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## Celebrating 75 years of Quaker Service

Guided by Quaker belief in the dignity of all people and the power of nonviolence, the American Friends Service Committee has worked for 75 years to help people in need to help themselves — whoever and wherever they may be.

The AFSC Anniversary theme, "Faith, Risk, Change," reflects the AFSC's ongoing commitment to self-help initiatives, continuing collaborations, and a belief in the abilities and creativity of each individual. The AFSC's roots are spiritual; its mission is to achieve profound change.

In 1992, through events around the country at AFSC's 50 program sites and in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, we hope to bring together our partners from local communities, our contributors, volunteers, committee members and staff, past and present, and those who might be new to the AFSC. Our purpose is to look at our history, learn from each other and apply the insights we gather to the development of future program work. We invite each and every one of you to participate directly in

celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the American Friends Service Committee this year.

On pages four and five are listed details about symposia, public gatherings, conferences with particular programmatic emphases, a youth work camp, oral history projects, historical displays, photo exhibits and commemorative publications. Contact your local regional office or Information Services in the National Office (215) 241-7057 for additional updates. As you plan your travels, please try to include at least one Anniversary event during 1992.

*Dulany Bennett*

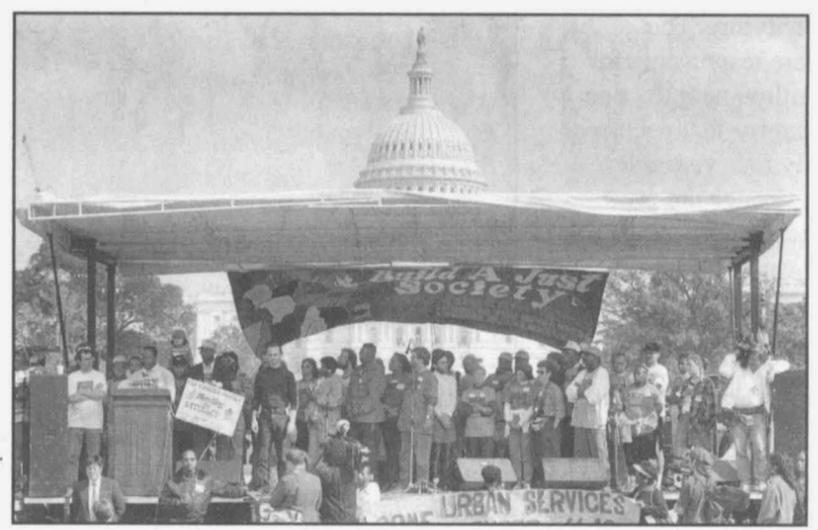
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"Save Our Children" marchers bring message to Washington, D.C.

## Save Our Cities - Save Our Children campaign launched

When citizens from Baltimore, Maryland marched on Washington D.C. last October 12th, the *Save Our Cities - Save Our Children* campaign was launched. AFSC's Middle Atlantic region joined over one hundred organizations in planning and carrying out the march that called for restoration of federal aid to the cities by means of cuts in military spending and fair taxation policies.

At a spirited rally near the Capitol, Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke of Baltimore urgently called for a shift of federal funds from bombers to bread. "The answer isn't more

planes and ships," he said. "The answer is investing in the tools that allow us to achieve our full potential. That means schools, research, health care, roads, bridges, the environment."

Gary Gillespie, AFSC Middle Atlantic region program coordinator, was one of the hardy group of Baltimoreans who walked the whole thirty-eight miles to Washington, D.C., meeting with mayors, church members and community groups along the way to discuss the needs of the cities. "Our walk became a spiritual march," Gary said. "Each

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## W. Va. marchers rally for racial justice

On November 26, over 400 people marched and rallied in Logan, West Virginia on a day calling for Racial Harmony, Action and Peace (RAP Day). People came to RAP Day by bus, van and car from other parts of West Virginia and from Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Syracuse, Dayton, Washington, D.C., Virginia and North Carolina. United Mine Workers and Appalachian Labor Education Center T-shirts and caps were in evidence. Strong contingents

came from Friends Meetings across West Virginia. About half of the participants were from Logan and half from other parts of West Virginia and other states.

The galvanizing event for RAP Day occurred in July, when sheriff's deputies broke into the home of Mary Reynolds, a committee member of AFSC's New Employment for Women (NEW) project in Logan. They were ostensibly looking for drugs. When Mary Reynolds asked to see a warrant, she was attacked so

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Terry Foss, AFSC

Mary Reynolds at Rap Day Rally.

# Decade of Cambodian isolation ends: New challenges for AFSC

The future of Cambodia is far from settled. There is much talk of preserving "the peace process" agreed to in Paris in August, 1991, which included the Khmer Rouge as an organized group in a Supreme National Council. For the overwhelming majority of Cambodians, the prospect of having Khmer Rouge hands on the reins of government is terrifying. The Khmer Rouge were responsible for the deaths of a million people - one in seven Cambodians - that occurred during their nearly four year rule. But, if the Khmer Rouge are prevented from exercising any real power, they may well return to guerrilla warfare.

On the positive side, the decade-long international isolation of Cambodia is coming to an end. The Supreme National Council is seated at the United Nations (in place of the Khmer Rouge). Western diplomatic missions are opening in Phnom Penh. Western aid is increasing, although it has yet to fill the gap created by the loss of Soviet aid. Nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) are still a primary channel for development assistance to the government, underscoring the unusual role they have played in Cambodia during the 1980s.

