

# FELLOWSHIP

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## Reynolds Fasting for Poor People in Tribute to King

Barbara Reynolds, who arranged for visits to this country by Hiroshima atomic bomb victims (Hibakusha) several years ago, has begun a fast "in tribute to Martin Luther King" which will end "only when the Poor People's Campaign has achieved its objectives." Even though she expected to be in Hiroshima (where she founded Friendship House) by the time the Campaign began, she started her planned fast instead on the day of Dr. King's assassination.

Mrs. Reynolds issued a statement in which she said "I challenge this country, which I love . . . to renounce war . . . (and) I challenge the *people* of the United States to by-pass the government taxing themselves sacrificially and denying themselves the needless luxuries until we have raised the standard of **LOVING** for all people in the world."

On Easter Sunday, she moved into the Watts section of Los Angeles where she accepted the hospitality of a Black church for the duration of the fast. "There, perhaps, by living among them," she said, "I can learn more about their needs and aspirations and the temper of my black brothers while paying respect to the faith that is sustaining them in Christlike non-violence."

## FOR a Sponsor of New CO Prison Visitation Program

The Fellowship of Reconciliation is joining with other peace groups in a program of visitation to COs in prison, the first coordinated program of its kind since World War II.

Initiated in April, the visitation project is working with local religious and peace groups throughout the country in an effort to encourage people to visit the imprisoned COs regularly. There are now at least 74 conscientious objectors in federal and military prisons, according to Robert Horton, coordinator of the project.

Other sponsoring organizations include the National Service Board for Religious Objectors, the American Friends Service Committee and the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors.

## Anyway . . . the Beginning Was Great!

America's memorial-in-action to Martin Luther King Jr., the Poor People's Campaign, is reaching its height at about the time this issue is being printed. At press time, events seemed to reflect a buildup of expectations for concrete results from an unprecedented outpouring of the nation's poor and neglected. But even if immediate, positive programs do not flow from the convergence on Washington, the impact is bound to be a historic one—because of its interracial, nonviolent character at a time when black militancy is breaking out in violent, racist forms.

The Fellowship of Reconciliation has done its bit by means of extensive circularization of its membership and others, urging the utmost in support. It advocated community pilgrimages to Washington on May 30, in workshops, sermons and demonstrations locally on May 25 and 26, and in direct contact with representations to Congress on legislation affecting the poor, such as jobs, guaranteed income, education and housing.

Other peace groups are pushing similar programs, among them the Quaker Action Program and the Quaker Project in Community Conflict.

The July FELLOWSHIP will carry more on the Poor People's Campaign. And especially pictures.

### Citizens of German City Write in Grief at King Death

Seven hundred and seventy-three citizens of the city of Saarbrücken put their names to a letter addressed to the American FOR and mailed it to our national office in Nyack, N.Y. It expresses grief at the death of Martin Luther King and encouragement that the civil rights movement in America continue to use nonviolent principles in the struggle.

Included among the signatures received here was that of Heinz Kloppenburg, member of the IFOR council and an Oberkirchenrat of the Confessional church in Germany. The entire text of the letter follows:

Sirs,

We are horrified by the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King.

The collected signatures given by citizens of Saarbrücken express the great respect, understanding, and high esteem for the work of Dr. Martin Luther King.

This is not only to be a token of our grief about the assassinated, not only to be an utterance of our abhorrence about the crime. In spite of the violence committed, we should like to encourage you to continue the struggle of the civil rights movement according to the principle of nonviolence in the name of the victim.

We hope that you will reach the aim of complete integration of the races by means of nonviolence.

In the name of 773 citizens of Saarbrücken.

Yours,  
(Gert Jugert) (Gunter Schneider)

## Memorials Abound in Tribute to King and His Work

Two \$1,000 book awards honoring Martin Luther King have been established by the National Book Committee and Harper and Row. The prizes will go annually to authors whose work "best furthers King's struggle to achieve human dignity for all men through social and economic equality."

Association Press has also established a book award in honor of King.

