in Clarens, Switzerland, which devoted sessions to the

population problem using study material provided by the family planning program.

Latin America and Africa

The major emphasis of our family planning work in Latin America is on training doctors. Through our efforts, about 40 doctors a year from seven Latin-American countries are trained in the techniques of family planning.

In Africa two doctors serve the Committee as part-time consultants. One of them has recently taken soundings in several countries where we hope to assist with training of doctors as we are doing in Latin America. Part of the family planning budget is used to send African doctors and government officials to international conferences on family planning. We hope to extend this work with seminars and establish libraries on family planning in several hospitals in Africa.

India and Hong Kong

The staff of the Service Committee's urban community development program in Baroda, India, has stimulated the establishment of the Baroda Committee on Family Planning, whose membership includes the president of the Baroda Municipality and other responsible citizens. The Service Committee has helped

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50th Anniversary Dinner Planned

A dinner to commemorate the AFSC's 50th anniversary will be held the evening of April 29 at Haverford College. Friends of the AFSC in the Philadelphia area are urged to make reservations now. Write to 50th Anniversary Dinner, American Friends Service Committee, 160 North 15th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102. Special events are also planned for April 29 in the areas of the regional offices of the AFSC.

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mitte studying relationships between the AFSC and the Society of Friends.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Dr. Lotspeich attended various schools in that city before enrolling in Cornell University. In 1941 he received an A.B. from that institution, and in 1944 an M.D. from the University of Cincinnati. After a year's internship at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center he took a position in the Department of Physiology of Cornell Medical School.

From Cornell he went to Syracuse University Medical School, where he taught from 1946 to 1949. A two-year postdoctoral fellowship in biochemistry took him to Oxford University in England from 1949 to 1951, as a Scholar in the Medical Sciences of the Markle Foundation. Returning to the United States, he was made chairman of the Department of Physiology of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, a position he held until 1959, when he accepted his current post at Rochester.

Throughout his career Dr. Lotspeich has concentrated his research on kidney function, the regulation of body fluid balance, the mechanism of insulin action, and the growth hormone of the pituitary gland. He is the author of 45 papers in various scientific journals and of a book, *Metabolic Aspects of Renal Function*.

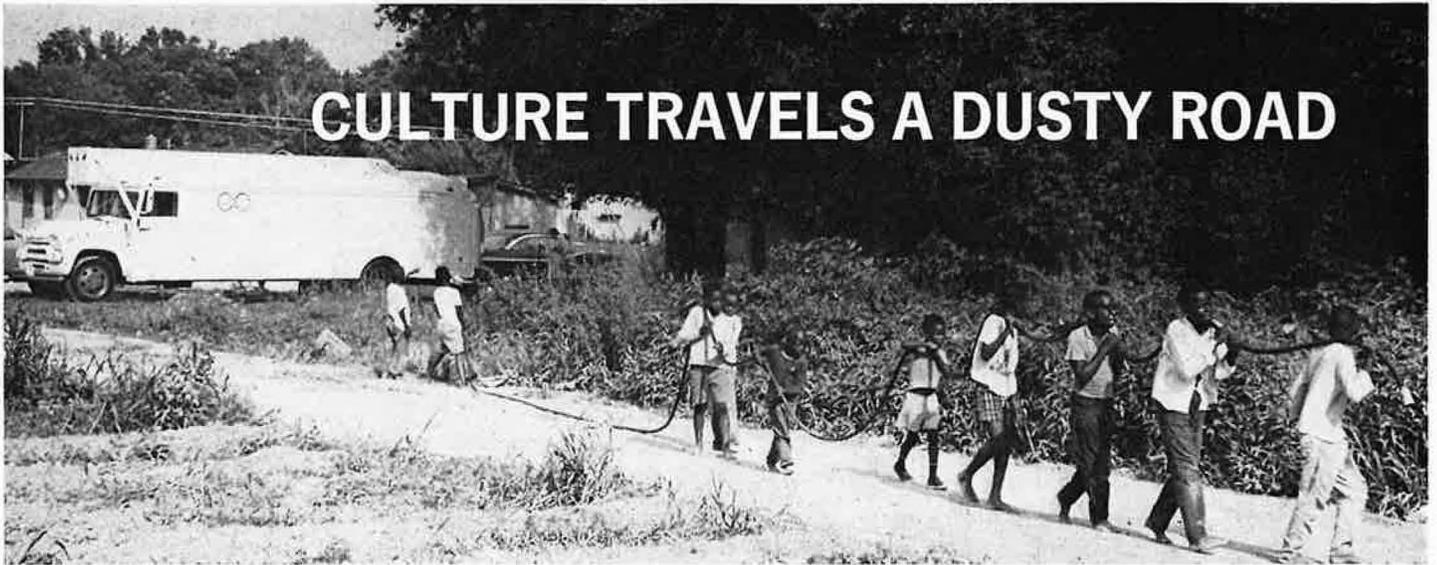
Science and the humanities

A lifelong interest in the interrelations of science and the humanities led Dr. Lotspeich to teach a course for freshmen on "A Tragic View of Science" and to write a book for teenagers called *How Scientists Find out*.