Vietnamese forces drove the Khmer Rouge out of Cambodia in 1979. Then, for two years, UN agencies, western governments and NGOs poured hundreds of millions of dollars of emergency assistance into Cambodia, much of it in the form of food, staving off starvation and collapse. But in 1982 the UN declared the emergency in Cambodia over. Because the Khmer Rouge still occupied the seat of Cambodia at the UN, the government of Hun Sen in Phnom Penh became an international pariah, recognized only by the Socialist bloc and India, ineligible for any UN assistance except "emergency" aid. Socialist aid was substantial and basically kept the Cambodian government going. But it fell to a handful of western NGOs, the AFSC among them, to help rebuild whole systems of government service. AFSC staff, accustomed to meeting with farmers and village councils to discuss



Larry Miller, AFSC

AFSC prosthetist in Cambodia.

digging a well or building a school, found themselves dealing with Vice Ministers and helping outline national plans for health, education or welfare services.

For example, take the AFSC work in prosthetics. Drawing on experience in Vietnam, AFSC staff offered to help provide artificial legs to amputees. But no one in Cambodia knew how to make an artificial leg, much less how to organize such a service. To get started, AFSC began to collaborate with a group now called Handicap International, which was making simple artificial legs in refugee camps in Thailand. Beginning with one worker in one orphanage in Phnom Penh, AFSC helped train prosthetics technicians, equip workshops and organize a network of service within the Ministry of Social Action that now reaches most of the country.

The process, however, turned out to involve more than training technicians and organizing a bureaucracy. Even simple prostheses require good quality leather and fine plaster.

The machinery in the partially restored leather factory in Phnom Penh could only be called antique. AFSC staff had to study leather-making technology, travel to Bangkok to talk with leather makers there, and buy or have made to order the equipment and supplies needed. In time, the factory was able to

produce leather of good enough quality for sockets for artificial legs.

The plaster available in Cambodia was too coarse to make good casts and molds of the stumps of amputees. AFSC staff explored sources of plaster in Cambodia and investigated how it was processed. Eventually, funds from Australian Quakers made it possible to buy equipment to grind plaster to meet the standards needed to make artificial legs.

Last year, with the materials, technology systems and training in place, workers in the Ministry of Social Welfare produced 2,000 limbs for amputees in 14 province workshops and the National Rehabilitation Center. That is an impressive achievement, but woefully inadequate when measured against the 20,000 or more amputees in the country, perhaps a higher percentage of the population than anywhere else in the world. The grim fact is that even though major fighting is no longer taking place, hundreds of thousands of land mines remain in the ground, and hundreds of Cambodians continue to lose their lives and limbs each month when they unwittingly set them off.

It soon became clear to the NGOs working to help restore the lives and livelihoods of Cambodians that the denial of UN and western development assistance was a major contributor to the suffering and hard-

ships of the Khmer people. Staff from the headquarters of the NGOs working in Cambodia began to meet to discuss how they might modify the harsh stance of western governments. Collectively, they sponsored a book (written by a former AFSC field director in Phnom Penh) called *Punishing the Poor: the International Isolation of Cambodia*, drawing international attention to some of the effects on the Cambodian people of the UN embargo and urging more international assistance. As this began to take effect, the NGOs sponsored high level economic missions to Cambodia to help senior people in government understand western aid mechanisms.

The Socialist aid which the Cambodians were accustomed to receiving was provided on generous terms, allowing great flexibility in its use and making few demands for reports or accountability. In their own aid projects, the AFSC and other western aid agencies in Phnom Penh had tried to help government officials understand and cope with western style project assistance, with its requirement for proposals, reports, audits and evaluations. A former AFSC field director in Cambodia developed an entirely new agency, internationally funded, bringing western planners to work with Cambodians to help them determine what they needed to know and how they wanted their programs to develop.

Now that large-scale UN and government-to-government aid is imminent, the AFSC and other NGOs will have to shift gears. They will leave this unusual role of helping restore networks of government service to focus again on their more traditional concerns, the condition of the poorest and most vulnerable populations of society. Rebuilding Cambodia will not be easy for Cambodians or foreign donors. But it will go significantly better than it would have ten years ago, thanks in part to the NGOs which collectively have done a commendable job of helping restore the livelihoods of the people of a terribly battered nation.

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## Stockton, California program pulls together spectrum of community groups

**S**tockton, California, 80 miles east of San Francisco, is a community of 220,000 people, with some 70 cultures and 110 languages and dialects, a community undergoing rapid change as farm land is taken over by residential and commercial developments.

**Working** as coordinator of AFSC's Rural Economic Alternatives Program (REAP), Raj Ramaiya has helped to create and guide to independence a remarkable assortment of new organizations that address the varied and changing needs of the community. A visitor to Stockton is struck by the number of people from many walks of life who speak of AFSC as a source of information and as the center of positive change in the community. The work in Stockton exemplifies the impact that a one-person office can make with support from energetic volunteers and committee members.

The original work was with small farmers. REAP began in 1979 as an experiment in helping small family farms survive in spite of low crop prices, scarce bank credit and land pressures

from agribusiness and urban development. REAP helped found farmers markets which continue to this day under the oversight of the Stockton Farmers Market Association, providing direct access to consumers of nutritious, affordable food.

Another project is The Organic Produce Farm, a cooperative of farmworkers, immigrants, refugees and cannery workers, which provides training in organic farming techniques. In small urban gardens



Diane Shandor, AFSC

**Raj Ramaiya with a Stockton, Ca. farmworker.**

such as the Delta Urban Garden Project, Southeast Asian and African American families grow produce to supplement their diet.