*Renewal Magazine*, a monthly published cooperatively by the Chicago City Missionary Society and the New York Missionary Society, eliminated its May issue and gave the resultant savings to the Southern Christian Leadership Organization, which King headed.

The 425-member Central Baptist congregation in suburban Wayne, Pa., has established a \$100,000 Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Fund, declaring it would mortgage its church building if necessary to obtain the sum.

The Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service of the World Council of Churches has reported contributions totalling almost \$83,000 toward a memorial for King.

"The Martin Luther King Collection on Nonviolence," a private collection of several hundred volumes belonging to FOR member H. Vail Deale, was donated to Beloit College "as a tangible expression . . . honoring a contemporary apostle of nonviolence and brotherhood."

Many other memorials have been reported but they are too many to list here.

## Two California Suburbs Adopt Anti-War Resolutions

Beverly Hills, a suburb of Los Angeles, and Mill Valley, a suburb of San Francisco, have adopted resolutions opposing the Vietnam war.

In Beverly Hills, a resolution calling for "an immediate ceasefire and steps toward rapid de-escalation of the war in Vietnam through negotiations with all participants in the conflict, specifically including the NLF" was carried by 4,839 to 3,795.

In Mill Valley, a resolution urging the President "to immediately formulate a policy of peace and an orderly withdrawal from the present untenable position of the U.S." won 1,863 to 1,433.

## Goss-Mayr to Tour U.S.

Hildegard Goss-Mayr, Associate Secretary of the International FOR, will be coming to this country on a speaking tour Nov. 1968 - May 1969. Further information on this will be carried in a later issue. Meanwhile, persons or groups wishing to arrange now for her to speak should write to: James Forest, Box 271, Nyack, N.Y.



## NEW LITERATURE

A book of photographs *I Have a Dream* containing texts on the life and teachings of Martin Luther King has just been published. Large format. Available in paper at: \$1.25.

*Conscience in America* contains fifty-five documents describing the personal responses of brave men who undertook conscientious objection in times of crisis. Edited by Lillian Schlissel, it is available in paper at: \$2.75.

Pendle Hill Pamphlets has just re-issued *Of Holy Disobedience* with a new introduction "A.J., Memory of a Man" by Alfred Hassler. Price: 55¢ a copy.

This month thousands of students all over the country will be re-classified under the new Selective Service Act (see story p. 2). The March 1968 issue of *Reporter for Conscience Sake* has detailed, up-to-date information about occupational, graduate and undergraduate deferments under the act. Copies are available from the National Service Board for Religious Objectors, 550 Washington Building, 15th and New York Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005.

We have just updated our list of CO materials. Copies are available free of charge.

James Finn interviews Joan Baez, A. J. Muste, Bayard Rustin, Dorothy Day, Daniel Berrigan, S. J., John C. Bennett and many others in his book *Protest: Pacifism and Politics*. Paper: \$2.45.

A new Jewish Peace Fellowship folder "Must I Destroy Life?" discussing the Jew and the current draft situation is now available. This has been printed with an eye-catching front cover which makes it suitable for bulletin boards. Write: Jewish Peace Fellowship, Box 271, Nyack, N.Y. 10960.

Numerous factual errors have appeared in the new book *How to Stay Out of the Army* by Conrad Lynn. Pending the publication of a revised edition by Grove Press, we will not fill orders. Meanwhile for those who already have copies on hand, an errata sheet is available from CADRE, 333 West North Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60600.

*Vietnam and After* by D. F. Fleming discusses concisely and in down-to-earth fashion the current disastrous U.S. foreign policy. Price: 15¢.

## Draft Calls High for '68; Graduates to Lose Deferments

The Army will draft 346,900 men this fiscal year according to a recent *New York Times* report, an increase of 61,900 over a previous figure owing to a decline in re-enlistments, more discharges, etc.

Meanwhile, this month 70% of the men graduating from college are expected to lose their deferments and will face induction into the army. Those losing their 2-S deferments include graduating college seniors, first-year graduate students, candidates for Ph.D. and M.A. degrees and those with five years of 2-S deferments in graduate school.

