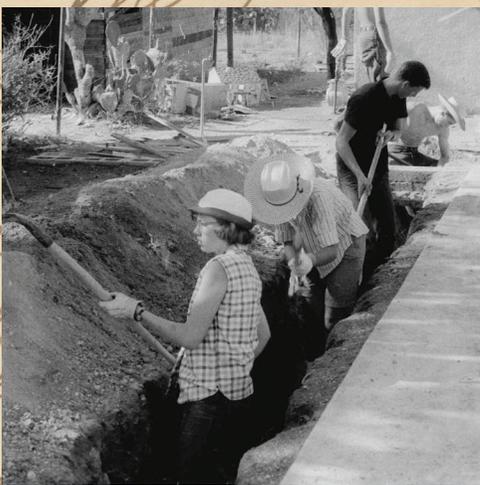
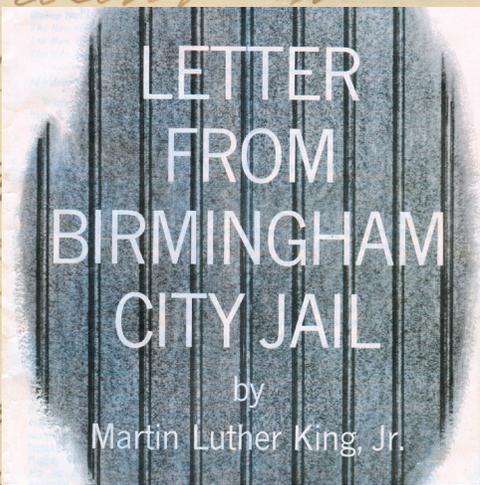


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The Archives of the American Friends Service Committee

History through the eyes of peacemakers



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University of Louisville

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University of Manchester, UK

Opposite page, from top: Vietnam War protest, 1969; Letter from Birmingham City Jail, 1963; Peace Caravan flyer, 1964; Tucson, Arizona, work camp, 1958; relocation of Japanese-Americans, 1942.

Background image: minutes from AFSC's first meeting, 1917.



Left: In 1999, AFSC sponsored a study tour that brought together scientists and other representatives from the DPRK (North Korea) to study methods of enhancing potato production used in China.

Below: This drawing is from the autobiography of Manuel Izquierdo. Manuel, his younger brother and sister were Spanish refugees in the AFSC-supported La Rouvière Children's Colony located outside Marseille, France. AFSC supported more than a dozen children's colonies in France from 1940 to 1942.

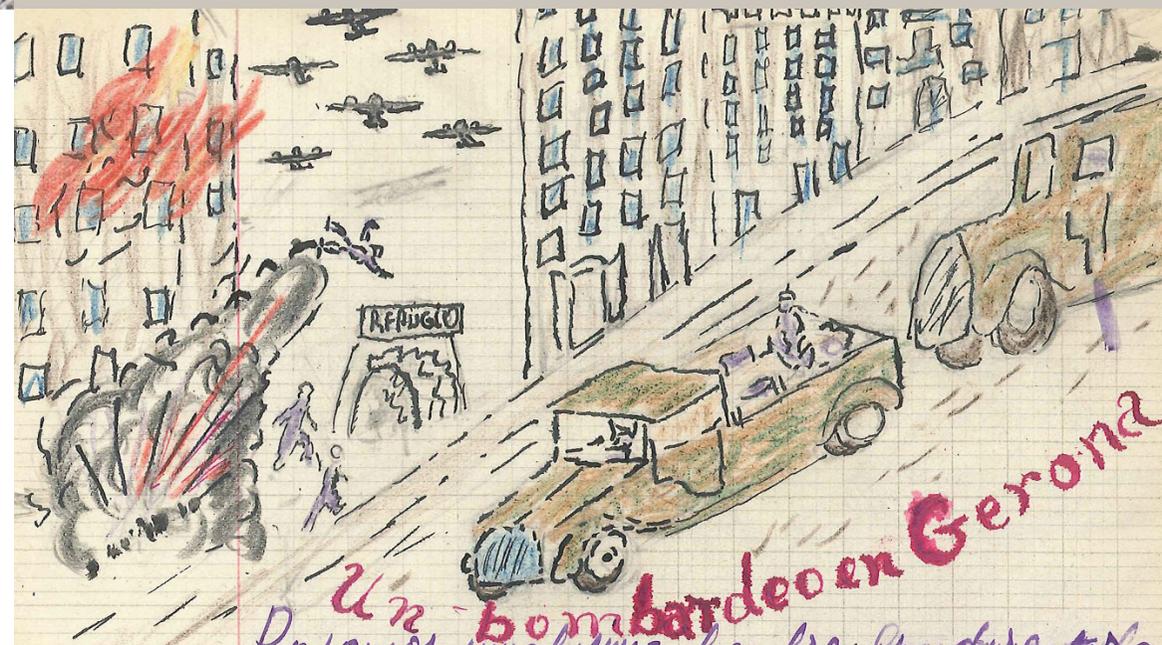
AFSC was founded by members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in 1917 to provide conscientious objectors with a peaceful and constructive alternative to military service. The Quaker spiritual commitments to personal integrity, bearing witness to one's faith, speaking truth to power, and taking responsibility for one's actions and their consequences are all reflected in the historical record and contribute to the uniqueness of the collection.

