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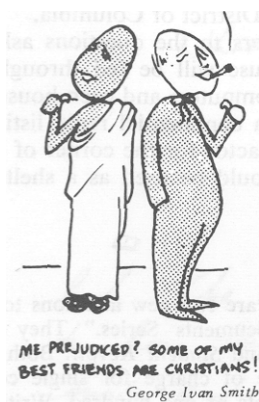
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International FOR Opens Doors to Non-Christian Pacifists

A specially called meeting of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation held in Oslo in August to consider the exclusively Christian bases of membership of all but a few national fellowships in the context of the world community in a revolutionary situation, made a historic decision. Although the IFOR's own statement of belief and commitment is not binding on the national fellowships, for 49 years it has been explicit that its inspiration came primarily from "the life and death of our lord Jesus Christ." In the USA in particular, that has not inhibited the admission of members from non-Christian faiths and those of a more humanistic rather than theological persuasions. Now also the international statement will carry the phrase about welcoming "those committed to the way of love and nonviolence for reconciling differences, and affirming the essential unity of mankind." The vote to broaden the basis was 15 to 1 with 6 abstentions.

The Council also voted to make a major part of the IFOR program "the creation and encouragement of an organization committed to the concept of world community." Here the vote was 13 to 3 with 5 abstentions. The vote followed an address "The Outlook for Man" by Prof. W. Warren Wagar of Albuquerque, N.M., author of the book *THE CITY OF MAN*. (The entire address will appear in the November *FELLOWSHIP*.)

Letters to President Johnson and to President Thieu of South Vietnam protesting the continuation of the war and the imprisonment of 20,000 Buddhist political opponents of the war, were directed sent by the Council.



Czechoslovakia and Vietnam to Be Linked in International Protest October 26-28

Ironically, the biennial conference of the International Confederation for Disarmament and Peace opened at Ljubljana, Yugoslavia, in the immediate wake of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia. Stunned, the conference issued a strong statement in opposition to the Soviet action and set about organizing a Czechoslovakian project similar to the ICDP Vietnam project of recent years.

It called for international demonstrations on October 26, 27 and 28 (the anniversary of Czechoslovakian independence) linking the Vietnam war and the invasion of Czechoslovakia. A Bulletin of Information similar to Vietnam International was agreed upon, and an International Manifesto to be signed by eminent intellectuals, church leaders and others. Cables of protest were sent to the Peace Committees of the five Warsaw Pact countries.

The Confederation statement expressed "outrage at the flouting of international law" by the five countries and "full support for the present legal government and the peoples of Czechoslovakia in their brave efforts to resist the occupation.

"This aggression against a small nation which has only asserted its right to find its own way towards a Socialism which respects the individual can no doubt be explained by fear of political contagion. This explanation is, however, no excuse; quite the opposite. This imperialist crime is even more blatant because it has been committed by countries which have repeatedly declared their opposition to imperialism.

"Furthermore, this aggression puts devastating arguments in the hands of reactionary forces which will be used then in both international and national politics. It strengthens the 'hawks' in the United States just as the invasion itself was made easier by the pattern set by the US invasion of Vietnam.

"The Confederation fully endorses the demands of the legal Czechoslovak authorities for: 1) The immediate release of all those arrested or deported by the occupying forces, 2) the immediate, unconditional and total withdrawal of those forces, and 3) the abandonment of all pressures on the government of Czechoslovakia and the removal of all obstacles to the exercise of its authority."

A Vietnam statement demanded the immediate release of all political prisoners in South Vietnam, and the immediate, unconditional and total withdrawal of the occupying forces in South Vietnam, of the United States and its allies.

The Peace Education Division of the AFSC was one of several new organizations to affiliate with the Confederation this year, bringing the number of affiliates to fifty, in twenty-five countries. The Constitution was changed, eliminating the office of Vice President and providing for the election of "not more than six Presidents," to better equalize political and geographical representation. The following presidents were named: Alfred Hassler, executive director of the FOR; Stewart Meacham, director of the Peace Education Division of the AFSC; Kenneth Lee, British Friends' Peace and International Relations Committee; Heinz Kloppenburg of the Kampagne für Demokratie und Abrüstung (chairman of the German FOR); Claude Bourdet of the French Mouvement Contre l'Armement Atomique; and Prof. Smiljka Avramov of the Yugoslav League for Peace.

