

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

PEACEMAKER TRAINING IN
NONVIOLENCE HAS BEEN
MOVED TO NEW LONDON,
CONNECTICUT

Because of the very location of the program, in New London, participants in this year's Peacemaker Training will be brought face to face with the problems involved in the practise of nonviolence. New London is where General Dynamics produces the atomic-powered submarines that launch Polaris missiles, and where the Navy operates the largest submarine base in the country.

This summer, a group of men and women, sponsored by the Committee for Nonviolent Action, and using the techniques of nonviolence, are distributing leaflets, picketing, holding open meetings and talking to military and civilian personnel. The reaction has been strong and immediate. There have been outbreaks of violence on the part of the workers and townspeople. There have also been friendliness, enthusiasm and aid for the group.

The old questions of the nature and practise of nonviolence have once again been raised, but this time concretely—and provocatively. Participants can play a part in the solution of some of the problems that have come to the surface as a result of the explosive situation in New London. They will have an unparalleled opportunity for realistic training in a situation of conflict.

(Peacemaker Training was to have been held at the former Manumit School, in Pennsylvania, but due to the extraordinary opportunities for mutual confrontation between pacifists and those who are directly involved in military defense, it has been moved to New London. But the chance for quiet study and for the consideration of nonviolence as a total way of life will be present, as it has been in past years.)

from

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Gandhi led India to independence by **nonviolent** methods.

Martin Luther King, Jr. and his cohorts successfully integrated the buses of Montgomery, Alabama, by **nonviolent** methods.

Throughout the South today, men and women are using **nonviolent** direct action in dramatic sit-downs at discriminatory lunch counters. Thousands of sympathizers throughout the country are carrying out **nonviolent** supporting action.

All over the world, small groups of aroused men and women are marching, picketing, conducting tax strikes, invading war plants, and lying in front of munitions trucks to clog the war-making activities of the state.

These are small beginnings but they give hope that a new method is evolving for challenging injustice and human degradation without ending, as revolutionary movements have done so often in the past, by imposing new injustices and causing new degradations.

The Peacemaker Training Program provides a sixteen day intensive study of the nonviolent method, with the help of resource persons who have been active in actual conflict situations. There will be exploratory discussions mornings and evenings, and afternoon workshops in direct action, in the creative process, and in constructive work. There will be ample free time for getting to know other participants and for recreation.

Students at the three previous Training Programs have put their training to good use by playing active roles in the nonviolent activities which are giving new hope to men and women all over the world.

FACULTY

E. W. Aryanakam—Co-founder and co-director (with his wife, Ashadevi) of the Training Center for Basic Education, Sevagram, India, where Gandhi had his headquarters and home.

Julian Beck—Director of the Living Theatre in New York City.

Anne and Carl Braden—Field Secretaries for the Southern Conference Educational Fund.

Holley Cantine—Editor of **Prison Etiquette**.

David Dellinger—Printer; an editor of **Liberation**.

Harold Feinstein—Photographer; represented in permanent collection of Museum of Modern Art.

Roy Finch—Professor of philosophy at Sarah Lawrence and an editor of **Liberation**.

Paul Goodman—Fellow, the New York Institute for Gestalt Therapy; author of **The Empire City**.

Richard Gregg—Author of **The Power of Non-violence**; spent many years in India.

Arthur Harvey—Recently completed six months in jail for protesting construction of ICBM base at Omaha, Nebraska.

Nat Hentoff—One of the foremost jazz critics in America; writes a weekly column on political and cultural topics for the **Village Voice**.

Brad Lytle—Coordinator of Polaris Action.

Judith Malina—Actress and director at the Living Theatre.

Kay Mathesius—Mother of seven children.

Maurice McCrackin—Cincinnati minister who spent six months in jail for not paying income taxes for war.

Karl Meyer—In charge of St. Stephen's Center, a Catholic Worker group in Chicago; recently spent six months in jail for his part in Omaha Action.

Juanita Nelson—Income tax refuser.

Wallace Nelson—Imprisoned for opposition to World War II; long active in nonviolent projects against segregation.

Ruth Reynolds—Active in work promoting Puerto Rico's independence.

Eroseanna Robinson—Chicago social worker and track star who received a year and a day jail sentence for not paying income taxes for war but who was released after 90 days of a hunger strike and non-cooperation with prison officials.

Fred Shuttlesworth—Minister in Birmingham, Ala.; attacked by mob for leadership in that city's integration struggle.

Robert Stowell—Author of **Simple Living**; subsistence farmer and printer in Vermont.

Robert Swann—Builder for integrated housing projects; World War II imprisoned objector.

Ralph Templin—Educational worker in India for 15 years; expelled in 1940.

Coordinators of this year's program will be **Gladney Oakley, Marjorie Swann, and Al Uhrig**.

PROGRAM

● AN INTRODUCTION TO NONVIOLENCE

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 21

Registration. Preliminary discussion. Planning and carrying out a simple action.

● A CONSIDERATION OF VIOLENCE

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 THROUGH 25

What are the forms of violence?

ECONOMIC: What is violent about an employment relationship? Material want and inequality as violence. Concepts of property. Exploitation.