**On another** front, AFSC's REAP program works with 230 Cambodian refugee families who live in a deteriorated housing complex presently in receivership. With assistance from AFSC, the tenants have organized a nonprofit corporation to buy the building and become their own landlords.

AFSC's help includes putting the tenant group in touch with a nonprofit partner organization and with sources of funds to rehabilitate and manage the complex.

Even more important, AFSC has helped to inspire and motivate the residents with a sense that they can and should be in charge of the complex. The housing project is called the Asia Pacific Self and Residential Association, or APSARA, which is the name of a Cambodian goddess.

AFSC works closely with the local Asia/Pacific Concerns Project, founded with AFSC help and now independent, which assists organizing efforts of the growing Asia/Pacific population, focusing on moving women into

leadership in the Asia/Pacific community. Another organization Raj helped develop is the Land Utilization Alliance, a coalition of growers, environmentalists and low income housing advocates. The Alliance now works in 21 counties to assure that housing developers pay attention to the need of low income people for affordable housing and to the environmental impact when they develop land.

**Gemini**, an African American health care group which provides hypertension and other testing to the residents of the APSARA housing complex, is among the other organizations AFSC helped start.

Finally, Stockton's annual International Friendship Day, initiated and organized by AFSC, should be mentioned. In its first year, in 1986, the Day attracted 50 groups and 5,000 attendees; now it brings together over 100 organizations and 10,000 people in the Stockton Civic Auditorium to celebrate the cultural diversity of the community, to share information and to have fun.

by Jane Motz,  
Community Relations Division

## W. Va. marchers .....Continued from page 1.

severely that she suffered a broken hip and other injuries. Witnesses say that no drugs were found in the Reynolds home. Mary Reynolds was charged with resisting arrest, and her husband Andrew Reynolds faced drug charges. They filed a federal civil rights complaint.

The case against Andrew Reynolds was shattered this February, when it was revealed that the charges had been fabricated by police officers, apparently to balance the expected charges of police brutality. Sworn statements were introduced in court, stating that witnesses had been instructed to testify that they had seen Andrew Reynolds sell drugs, and that this was not true. A special prosecutor has been appointed to look into the handling of the case.

### Work in Logan

AFSC's NEW project has been working in Logan since 1979, struggling against racial and gender discrimination in this small city 60 miles south of Charleston, in the

center of a region long dependent on coal mining, an industry dying as a source of jobs.

November's RAP Day was organized by NEW Director Joan Hairston, other AFSC staff in West Virginia and an active committee, as a community response to this history of problems and as an expression of support for Mary Reynolds, who attended in a wheelchair.

**RAP Day** was a coming together of community and state leaders to call for justice, harmony and peace. Twenty-seven organizations and individuals endorsed the event, from ministers and churches to the Logan County Chamber of Commerce and the University extension agent.

**Speakers** at the rally in the Logan High School included Logan's mayor, a County Commissioner, the director of the West Virginia Human Relations Commission representing the governor, ministers of white and Black churches, the superintendent of schools and representatives of city and county police. AFSC speakers



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**Logan County marchers at the rally.**

were Joan Hairston, Virden Seybold, executive secretary of the AFSC Middle Atlantic Regional Office, and Ken Martin, associate executive secretary in the national office, who said: "Peace is not passive; it is an active pursuit. The old Quakers knew, as we know today, that peace is not the same as quiet. Peace is the absence of injustice."

"What is necessary for peace is

not the pursuit of quiet but the pursuit of justice. For where there is no justice, there can be no real peace, and the appearance of peace can only be the quiet of the oppressed, the ignored, the disenfranchised, who, sooner or later, will make themselves heard."

by Jane Motz,  
Community Relations Division

The American Friends Service Committee will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary from coast to coast through numerous events scheduled April through December 1992. Gatherings, conferences and symposia will provide many opportunities to learn about the work of AFSC, to meet staff and volunteers and to join in celebrating AFSC's 75 year commitment to a just and peaceful world.

### Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

(Phone numbers listed with name. Addresses at end of each section.)

**April 24**—The national opening will be held at Friends Center from 4:00-6:30 p.m. and will honor Asia Bennett, retiring executive secretary of the AFSC, and will welcome Kara Newell, the new executive secretary. The formal presentation will be followed by a reception.

Contact: Eva Gold 215-241-7057

**October 17**—The Peace Education Division will hold a one-day consultation at Friends Center on *International Economic Sanctions* looking at the history of AFSC experience with sanctions.

Contact: Bruce Birchard 215-241-7018

**November 7**—The National 75th Anniversary celebration will be an afternoon gathering at Friends Center and will focus on AFSC participation in major movements and events in the 20th century. It will feature staff and volunteers recounting their stories of involvement in civil rights and anti-war work, and their experience in partnership with Native American, African-American, women and other groups working for social change.

Contact: David Bates 215-241-7062

**December**—The Community Relations Division will sponsor a *Symposium on Exclusionary Practices in Housing* which will look back on AFSC's

history of involvement with this issue since the 1930s and project the areas which will need to be addressed in the next decade.

Contact: Carolyn Farrow-Garland 215-241-7200 or Jane Motz 215-241-7123

The Nationwide Women's Program will be holding a *Roundtable on Women and Global Corporations*. Date not set.

Contact: Saralee Hamilton 215-241-7160

**April - November**—Visit Friends Center, 1501 Cherry Street, where there will be a series of historical displays featuring memorabilia, books, posters and other artifacts commemorating the work of the International, Peace Education, and Community Relations Divisions.