The new AFSC executive has traveled widely, often combining professional duties with his interest in the Society of Friends. He visited French Friends under the auspices of the Friends World Committee in 1955, Friends of East Africa Yearly Meeting in 1964 and Friends in Japan in 1965.

He is married to the former Sylvia Howard Taft of Cincinnati, a graduate of Vassar. The Lotspeichs have three children—Sylvia, 22, an Oberlin graduate; Charles, 19, a junior at Harvard; and Stephen, 13, a freshman in high school. Their son Charles is married to the former Laurie Macdonald of Boston and has one son, Christopher.

CULTURE TRAVELS A DUSTY ROAD



by Beth Binford—photographs by Paul Buck

THE SCENE was South Jersey on a drowsy summer afternoon. Heat rose in waves from the asphalt highway as a long white bus rolled along toward the migrant labor camp. Children picking tomatoes in the fields stopped to wave at the driver. The bus turned into



a dirt road and came to a stop at the edge of a row of buildings. As the driver opened the door sand and dirt blew past into the open spaces between the dilapidated shacks. A little boy ran toward him pushing a tin can with a stick. In a minute's time the driver was sur-



rounded by children, reaching to grab his hand, hanging onto his arm, tagging at his heels.

The Children's Caravan bus was a motion picture theater on wheels—one of several traveling in four states this past summer to bring education to migrant labor areas. In South Jersey the bus visited six camps a week providing children and adults with a program of movies, books and games. The Office of Economic Opportunity furnished the bus and the American Friends Service Committee provided the staff.

The minute the bus arrived in camp the children rushed to help get everything set up so the movies could begin. They carried the long electric cable to



the portable generator and cleaned the ground around the bus.

While all this activity was taking place a volunteer set up little tables outside, by the bus, so the younger children could draw. The older children played with the volleyball while others raced to wash their hands at the pump so they could read the books.

The first hour of movies was for the younger children. The movies, based on good children's books, were chosen

for their artistic quality as well as their educational value. They told of the beauty of nature, the brotherhood of man, the joy of being able to read, or the value of good habits. This afternoon the children watched one film showing the beauty of rain, one on wild horses, and one called *Little Tim and the Brave Sea Captain*. They sat enraptured, afterwards telling what they liked best, asking questions and acting out the exciting parts.

A sudden shower toward evening forced the workers in from the fields and turned the camp grounds into a sea of mud. Shirts over their heads for protection, older children and adults lined up to see the last movies of the day.

Many of the movies left a deep impression on the viewers. Almost everyone liked *The Brotherhood of Man*, a film pointing out how religions are alike in their message of brotherhood. "I'll never forget that movie," one old man said. "It put windows in my mind."



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the family planning committee get supplies, and staff members have taken an active part in the work of the committee.

The Service Committee has enabled the Family Planning Association of Hong Kong to add 20 field workers, more than quadrupling its field staff. Since January, 1965, 43,290 women have received intra-uterine contraceptive devices—more than 10 per cent of the married women of child-bearing age.

Politics and family planning

Family planning is a politically sensitive subject in many countries, but there are people in most governments who are interested in it. Unofficial encouragement is often given to privately sponsored family planning efforts.

The Service Committee supports government officials in promoting family planning. In one country, for example, the AFSC staffs a demonstration program in a maternal and child health clinic for the government. The staff members are doing a study of the attitudes of the women coming to the clinic with regard to family planning. The survey shows that an overwhelming majority of community women approve of contraception. The particular importance of this finding is that government officials had assumed most people were against contraception. The data are helping those who favor family planning to promote it within the government.

Donors Take Advantage of Deferred Giving

AFSC contributors are discovering that plans for deferred giving can assure them a role in the future work of the Service Committee without reducing their income. Their after-tax income may even increase.

Those entering into a Life Income Contract, for example, continue to receive an income for life equivalent to the earnings of the gift. At the same time they get an income tax deduction in the year of the gift. Moreover, they can donate securities that have increased in value without paying a capital gains tax. If the donor wishes, his gift can become a part of AFSC's Consolidated Investment Fund, which has some of the growth possibilities of a mutual fund.

Donors preferring a fixed annual income can make an annuity gift and receive a semiannual or quarterly income for life that is based on their age and the amount given. Tax savings are possible here too.

These and other plans for deferred giving are described in a brochure, *Today, Tomorrow and Beyond*, available from the national and regional offices of the Service Committee.

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are assisted by five Vietnamese workers.

The day care center is the first step in the development of a coordinated refugee program in that area, which is about 200 miles south of the border of North Vietnam. About 87,000 refugees are living there, and 45,000 of them live in temporary camps or have no housing.

Young People Arrive

Two young men and a young woman have arrived in Saigon to begin two years with the Service Committee's Youth Services Program. They are studying Vietnamese in preparation for work in Vietnamese social agencies,

probably social welfare centers in cities. Two or three more volunteers will arrive in January.

Money Sent for North and South Vietnam, NLF

The American Friends Service Committee has 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 for war victims in both North and South Vietnam, including areas held by the National Liberation Front. A license to send these funds was issued to the AFSC by the U.S. Treasury Department.

