Dear Friends,

In 1979 the American Friends Service Committee focused its human and financial resources on some of the world’s most difficult-to-solve problems: the problems of refugees and those uprooted from their lands, the problems of those trying to reconstruct a new life after war, the plight of those facing starvation. We sought to help the poor and the jobless, and, out of our centuries-old Quaker belief that love can overcome evil, we gave support to those who searched and longed for peace.

While providing humanitarian service to those in need, the AFSC sought to strengthen person-to-person ties across national lines, hoping to avert similar tragedies. We examined the causes of the suffering to see how to achieve justice in order to lay the foundation for peace. We sought to lift, to change through nonviolence, to build.

We pay tribute in this 1979 annual report to those who make such Quaker Service possible, to the new and to the long-time contributors who—especially haunted by the faces of famine in Cambodia—reached deep into their reserve of funds and faith to respond. Our gratitude to all who helped AFSC’s work in 1979.

Sincerely,

Stephen G. Cary
Chairman of the Board of Directors

AID TO REFUGEES AND VICTIMS OF WAR

Since its founding in 1917, AFSC has been known for its work with victims of war and those made homeless by strife or oppression. In 1979 AFSC worked to relieve the plight of refugees in Malaysia, Thailand and southern Africa, the starving in Cambodia, and those recovering from the effects of war in Nicaragua, Vietnam and Laos.

Indochina As a result of its first-hand observations of the immense human needs in Cambodia, AFSC began a nationwide campaign to provide food, medicines, tools, medical books and seeds for Cambodian relief. AFSC offices around the country helped to raise funds and called for prompt delivery of U.S. aid, stressing that aid would be facilitated by changes in U.S. policy including normalization of relations with the countries of Indochina.

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AFSC's first food shipment for stricken Cambodia arrived by barge in Kompong Som in early November: 400 tons of rice—enough to feed 30,000 people for a month. A second shipment, of which AFSC had purchased a large portion of the seeds, medicines and food, was flown in on Thanksgiving Day. Two AFSC representatives on board witnessed the delivery in Phnom Penh and talked with officials there about AFSC relief efforts in 1980.

In addition to Cambodian relief, postwar development assistance continued in Laos and Vietnam. Since August an AFSC volunteer has served as a health clinic administrator on the Malaysian island of Pulau Bidong where thousands of Vietnamese refugees await resettlement. In Vietnam AFSC aid is helping supply the prosthetics and rehabilitation center at Qui Nhon and a screw-making factory in Hanoi.

In Laos, AFSC representatives worked with government representatives to equip the only school for agricultural mechanics in the country. An irrigation scheme was undertaken for land set aside for refugees voluntarily repatriating from camps in Thailand.

In Nicaragua, when the civil war erupted in Nicaragua AFSC shipped large donations of medical supplies to Honduras, then later directly to Managua. In the war-ravaged town of Esteli, AFSC contributed $10,000 to support a center which offers poor people training in carpentry, sewing, upholstery, typing and crafts.

In southern Africa, AFSC stepped up its direct assistance to victims of war and oppression in southern Africa. A couple based in Lusaka, Zambia is working in several southern African countries arranging for material assistance and job training for exiles who are preparing for their eventual return home.

During 1979, relief aid to South African and Zimbabwean refugees included 66 tons of clothing, blankets and shoes, and over $9,000 worth of educational and medical supplies. To Namibian student refugees AFSC contributed books, recreational supplies and three-months training in construction skills.

The Rural and Urban Poor

In Mexico, in rural Vicente Guerrero, where the inhabitants were in great need of fresh meats and vegetables, AFSC and the Mexican Friends Service Committee used a self-sufficient home project to demonstrate to villagers throughout the region how to cultivate vegetable gardens intensively using organic techniques. Other efforts included soil conservation, reforestation, orchard-growing and the development of cooperative workshops.

Such small, low-cost, self-owned projects that use resources close at hand are helping to meet the needs both for nutritious food and for extra income.

This past summer sixty young volunteers worked on projects in rural Mexico, helping small farmers plant fruit trees and gardens, build fences, channel a stream for flood prevention.

In Chile, AFSC continues to support children's soup kitchens in the shantytown areas of Santiago, as well as workshops for the unemployed and health education
classes for pregnant and nursing mothers. In the southern region AFSC provides agricultural extension services to Mapuche Indians to help them improve agricultural productivity, and supports their struggle to retain their lands and culture.

In Colombia, AFSC's representative is a resource for rural villagers needing advice on new economic ventures, self-help projects, or on ways to share with other communities their solutions to health and development problems.

In West Africa. AFSC assistance to drought victims in Mali continued for a fourth year. The Tin Aicha village now has a permanent school, clinic and cooperative store. The weekly market draws buyers and sellers from the entire area.