Among the 15 persons elected and five co-opted to the Council of the Confederation were five Americans: Noam Chomsky (Resist), William Davidson (AFSC, Resist and Quaker Action), Sanford Gottlieb (SANE), Homer Jack (Unitarian-Universalist Association), Donald Keys (International League for the Rights of Man) and David McReynolds (WRL).

Opposition to TV Violence Mounts

A group of concerned citizens called Advertising Men for De-Escalation of Violence on TV is now conducting a campaign against television violence—particularly those violent programs shown during prime television hours. They are urging that viewers protest to local stations and to the sponsors of the programs.

Another group, The National Association for Better Broadcasting, is conducting surveys and preparing materials to counter the TV industry's propaganda which says that gunplay on TV is "harmless make-believe."

Both groups assert that protests are effective. "A dozen letters from one community to sponsors and to TV management will bite deeply" they say and point out that several large advertisers have already taken steps to eliminate violence from their programs. These advertisers include Kellogg's, M & M, and Mars.

Meanwhile, the North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends at their annual meeting at Guilford College recently declared that "violence is glorified on movie and TV screens to such an extent that many children grow up accepting it as a way of life." The group sent a letter to Dr. Milton Eisenhower, chairman of the special Presidential Study Commission on Violence insisting that "insofar as it is constitutionally right, laws be passed to eliminate the display of crime, violence and immorality on TV and movie programs".

The Triennial Convention of Lutheran Church Women, meeting in Chicago last month, said that it is time for women to take a firm stand against "little boys playing war games and allowing violent television programs in their homes."

Seven Bishops Urge Amnesty for Draft and War Resisters

Ten prominent clergymen, including seven United Methodist and Episcopal bishops, have requested "executive amnesty for American citizens who are convicted, imprisoned or have emigrated in resistance to the Vietnam war."

The appeal was prepared and sponsored by Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, which reported plans to carry the amnesty request to all political candidates, the national conventions, and churches and synagogues.

The appeal estimated that 700 young men have been imprisoned, "hundreds more" are awaiting sentencing, more than 5,000 have emigrated, and "unknown numbers" have gone underground in the United States in protest against the war.

Among the signers of the statement were John Wesley Lord, Harvey D. Butterfield and John M. Burgess.

NEW LITERATURE

Unless otherwise indicated, all literature is available from Fellowship Publications, Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.

Reflections on Racism, Spite, Guilt and Violence by Paul Goodman, from the July, 1968 issue of FELLOWSHIP, is now available in reprint form. Price: 10¢ a copy.

"Politics Without Violence" from James W. Douglass' forthcoming book *The Non-violent Cross: A Theology of Revolution and Peace* is now available in reprint form. This is an important contribution to the subject of Christian politics in the nuclear age. 10¢ a copy.

The American Friends Service Committee has just issued its latest catalog of service projects for children. The projects listed are based on vital human needs and help to widen horizons and deepen sensitivity. Copies of the catalog are available free from: AFSC, 160 North 15th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Prophetic writings by Leo Tolstoy that speak directly to America's dilemma with the urgency of today's headlines are contained in *On Civil Disobedience and Non-violence*, a paperback now available. Price: 95¢.

"Violence today is white-collar violence, the systematically organized bureaucratic and technological destruction of man," says Thomas Merton in his latest book: *Faith and Violence: Christian Teaching and Christian Practice*. Paper: \$1.95.

"Why and to what end, do animals of one species fight each other? Why do human beings do the same? Is there really an instinct of self-destruction which threatens humanity with annihilation?" These are some of the questions posed by Konrad Lorenz in his revolutionary new study: *On Aggression*, now available in paper: \$1.25.

