

# NONVIOLENT DIRECT ACTION and EDUCATION for PEACE

A TRAINING AND STUDY COURSE -- DECEMBER 27-30, 1961

At the GREENWICH VILLAGE PEACE CENTER, 133 West 3rd Street, New York City (AL 4-9552)

Sponsored by the NEW ENGLAND COMMITTEE FOR NONVIOLENT ACTION

Can you organize a vigil or picket line? Do you know how to write a good leaflet for public distribution, a news release? What does nonviolent discipline mean when a passer-by grabs your leaflets and scatters them, or when someone asks, "Do you mean that if I were to punch you right now, you wouldn't punch back?"

No one has all the answers, but through several years of experience in innumerable projects and demonstrations, the Committee for Nonviolent Action has developed considerable know-how in the field of nonviolent direct action for peace. Members of the Committee and other experienced resource people will constitute the staff for a "cram course" during Christmas vacation week.

This course is designed for those persons who intend to devote considerable time and energy in the immediate or near future (hopefully some will devote full time) to assuming responsible leadership in various nonviolent direct action projects or in the development of community direct action and peace education programs. The course is open to young or middle-aged family or single people, to retired people, to college students, and to a few picked high school students. The class will be limited to about 30 people. People with families who wish to come are asked to notify us in advance so plans can be made for child care and facilities.

No one will be admitted to the daytime sessions and the final evening session (on December 30) unless he is attending the course full time. The evening sessions on December 27, 28 and 29 will be open to others, although preference in the discussion will be given to full-time course members. Those who wish to attend are asked to fill in the application form, and will be notified of their acceptance shortly.

Cost of the course, for food, lodging (in nearby apartments and dormitories), and other expenses will probably be about \$2.50 per person per day, or \$10 for all four days. Larger contributions will be gladly accepted in order to share with those who cannot contribute this much. Participants will share in the cooking and house-keeping work. Cost of the evening sessions will be 50¢ per evening for non-participants in the course.

Resource people who have been invited to participate include: George Willoughby, Robert Pickus, David Dellinger, David McReynolds, Scott and Bea Herrick, Arthur Harvey, Lawrence Scott, Russell Stabler, Hilary Harris, Jack Smith, Harvey Fuller, Joyce Mertz, John Darr, Anthony Graham-White, and others. Coordinator of the course will be Bob Swann; Ed Sanders is in charge of facilities and arrangements.

We invite you to attend the course if you are seriously interested in participating more effectively in the rapidly growing peace movement.

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# CHRISTMAS WEEK TRAINING AND STUDY COURSE IN NONVIOLENT DIRECT ACTION AND PEACE EDUCATION

## Tentative Schedule:

- December 27 Morning sessions (9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.) -- Introductory talk on history and philosophy of nonviolence  
Afternoon session (1:30 to 4:00 p.m.) -- How to organize a community peace center -- acts for peace  
Late afternoon session (4:00 to 5:30 p.m. each afternoon) -- Leafleting or street meeting, or free time  
Evening session (8:00 p.m.) -- 2 or 3 films, discussion on how to use them, how to lead discussions
- December 28 Morning sessions -- The present world situation and the relevance of nonviolence; current issues  
Afternoon session -- Organization of direct action demonstrations and projects: community contact, recruiting, discipline, briefing, publicity, signs and leaflets, etc. Write leaflets to be brought in next afternoon.  
Evening session -- Talk on Economics of Disarmament (a well-known speaker has been invited) -- discussion
- December 29 Morning sessions -- The discipline of nonviolence. Civil disobedience.  
Afternoon session -- Police, courts, and jails -- role-playing. Work on leaflets.  
Evening session -- 2 or 3 films; discussion of role of films, theatre and other art forms in peace action and education; peace songs
- December 30 Morning sessions -- Local, regional, national, international nonviolent action for peace; combined peace action and education in communities.  
Afternoon session -- Communication: literature of the peace movement; writing news releases and approaching mass media.  
Evening session -- Brainstorming; personal plans for continuing nonviolent direct action and peace education.
- December 31  
and  
January 1 Depending on the interest and available time of participants, a nonviolent direct action demonstration may be planned for one or both of these days, such as a New Year's Eve vigil in Times Square, etc.

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Please fill out and send to: NEW ENGLAND COMMITTEE FOR NONVIOLENT ACTION, P.O. Box 589,  
New London, Connecticut, Phone Turner 9-1946 (Norwich)

\_\_\_\_ Please accept my, our application for the Christmas Week Training and Study Course in Nonviolent Direct Action and Peace Education.

\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is a \$5.00 deposit, to be applied toward expenses if I attend the course, to be returned if I am not accepted, to be forfeited if I decide not to come.

I wish to participate in the course for the following reasons: (couples please make separate statements -- use extra sheet if necessary):

NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

AGE(s) \_\_\_\_\_; OCCUPATION(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Bringing \_\_\_\_\_ children ages \_\_\_\_\_. Need scholarship assistance of \$\_\_\_\_\_.