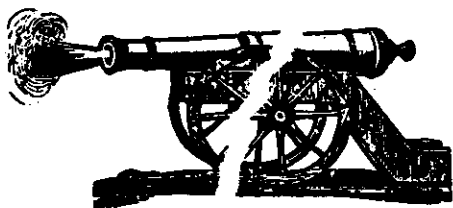


# *Pacifists...*

## *Peacemakers*

### *...or What?*



BEING A BRIEF, ITEMIZED  
ACCOUNT OF THE CURRENT  
PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES OF THE  
FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION,  
AS CARRIED ON THROUGH ITS  
NATIONAL OFFICE AND STAFF.



*[Pacifists frequently  
are charged with —  
and sometimes feel*

*guilty of — the futility of “talking only to each  
each other.” They are accused of exclusiveness  
— an unwillingness to work with non-pacifists  
or (in the case of the still-predominantly Chris-  
tian FOR) with non-Christians. Finally they  
are labelled irrelevant, having nothing to say  
that makes any difference in the “real world.”  
Perhaps this report may serve as a corrective to  
such notions.]*

## Intervention

"They identify with those of every nation, race and religion who are the victims of injustice and exploitation, and seek to develop resources of active nonviolent intervention with which to help rescue them from such circumstances."

—from the Statement of Purpose

### VIETNAM: America's Nastiest Mess

*Organized Clergymen's Emergency Committee on Vietnam*, first major mobilization of religious conscience of the country on the war. Published full-page ad in *New York Times*, "Mr. President, in the Name of God, Stop It!", since republished in many countries and languages.

*Polled 100,000 Protestant clergymen*, published results.

*Sent team of 12 American, two European religious leaders (plus four consultants) to Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Hong-Kong and Japan*, for meetings with Buddhists, Catholics, Bao Daists, others; published results in "We Have Seen the Anguish of Vietnam," and in hundreds of speeches, debates, radio and television appearances by team members. (See picture at upper right)

**Vietnam Visit Team: 7 pacifists;  
5 non-pacifists; interreligious.**

Another statement directed at Catholic readers (through the FOR's Catholic Peace Fellowship), headed "Peace on Earth—Peace in Vietnam" appeared as large advertisements in *Commonweal*, *The National Catholic Reporter*, *Ave Maria*, and *Continuum*. It produced hundreds of signatures of leading American priests, nuns and laymen, and stimulated considerable discussion in Catholic circles.

*Organized (Fall '65; winter '66) International Committee of Conscience on Vietnam* around statement, "They Are Our Brothers Whom We Kill," published in many countries in at least nine other languages. So far signed by near-10,000 priests, pastors, rabbis, monks, bonzes and other leaders of Catholic; Protestant; Orthodox; Jewish; humanist; Hindu; Muslim; Buddhist faiths, from close to 40 countries. Committees of Conscience affiliated in 17 countries; more expected as it becomes—hopefully—an International Committee of Conscience on War.

**Committee and signers: pacifist and non-pacifist;  
interreligious.**

**Vietnam staff director: AL HASSLER.**

\*Some think it is the world's nastiest mess, but there are others that need our prayers and our intervention, too; notably the almost unreported slaughter of perhaps 350,000 Indonesian men, women and children by other Indonesians because they are Communists.

## Education, STUDENT ACTIVITIES, FIELD WORK

"The task is nothing less than the permeation of the whole process of social change with the spirit of human kinship."

—from the Statement of Purpose

FOR staff members do an immense amount of visiting and speaking throughout the year, ranging from Fellowship groups in private homes to university teach-ins, from private conversations to debates on Vietnam to appearances on radio and television programs. They arrange schedules for other speakers, from this country and abroad; they set up training sessions and seminars on nonviolence; they encourage the inclusion of peace and nonviolence as subjects on the curricula of churches, schools and colleges, they arrange and supervise displays of FOR and related materials at conventions and conferences.

Supporting all these is a large volume of printed material headed by the enlarged and improved *Fellowship* magazine. (Write for the new free printed catalog. The most complete listing available anywhere.)