**March - May**—A photographic exhibit of AFSC history will be displayed at the PSFS Building, 15th and Market Streets and **June - November** at the PSFS Bank, 8th and Market Streets. The same exhibit will be open for viewing **April-November** at the Friends Conference Center, 4th and Arch Streets.

For more information on Philadelphia area events, contact **75th Anniversary, Information Services, AFSC**, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

### New England Region

**May 23**—The New Hampshire Friends Meeting in Concord is holding a "give peace a dance" to benefit New Hampshire AFSC.

Contact: Arnie Alpert 603-224-2407

**May 30**—The Cambridge office will hold a conference on *The Emerging World Order and its Implications for the Justice and Peace Movement*. An evening concert will follow celebrating 20 years of the publication *Peacework* and 75 years of Quaker service.

Contact: Joe Gerson or Robert Snyder 617-661-6131

Local events are also being planned in **Connecticut, western Massachusetts and Vermont**.

Contact: Bruce Martin, 203-522-5995(CT); Frances Crowe, (413) 584-8975 (W. MA); Jim Stephens, 802-257-4776 (VT).

**New Hampshire AFSC**, Box 1081, Concord, New Hampshire 03302.

**Cambridge AFSC**, 2161 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140.

**Connecticut AFSC**, 55 Van Dyke Ave., Hartford, CT 06106.

**W. Mass. AFSC**, 3 Langworthy Rd., Northampton, MA 01060.

**Vermont AFSC**, 61 Western Ave., Brattleboro, VT 05301.

### Middle Atlantic Region

**September 18-20**—One of three *Symposia on Nonviolence* will be held at The Brethren Conference Center, New Windsor, MD. This symposium will focus on *Nonviolent Approaches to Economic Justice*. The afternoon of the 19th will feature the keynote speaker and be open to the public.

Contact: Gary Gillespie 301-323-7200  
AFSC, 4806 York Rd., Baltimore, MD 21212.

### New York Metropolitan Region

*A Day of Reflection, Vision and Celebration* will be held in the spring.

Contact: Albert Naples, 212-598-0950  
AFSC, 15 Rutherford Place, NY, NY 10003.

### Southeastern Region

**October**—One of three *Symposia on Nonviolence* will be held in Atlanta. This symposium will focus on *Nonviolence and the Southern Experience*.

Contact: Terry Austin 919-275-8414  
AFSC, North Carolina Peace and Justice Resource Center, 1202-A Grove St., Greensboro, North Carolina 27403.

### Great Lakes Region

**April 20-28** The AFSC photo exhibit will be on display at the Gem Savings Building in downtown Dayton.

Contact: Marianne McMullen or Pat Trammell 513-278-4225

**May**—Chicago AFSC is holding a conference, *Global Economic Restructuring and the War at Home*, which will be inaugurated by an evening reception commemorating AFSC's 75th anniversary.

Contact: Lorna Stone 312-427-2533  
Events are also being planned for the spring in Akron and Ann Arbor.

Contact: Greg Coleridge or Debra Calhoun 216-253-7151 (Akron) and Jan Wright 313-761-8283 (Ann Arbor)

## Special Anniversary Year Publications

**Faith, Risk, Change: A Celebration of Quaker Service**, Ralph Weltge for AFSC, April 1992, \$8.00. Available from Literature Resources, 1501 Cherry St., Phila. PA 19102.

"AFSC's Early Years," Jerry Frost, **Quaker History**, April 1992, \$2.00. Available from AFSC Literature Resources (see above).

A special issue of **Friends Journal** celebrating AFSC's 75th Anniversary with articles by present and past AFSC staff, Board members, volunteers and committee members, April 1992, \$2.00. Available from **Friends Journal**, 1501 Cherry St., Phila., PA 19102.

**Land Rights Reader**, Third World Coalition, June 1992, price not set. For more information contact the Third World Coalition, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102.

**The AFSC Experience with Affirmative Action**, Phillip Berryman for the Affirmative Action Program, May 1992, price not set. For more information contact the Affirmative Action Program, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102.

**Pioneering and Preserving: 50 Years in the Pacific Southwest, 1942-1992**, Susan Auerbach for the Southwest Region, April 1992,

price not set. For more information contact the Pacific Southwest Regional Office, 980 North Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena, CA 91103.

**Profiles of AFSC in Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma (TAO)**, Ruth Powers, April 1992. The TAO newsletter in 1992 will feature interviews with and photographs of people who have been part of the TAO program since its beginning in the late 1940s. Available from TAO, 227 Congress Ave., #200, Austin, TX 78701-4021.

**Peacework: Twenty Years of Nonviolent Social Change**, edited by Pat Farren with a forward by Grace Paley, \$18.95. Now available from the New England Regional Office, 2161 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140.

### Toast to AFSC

75th Anniversary mugs and AFSC buttons are available to help celebrate in 1992. Mugs cost \$5.00 each and buttons .25 each. To order contact David Bates, Information Services, 1501 Cherry St., Phila., PA 19102. 215-241-7062.



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**October**—Dayton will hold an evening anniversary celebration and volunteer recognition event which will include a reception and music.

Contact: Marianne McMullen or Pat Trammell 513-278-4225  
**Dayton AFSC**, 915 Salem Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45406.