Rural women in Mali are among the poorest in the world and yet tradition requires that they provide a share of the food and clothing. To help women improve their incomes AFSC, in cooperation with the Malian government, began the Women's Rural Advisory Service. The Service provides village women's groups with training opportunities and seed money to start cooperatives, and workshops in cloth-dyeing, soap-making, gardening. Assistance is also given in management and bookkeeping. The Advisory Service set up an outlet in Bamako where the rural women can sell their cloth and other crafts.

Guinea-Bissau, independent for just five years, lacks a number of essentials, including soap. AFSC arranged for six Guineans to be trained in soap making in Ghana, and helped fund the first soap works at a boarding school for orphans in Pelundo. It now provides soap for 11 other schools.

In New York City, thirteen young people worked to improve their Lower East Side neighborhood. They cleared empty lots, repaired housing and buildings, and gained valuable skills as they worked.

In Detroit. Twenty-three high school interns work in AFSC's anti-hunger program in Detroit. Projects include grocery shopping for shut-ins, compiling comparative shopping reports, and providing poor families with information on nutrition and food stamps. As a result of on-the-job training the young people are becoming leaders in the community. They are active members on boards of community agencies. In a city with a rising juvenile crime rate, the interns have become positive role models for other young people.

FARMWORKERS AND THE BORDER
Long-term work in Mexico has been expanded to include work in the United States with migrant farm worker communities along the Texas and California borders. The AFSC's Mexico-U.S. Border Program focuses on improving the quality of life for these farmworkers and others on both sides, and thus work toward a solution to the problem of illegal entry. In Willacy County, Texas, greenhouses for growing tomatoes are beginning to ease poverty conditions for a number of people in one of the nation's poorest counties. A California seminar brought together members of the religious community to consider the plight of the undocumented worker, and to look at U.S. immigration laws to see whether a more humane and just solution might be found.

The problems of undocumented workers and their abuse are not limited to the Mexico-U.S. border. There are some 20,000 illegal aliens in Florida who are subjected to many forms of exploitation. AFSC opened an office in Miami in 1979 to provide legal counseling and technical help to those undocumented workers whose presence in the U.S. can be legalized, and to carry out community education on the issues.

WOMEN
In the Appalachian coal mining area a new program is helping women find adequately paying
jobs, whether or not the jobs fit traditional sex role stereotypes. Several women now work in coal mines, or operate road-building equipment. Others are gaining job skills by learning to drive or going back to school.

In North Carolina, a new AFSC project, Women in the Work Force, helps women in low-paid factory jobs protect themselves against sex and race discrimination, unsafe working conditions, denial of workers' compensation benefits and other workplace problems.

The Economic Alternatives program of the New England AFSC office helped organize a Connecticut poultry cooperative. Many of its employee-owners are Puerto Rican women who lost their jobs when a large poultry plant in the area went bankrupt.

Two AFSC programs aid abused women through community education about the problem and by providing battered women with counseling and shelter.

STUDENTS, PARENTS AND SCHOOLS
A major AFSC effort is work with students, parents, teachers and community groups on desegregation, students rights and responsibilities, discipline and alternatives to suspensions and expulsions. In Chicago, AFSC issued a revised edition of CHICAGO SCHOOLS: A Handbook for Students and Parents on Their Rights. The book received wide acclaim for its clear information on such topics as discipline, school records, programs for low-income families and principal selection.

NATIVE AMERICANS
Based on the long Quaker tradition of work with American Indians, AFSC in 1979 continued to support Native American efforts to obtain justice under land and treaty agreements. On the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, AFSC helped publish a newspaper, to date the only means residents have of keeping informed of local news and events. Five thousand copies are issued once a month.

In Maine, AFSC produced and distributed educational materials on the Maine Indian land claims. Program staff also made it possible for the author of a Maine history textbook to meet with representatives of Maine Indian tribes who subsequently prepared written materials so that the chapters on the role of Indians would be accurately told.

Along with a broad range of religious organizations, AFSC filed an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of the Washington State Indian tribes in a review of their fishing rights. The Court subsequently upheld an earlier decision that acknowledges specific Indian rights.

PRISONERS AND THE DEATH PENALTY
Work against the death penalty, another long-term Quaker concern, was intensified by the efforts of four youth associates who worked with understaffed coalitions around the country gathering needed information and visiting death row inmates.

The Ann Arbor Justice Program produced a community bail fund organizing manual based on its five years of experience operating a community bail fund. The 50-page manual will help groups around the country establish similar projects.

WORKING FOR DISARMAMENT, JUSTICE AND PEACE
In 1979, as new developments in the nuclear arms race increased the possibility of a nuclear war, AFSC persistently worked for peace. While working to stop foreign arms sales, and to cut the military budget, AFSC concentrated on a freeze on all new nuclear weapons as the next step to reverse the arms race.

A concern to close down the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant in Colorado led to a nationwide program concentrating on nuclear arsenals. In cooperation with labor unions and other groups AFSC studied ways to convert nuclear weapon facilities to peaceful productive purposes.