### MEMBERSHIP

"The Fellowship of Reconciliation is composed of men and women who recognize the essential unity of mankind and have joined together to explore the power of love and truth for resolving human conflict."

—from the Statement of Purpose

The FOR has never been, nor is likely ever to be, a mass movement. However wide-ranging its activities, its basic commitment is one which prospective new members do not take lightly. Even so, the polarizing tensions of our times, and perhaps the dynamics of the newly rewritten Statement of Purpose, have brought the Fellowship to its highest rate of new membership in a quarter-century. The year ending April 30, 1965, saw 408 new members joining; the year just ended (April 30, 1966) brought in 996.

**Staff director of membership: DOROTHY HASSLER  
Pacifist; Interfaith.**

At a Student Conference

Editor Best and FELLOWSHIP





## War Objectors

"They work to abolish war . . . as an integral part of that commitment they refuse to participate personally in any war . . ."

—from the Statement of Purpose

Vietnam has resulted in increased demands for manpower on the part of the armed forces; it has resulted also in sharp new challenges to the consciences of young men of draft age in a way that no previous war had done. Peace organizations generally are inundated by the counselling needs of those who object to service in the armed forces: both those who follow the traditional path of the conscientious objector to all war, and those who do not go that far but refuse their support to this particular war.

FOR staff does a great deal of *personal counselling* with both groups. *Training sessions* are held in different parts of the country for Fellowship members and others willing to act as counsellors in their own communities.

The FOR Executive Committee has called on the government to recognize the right to alternative service of those who conscientiously object to service in this war, and has called on the Christian churches to support such men, who are in fact taking seriously the traditional church doctrine of the "just war."

Staff directors:

RONALD YOUNG, JAMES FOREST, TOM CORNELL.

### —and much more!

"The vision is of a just and peaceful world . . ."

—from the Statement of Purpose

Much more space would be needed to report even briefly all the aspects of the Fellowship's work. There would have to be included the continuing unique role of Fellowship Christmas cards (samples of 1966 cards soon) . . . the atmosphere of excitement and movement in the twenty-three 50th Anniversary dinners and ten national conferences held last year . . . the continuing effectiveness of High Issues (our occasional bulletin for young people edited by Dorothy Hassler) and of Current Issues (intended especially for "opinion makers" and edited by Dr. John Swomley) . . . There should be something about the 26 conferences held at Shadowcliff (the FOR's Nyack headquarters) despite the fact that most of the building now has to be used for offices and workrooms . . . and, of course, a lengthy report on the work of the International FOR and its staff.

They can only be mentioned here. For those interested in particular aspects of the work, however, there are individual reports, or sample copies, or reprints available, including reprints of the various statements referred to in this report. A request will bring a prompt reply.



## The Budget

"There are no stated dues and none are required. . . . On the other hand, the FOR is not merely an instrument through which people can register as pacifist. It is a working fellowship and as such it is entirely dependent for financial support on the voluntary contributions of its members and friends."

—from the Statement of Purpose

"New occasions teach new duties," wrote James Russell Lowell almost a century ago. They also create new expenses. The Fellowship's program and staff have expanded greatly in the past few years, and that expansion, plus rising costs, has meant a steadily increasing budget.

Last year and this the new tensions of Vietnam are reflected in a sharp increase, both in expense and income. We expect the expansion of need and work both to continue, and believe that the Fellowship's members, and the large number of those who support its work without joining, will sustain that expansion.

For your information, here is a comparison of the budgeted and actual expenses (almost exactly balanced by income, since the Fellowship has very limited reserves) for the past five years, and the budget for the new year, May 1, 1966—April 30, 1967.

### REGULAR EXPENSES

	Budgeted	Actual	TOTAL including "Restricted Funds"*
1961-62	\$215,680	\$227,635	\$278,139
1962-63	224,550	227,191	323,104
1963-64	223,300	215,298	301,386
1964-65	248,884	283,852	346,593
1965-66	317,185	424,565	528,212
1966-67	386,250	?	?

\*Restricted Funds represent money received or held for specific purposes, as for example "Shelters for the Shelterless" used to build homes for people in India.

Shadowcliff Nyack



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