**Chicago AFSC**, 59 East Van Buren St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60605.

**Akron AFSC**, 513 W. Exchange St., Akron, OH 44302.

**Ann Arbor AFSC**, 1414 Hill St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

### North Central Region

**April 30**—Denver will celebrate AFSC's 75th with a party on the date the AFSC was founded in 1917 in Philadelphia. The party will feature a photographic exhibit of local, national and international work.

Contact: Eric Wright 303-322-6353  
**AFSC**, 1535 High St., Denver, CO 80218.

Contact: Jonas Davis 206-632-0500  
**AFSC**, 814 N.E. 40th St., Seattle, WA 98105.

### Pacific Mountain Region

**April 30**—On the day the AFSC was founded in Philadelphia the San Francisco office will hold vigils in Stockton, Oakland, Visalia and San Francisco calling for peace and justice and commemorating the 75th anniversary of AFSC.

**May 2**—At the time of its 50th Public Gathering the Pacific Mountain Region will also be celebrating 75 years of AFSC work worldwide. The gathering will include presentations of current regional, national and international program. There will be a silent auction of posters and other artwork by California artists produced especially for the regional 50th and national 75th anniversaries. The Public Gathering will be held at Oakland First Congregational Church.

**Summer Youth Project**—Young people will be trained to take oral histories of AFSC staff and community partners.

**August 28-30**—One of three *Symposia on Nonviolence* will take place at Mills College in Oakland. This symposium will reflect on *Nonviolent Protest and Persuasion in the Pacific Rim* with special attention to program with Native Americans, the homeless and the Philippine community. The symposium will include a concert Saturday evening, August 29. This symposium is a joint project with the Pacific Southwest region.

**November 1**—A Closing Reunion Dinner to be held in San Francisco will complete the region's celebrations. The dinner will honor past executive secretaries, and will feature other past staff. The Youth Oral history project will make a presentation.

Contact: Stephen McNeil 415-752-7766  
**AFSC**, 2160 Lake St., San Francisco, CA 94121.

### Pacific Southwest Region

**April**—The regional office in Pasadena will open a photographic display and time line of AFSC's 50 years in the Southwest.

**May 16-17**—The region will hold its Public Gathering and a celebratory dinner at First Friends Church of Pasadena on May 16 from 1-9 p.m. The gathering will celebrate 25 years in Hawai'i, 50 years in the Pacific Southwest and 75 years worldwide. The Anniversary Dinner will feature Elise Boulding as the keynote speaker.

Contact: Claire Gorfinkel 818-791-1978  
**May 17**—The Orange Grove Meeting in Pasadena will devote the adult education hour to a discussion on "What the American Friends Service Committee has meant to me." The discussion will be followed by a meeting for worship and a potluck lunch. The discussion, workshop and potluck will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 1:30 p.m.

Contact: Claire Gorfinkel 818-791-1978  
**AFSC**, 980 North Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena, CA 91103.

**Anniversaries** are great times for old friends to get together. If you or others you know are planning a reunion of an AFSC program please let us know. Contact Eva Gold, Information Services, 1501 Cherry St., Phila. PA 19102. 215-241-7057.

### Gaza Reunion

**September 18-21**—Participants in the Gaza program from 1948-1950 are planning a reunion at the National 4-H Center in Washington D.C. The reunion will also include participants who were volunteers in the AFSC Kindergarten and Preschool Project in Gaza and current Middle East desk staff. It will be both a get-together and an opportunity for reviewing the prospects for peace and justice in Gaza.

Contact: Toshiko Umeki Salzberg 202-244-0118  
**Gaza Reunion**, 6342 31st St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20015

### Friends General Conference

**June 27-July 4**—The opening evening of the 1992 Gathering of Friends at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York will be a birthday party celebration for the AFSC! The FGC Gathering will include a dialogue with AFSC's new executive secretary, a workshop on the anniversary theme: "Faith, Risk, Change—New Perspectives on Nonviolence" and a high school workshop on the same titled, "Looking at What Love Can Do: 75 Years of AFSC's Witness for Peace."

Contact: Elizabeth Enloe 212-598-0950  
**AFSC**, 15 Rutherford Place, New York, NY 10003.

### Pacific Northwest Region

**July 6-12**—On an Indian reservation in Montana a youth workcamp will help create the site for a large multicultural gathering. The gathering, which will include both Indians and others, will focus on creating a more balanced treatment of quincentennial issues and provide a forum for discussing contemporary Indian subjects. The gathering will celebrate AFSC's work with Native Americans and the AFSC's 75th Anniversary.

Contact: Jonas Davis or Joe Kalama 206-632-0500  
**April-November**—In both Seattle and Portland there will be gatherings recollecting 50 years of work in the Northwest.

## To See What Love Can Do

AFSC has recognized from its earliest days that those who love peace must seek justice. The conviction that peace is an active pursuit has led us to work on all sides of a conflict, to stand with coal miners in Appalachia, to seek alternatives to military service, to recognize the equality of women and to stand with the people of the world as they find their own voices.

Won't you join with us? Planned Giving staff will work with you to arrange a gift that can provide income and tax benefits for retirement and estate planning while making a significant contribution to the future work of the AFSC. "Let us pray for peace...let us act for justice."



