

5th Annual Peacemaker

Training Program in Nonviolence

August 12-September 2

Near New London, Connecticut

Gandhi led India to independence by *nonviolent* methods. Throughout the South today, people are using *nonviolent* direct action against racial discrimination. All over the world, small groups of aroused men and women are marching, picketing, conducting tax strikes, boarding submarines and lying in front of munitions trucks to resist 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 so often done in the past, by imposing new injustices and causing new degradations.

Nonviolence is rooted in a respect for the value of each individual. It is dependent upon people who individually commit themselves to the struggle, personal as well as social, against evil. Therefore the theme of the 1961 Peacemaker Training Program is *The Individual and Revolution*.

Co-sponsoring this year's program is the New England Committee for Nonviolent Action. This group continues the project Polaris Action as well as other peace education work. The location of the training program will be seven miles from Polaris Action's Norwich center and 15 miles from its New London office.

We will provide a three-week intensive study of the nonviolent method, with the help of resource persons who have been active in actual conflict situations. Students at the previous training programs have put their experience to good use by playing active roles in the nonviolent activities which are giving new meaning to concepts of peace, freedom and revolution.



CNVA volunteers picket in support of imprisoned member

See other side for details

Program Outline

August 12 and 13 (Saturday and Sunday)

Registration; preliminary discussion; planning and carrying out a simple action project.

August 14-23

The Social, Economic and Political Situation

Education, Sex and the Family
Housing and Employment
Crime and punishment; government
Minorities: Negroes, American Indians, Puerto Ricans

Revolution in the Old Society

Direct Action against war preparation: draft refusal, tax refusal, etc.

August 24-September 2

New Economic Relationships

Intentional communities, the Sharing Fund, Health Assurance Plan
Voluntary poverty, agrarianism, vegetarianism

Colonialism and Revolution

Puerto Rico, Cuba, Africa

Daily Schedule

7:15 — Rise
8:00 — Breakfast
9:00-10:45 — Session I
11:00-12:15 — Session II
12:30 — Lunch
1:30-4:00 — Project and/or work session
4:00-5:45 — Study and leisure
6:00 — Supper
8:00-9:45 — Session III

There will be variation: e.g., some evening meetings will be open to the public; Sunday mornings will be free; and participants will have an opportunity to plan a party.

Costs

The costs are only the amounts necessary for food, publicity, housing and part of the faculty transportation. These will average \$2 per day per participant, or less. Some scholarships will be available. If you cannot pay the full amount, pay what you can. Those who can pay more will help those who can't. We shall try to raise enough to cover everyone accepted.

Accommodations

No applications will be considered for less than 10 days' participation. There will be accommodations, however primitive, for families, and cooperative care for children. Since we will use some tents, please bring sleeping bags if you can. Bring your own sheets, blankets and towels. The program center will be a run-down farm which is now in the process of being refurbished. Details on how to get there will be sent to applicants. Apply to Sis Robinson, 3509 Baring, Philadelphia, Pa.

Faculty (partial list)

Program Coordinators

Sis Robinson, track athlete, social worker
Wally Nelson, salesman, former CORE executive

Physical and technical arrangements

Arthur Harvey

Other Faculty

Fay Bennett, executive secretary of the National Sharecroppers Fund
Booth and Rush families, who live in a religiously based intentional community in New Hampshire.
Frank and Hannah Carner — Frank is a mechanical engineer and Socialist Party member; Hannah and two sons are students at Temple University
Dr. Gordon S. Christiansen, chairman of chemistry department at a New England college
David Dellinger, editor of *Liberation*, printer
Walter Gormly, small-scale industrial designer
George Houser, executive director, American Committee on Africa
John Ingersoll, itinerant subsistence farmer
Melvin and Ellen Leiman — Melvin teaches economics at Hobart College; Ellen, English at Scarsdale
Juanita Nelson, social worker, tax refuser
Irene Osborne, formerly AFSC interracial worker in Virginia
Ruth Reynolds, served 19 months in prison for Puerto Rican independence stand
O'Dell Saunders, organizer of Haywood County (Tenn.) Civic and Welfare League.
Henry Bailey Stevens, author of *The Recovery of Culture*, 38 years with the University of New Hampshire
Marj and Bob Swann, coordinators of New England CNVA; each has served in Federal prison

Suggested Reading

As preparation, participants should read a number of the following books. Some will be available only in good libraries; those indicated by an asterisk (*) are available in cheap paperback editions. "AFSC" indicates available from AFSC, 130 Brattle St., Cambridge, Mass. We suggest you write them for their longer Gandhi book list, from which at least one longer title should be selected for reading.

Curtis Bok, *Star Wormwood**
Anne Braden, *The Wall Between* (\$1.85, Prometheus, 100 E. 23rd St., N.Y.C.)
Charles Dickens, *Barnaby Rudge*
F. Dostoevsky, *Crime and Punishment*
George Eliot, *Felix Holt the Radical*
Ralph Ellison, *Invisible Man**
Louis Fischer, *Biography of Gandhi**
M. K. Gandhi, *Constructive Program* (20c, AFSC)
C. H. Hamlin, *War Myth in U. S. History* (75c, FOR, Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.)
Victor Hugo, *Les Miserables*
Lowell Naeve, *A Field of Broken Stones* (\$1.65, Allan Swallow, 2679 S. York St., Denver 10, Colo.)
Scott Nearing, *Living the Good Life* (\$3, from author, Harborside, Maine)
George Orwell, *1984; Animal Farm; Essays**
Alan Paton, *Cry, the Beloved Country*
G. B. Shaw, *The Apple Cart* (a play)
Ignazio Silone, *The Seed Beneath the Snow*
Henry David Thoreau, *Walden and Civil Disobedience**
Leo Tolstoy, *Resurrection* (\$1.85, AFSC)