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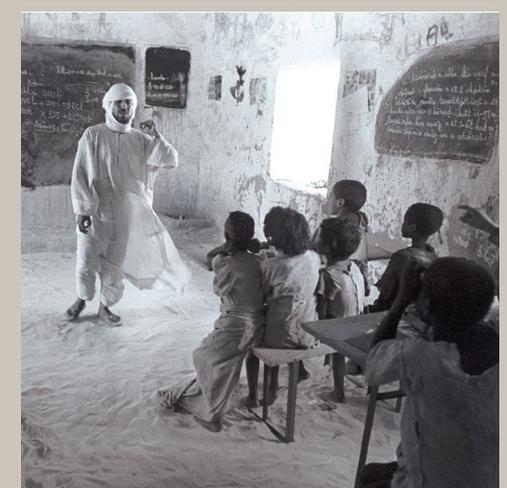
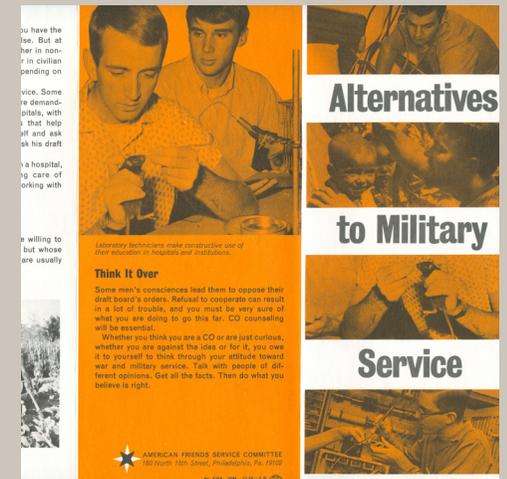
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- The efforts of **young aid workers in France** during and after WWI
- **Famine relief projects** in eastern and northern Europe in the 1920s
- An extensive collection of **children's artwork** from WWI to the present
- International and domestic **work camps and youth exchanges** beginning in the 1930s
- Child resettlement and feeding during the **Spanish Civil War**
- **Depression-era relief efforts** in the coalfields of **Appalachia**.
- **Assistance to refugees** in Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East displaced by WWII
- Support for **interned Japanese-Americans**
- **Post-WWII reconstruction efforts** in Europe, Asia, and Africa
- **Cold War-era dialogues** between the Communist bloc and the West
- The AFSC prosthetics hospital in Quang Ngai, Vietnam, during the **Vietnam War**
- Divestment from South Africa during the **anti-apartheid movement**
- Reform of U.S. **immigration policy** and work on the **Mexico/U.S. Border**
- Engagement with **Native American rights**, issues, and communities
- Death penalty, solitary confinement, and **inhumane treatment in U.S. prisons**
- Government surveillance and **violations of civil liberties**
- Challenging the **U.S. military-industrial complex**

Below: Distribution of food and other relief to the people of Pforzheim, Germany was funded in part by a group of American Pforzheimers and supervised by AFSC, 1948.



