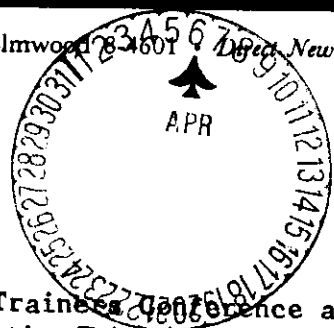


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March 25, 1974

Dear Friend:

The new dates for the national Nonviolent Trainers Conference are MAY 5-8 in KENT, OHIO. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE. This change suits the Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and MNS people much better.

These May dates tie into the Kent State University annual memorial of the May 4, 1970 shootings/killings. People who are interested could attend the memorial ceremonies on May 3 and 4. Speakers will include Jane Fonda, Daniel Ellsberg, and Fr. Hesburgh.

I conducted a training session March 8-10 at the Center for Peaceful Change on non-violent skills for personal aggression, social change, and organizing. This center, formerly called Center for Nonviolent Change, came into existence as a creative response to May 4, 1970, after many trainers had spent time there--including Ellen Deagan, Maggie DeMarco, P.J. Hoffman, Chuck Noell, George Willoughby, Charlie Walker and Paul Hare.

So it seems quite appropriate that this Center is cooperating and sponsoring this Conference with us. They will handle local arrangements. We shall be staying, cooking, and meeting at the United Campus Ministry facilities with some things tied into the Center for Peaceful Change. One of the UCM staff is Rick Ukena, formerly a trainer, particularly guerrilla theater, from Chicago and May Day. Beds on campus or in homes could be arranged for people wishing them. Please refer to the enclosed CPC letter for details on May 4 memorial and arrangements. We shall collect money for food and prepare it cooperatively; in addition, there will be a slight registration fee (\$5 or under).

I have received quick and enthusiastic response from people to the February 15 letter about the Conference. People responding positively about attending include Grace Hedemann and Igal Roodenko (NYC-WRL), Sukie Rice (Boston-NEAFSC), Gail Pressberg (Philly AFSC), Roger Manus and Mike Johnson (Twin Cities-FOR), Nancy and David Finke, Bob and Helen Carlock, Kevin Clark (Chicago), Beth Volk, Blair Furlaw, Joe Volk (Durham, N.C.), Ed Downey (D.C.), and J.R. Burkholder (Goshen). On the reverse side are their responses to the questionnaire included in the first mailing. Enclosed is a copy of that questionnaire with the correct conference dates. Please fill out and return if you have not already done so.

The people involved in discussing and planning this conference has expanded beyond Sandy Heller, Bill Hogan (Chicago), Jasiu Milanowski and Josh Swensen (Michigan), George Willoughby (Philadelphia), and myself, to include Sukie Rice, Lee Stern (NYC), and Michele Klein (Kent).

We hope to see you in Kent at this our fifth such conference for nonviolent trainers (the others being in Pendle Hill, 1970; N.J. & D.C., 1971; and near Philly, 1973).

For all of us planning this conference,

Carl P. Zietlow
Coordinator for Nonviolent Training

RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE TRAINERS CONFERENCE (as of March 12, 1974)

I am particularly interested in the following:

DISCUSSING:

Practicum for Peace Studies Programs
The Training Network--rebirth and revitalization
What is happening in training centers
Sex roles and training
Relating tactics to strategy
Resources available and needed
Training as an organizing tool
What kinds of training to do for special groups
Training as developing and as part of campaigns
Revolutionary nonviolence

Ideas for WRL summer training program
Building a peace group network
Reaching new groups of people
Nonviolent techniques in police and
military training
Training in schools
Training with unions
Life style
Tax problems

PICKING UP SKILLS IN:

Nonviolent training
Training for alternative institutions
Funding free lance training/workshops,
leaders, life styles
Guerrilla theater
Discussion and analysis leading
Competence and confidence in training
Role playing

Situation analysis
Strategy games
Training for organization
Training for religious and
spiritual development
Communications
Designing training sessions--balance
between education, nonverbal, action
Games
Sensitivity

SHARING SKILLS LIKE:

Singing
Campaign development
Adapting macro-analysis to an issue campaign
Subsistence living
Wild edibles
The circle technique

Bill Hogan recommends reading beforehand Gene Sharp's The Politics of Nonviolent Action.