Chief victims will be students in the humanities and social sciences. Reports indicate that science and mathematics students will be spared since the government reportedly hopes that most will be recruited or pushed into some phase of U.S. war technology.

At the same time, polls indicate that opposition to the war on many campuses is running far above 50%.

## Berrigan Brothers Destroy Draft Records

The Berrigan brothers, who are FOR members, were part of a group of nine persons who seized and burned 600 files from the Cantonville, Md., draft board with homemade napalm. The group included 3 former Maryknoll missionaries recently recalled for working with guerrillas in Guatemala, several peace workers, and a registered nurse. They swept four drawers of files into wire baskets and burned them in a nearby parking lot. Before police came, they held a prayer service in which Father Dan Berrigan, Jesuit priest at Cornell University, said that by destroying the records they would "make it more difficult for men to kill one another."

The Rev. Philip Berrigan, 44, curate of a Baltimore church, and Thomas Lewis, 28, artist and peace worker, were held in bail of \$7,500 each, having just been convicted of pouring blood on Baltimore draft board records last October. For this action, which halted inductions in 26 Baltimore draft boards for a time, Father Berrigan was sentenced to 6 years.

## Marine Slogans Have Anti-War Themes

In Dong Ha, Vietnam, marines have reportedly written the following slogans on the back of their flak jackets:

"Please, God, this summer send more flowers and less marines."

"Just you and me, God, right?"

"Pray for an early peace."

"Help me, Ma."

"Fighter by day, lover by night, marine by mistake."

"Why?"



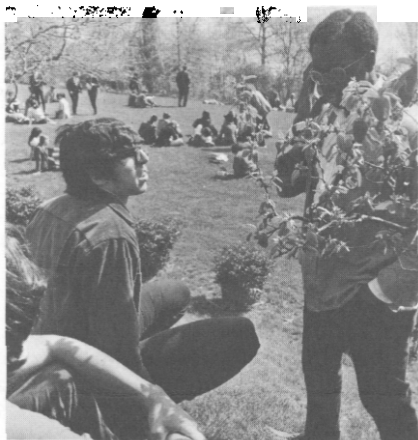
# THE FELLOWSHIP IN ACTION

## *When teenagers took over national headquarters*



When junior and high school students in Rockland County decided to join their comrades the world over in a mass walkout to protest the Vietnam war, the Fellowship of Reconciliation office in Nyack was ready for them. Here are parts of the more than 200 students who came from 6 schools, earnestly engaged in discussions on peace led by the Fellowship staff.

Photos by John Goodwin



TALKING



SINGING



WORKING



EATING

## Coffin and Spock Backed by 9,300 Schoolmen

Coordinated by the International Confederation of Disarmament and Peace, an "international mission" of prominent citizens from many countries were invited to the opening of the trial of Benjamin Spock, William Sloane Coffin, Mitchell Goodman, Marcus Raskin and Michael Ferber in Boston on May 20. Deputations of leaders in the respective countries where there is a United States Embassy were also to call on American Ambassadors to express their support of the five on that day.

A 3-page newspaper ad headed "On Trial: U.S. Policy in Vietnam" which appeared in a recent *New York Times* issue urged support for William Sloane Coffin and Benjamin Spock, M.D. and was signed by 9,300 teachers and others in the educational field in 102 institutions in 31 states.

The ad maintained that "if the Johnson administration is seriously seeking a detente in the war in Vietnam, it should demonstrate its sincerity by initiating moves to de-emphasize the war at home." In particular, it suggested that a first step could be the dropping of the indictments against Spock, Coffin and the three other defendants.

The five have been indicted on charges that they conspired against the Selective Service Act by counseling and otherwise aiding registrants to turn in their draft cards or to refuse military service.

### Bulletin:

Ronald J. Young, FOR director of youth work, has his trial on a similar charge set for June 17 in Newark, New Jersey.

### ACLU Admonishes College Heads on Student Draft Foes

In a statement to 630 college presidents the American Civil Liberties Union has called upon them to readmit qualified students who go to jail "rather than participate in a war they feel is morally indefensible."