Terry Foss, AFSC

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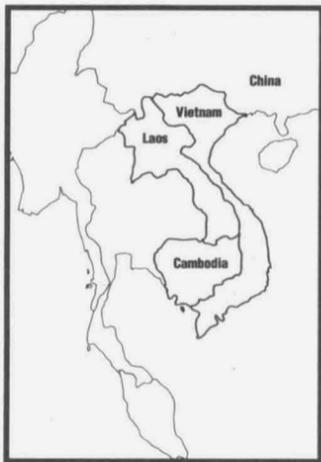
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## From Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam

# Women meet to share development project experience

**C**am Thuy District in the highlands of Vietnam's rural Thanh Hoa Province has been described by one District leader as "a long way from Hanoi, remote and lonely." Fishing families of this Ma River community, traditionally landless and poor, lived and worked on the river in relative isolation, traveling in their small boats to follow the fish. Their catch provided only a minimum level of subsistence with little left over for trade or sale. Without permanent mooring, there was limited sense of community, no opportunity for children to go to school, and little hope of improvement in the lives of women and their families.

Against these odds, Le Thi Thu initiated an innovative project which is transforming the life of her district. Trained in agronomy, she had hoped to find a way to relieve the burden of work, improve the income, and stabilize the community of fishing families. She had heard of the idea of raising fish in cages in a permanent location as a cash crop. She thought fish farming might give fishing families in Cam Thuy new opportunities. Le Thi Thu visited a fish farm, studied the work, and brought the idea back to her community. She began a demonstration project with three small cages and fingerlings from a large pond. At first there were many failures—fingerlings died en route, swam out of the cages, or were washed away by flood waters. But Le Thi Thu persisted and discovered experimentally how and where to best catch, select, house, feed, harvest and sell the fish.

With the cooperation of the District People's Committee and Women's Union, Cam Thuy's fish project began to succeed. Today 157 families raise fish in abundance, rather than moving up and down the river for a meager catch. And thousands of farming families also work part-time, cooperatively, to raise fish the new way.

The Lao Women's Union and the AFSC Quaker International Affairs Program in Southeast Asia invited Le Thi Thu and 28 other women from Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam to a two-week seminar in May, 1991, to share women's experience with innovative development projects in Indochina.

We asked the Women's Association/Union in each country to select five participants: three who worked directly in village projects, one from the provincial women's organization and one at the Central Planning level. Each country agreed to include a minority participant. Seven additional Lao delegates joined in, with many more participating at each site visited.

The seminar was the first gathering of women from the three countries of Indochina and the first Indochina international meeting on the subject of women's roles in sustainable development. Key



Nguyen Thi Tuyet Lan from Vietnam learns about combining sand, gravel and fibers to make stronger roof tiles during one of the site visits in Laos.



Le Thi Thu, center, describes her fish farming project in Vietnam.

objectives of the seminar were empowering women, sharing appropriate technology, and developing communities in each country.

The seminar was a movable one, with site visits to local projects. In three provinces we heard from local residents about the many projects they had undertaken. We saw clean water projects—innovative wells, pumps, gravity-fed piping systems, and water jars to collect rainwater. We learned about cow banks, which allow villagers to share draft animals for agriculture, and rice banks to provide food during the dry, unproductive season between harvests. We visited community health clinics, schools, gardening projects, a roof tile factory, and weaving projects.

Between site visits participants described their own innovative projects: fish farming, integrated agriculture, silkworm raising, and many others. Delegates shared their hopes for their own projects. They were open to new ideas and eager to join together in problem solving. They offered practical suggestions. Study any situation carefully before beginning a project, and base the

project on the local situation. Start small with a focus on one problem, then let the project grow larger. Send villagers to a pilot project for training. Design so the project can continue after outside assistance ends.

In the final evaluation, participants emphasized how important it is to upgrade knowledge and understanding through seminars like this. The participants also remarked how unusual it was to have such a key role in planning. They enjoyed the informal atmosphere. Nuth Kim Lay, vice president of the Women's Association of Cambodia, said, "The way this seminar was prepared is a new way we have never seen before.... We regularly went on a field trip or heard about a project first and then came back and discussed it together."

by Donna Anderton and Barbara Bird, Quaker International Affairs Representatives in Southeast Asia

For a free copy of the complete seminar report, *Report from Indochina: Learning with Women in Development* write: Anne Credle, Information Services, AFSC, 1501 Cherry St., Phila. PA 19102.

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# Sealing Our Borders: The Human Cost

**A** FSC's Immigration Law Enforcement Monitoring Project (ILEMP) seeks to reduce abuse of authority and violation of rights during enforcement of immigration laws through changing public policy, increasing public awareness and helping communities exercise their rights. To carry out this work, ILEMP focuses on documenting abuses by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (the Border Patrol) and local police forces toward immigrants.

From AFSC offices in San Diego, California; Houston, Texas; and Miami, Florida, the ILEMP program works in five areas along the border, gathering data to be used to increase public awareness of the situation at the border and change U.S. public policy to reflect the human and legal rights of immigrants.

In its newest report, *Sealing Our Borders: The Human Cost*, which was based on a two year period May 1989-May 1991,

ILEMP has found that significant and serious abuses continue, including:

- psychological or verbal abuse
- physical abuse
- illegal or inappropriate searches
- violations of due process
- illegal or inappropriate seizures of persons
- seizure or destruction of property.

ILEMP finds that the lack of officer accountability or an adequate review of complaints are key factors in the continuing abuse by immigration law enforcement officers of U.S. citizens, other legal residents and undocumented people crossing the border.

"A surprising fact is that U.S. citizens account for 17.7 percent of all victims whose status is known....The combination of U.S. citizens, temporary or permanent residents and other persons with legal status...accounts for over half of all victims who reported abuse." (The second largest group is undocumented persons at 49.3 percent.)

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Native Americans have also encountered abuse as they sought to cross the border freely under rights guaranteed by treaty.