"... There lurks today a fear less strong but no less real than that which held dissident Germans in abeyance." So says William Hedgepeth in his article *America's Concentration Camps: The Rumors and the Realities*. This is a chilling analysis of the current trend toward a police state. Reprinted from *Look*. 10¢ a copy.

U.S. Pilots Again Freed to Peace Activists

The second group of three U.S. pilots has been released by North Vietnam to an American anti-war committee and has arrived safely in this country.

Those who received the pilots included Stewart Meacham of the American Friends Service Committee, Anne Scheer, wife of *Ramparts* magazine editor, and Vernon Grizzard of the Students for a Democratic Society.

"It was quite an emotional meeting," Meacham said, describing the reception. "We didn't know how they'd react to us or how we'd react to them. After all, we represented a movement that was totally opposed to what they had done." Nevertheless, the meeting was "very warm," he observed.

Also, during their visit to North Vietnam, the team spoke with North Vietnamese officials and felt that if the U.S. stops bombing the North serious peace talks would get underway.

Meacham described several short tours of the surrounding countryside, where the team observed high morale among the Vietnamese people and much ingenuity adapting to their present situation. "They have not only been standing up under our bombing, but they have perfected their social organizations—improving schools, hospitals, industry and agriculture."

This time, the pilots were returned home via commercial airlines instead of Air Force planes, as had been the case previously.

Fallout Shelter Survey Covers Every U.S. Household

The U.S. government is currently spending approximately \$1 per household on a nationwide survey of protection available in private homes from radioactive fallout.

Surveys, being conducted by the Census bureau in cooperation with the Office of Civil Defense, have now been completed in twenty-one states and two counties of New York. Surveys are now underway in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Answers to the questions asked about each house will be fed through the bureau's computers and each household will receive a confidential reply listing a protection factor for the corner of the house which could be used as a shelter.

There are two new additions to the "Historic Documents Series." They are: *War Crimes* and *Student Revolt*. Both are available free of charge for single copies, and 20¢ in lots of one hundred. Write today.



"Minutemen" UNDERGROUND HEADQUARTERS

Fellowship of Reconciliation

Gentlemen:

I was certainly happy to see your ad in the New York Times urging your people to dispose of their guns. I hope all of your left wing dopes dispose of your guns.

We are not going to dispose of our guns.

I hope your drive for gun registration is very successful — we are not going to register our guns — most of them are well hidden and we will never turn them in.

Please urge your members to turn their guns in to the local police department rather than just throwing them in the river — its better publicity for your anti-gun drive that way — and besides, we have members in most local police departments who are able to pass many of these guns on to us.

Eventually your pro-communist place punks will have no guns.

We'll have lots of guns.

What then?

Cordially Yours

*Robert B. DeLoach
National Coordinator*

P.S. The FBI would probably like to have this letter — they are looking high and low for me.

France 5th Nation to Test H-Bomb

France has become the world's fifth hydrogen bomb power with its recent explosion of a hydrogen device at a test center in the South Pacific. The device was estimated to be equal to two million tons of TNT, or roughly 100 bombs of the Hiroshima type.

De Gaulle, commenting on the blast, said it was a "magnificent scientific, technical and industrial success."

The French armed forces are expected to have hydrogen-bomb warheads installed in their existing intermediate-range missiles in a few years, a French spokesman said.

France thus joins the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain and Communist China in possession of the bomb.

Forty-four Churchmen Support Deserters in Sweden

Forty-four Americans attending the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Uppsala, Sweden, recently voiced support for U.S. military deserters now living in that country.

"They genuinely seek to act out their own consciences to the best of their ability," the group said in a statement on the men. "We were impressed by their youth, their sincerity, and the mature way in which they faced obvious risks. Some of them fought in the Vietnam war until their consciences were stirred to get out. Others became convinced that the outrage of racism was too much to keep them in the armed forces."

Signers included: John C. Bennett, Harold Bosley and James Lawson.