Speak Truth to Power

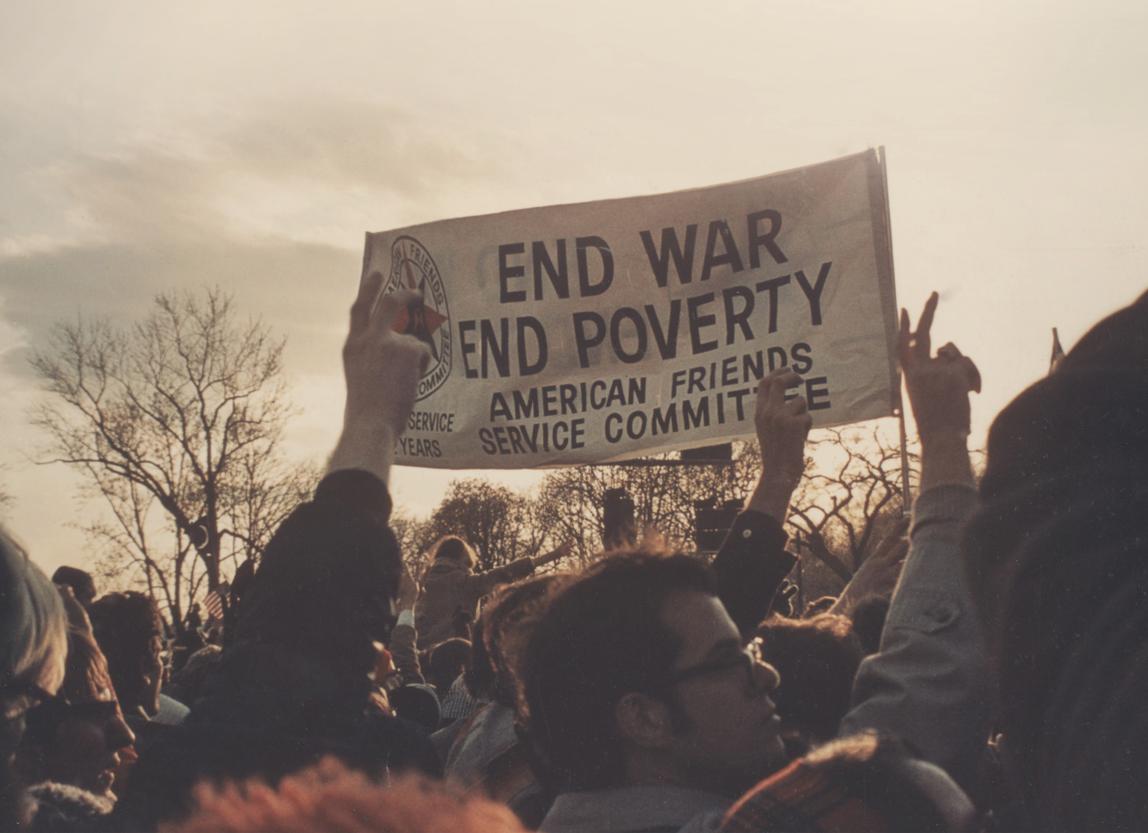


From top: "Speak Truth to Power" study of international conflict, 1955; "Alternatives to Military Service" brochure, 1966; Friends Self-Help Housing Program, 1952; classroom in Mali, 1985; Laos irrigation project, 1991.

For nearly 100 years, the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) has worked for lasting peace with justice in the U.S. and around the world. The collection of the AFSC Archives includes:

- Photos
- Artwork
- Films
- Statistical information
- Correspondence
- Reports
- Personal journals
- Oral histories
- Publications
- Objects

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