The ILEMP report predicts that legislation of the past five years expanding the size, power and scope of immigration law enforcement will continue to increase the number and intensity of abuses unless adequate safeguards are implemented. "There is great danger that violations of people's integrity and dignity may come to be seen as normal, both to perpetrators and victims," says the report.

In the last analysis, the report suggests that the integrity of immigrants and border residents will not be protected unless there are major

changes in an immigration policy which today defines "international migration as a law enforcement issue and the international migrant as an intruder."

On a wall in Tijuana, Mexico just across the border from San Diego, California, is scrawled, "*We are not illegals or criminals, we are international workers.*"

by Barbara Moffett,  
Community Relations Division

To receive *Sealing Our Borders: The Human Cost*, write: Literature Resources, AFSC, 1501 Cherry St., Phila. PA 19102. (Price not set.)

## Chicago AFSC organizes for Middle East peace

Fifteen activists from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa met in Chicago, Illinois this past October for the "Midwest Training and Action Campaign for Middle East Peace," for workshops that included talks by Middle East experts, as well as time spent on skills such as working with media and facilitating discussions. The goal was to strengthen inter-group work on these issues, with the belief that grassroots organizing can lead to changes in national policy in Washington.

One result of the conference was a January speaking tour by Jennifer Bing-Canar, Middle East staff in Chicago and Denis Doyon, national AFSC Middle East coordinator, through rural Wisconsin. Denis then continued on, with the help of Billie Marchik in the Des Moines, AFSC office, to speak in Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri.

"The recent tour and the conference were two of the continuing AFSC responses to the conflicts in the Middle East," says Jennifer.

"We've had a Middle East program for many years in the Midwest, but the Gulf war catalyzed many groups and brought more clearly into focus frustrations with national policy and the lack of balanced coverage in the U.S. media."

A third response in Chicago to the war was the creation of the Peace and Justice Radio Project. "Chicago is one of the cities in the United States with no community radio station," says Darlene Gramigna, AFSC Latin America/Caribbean program staff. "The war left many of us frustrated that neither the peace movement or any group opposed to the war was able to get its views aired in the press or radio/TV here."

AFSC brought together a dozen individuals after the war to brainstorm how to get better access to the media locally. "Eventually, we hope to own a community radio station," says Darlene, "but for now we are focusing on producing a weekly one hour radio program, *Real World News*, on WZRD, a station on the campus of Northeastern University."

The show has covered both international topics from Central America, Africa, the Middle East and local stories such as layoffs at the Cook County Hospital and the problems of the local transportation system.

## Quaker UN office works on environment

Eight years in the making, the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) will be held this June in Rio de Janeiro. Preparatory meetings have been focused on the issues of protection for the earth's oceans, atmosphere, forests, soils, freshwater and biological diversity. On the development side, negotiators have studied ways to reverse the trends of increasing poverty for many and overconsumption by a few.

It is a monumental task, to forge a consensus of over 160 governments on priorities for action across this broad range of issues and crafting the agreements to be adopted by heads of state at the UNCED summit in Rio.

The Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) has held weekend seminars for senior government representatives before each preparatory session and occasional lunch meetings between sessions for the last three years. At these off-the-record colloquia, senior negotiators have been able to explore the issues of sustainable development and environmental protection outside of their UN meetings. They have been able to orient themselves to the issues and

explore ideas in a way that might not be possible in the more formal, public settings. This March QUNO will hold the last of these weekend colloquia focusing on the financial and institutional support that will be required to implement the Rio program of action.

The QUNO staff have also been busy tracking, reporting and encouraging governments in their efforts. QUNO has additionally been able to assist the participation of the many hundreds of groups and organizations around the world that want to be part of the UNCED by providing publications, committee leadership and the hosting of non-governmental forums for discussion and strategy-making.

"We believe this is the single most important United Nations conference to be held in the forty-five years since the UN's founding," says Stephen Collett, director of QUNO. "The critical, immediate need for change in terms of the ozone layer, the loss of foresty, fresh water, and other issues make these negotiations imperative. The fact that the countries of the planet will have to work in partnership will move us into the next stage of world order. None of these problems can be solved in isolation."

# AFSC presses for employer sanctions repeal in wake of legal defeat

If you have been hired for a new job in recent years, or if you hire others, you undoubtedly know that a 1986 immigration law requires employers to inspect new employees' documentation to see if they are legally qualified to work in the United States. The law outlaws employment of people who cannot provide the appropriate papers.

This law led the American Friends Service Committee to initiate a law suit in 1988. AFSC found that the Immigration Reform and Control Act was in direct conflict with the religious values that are at the heart of AFSC work. For 75 years, AFSC's Quaker values have led it to welcome, not turn away, the stranger and to provide aid and support to immigrants and refugees. The 1986 law forced it to serve as an agent of the immigration service in direct violation of these values.

The law conscripted AFSC, along with all other employers, into an enforcement role designed to force people out of the United States through denial of employment. Through the legal challenge, AFSC sought recognition of its First Amendment rights to free exercise of its religious beliefs.

In late December AFSC learned that the Ninth Circuit Court had denied AFSC's petition for a rehearing on an earlier ruling, thus denying AFSC the opportunity of a trial on the merits of the case.