POLITICAL: The state as an instrument of violence, against residents of other states and against its own citizens. Direct action & representative government.

PSYCHOLOGICAL: Violence to the mind. Destruction of individuality. Mass media and manipulation. Competitiveness. What makes men hate?

SOCIAL: "Racial" discrimination as violence. Status, class and caste.

What is the nature of violence and what is the basis of our opposition to it?

Is violence ever a "lesser evil"? What are the effects of violence on the actors as well as the objects? What kinds of conflict are desirable or creative?

● RESISTANCE TO THE OLD SOCIETY

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 27

Lunch-counter sit-ins and other forms of resistance to "racial" discrimination.

Anti-war activity. Anti-colonialism.

Evaluation of past and present forms of resistance. The tax strike. Non-registration for the draft. Should projects be isolated from a total point of view for "effectiveness"? The Indians. Puerto Rico, Cuba.

● THE DEVELOPMENT OF FREE, NONVIOLENT RELATIONSHIPS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Work: Its personal meaning and social organization. Manual labor. Work and the intellectual. Craftsmanship. Self-reliance. Simple living. Can advanced technology exist in a nonviolent society? Workers cooperatives.

The Creative Process: Art and human freedom. Expanding self-expression.

Sex: Pressures against natural functioning. What is "normality"? Homosexuality. Sex as expression of individuality, creativity. Permanency in sexual relations. Love. Continnence and asceticism.

Children: Freedom, authority, and discipline. Respect for children as persons. Children and the radical life.

Education: Learning to conform, to follow orders, to think, to question, to explore. Some creative experiments.

Food: Health, poisons, crackpots, and natural living. Vegetarianism.

Crime and punishment: What is "crime" or a "criminal"? Order without law. Is punishment violent by its nature? Is some form of restraint necessary? The mentally ill, narcotics addicts, etc. Non-punitive methods for dealing with anti-social behavior.

Danilo Dolci. The Catholic Worker Movement. The Peacemaker Movement.

New Economic Relationships: Sharing. The intentional community. Workers Cooperatives.

AUGUST 20 through SEPTEMBER 4
AT WATERFORD, CONN. (NEAR NEW LONDON)
SPONSOR: PEACEMAKERS

Costs

Peacemakers operates on a sharing basis. We have no salaried staff and do not wish to build up a reserve of money. The costs of this program are the amounts necessary for food, housing, publicity, and the transportation costs of some of the resource people. We estimate that these expenses will average between \$2 and \$3 per day per person.

Some scholarships will be available. If you cannot pay the full amount, pay what you can. And, of course, those who can pay more will help those who can't. Money is not a criterion for participation in this program. We shall try to raise enough money to cover everyone accepted.

Attendance

It is desirable for participants to attend the entire 16 days of the program, though this is not required. If you cannot attend for the whole time, please do not hesitate to write us. If you feel that this program would be of value to you, we want you to be there for whatever length of time you can.

There will be accommodations for families, and cooperative care of children. Since we will use some tents, please bring sleeping bags, if you can. Bring your own sheets, blankets, and towels.

Books

We suggest that participants read the following books as preparation for the program. If you have difficulty locating any of them, please write to Gladney Oakley

ANNE BRADEN, **The Wall Between.**

MICHEL del CASTILLO, **Child of Our Time.**

DANILO DOLCI, **Report from Palermo.**

RICHARD GREGG, **The Power of Nonviolence.**

HENRY DAVID THOREAU, **Essay on Civil Disobedience.**

LEO TOLSTOI, **The Kingdom of God is Within You.**

HOLLEY CANTINE and DACHINE RAINER, editors, **Prison Etiquette** (Retort Press, Bearsville, N. Y.).

Sponsor

PEACEMAKERS, a grass-roots movement which advocates radical action to undermine the war system (non-payment of taxes, non-registration for the draft) and to replace it with constructive relationships (economic sharing, intentional community, personal revolution).

Travel Directions

By car: Take Connecticut Turnpike to environs of New London. Exit on to Route 1A. Proceed east toward New London. Immediately after crossing Niantic River, turn left on Oil Mill Road. Headquarters is second house on right.

From New London: Proceed west four miles on Route 1A. Turn right on Oil Mill Road. Go to second house on right.

By train or bus: New London is serviced by the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad and by Greyhound Lines. Cars will meet certain trains and buses in New London. For this information, inquire when applying.

The telephone number for the program will be mailed to all participants.

*For we know only too well:
Even the hatred of squalor
Makes the brow grow stern.
Even anger against injustice
Makes the voice grow harsh. Alas, we
Who wished to lay the foundations of kindness
Could not ourselves be kind.*

from Bertolt Brecht's To Posterity

Application

Write to: Gladney Oakley
278 West Baltimore Avenue,
Lansdowne, Penna.

Please include a paragraph about yourself and your interests in this program as it will help us in making preparations. Specify the days that you wish to attend and whether you need scholarship aid or can make a contribution to the scholarship fund.

Name

Address

Attendance dates.....

Enclosed is a contribution of \$..... to help cover the expenses of the program.