

SUMMER PROGRAM Following on the heels of the Thomas Edison demonstration, the Ethan Allen and George Washington court trials, and the Civil Defense trials, the immediate program for the summer may seem anti-climactic. However, it is just at this stage that we need serious evaluation and reflection on our actions, their results, and implications for future action and education.

With this in mind, a series of discussion seminars have been planned under the leadership of Chris Christiansen. Several of our own members, experienced in different phases of action-education, have been invited to join us for these discussions. Topics already discussed have included, "Legal Aspects of Civil Disobedience" (with Matt Shafner, New London lawyer who volunteered his services in the Civil Defense cases of Tor Faegre and Ed Guerard); "Prison Etiquette" (with Art Harvey, Bob and Marj Swann, and Ross Anderson); and "Can World Government Police Power Be Nonviolent?" (with Harry Purvis of Long Island).

Coming up will be discussions on direct action and civil disobedience, especially with relation to the question of the possibility of renewed nuclear testing as a result of the stalemate at Geneva. (It was agreed in February at the national CNVA conference in Chicago that if testing were to begin or serious threat of renewed testing were to occur, all major energies would go into direct action on this issue. Along this same line, a group of Polaris Actionists are joining the Washington Peace Center July 1-4 for combined vigil at the White House and discussions of proposed action on the testing issue on and around Hiroshima Day.)

Other topics for future exploration are: "Relations with Mass Media"; "Nonviolent Resistance and Constructive Program"; "Peace Organizations and Peace Literature"; "War Literature"; "The Significance of Nonviolent Action in the South for Nonviolent Action for Peace".

This week Bob Wolf and Art Harvey have been in New Hampshire exploring the possibilities of initiating direct action and education in relation to the Minuteman missile sites now being planned for installation in that area by the Air Force. We continue vigils at the Submarine Base in New London, and at Danbury federal prison, as well as the New Haven State Jail. Leafleting at Electric Boat, AVCO, the Sound Lab and EB Research Lab will continue. Special emphasis will be put on door-to-door visiting, already begun by Peter Kiger, Ken Meister, and Leroy and Sharon Mielke. Jim D'Ancona is working on a plan to reach more people in the community through film showings and discussion meetings with church groups, etc.

Meanwhile, the household chores at Norwich house and the farm, planting and weeding a large truck garden, keeping the cars in repair, the New London office open daily, and some 15-25 people fed -- somehow all get done in more or less organized fashion. A building program will start next week to bring in some cash income and provide manual experience for some participants. Truly, this is a many-faceted experiment, combining varied aspects from many different types of programs. If you wish to join us for more than a week or two, apply to Dr. Gordon Christiansen, Chairman of the New England CNVA Personnel Committee, 13 North Bank Street, New London, Connecticut -- giving information about your background in peace work, interests, skills, whether you can afford to contribute for room and board, and time you wish to spend here.

We of course invite you to come for a shorter period also -- a day, a weekend, your week's vacation. Let us know in advance if possible, but if not, come anyway. If you arrive in New London and there happens to be no one in the office, call Norwich house (Turner 9-1946) or the farm (Turner 9-7913). (It has been suggested that we give directions to these two residences, but we would rather not do this, simply because children live at both these places, and we would not want them upset by possible visits by hostile local youths who sometimes harrass us.)