While the court's ruling ended AFSC's legal effort, it did not change the basic Quaker beliefs upon which AFSC is founded. Thus, in early January the AFSC Board agreed to

continue at this time to hire staff without regard for candidates' immigration status — to continue in its efforts to practice freely its religious principles. The Board decided not to appeal the case to the Supreme Court, believing that success would be unlikely and fearing that such an appeal at this time could lead to further restrictions on freedom of religious practice. The Circuit Court's negative decision in AFSC's case was based on the 1990 Supreme Court ruling (*Smith v. Oregon*) which had substantially curtailed constitutional protection of religious practice.

AFSC is not seeking, through action or publicity, to prompt a legal confrontation with the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Rather, we are expanding our efforts to build public support for the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1991 (H.R. 5377). That bill would substantially reverse the impact of recent Supreme Court rulings.

From the time it was introduced in Congress, AFSC has opposed enactment of employer sanctions. Had it gained a trial in its legal challenge, AFSC would have introduced facts that show that employer sanctions are ineffective and (by the government's own admission) causing new levels of job discrimination against citizens and other documented workers who look or sound "foreign" even while they are causing new hardships for immigrants and refugees who have fled warfare, repression and poverty

in their homelands. Thus, we would have argued, the government could not argue that it has an overriding interest in forcing AFSC to violate its religious principles through compliance with a flawed law.

In the wake of the negative legal ruling, AFSC is redoubling its efforts with others in the religious, civil rights and business communities for repeal of employer sanctions. by Warren Witte, Associate Executive Secretary, Information Services

Further information on the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and on employer sanctions repeal can be obtained from the Friends Committee on National Legislation, 245 Second Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. Phone: (202) 547-6000.

AFSC has produced three documents about the case which are available for QSB readers.

1. A summary of AFSC's legal action and the arguments advanced by AFSC and nearly 200 "friends of the court."

2. *In Their Presence: Reflections on the Transforming Power of Undocumented Immigrants in the United States*, a religious reflection by former staff member and co-plaintiff Aurora Camacho de Schmidt.

3. *Where Destiny Takes Me: Story of a Salvadoran Exile*.

Write to: Alicia Schmidt Camacho, Information Services, AFSC, 1501 Cherry St., Phila., PA 19102. Please send \$5 for one publication, or \$10 for all three to cover printing and postage costs.

## New AFSC Resources

**Angola Mini-Guide.** Presents a history and update on recent events in Angola, including analyzing the effect of U.S. military support to UNITA. \$1.50. Literature Resources, AFSC, 1501 Cherry St., Phila. PA 19102.

**Resource Packet for Counter-Recruitment Efforts in High Schools.** Provides up-to-date information about military recruitment in our schools, access laws and other relevant materials. \$4.00 includes postage. Write: Youth and Militarism Program,

Peace Education, AFSC, 1501 Cherry St., Phila. PA 19102.

**Report on Trip to North and South Korea.** Observations of a 1991 AFSC mission that met with government and non-government leaders in Korea to discuss prospects for reconciliation between North and South. By Joseph Elder and Edward Reed. No charge.

Write: Asia Program, International Division, AFSC, 1501 Cherry St., Phila. PA 19102.

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person carried with them the hope and suffering of thousands."

**The Save Our Cities** — Save Our Children campaign, which is planning a march on Washington from many cities on May 16, 1992, with the support of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, is only one of several grassroots initiatives aimed at securing a peace dividend. The Reinvest in Our Communities Campaign, a project of the Citizens Budget Campaign and the National Priorities Project, is also gaining the support of AFSC regional staff and volunteers.

**Focused** on eleven states which will hold presidential primary elections in 1992, Reinvest in Our Communities will release reports in each state detailing the local impact of federal budget policies. For example, Illinois voters will be told exactly

what Illinois' share would be if the U.S. military budget were cut in half over the next six years:

\$23,985,000,000. More specific comparisons of military and social spending will be made. For example, a local community spends as much on NATO as it costs in local, state and federal dollars to run the community's school system.

**Press** conferences of statewide coalitions, questioning of candidates, and public events aimed at highlighting these figures will make the peace dividend an inescapable issue in the primaries. A suggested question for candidates goes like this: "When I look at what my income taxes pay for, I see \$300 billion for military expenditures, \$250 billion to bail out savings and loans and banks, more than \$300 billion to pay interest on the national debt—all this before we even get around to paying for something that might improve

things around here. What ideas do you have about changing these budget priorities?"

Friends Committee on National Legislation is working hard on this campaign. In some of the primary states, AFSC staff will be playing key organizing roles. Greg Coleridge, peace education staffer in the Akron, Ohio AFSC office, will be a statewide Ohio coordinator. "Both parties see Ohio as a bellwether state," says Greg. "Any effort we can mount here could have a major payoff."

**Be in touch** with your nearest AFSC office or with Friends Committee for National Legislation (202-547-6000) or the AFSC national office if you wish to learn more about these and similar efforts. Also worth noting is the Voter Pledge Campaign of the Common Agenda Coalition, which seeks signed pledge cards from thousands of voters indicating that they will only vote

for candidates who back increased spending for human needs paid for by cuts in the military budget along with a plan for conversion from military to civilian production.

**In reflecting** on the Baltimore march, Gary Gillespie recalls how early Friends came to the peace testimony through a testimony of justice. "Their quest for peace was inseparable from the quest for justice. So should ours be today as we link our concern about the swollen military budget with the serious plight of U.S. cities." AFSC staff who work on programs aimed at meeting human needs in small towns and in the countryside will want to broaden the definition of the problem, but there will be no disagreement about the basic sentiment Gary expresses and the fact that the election year of 1992 is when we must organize hardest to be heard. by David Gracie, Peace Education Division