Science Association Urges Study of U.S. Defoliation

In the wake of stepped-up U.S. defoliation in the Vietnam war, the board of directors of the American Association for the Advancement of Science has urged that the United Nations sponsor a long-term, on-the-spot study of the effects of U.S. herbicides on the country of Vietnam and its people.

The chemicals are now being used in increasing amounts to destroy vegetation that can conceal enemy infiltration routes both in forests and along waterways.

The board, in urging the study, expressed concern over the long-range effect on the balance of plant and animal life in the regions where chemical herbicides are being used. In particular, there was alarm over the use of chemicals containing arsenic—a poisonous element known to accumulate in the body. The board urged that their use be suspended immediately until more could be learned about them.

Swarthmore Seniors Expressed Solidarity with COs

Two-thirds of the Swarthmore College seniors expressed their support for conscientious objection to the draft by wearing white arm bands during the commencement exercises last June. Class president Lynn Etheredge was permitted to read a 200-word resolution signed by the group. It said, in part:

"While senior men have chosen a variety of responses to the draft, some who feel that the war in Vietnam is immoral and senseless refuse to serve in the armed forces of the United States. We support every individual making a conscientious response to the draft. The majority of the Class of 1968, many of whom have chosen to cooperate with the Selective Service System, declare their support for those members of the Class whom society may condemn for having chosen not to cooperate with that system. There is a need for all of us to reevaluate the social structure in which we live, and we ask for understanding for those among us and in the nation as a whole who search in new and untried directions for the solution to the problems of our society."

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Nerve Gas Threatens Denver, Scientists Say

The storage of nerve gases near Denver poses a threat to the lives of most residents of the metropolitan area, according to a 17-member panel of scientists and teachers who released a report on the subject.

The arsenal is about 10 miles northeast of downtown Denver.

The panel estimated at more than 100 the number of steel storage tanks at the arsenal containing the gases. Each cylinder contains enough nerve gas to kill one billion people, the panel said.

The most serious threat to the Denver area, the report said, lies in the possibility of a plane crash since a portion of the arsenal is under the main north-south traffic pattern of Denver's local airport.

The panel's report was based in part on Army Chemical Corps tests last March which resulted in the death of 6,000 sheep. Some of the animals had been grazing about 45 miles from the point of release of the gas.

In a special letter attached to the report, the group expressed concern over the "moral question posed by the manufacture, stockpiling and use in combat of chemical warfare agents by a nation which is a signatory to the Geneva protocol enjoining their use."

Most of the scientists and teachers on the panel are on the faculty at the University of Colorado.

QUOTE/UNQUOTE

"If a man has a great opportunity to stand up for that which is right . . . and he refuses because he wants to live a little longer . . . he may go on and live until he is eighty, and the cessation of breathing is merely the belated announcement of an early death of the spirit. Man dies when he refuses to stand up for that which is just."

—MARTIN LUTHER KING

160 GIs Stage Military Rebellion at Fort Hood

In what was reportedly the largest military rebellion in recent U.S. history, at least 160 Negro GIs refused to take part in riot control operations in Chicago during the Democratic national convention. Some 100 of the group staged a sit-down demonstration to protest their orders to fly to Chicago. They were seized by military police and taken to the post stockade. Many of the demonstrators were clubbed by MPs when violence broke out during segregation of the group from other prisoners at the prison.

Some sixty soldiers marched outside to protest the treatment of the prisoners.

One soldier, expressing the reason for this protest, said: "I'm kind of worried, you know, kind of uneasy, because if we go into action some of the boys I might run into on the streets, well, they might be my friends."

Sixty Scientists Blame Johnson for Chicago Violence

Some sixty scientists working at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Mass. issued a statement last month charging the Johnson Administration and "all those who support the war in Vietnam" for being partially responsible for the violence in Chicago during the Democratic convention.

"This brutal war," the statement said, "makes a major contribution to the climate of violence in this country as well as to the divisions that split and threaten this nation. Mr. President: End the violence now where you can. Stop the bombing and end the war in Vietnam."

The message bore the names of four scientists speaking for the group including George Wald of Harvard, who won the Nobel Prize last October.

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