At the same time AFSC's Nuclear Transportation Project, based in North Carolina, continued to expose the life and health hazards associated with shipping nuclear weapons and nuclear wastes. As a result over 80 cities now have restrictions or bans on shipping nuclear material.
At the United Nations, AFSC staff focused on human rights, the right sharing of the world's resources, as well as promoting disarmament and peace conversion.

Some specific achievements
AFSC's NARMIC (National Action Research on the Military Industrial Complex) published a brochure "Atoms for Peace, Atoms for War," which points out the problems and dangers common to both nuclear weapons and nuclear power. A second piece "Arming the Third World" addresses the sale of U.S. arms to countries renowned for human rights violations.

AFSC took the lead in cooperating with groups in Europe and Asia working on nuclear issues, including opposition to new nuclear weapons in Europe. Led by the Chairman of the History of Science Department at Harvard, AFSC carried on a high level dialogue in the U.S.S.R. on nuclear disarmament.

Concerned about southern Africa
At the London Conference on Rhodesia-Zimbabwe an AFSC representative joined a small Quaker team that worked quietly and informally around the conference edges. As the country entered into the transition period AFSC sent a team into Rhodesia to help build communication among the parties, to respond to immediate human needs, and report back to the AFSC on developments.

In the U.S. AFSC worked on the campaign to oppose bank loans to South Africa and other ways the U.S. can challenge apartheid.

In the Middle East
In its continuing efforts to bring about an understanding of the problems in the Middle East, AFSC sponsored a study tour to the area in the spring. Participants visited Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel, the West Bank and Gaza. They met with government officials, journalists, political leaders and community development workers.

One of the group, representing a leading U.S. foundation, wrote later that the trip had "... provided firsthand impressions from an impressive group of public and private individuals in each of the countries we visited. It also served to confirm and reinforce the importance and validity of your Middle East peace education program in this country ..."

AFSC continues to operate pre-school centers in the Gaza Strip for children from Palestinian refugee camps, and a Legal Aid and Information Center in East Jerusalem. Another project helps mothers teach their own four-year-old children to read. In the Negev district of Israel, a husband-wife team is providing special educational services for mentally retarded children and their parents.

Political surveillance in the U.S.
In 1979 AFSC sold close to 5,000 copies of its report The Police Threat to Political Liberty that reveals the "secret police force", used in the U.S. for political surveillance, that lacks accountability to the public.
## American Friends Service Committee

These highlights are taken from the complete financial statement audited by our C.P.A. firm. A copy of the full report is available on request from Bill Masconi, AFSC Accounting Department.

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### EXPENSES

#### Program Services

- Overseas: promoting international understanding, human rights, economic and social justice and the relief of human suffering through programs of communication, education, technical assistance and material aid (including clothing of $166,517): 2,555,538
- Seeking peace, reconciliation and disarmament: 1,966,922
- In the U.S.A.: rooting out those causes of violence which lie in poverty, exclusion and the denial of rights: 2,831,603
- Special programs (including contributions of $47,267 to other service agencies): 822,708
- Total Program Services: 8,176,771

#### Supporting Services

- Management and General: 1,635,478
- Fund Raising: 1,270,406
- Total Supporting Services: 2,905,884
- Total Expenses: 11,082,655
- Excess (deficiency) of Public Support and Revenue Over Expenses: 80,945

#### Other Changes in Fund Balance

- Matured Annuity and Life Income Gifts: 231,658
- Property and Equipment Acquisitions from Unrestricted Funds: (58,152)
- Total: 254,451

### Fund Balances, Beginning of Year

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## Financial Highlights

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### Fund Balances, End of Year

In accordance with the Audit Guide for Voluntary Health and Welfare Organizations, all contributions are considered available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. In order to comply with the Audit Guide, the Committee classifies the Bequest Funds, Funds Functioning as Endowments and the Informal Pension Plan as Operations Funds for use in accordance with the following policies of the Board of Directors:

- To use Bequests generally over a period of two or more years, in order to use this fluctuating public support most effectively for Committee programs.
- To use only the income from Funds Functioning as Endowments while maintaining the principal intact.
- To provide certain retirement benefits, at the Board of Directors' discretion which are not provided for under the Committee's formal pension plan.
- Restricted Funds represent amounts donated or granted to the Committee for use as specified by the donor.

**Fund Balances**

- Unrestricted Funds: $1,128,681
- Designated Funds:
  - Bequests: $9,318,499
  - Funds Functioning as Endowments: $486,449
  - Informal Pension Plan: $263,568
- Total Designated: $10,068,516
- Total Restricted: $11,977,197
- Restricted Funds:
  - Current Contributions: $1,474,072
  - Bequests: $605,173
  - Funds Functioning as Endowments: $13,072
- Total Restricted: $2,092,317
- Total Fund Balances: $13,289,514

Contributions to AFSC are deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes.
As a Quaker organization, the AFSC carries on its programs as an expression of a belief in the dignity and worth of each person, and in a faith in the power of love and nonviolence to bring about change. The work of the AFSC is supported financially by individuals of different persuasions who care about service, development, justice and peace. For more information, please call or write to the AFSC office nearest to you.

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