Refusal to readmit a student who prefers imprisonment to military service for conscientious reasons, ACLU said, is "to punish him twice for the same offense and runs counter to the spirit of a basic principle of American justice embedded in the Fifth Amendment safeguard against double jeopardy."

### LIT NOTE

The rationalization of war-making in Western thought with an analysis of the human dilemmas that cause war described in Donald A. Wells' *The War Myth*, now available in paper at \$1.75.

## Work Camps, Peace Caravans Begin This Month

More than 500 young people will begin participating this month in American Friends Service Committee projects in this country and around the world. There will be camps in Czechoslovakia, in the USSR and in a Japanese frontier farming community as well as in many other parts of East Asia, Europe and Africa.

Peace caravans will spend a month visiting communities, living with families and speaking to groups on peace issues in this country. Among the states to be covered are: North and South Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and the New England states.

A reduction of the age minimum this year is allowing young people nineteen and over to take part in overseas projects. Eighteen-year-olds are eligible for units in Mexico and Guatemala.

For information write: Service Projects, AFSC 160 N. 15th St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102.

## LIT NOTE

How much will your vote be worth in the years to come? How will this issue be settled? These and similar questions are raised in *The Reapportionment Crisis* by Marjorie G. Fribourg. A Public Affairs Pamphlet, it is available at 25¢ a copy.

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## Millions Hunger in U.S. Citizens Committee Reports

Victims of hunger and malnutrition in the United States are estimated in the millions, according to a report just issued by a special committee of private citizens established by the Citizens Crusade Against Poverty.

"If you will go look," the report asserts, "you will find America is a shocking place."

Chronic hunger and dangerous malnutrition were discovered in all parts of the country but primarily in the south and southwest. High incidence of anemia, growth retardation, protein deficiencies and other dietary conditions were reported.

The citizens committee was formed after a Senate subcommittee toured Mississippi last spring and found pockets of malnutrition and hunger. Doctors have also reported that they observed personally what they termed "inhuman and intolerable conditions" in Mississippi.

## Methodists Adopt Largest Peace Budget in History

The United Methodist Church has adopted a 4-year program that will cost an estimated \$20 million "for reconciliation in the urban national crisis and recruitment of a voluntary service corps of young people." This is the largest budget ever adopted by an American church in the struggle to solve the social and economic problems of the modern world.

"A New Church for a New World" is the theme of the program which is designed to meet the immediate crises in cities at home and to give assistance overseas—especially in war-torn areas.

The volunteer corps will operate somewhat in the nature of a Methodist "peace corps" for work in depressed areas.

## WAR/PEACE INTERNSHIPS OPEN

A new interne program sponsored by the World Without War Council of the United States is now underway. The program provides a year of theoretical and technical training on the problems of war and peace; on creative alternatives for American policy; and how public attitudes are influenced.

The program is being conducted by the Council, a cooperative effort by organizations and individuals who share the goal of a disarmed world under law in which free societies can grow and flourish. Members of the Council include Roger Baldwin, Robert Gilmore, Norman Thomas and John C. Bennett.

Internships are being offered in New England, New York City, the Midwest, the Pacific Northwest and California. For more information write: WWWC, 218 East Eighteenth Street, New York, N.Y. 10003.

## Two More "World Cities"

Two Canadian communities have become the second and third municipalities in the Western Hemisphere to declare themselves "world cities." West Flamborough Township, Ontario (population 4,000) and Rock Island, Quebec (population 1,500) have joined Dundas, Ontario, which "mundialized" in February, 1967. In making the move, the cities thus commit their citizens to thinking of themselves as members of the world community.

The mundIALIZATION movement, which began in Japan in 1945, has gathered momentum there since 1956 when Japan was admitted to the UN and more recently in Western Europe where there are a number of mundIALIZED cities. Today in Japan there are over 21 prefectures and 267 cities, towns and villages that have mundIALIZED—representing more than half of the Japanese population.

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